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# Why Neglect the Negro Churches?

## Overlooked when 'crisis' funds are allocated, they should be able to look to their fellow congregations for support.

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+ MANY white church leaders and predominantly white denominational and interchurch agencies are behaving these days as if they believe in the church, but not in the Negro church; as if they believe in Negroes' ability, but not in their ability as churchmen. Is this a subtle form of white racism, or does it suggest a lack of belief in the church?

We make a strong case for establishing and maintaining strong churches with well trained staff and adequate buildings in white communities, but when it comes to black communities we tend not only to ignore their church leaders and congregations, but to resist attempts to give them greater consideration and support. We seem ready to listen more sympathetically to the militant, antireligious black leaders than to black churchmen.

Not that the strong stand white church leaders have taken in favor of listening to black voices in this day of revolution is not commendable. We have berated government and private social agencies for failing to establish structures within which the minority communities can make their own decisions and run their own affairs. Yet in far too many instances we have acted as if black churchmen are incapable of seeing it "like it is" and responding creatively.

### *Anomalous Situations*

In the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., several national denominational bodies established "crisis" funds for the alleviation of poverty and the eradication of discrimination in the ghettos, but from those funds little if anything will be available for predominantly Negro congregations in their struggle to serve the whole man — body, mind and spirit. One denomination is raising a multimillion-dollar fund to help the poor organize and obtain power. When asked if some portion of the fund could go to help struggling black denominations, the national official responsible replied that because of the announced purpose of the fund, "we would have difficulty justifying support to local black churches."

In Minnesota one denominational body has raised an emergency fund for the benefit of the black ghetto. The major recipient will be a corporation organized to aid black businessmen and improve economic conditions in the ghetto. The same denominational body has turned a deaf ear to a plea from a local black clergy group for financial assistance to the churches its members serve. Meanwhile, millions of dollars have been poured into Minneapolis' needy near north side area for physical, social, educational and economic rehabilitation. Most of the money has come from government and business sources and from the United Fund, which as a matter of principle are unwilling or unable to contribute to religious causes. If anyone is going to help the Negro churches in the area fulfill their mission of service to their neighbors, it will have to be their sister churches elsewhere in the community.

We can be glad that church bodies have finally awakened to their responsibility to help meet the social and economic needs of fellow human beings in the ghettos and elsewhere, that at long last they have begun to put their purses where their mouths are. But why should the black churches be excluded from the benefits of the new altruism? Of all groups in the ghetto, their needs would seem to be the first consideration when priorities are established. Yet they seem to have ended up at the bottom of the priority list when church "crisis" funds are being allocated. Tax and United Fund money never reaches them: if they are to be helped the necessary funds must come from their sister churches. It is time to reverse the trend, to launch a massive campaign in all denominations so that black ministers and their congregations can have an even break, can be enabled to meet their people's physical, mental and spiritual needs. These ministers can be trusted to know those needs better than anyone else, but they cannot be expected to function effectively without help.

### *Why Not Building Loan Funds?*

Such help can take many different forms. Consider, for instance, what it will mean to the black churches when all about them schools, homes and places of business have been rebuilt or rehabilitated by virtue of the crisis funds now available, while they must continue operating in dilapidated storefronts or hand-me-down buildings. Their only hope for rehabilitation lies in loans from church agencies. Those agencies should immediately lower the requirements for obtaining such loans — in line with

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the call by the churches for secular lenders to take more risks in the ghetto. Along with that action should come removal of restrictions against lending to any but congregations of the lending denomination; most of the needy churches are members of predominantly Negro denominations whose building loan funds are meager or nonexistent.

It *has* been done. One Baptist congregation in Pennsylvania voted to mortgage its building to obtain a $100,000 fund to alleviate inadequacies in ghetto housing, education and employment. It is nothing new for established congregations to mortgage their property in order to help establish new white churches in suburban or rural areas; why not apply the same principle to enable black congregations to worship, study and serve their neighbors in decent, serviceable buildings? Do we believe in decent buildings for white congregations, but not for black ones?

### *'Making Do' with Little*

To ask why black pastors and their churches are not doing a better job is extremely unfair. Few laymen. even ministers, in white churches are aware that countless black churches are served by part-time ministers who must earn their living by working at one or more secular jobs. Who would expect white congregations to prosper under such circumstances? To expect more production with less investment is a subtle form of white racism.

Even those black ministers who have had college or seminary training and who serve their churches full time earn considerably less than their white colleagues with similar preparation. How could it be otherwise? Members of their churches earn on the average no more than half of what white church members earn; they would have to give almost twice as much to their churches if their pastors were to be paid what white pastors in similar situations receive. Some way must be found to subsidize the salaries of ministers and other greatly needed staff members in our Negro churches. Meanwhile, as opportunities for employment in secular occupations — particularly in the social agency field — open to Negroes many able ministers of black churches are leaving their posts for more lucrative positions where their training and talents make them welcome.

Thousands of black congregations have "dreamed up" creative and practical methods of attacking problems in their own neighborhoods — problems stemming from delinquency, inferior education, poverty and indifference. All they lack to make those dreams reality is money. Where is it to come from? Certainly not from their own meager budgets. Certainly not from tax collections or United Fund budgets, probably not from businesses or foundations. The one possible source is contributions from predominantly white churches — and just now the projects benefiting from those contributions are mainly in the secular field. Certainly those secular projects deserve to be forwarded by the churches — but not to the exclusion of worthy black church enterprises.

### *Channel for Mission*

I believe in the church. And I believe that in a critical period when black churches are struggling to fulfill their mission with the meager resources at hand they deserve sacrificial support from the rest of us. We are being hypocritical when we urge the business community to "give Negroes a better than even break" and at the same time fail to do the same for our colleagues in the Negro churches.

In urging such attention to the black churches' needs I would not contend that all of those churches are equally worthy of support. They are no better, no worse, than white congregations. The potential of each should be critically appraised, preferably by Negroes themselves. That will not be an easy task, but it should not be permitted to deter us from our goal.

The effort I call for must be interdenominational. Few major denominations have in their ranks black congregations proportionate in number to the blacks in our population. Let us ignore denominational lines and resolve to offer help to black congregations strictly on the basis of mission. After all, that is what we are talking about: the mission of the church. And there is no more important channel for that mission than our fellow Christians in the predominantly black churches.

## *Cards Noses Rings*

+ INFORMING people whether they exist
(in this old telling game of programmed cards)
does anyone prefer punched cards, and noses
counted, over nostrils pierced for rings?

The universal factories make cards,
the factual universities count noses,
the prestidigitators conjure rings
of ash: "We automate; hence we exist."

But how the digital garbage of these cards
suggests disposal lest the smells persist
without retrieving man from reptile rings
and fishscale! Should we only hold our noses?

What is humane in any of these cards?
ID or even Credit may not ring
love's bell; it takes spirits of roseblood nose-
gays to revive one's ghost that just exists.

Crown individuals with the radiant ring.
Punch uniformity right on the nose.
Adore whatever shadow makes sans card
a vita and discovers who he is.

A. L. LAZARUS.

# GUEST EDITORIAL

## No Freedom of Religion for American Indians

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The first Wounded Knee—the massacre of 1890—was basically a tragic example of the denial of religious freedom to American Indians. If the Indians had been allowed to conduct their religious ceremonies without military interference, the events at Wounded Knee would probably have been much different.

Even today there is not complete religious freedom for native Indian religions. Although the severest form of oppression was ended in 1934, discrimination and restrictive measures have lingered on.

Amazingly, this long history of the religious oppression of Indians has been ignored by almost everyone, including those who are usually perturbed about the smallest amount of interference by government in religion.

In this Bicentennial era every phase of United States history is being reviewed. American Indians see nothing in this history to celebrate, and they have clearly announced that they will take no part in the Bicentennial.

The denial of religious liberty to American Indians, as described here, is a striking example of the destructive treatment given to these original inhabitants of America.

### I

The Europeans who first came to America had virtually no conception of religious freedom as present-day Americans know it. The American colonies were established at a time when it was taken for granted that one of the prerogatives of government was to determine the religion of its people. Thus it was

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only natural that the kings who sent out expeditions to discover, expropriate, and colonize new territory would insist that the religion of the homeland be adopted. There was no intention of allowing the natives to worship in their own way. The force and financial resources of the government were used to convert the Indians.

One of the purposes of colonization, as expressed in the first Virginia charter of 1606, was the propagation of the Christian religion among the heathen. Governmental officials were to see that the Christian faith was "preached, planted, and used, not only within . . . the . . . colonies, but alsoe . . . amongst the savage people . . . according to the . . . religion now professed and established within our realme of England."[1]

The Massachusetts charter of 1629 gave the governor and freemen of the colony the power to make laws regarding religion, so that the natives could come to the knowledge and obedience of God and the Christian faith. This, in fact, was proclaimed as a principal end of the colony.[2]

Connecticut had the same provision in its charter, but all the authorities did there was to pass laws compelling the Indians to keep the Sabbath. Indians who worked or played on the Sabbath were fined five shillings or made to sit in the stocks for an hour.[3]

In the colony of New York missionary activity was undertaken at the request of the government and for political reasons. The colonial administrators feared the adherence of the Iroquois nations to the French in Canada. They suspected that this was the work of Jesuit missionaries and sought to overcome this with Protestant missions, supported in part by government funds.[4]

In 1646 the General Court in Massachusetts decreed the death penalty for any Indian who might blaspheme God or the Christian religion, and it prohibited Indians from performing worship to false gods. The General Court instituted the religious instruction of the Indians at public expense. The law provided that

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1. Alexander Brown, comp. and ed., *The Genesis of the United States; . . . A Series of Historical Manuscripts,* 2 vols. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1897), 1: 67-68, 74, quoted in R. Pierce Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians: Two and a Half Centuries of Partnership in Missions between Protestant Churches and Government* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1966), pp. 10-11.
2. Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians,* pp. 26-27.
3. Ibid., p. 27.
4. Ibid., pp. 14-16.

gifts would be given to all Indians willing to receive such instruction.[5] Christian missions to the Indians continued to receive public support in Massachusetts on a rather small scale. Most of the support during the early period came from England, from a missionary society known as the Company for Propagation of the Gospel in New England and the Parts Adjacent in America. But the private enterprise soon became public, as the officers in London needed someone in the colonies to manage their business with the missionaries. They asked the commissioners of the United Colonies of Massachusetts, Plymouth, and Connecticut to serve as their local board. So officers of the government became the actual field directors of the mission. Missionary business was handled along with state affairs at the regular meetings. The governor of Massachusetts was chairman of the commissioners and thus chairman of the missionary enterprise.[6]

Even in Pennsylvania, where there apparently were no governmental funds disbursed for missions, one purpose of the colony was declared to be the conversion of the poor Indians to Christ's kingdom " 'by just and lenient measures.' "[7]

Roger Williams of Rhode Island has been called the founder of "the first successful establishment for complete religious freedom in all history."[8] He proclaimed in 1644: "It is the will and command of *God,* that . . . a *permission* of the most *Paganish, Jewish, Turkish, or Antichristian consciences* and *worships,* bee granted to *all* men . . . ."[9] Such a position would seem to embrace even the traditional Indian religions.

The Baptist followers of Williams, however, did not go that far. William G. McLoughlin has concluded that "the Baptists were not committed to what most Americans today consider separation of church and state. Their aim . . . was to establish a 'righteous government' in a Christian (Protestant) nation."[10]

> Far from adhering to the extreme position of the sixteenth-century Anabaptists of Germany or even to the radical stance of Roger Williams in

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[5] Ibid., p. 31.
[6] Ibid., pp. 35-38.
[7] Ibid., pp. 22-23.
[8] James T. Shotwell, *The Long Way to Freedom* (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co., Inc., 1960), p. 322.
[9] Roger Williams, *The Bloudy Tenent, of Persecution, for cause of Conscience, discussed in a Conference betweene Truth and Peace,* "Preface," in *The Complete Works of Roger Williams,* 7 vols. (New York: Russell & Russell, 1963), 3: 3.
[10] William G. McLoughlin, *New England Dissent, 1630-1833: The Baptists and the Separation of Church and State,* 2 vols. (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1971), dust jacket.

> 1636, the pietistic position on separation in New England was on the whole a very conservative one. It not only was willing to permit a "sweet harmony" between church and state, but it also vehemently demanded such cooperation in the interests of achieving and maintaining a Protestant-Christian social order . . . .[11]

So it must be concluded that throughout the nearly 170 years of the colonial period the intention of both government and church leaders was to convert the Indians from their tribal religions to Christianity, using whatever influence and power the government could muster. Toleration applied only to the various Christian groups and in some cases to Jews.

## II

During the American Revolution and the early national period the colonial pattern of cooperation between church and state in the conversion of Indians to Christianity continued. The new government wanted to assure friendly relations with the Indians, and it felt that the missionaries would be a strong influence in that direction.

One of the missionaries was Samuel Kirkland at Oneida, known to be a vigorous supporter of the Revolution. During the war he was able to pass along valuable information for the army, and the Continental Congress paid some of his expenses for this purpose. He was attached to General Sullivan's army in the campaign against the Six Nations and received a salary of $444 as missionary to the Indians and $300 as chaplain of the army and interpreter.[12]

A resolution passed by the Continental Congress on 5 February 1776 declared that "a friendly commerce between the people of the United Colonies and the Indians, and the propagation of the Gospel, and the cultivation of the civil arts among the latter, may produce many and inestimable advantages to both." Congress therefore asked the commissioners for Indian affairs to find suitable places for ministers and schoolmasters to be located and to report to Congress.[13]

The leaders of the New England Company, which maintained missions to the Indians, mostly with funds from England, wrote to the president of Congress in August 1776 asking for financial assistance, since the missionaries had not been paid for a year and thus were in dire straits. These missionaries were Samuel Kirkland at Oneida, John Sargeant at Stockbridge, and a Mr. Crosby at Onohoquaga. The point made was that their work was necessary to keep the Indians from joining the enemy. This request for missionary salaries was granted. The Continental Congress was merely following the precedent set by the colonial governments.[14]

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[11] Ibid., 1: xvi.

[12] Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians,* p. 56.

[13] Memorial of John Sergeant to Continental Congress, 27 November 1776, *American Archives,* 4th ser., vol. 4, p. 1662, quoted in Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians,* p. 57.

President Thomas Jefferson occasionally made small financial contributions for the support of Indian missions from the same fund used for providing agricultural implements to the Indians. This fund was established by Congress in 1802 for civilizing the Indians. Later administrations continued this procedure. The missionary boards of the several denominations willingly accepted these grants for missionary work.[15]

Another example of public funds being used for Indian missions is found in a treaty signed in 1803 by William Henry Harrison, then governor of the Indian Territory, and the chiefs of the Kaskaskia Indians representing all the Illinois tribes: "*And whereas* the greater part of the said tribe have been baptised and received into the Catholic church, . . . the United States will give, annually, for seven years, one hundred dollars towards the support of a priest of that religion . . . . And the United States will further give the sum of three hundred dollars, to assist the said tribe in the erection of a church. . . ."[16]

## III

In 1819 a formal partnership was set up between the federal government and denominational mission boards to provide Christian schools for the Indian tribes. This partnership lasted approximately eighty years. In other words, the federal government was subsidizing what are now called parochial schools on the reservations for all those years.

The policy was expressed in 1789 by Henry Knox, the first secretary of war, who was responsible for shaping the Indian policy of the new nation. He envisioned a program of civilization carried on primarily by Christian missions combined with agricultural training. He said that the expense of such a system would be less in the long run than a system of coercion.[17] The first attempt at such a program failed to materialize because it was discovered that Knox would not fund a project that involved the teaching of Christianity to Indians who were not already converted. No teachers or farmers would consider such work except those with a strong missionary motive; hence the scheme remained dormant for nearly three decades.

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[14] Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians*, pp. 57-58.

[15] Anson Phelps Stokes and Leo Pfeffer, *Church and State in the United States*, rev. one-vol. ed. (New York: Harper and Row, 1964), p. 186.

[16] *American State Papers, Indian Affairs*, vol. 1, p. 687, quoted in Anson Phelps Stokes, *Church and State in the United States*, 3 vols. (New York: Harper and Row, 1950), 1: 704.

Then in 1816 a proposal was made by Cyrus Kingsbury on behalf of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He suggested a school for the Cherokees in which the government would provide and own the buildings and equipment, but the American Board would provide the personnel. He sold President Madison on the plan and established the Cherokee mission.[18] In March 1819, "a permanent 'Civilization Fund' was established with an appropriation of $10,000." The president was authorized not merely to provide buildings but to employ persons "of good moral character" to teach the Indians agriculture and to teach their children reading, writing, and arithmetic. The mission boards were not mentioned, but they happened to be the only groups ready and able to implement the program.[19]

The accepted pattern was that outlined by the board of the United Foreign Missionary Society. The object was to promote among the Indians "not only the knowledge of Christianity, but also of the arts of civilized life. . . . In every establishment there shall be a superintendent and an assistant, who shall be Ministers of the Gospel, a schoolmaster, a farmer, a blacksmith, a carpenter, . . . all of whom come under the general denomination of MISSIONARY."[20] The government soon changed the plan to provide only two-thirds of the cost of the buildings, requiring the missions to secure the other third from other sources.[21]

By 1826 thirty-eight schools were being supported from the fund. These included Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Moravian, Roman Catholic, and Episcopal schools.[22] "If the churches had any qualms of conscience about so intimate a relationship between church and state," wrote R. Pierce Beaver, "one would expect to find the expression of such sentiments most evident among the Baptists. However, no other denomination except the Methodists was so ready throughout the 19th century to rely principally on government support of Indian mission work and do relatively little to get adequate money from the churches."[23]

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[17] Stokes, *Church and State in the United States,* 1: 703-4.
[18] Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians,* pp. 66-67.
[19] Ibid., p. 68.
[20] United Foreign Missionary Society, *3d Annual Report,* 1820, pp. 4-5, quoted in Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians,* p. 71.
[21] Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians,* p. 73.
[22] Ibid., p. 76.

These denominational missions and schools not only were an infringement on the principle of the separation of church and state but also were a massive system set up with the force of government to do away with the ancient tribal religions against the will of the Indians. Participation in them was compulsory, not voluntary. Robert F. Berkhofer, Jr.,[24] has pointed out that the boarding schools often suffered from the arbitrary removal of the children by their parents. So the missionaries depended on contracts backed by legal force to secure steady attendance. The superintendent of the Mackinaw Mission of the American Board "relied upon an act of the Michigan Legislative Council which provided for binding the children to him by legal indenture so that they could not be removed before coming of age or their education completed."[25]

Such was truly a partnership between church and state to force the Indians to give up their traditional culture and religion and adopt Western European culture and the Christian religion.

## IV

The next period involved what is known as Grant's Peace Policy of the 1870s. There were two perplexing problems in regard to the Indian people in the United States. One was the constant friction, hostility, and even warfare between the native tribes and the invading people. The other was the gross corruption and fraud that characterized the Indian agents and their administration. Protestant Episcopal Bishop Henry B. Whipple told President Abraham Lincoln in 1862 that "there is a tradition on the border that an Indian agent with fifteen hundred dollars a year can retire upon an ample fortune in four years."[26] General Sherman discovered that a politician who had been appointed to an agency "saved" $50,000 within three years out of his salary of $1,500 per year![27]

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[23] Ibid., pp. 77-78, based on General Convention of the Baptist Denomination of the U. S., *Proceedings, 1826*, p. 12; *1829*, p. 31.

[24] *Salvation and the Savage: An Analysis of Protestant Missions and American Indian Response, 1787-1862* (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1965), pp. 20-21.

[25] Ibid., p. 21, based on Act Approved 12 April 1827, in *Laws of the Territory of Michigan* (Detroit, 1827), pp. 454-55, and on American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, *Report* (1827), p. 140.

In an effort to deal with both problems in a new way, President U. S. Grant took two steps. He replaced the old agents and superintendents on the reservations and set up a civilian board called the Board of Indian Commissioners to supervise Indian affairs.

The Board of Indian Commissioners was considered to be church-related or church-dominated, but in fact it was merely made up of prominent Christian laymen. It did some good in preventing fraud and instances of conflict, but the members soon discovered they had little real power; all but one member of the board resigned in 1874. Nevertheless, the board did continue in existence until 1933 and represented a stabilizing influence in a difficult situation.[28]

After dismissing the Indian agents, Grant first appointed army officers in their place. Congress objected, however, and on the advice of the Board of Indian Commissioners Grant requested church mission boards to nominate agents for most of the reservations.[29] The idea for this procedure came from the success of the Friends in managing a few reservations. In his message to Congress in 1870, President Grant said:

> The experiment of making it [that is, the management of the reservations] a missionary work was tried with a few agencies given to the denomination of Friends, and has been found to work most advantageously. . . . Indian agencies being civil offices, I determined to give all the agencies to such religious denominations as had heretofore established missionaries among the Indians, and perhaps to some other denominations who would undertake the work on the same terms, i.e., as a missionary work. The societies selected are allowed to name their own agents, subject to the approval of the Executive, and are expected to watch over them and aid them as missionaries, to Christianize and civilize the Indian, and to train him in the arts of peace.[30]

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26. Henry B. Whipple, *Lights and Shadows of a Long Episcopate* (New York: Macmillan, 1889), p. 511, quoted in Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians*, pp. 134-35.
27. Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians*, p. 135. Cf. Charles L. Slattery, *Felix Reville Brunot, 1820-1898* (New York: Longmans, Green, 1901), p. 145.
28. Ibid., pp. 132-33.
29. Ibid., pp. 129-30.
30. Allen C. and Richard H. Thomas, *A History of the Friends in America*, 5th ed. (Philadelphia: John C. Winston Co., 1919), pp. 180-81.

The secretary of the Board of Indian Commissioners and the secretary of the interior worked out a plan to allocate agencies to the various mission groups. The list of denominations and their agencies is an amazing document. It included Friends, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Reformed, Protestant Episcopal, Unitarian, Free-Will Baptist, and United Presbyterian denominations and later the Evangelical Lutheran and Disciple denominations.[31]

First of all, the mission board that was assigned an agency was supposed to nominate the agent and keep watch over him in some supervisory way. Secondly, the denomination was expected to use its own funds to establish a denominational mission on the reservation, if it did not already have one. Thirdly, the board was to maintain a school for the children with some financial assistance from the federal government.

Truly this was a complex operation with governmental and church efforts so merged as to be indistinguishable. According to Anson Phelps Stokes, "There is no more striking evidence in American history of cooperation between Church and State than is indicated by this list [of agencies], which shows the great religious bodies assuming important tasks as representatives of the government, and at its request."[32] "Perhaps the most serious issue was that of religious liberty, a fundamental right of all American citizens," wrote R. Pierce Beaver. "Was it [religious liberty] the right of the Indian wards of the government as well? Neither the Protestant nor the Roman Catholic missionaries and officials were really concerned about the Indian's right to maintain and defend his own religion, and they were fighting more for freedom of action by the missionary agencies."[33]

Such a system of denominational control of the reservations was bound to produce problems of jealousy and competition. Catholic-Protestant relations in those days were far from cordial, but so were relations among the Protestant groups. Eventually the churches themselves began to question the whole philosophy of government-supported missions and mission schools.

At the same time political and business interests were trying to bring discredit on the system of church nominations and were looking for ways to return to power on the reservations. Finally, in 1882, H. M. Teller, President Chester A. Arthur's secretary of the interior, terminated the whole Peace Policy of President Grant, and the participation of the missionary societies in the administration of the Indian agencies ceased.[34]

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[31] See "List of Indian Agencies Assigned to the Several Religious Bodies" in Stokes, *Church and State in the United States,* 2: 287-88; also Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians,* pp. 138-40.

[32] Stokes, *Church and State in the United States,* 2: 288.

[33] Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians,* p. 157.

Collaboration between church and state in Indian education, however, continued for another decade. What actually happened was that the Protestant denominations began to realize how much more money the Catholic schools were getting than they were. In the eight years preceding 1893 the Catholic schools had received $2,355,416, while all eight Protestant denominations had received only $938,977. One by one the Protestant denominations passed resolutions calling for an end to the subsidies.[35] The Appropriations Act of 1895 decreed that financial aid would be cut to 80 percent of the previous amount, and by 1899 it was affirmed that Congress had made the "final appropriation for sectarian schools."[36] After eighty years the official partnership between the federal government and the Christian churches was ended.

## V

The removal of governmental subsidy for Christian schools, however, did not bring religious freedom to the Indians. In the meantime, the period of the greatest opposition to Indian religions had begun. This was from about 1880 to 1934.

What restrictions were actually imposed, or who imposed them, is not clear; but many experts agree that the repression was severe. Vine Deloria, Jr., has written in *God Is Red*:

> By the time of the Allotment Act [1887], almost every form of Indian religion was banned on the reservations. In the schools the children were punished for speaking their own language. Anglo-Saxon customs were made the norm for Indian people; . . . and stern measures were taken to discourage them from continuing tribal customs. Even Indian funeral ceremonies were declared to be illegal, and drumming and any form of dancing had to be held for the most artificial of reasons. The Lummi Indians from western Washington, for example, continued some of their tribal dances under the guise of celebrating the signing of their treaty.[37]

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[34] Ibid., p. 151.

[35] Ibid., p. 167.

[36] Richard J. Gabel, *Public Funds for Church and Private Schools* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America, 1937), p. 529, quoted in Stokes, *Church and State in the United States*, 2: 290.

[37] Vine Deloria, Jr., *God Is Red* (New York: Grosset and Dunlap, 1973), pp. 251-52. Quoted by permission of publisher; copyright, 1973, Vine Deloria, Jr.

Stephen Ferara wrote in his study of Sioux religious beliefs: "Dances, of all types, were officially banned by the government, whether religious or not. . . . Shamans and herbalists often practiced secretly, and were sometimes arrested. The Sun Dance was officially banned in 1881 . . . [and] the last of the torture [sacrificial] dances were actually held in 1883."[38]

The authorities and the army officers thought every Indian dance was a war dance, endangering the peace of the frontier. This was the issue leading up to the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890. The background was a Messiah religion developed by a Paiute named Wovoka. He proclaimed that following his way

> would bring about the restoration to the Indians of their hunting grounds, the return of their buffalo, and other blessings. The so-called ghost dances . . . were a feature of the excitement . . . . The Sioux in South Dakota became so affected that the Indian agent wired for troops, and many settlers left their homes, fearing a major Indian uprising. General Nelson A. Miles . . . ordered the seizure of Chief Sitting Bull . . . ; and he and six Indian police and eight of his followers were killed while resisting.[39]

In the massacre that followed two hundred or more Indians and twenty-nine whites were killed. One expert has contended: "Mainly because they misunderstood the meaning of the Ghost Dance religion, the Government's policy makers who ran the reservations from Washington decided to stamp it out. If they had taken the trouble to examine its basic tenets, they would have found that in its original form the religion was opposed to all forms of violence, self-mutilation, theft, and falsehood. As one Army officer observed: 'Wovoka has given these people a better religion than they ever had before.' "[40]

Before the battle, while the situation was becoming tense, a former Indian agent, Dr. Valentine McGillicuddy, who had been sent to resolve the trouble, said: "I should let the dance continue. The coming of the troops has frightened the Indians. If the Seventh-Day Adventists prepare their ascension robes for the second coming of the Savior, the United States Army is not put in motion to prevent them. Why should not the Indians have the same privilege? If the troops remain, trouble is sure to come."[41] Nobody listened to him, however, and the massacre occurred. Undoubtedly the tragedy developed even more fears of Indian religious ceremonies, and the restrictions continued for a generation or two.

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[38] Stephen Ferara, *Wakinyan: Contemporary Teton Dakota Religion* (Browning, Mont.: Museum of the Plains Indians, n.d.), n.p., quoted in Stan Steiner, *The New Indians* (New York: Harper and Row, 1968), p. 109.

[39] Stokes, *Church and State in the United States,* 2: 451-52.

[40] D. Alexander Brown, "The Ghost Dance and the Battle of Wounded Knee," in *The American Indian: Past and Present,* ed. Roger L. Nichols and George R. Adams (Waltham, Mass.: Xerox College Publishing, 1971), pp. 223-24.

## VI

At last there came on the scene the commissioner of Indian affairs in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, John Collier. He was greatly interested in preserving Indian art and religion. He believed in religious freedom and felt the missionary schools had become too dominant. In 1934 he issued an order under the title, "Indian Religious Freedom and Indian Culture." The statement declared: "No interference with Indian religious life or ceremonial expression will hereafter be tolerated . . . . The fullest constitutional liberty, in all matters affecting religion, conscience and culture, is insisted on for all Indians."[42] In explanation Commissioner Collier stated:

> Secretary Ickes and I felt compelled to issue the order . . . because we discovered that the Indian religions and the free choice of the Indians in religious matters were not given this Constitutional protection. We found, for example, that Indian children in the Government schools were subjected to compulsory denominational instruction, not through parental choice but by official coercion. School teachers were required to exact attendance and to maintain discipline at purely religious meetings. Physical persecution against the Indian religions has been indulged in from time to time, down to very recent years. Our present policy is to give to the Indians the same rights that other people in the country have, and have had, without question.[43]

The churches were generally opposed to Collier not merely because their missions were being criticized and given a more difficult task under the new policies but also because they opposed any move that tended to restore the older tribal ways and retard integration of Indians into the majority culture. However, in the 1940s the churches began to concede that neither the government nor other organizations "had the right to make unilateral decisions about the Indian's present and future but that his consent was needed."[44]

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[41] Quoted in Dee Brown, *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West* (New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, Bantam edition, 1972), pp. 410-11.

[42] Circular No. 2970, Office of Indian Affairs, quoted in Stokes, *Church and State in the United States,* 2: 452.

[43] Letter of Commissioner of Indian Affairs John Collier, 19 February 1936, quoted in Stokes, *Church and State in the United States,* 2: 452-53.

In spite of Collier's decree of 1934, Indians still do not enjoy complete religious freedom. One familiar example is the legal restriction in various states and even on some reservations against the use of peyote in Indian worship. The federal government has now legalized its use in religious services by the approximately two hundred thousand members who are claimed by the Native American Church. But the Indians are still apprehensive lest their rights in this regard be taken away again.

Another strange anomaly exists regarding freedom of religion for Indians on the reservations. This is the fact that the Fourteenth Amendment extends the Bill of Rights, including religious liberty, specifically to the states; but the Supreme Court has consistently ruled that an Indian reservation is not a state. "Therefore, the amendment's protective features do not apply. In fact, unless the tribal council has established a bill of rights, no such guarantee of individual rights exists for the reservation Indian." Congress by statute could extend the guarantee of religious freedom to the reservation, but it has not chosen to do so. The tribal governments can establish local bills of rights, including freedom of religion, and many have done so. But it appears that a majority of the reservation Indians "do not live under any bill of rights at all."[45]

A typical case in which this would make a difference was in the Jemez Pueblo, where six Protestants claimed religious discrimination in an overwhelmingly Catholic pueblo. They "charged that the Pueblo had refused their right to bury their dead in the community cemetery," "build a church of their own on Pueblo land," "use their homes for church purposes," and "permit Protestant missionaries freely to enter the Pueblo at reasonable times."[46]

The point here is that as a matter of fact Indians on reservations still do not have the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom which the rest of the population enjoys.

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[44] Beaver, *Church, State, and the American Indians,* pp. 210-11.

[45] Warren Weston, "Freedom of Religion and the American Indian," in Nichols and Adams, eds., *The American Indian,* pp. 263-65.

[46] Ibid., pp. 265-66.

## VII

The most perplexing and pervasive violation of Indian religious rights is just now beginning to be understood by non-Indians. This is the repeated and insensitive removal of the tribes from their sacred land and shrines. Vine Deloria, Jr., has said that "[t]he primary thesis of tribal religions" is "the relationship of a particular people with a particular land."[47] Yet the entire treatment of the Indians in the United States has violated this religious principle of theirs.

On this score the greatest victory for the Indians thus far has been the restoration of the sacred Blue Lake area to the people of Taos Pueblo in New Mexico. Deloria tells the story:

> Theodore Roosevelt, on a great conservation trip in 1906, decided that the timberlands in northern New Mexico should be placed in a national forest for their protection. . . . [W]hen the government surveyors had finished laying out the boundaries, the sacred Blue Lake, central to the practice of the Pueblo religion, was safely within the forest. The people of the Pueblo immediately petitioned the government for the lake's restoration. They explained that it was their major religious shrine and that the Pueblo would die without its sanctuary for the perpetuation of its religion. The Interior Department sided with the Pueblo in 1912, supporting a return of the lake to them.[48]

The Department of Agriculture objected, and the struggle continued for more than sixty years.

> In 1965 the Indian Claims Commission . . . admitted that the United States had illegally taken the Blue Lake area and offered a substantial sum as compensation. The commissioners were astounded when the Indians refused the money. They wanted the Blue Lake area returned to them. If the commission would not do that, the Indians did not want it said that they had sold their sacred shrine . . . .
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> It seemed that for someone in America to turn down a dollar was unusual. When it was a little group of Indians living on the edge of starvation, it presented a more profound and difficult moral question than is usually raised in government circles . . . .

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[47] Deloria, *God Is Red,* pp. 269-70.
[48] Ibid., pp. 7-8.

> In November of 1970 President Nixon took a hand in the matter, and the White House began to apply pressure on its friends in Congress to get Blue Lake returned to the Taos people . . . .
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> In December 1970 President Nixon signed into law the bill that restored 44,000 acres surrounding the sacred Blue Lake to the people of the Taos Pueblo. The significance of the law could not be underestimated [overstated]. It was the first clear sign, as Senator Charles Percy noted in his speech on the bill, that the Indian religious practices would be given equal respect along with Christian ceremonies.[49]

Most of the recent confrontations of the American Indian Movement and other Indian groups with the government have had religious overtones in relation to the sacred land and shrines of the tribes involved. This is just now registering on the consciousness of the rest of the country.

In a historical sense Americans must remember the total disruption that occurred to the religious life of a tribe every time it was separated from its sacred places. To the Western European and Christian mind, a change of location was primarily a matter of finding a new way of supporting one's family. To the Indian it was a religious disruption. Moreover, as long as tribes are even now separated from their sacred places by governmental action, they are still deprived of religious freedom, the same as Christians and Jews would be if they were prohibited from gathering for corporate worship.

The essence of the essay, then, is this. From the arrival of the white man on these shores to this year 1976 the Native Americans have never had freedom to worship as they chose, without governmental interference or compulsion. At first, many others also lacked that freedom. Now the rest of the country has achieved it, and in this Bicentennial period we should see that our Indian brothers and sisters also achieve religious freedom.

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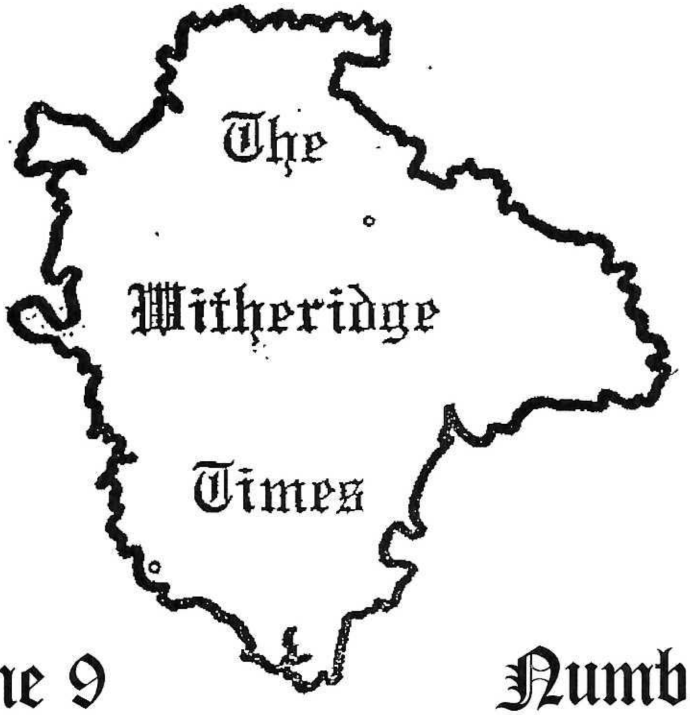
[49] Ibid., pp. 9-10.

## Editor's note:

The last two articles in this folder, both of which appeared in *The Witheridge Times*, are by Kim Cook, a dear friend of the Minneapolis Witheridges. The first was written in memory of my mother after her passing on August 8, 1995; the second was written in memory of my father after his passing on December 20, 2008.

Tom Witheridge
October 28, 2023



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## ELIZABETH WITHERIDGE - an appreciation of a remarkable lady

by Kim Cook

Elizabeth Witheridge, wife of the Rev. David Witheridge of Minneapolis, and mother of Jim and Tom, died peacefully in the Walker Methodist Health Centre in Minneapolis on 8th August, 1995. Her long and remarkable life was one of tremendous achievement in the most quiet and unassuming way, and I hope, through this article, to be able to share with those of you who did not know Elizabeth, something of her life and character.

Elizabeth was raised in Saginaw, Michigan, where she spent most of her childhood in the care of her grandparents on their farm. From her earliest days she had a strong Christian faith and a great love and concern for children two attributes that were to be the markers of her life.

After leaving school Elizabeth trained as a kindergarten (primary school) teacher, graduating from Central Michigan University. She taught for 13 years in Saginaw. In 1941 she married David, whom she had known since childhood, as they were both members of the same church. At the time of their marriage, David was a heating, ventilation and air conditioning engineer.

Later, when David gave up engineering to train as a Baptist minister, Elizabeth also took courses at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. After graduating from divinity college, David became a pastor in Illinois, where they lived for nine years before, in 1951, moving to Minneapolis where David became Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

As well as bringing up their two sons, Jim and Tom, Elizabeth fulfilled all the duties expected of a pastor's wife - and more. Her rapport with children made her a natural Sunday School teacher. She led the children's choir, and served on many church committees involved in caring for the disadvantaged. In particular, she had a great concern for the plight of the American Indians, being heavily involved with the Division of Indian Work of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. In everything she did, she showed great concern for the welfare of others.

In addition to all this, Elizabeth somehow found time to write a succession of books for children. The first 'Mara of Old Babylon' published in 1955, was the story of a child in Biblical times. This was followed by 'Mara Journeys Home' and, in complete contrast, 'Jim Penney's Golden Nugget', based on the life of one of her ancestors in the days of the gold rush.

All Elizabeth's books were based on fact, and many recounted events that she had experienced herself, or circumstances she had encountered in her welfare work. Throughout her writings, Elizabeth tackled real social issues in a way that children could understand and relate to, and her books are full of her gentle wisdom. All her books were meticulously researched, and in an interview after the publication of one of them, she insisted that "books for children should be historically accurate. Such great harm can be done by giving them wrong information" .

'Dead End Bluff', which recounted the experiences of a blind boy, won a national award. Much of Elizabeth's own childhood is recalled in 'Never Younger, Jeannie', (published in 1963), a book she dedicated to the memory of her grandparents, while 'Just One Indian Boy', (published in 1974) was based on the lives of young Native Americans (as they now prefer to be called) on a reservation in northern Minnesota. I treasure the copies of these two books given me by Elizabeth.

On the fly-leaf of 'Just One Indian Boy', Elizabeth wrote the following inscription:

> 'One Indian boy growing up read this book and said to his mother, "I've read this book three times, and it's the best book I have ever read!" As its author, I am pleased beyond words that it has fulfilled the purpose that I dreamed for it!'

Even though she was no longer in full-time teaching, Elizabeth continued to be involved with children's education. She travelled widely, visiting schools to speak about her books, and to encourage children both to think carefully about the issues they raised, and to consider writing their own experiences. Her visits to schools were greeted with enormous enthusiasm by the young pupils, who loved her dearly, and would string banners of welcome across the school entrance. Such tokens of esteem always surprised and delighted Elizabeth, who never saw herself as anyone special, even when others did.

Elizabeth's care and concern for others was always very practical, and she campaigned for many causes in support of the disadvantaged, particularly among ethnic minorities. Without succumbing to the aggression so prevalent among the campaigners of today, Elizabeth quietly and firmly stood her ground on issues of injustice and inequality.

Elizabeth's ancestry was predominantly English (Plumb, Gilbert, Kendall and Baldwin featured in her family tree) and her ancestors had been among the very earliest American colonists. Some had fought for freedom in the American War of Independence in 1776. This ancestry entitled Elizabeth to the highly prized accolade of membership of the prestigious organisation 'Daughters of the American Revolution'. But when the DAR refused to allow the renowned black singer Marion Anderson to sing in their august halls, Elizabeth did what to many people was unthinkable - she resigned her membership. She was not alone, however, because Eleanor Roosevelt did likewise. The political climate has, thankfully, changed considerably since then, but in those days Elizabeth's action was a bold and courageous step.

Our family's first contact with David and Elizabeth came in the 1960s, when David wrote to all the Witheridges he could find in the UK telephone directories. One of these was my aunt Dorothy. Unable to get up to London herself, and knowing that I had already done some work on the family tree, she commissioned me to do some further research so that we could answer David's questions about our branch of the family. From my reply to that letter grew a correspondence and a friendship that continue to this day.

In the early days, most of the letters were about family history and were written by David. However, when our elder son, Jason was born in 1968, he was diagnosed as having a rare digestive problem for which the prognosis was not good. During Jason's illness there were long gaps between my letters, and eventually I wrote and explained the situation. By return of post we received two lovely letters, one from David, the other from Elizabeth. In her letter, Elizabeth explained that their son Tom had also been born with a similar condition, so she knew and understood our anxieties. Her letter was full of practical sympathy, warmth and above all encouragement, and it lightened those dark days. Thereafter, Elizabeth would always add her own personal messages to David's letters, and we felt that they were both our dearest friends, even though at that stage we had never met.

We eventually met for the first time when David and Elizabeth first came to the UK in June 1976. They arrived just in time to be guests of honour at our church's supper to celebrate the American Bicentenary. It was only after the supper that I learned how appropriate the occasion was for Elizabeth! Later, we celebrated the Fourth of July with tea in an English garden, ending with what was then, to us, the novelty of water ice. Elizabeth was thrilled for (unknown to us) water ice had been a traditional ingredient of her childhood Fourth of July celebrations!

On that first visit, David and Elizabeth stayed in the UK for three months, combining visits to British Councils of Churches with family history research and holiday. They met many Witheridges in their travels, and I particularly remember a wonderful day we all spent with Anthony and Francoise Witheridge and their four young children together with Anthony's father, George and his wife Gwen, at their home on an Army base in Kent. As always, Elizabeth took great pleasure in having so many youngsters around her.

As David and Elizabeth shared our interests in history, and in plants and flowers, Hampton Court and Kew Gardens were on the agenda. We were disappointed with Kew, looking (as we thought) very sad and brown in that famous 'summer of the drought' (so like this one!) but Elizabeth loved it. Throughout their travels and visits, Elizabeth, despite being nearly 70, never flagged. All through that heat, however busy she was, however tight their schedule, Elizabeth remained calm and unflappable. I often wished I could emulate her easy efficiency and even temperament. And every evening she wrote up her journal, recording the experiences of their visit. I wondered if she might find the ingredients for another book in that journal.

David and Elizabeth made two further visits to the UK, in 1980 and 1988, and then in 1990 welcomed us most warmly to their home in Minneapolis, where we got to know the whole family. With her continuing love of children, it was natural that Elizabeth was particularly devoted to her grand-daughter Rebecca, daughter of Tom and his wife Virginia. Even though by then we could see the early signs of the Alzheimer's disease that was to develop during those last five years, her natural rapport with children was still very evident.

Here we also saw further evidence of the love of plants that David and Elizabeth shared. In the house, Elizabeth had a wonderful collection of African violets, which she grew and tended herself. In the garden we enjoyed their beautiful rose bed - a delight of colour and scent. Nothing unusual in that you may think - until you remember that after summer temperatures in the high eighties and a warm autumn, Minneapolis has two or three months a year under snow, when temperatures can be down to minus 20 degrees or more!

In November, 1991, on one of those cold, snowbound days, Elizabeth injured her hip in a fall. Although the injury eventually healed reasonably well, the shock precipitated an acceleration of her Alzheimer's disease. For over three years David nursed her devotedly at home, even when, in his exhaustion, he fell and broke his own ankle, earlier this year. However as Elizabeth's illness progressed, the need for round-the-clock nursing in a specialist centre was inescapable, and her last weeks were spent in the Walker Methodist Health Centre near their home in Minneapolis, where she received the very best of care.

Even in thost last days, when memory and co-ordination had failed, and she was unable to speak even the names of those she loved, her delight in children never dimmed, and she would greet nine-year-old Rebecca with open arms and a beaming smile.

During the funeral service in Grace Trinity Church in Minneapolis, the congregation sang Elizabeth's favourite hymn - Eleanor Farjeon's 'Morning has broken' - one she had taught to her own children, and to generations of Sunday School children.

Elizabeth's quiet, steadfast faith has surely secured for her a place where she can truly sing

'Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!'

Elizabeth was a talented, gracious and generous person, greatly loved by all who knew her. I'm sure all Witheridge Society members will join with me in sending our condolences to David, to Tom, Virginia and Rebecca, and to Jim and David. Elizabeth will be sorely missed, but her influence, through her family, her faith and witness, her works and her writings, lives on.

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# *Obituary*

# *Rev David E Witheridge*

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**It was with great sadness that we learned, in December 2008, of the death of David Witheridge of Minneapolis, the first Honorary Vice-President of the Witheridge Family History Society.**

**David Edward Witheridge** was born on 15 August 1914, in Bay City, near Saginaw, Michigan. David was the third of four children born to **William Allen Witheridge** and **Edith Sophia Nemitz**, his siblings being **William Nemits Witheridge**, **Louise Alice Witheridge**, and **John Meredith Witheridge**, all of whom pre-deceased him.

David's grandfather, **William Witheridge**, had been born in Combmartin, Devon, in 1856, but by the late 1870s the family had moved to Glamorgan, South Wales. In 1887/88 William, with his wife **Mary Jane Allen** and four surviving children, including David's father, moved to the USA, where three further children were born.

David grew up in the Saginaw area, and initially trained as a heating and ventilating engineer, working for his father's business. However, his true vocation was to the Christian ministry, and he left the family business to train as a Baptist minister.

On 5 September 1941 David married **Elizabeth Helen Kendall Plumb**, a teacher and Sunday School teacher, who had also been born and raised in the Saginaw area. The family soon grew, with son **James** (Jim), born in 1946, and **Thomas** (Tom) in 1947.

David's first ministry posting took them to Illinois, where they remained until 1951, when David was appointed Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Here David's superb administrative and organisational skills came to the fore, co-ordinating Christian work in a city packed with churches of every denomination.

David and Elizabeth shared a strong belief in justice and equality for all, at a time when to be Native American or black meant adverse discrimination at almost every turn. David was never one to make a fuss, or display any anger he felt, which would waste time and energy. Expletives were certainly never on his agenda. Instead, he would say 'Oh my!' in any one of a dozen different ways; with compassion at bad news, with enthusiasm at exciting news, with joy at good news, with a querying upward inflection when he wanted to hear more, and with determination when he heard of a situation where he could make a difference. Afterwards, he would think and pray, and then work quietly and efficiently to lobby those who had the means and opportunity to change things.

David had long had a passion for family history, and in 1967 he found copies of London telephone directories in a Minnesota library, and wrote to all the Witheridges listed! One of these was my aunt, Dorothy Witheridge who, knowing that I'd been researching our family for some years, passed David's letter to me. Thus began a friendship that lasted over 40 years, and which has been a great blessing.

David was always generous in sharing his research, and taking on research for others, and his support and encouragement were instrumental in enabling the dream of a Witheridge one-name society to come to fruition. In my tribute, sent to his memorial service in June 2009 (see page 24), I recorded the love and gratitude for David felt not only by my own family, but by all in the Witheridge FHS, whether or not they had ever met him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, particularly Jim and David, Tom, and Rebecca, who have lost a dearly-loved father, grandfather and friend.

*Kim Cook*

**At the Witheridge home in Irving Avenue, Minneapolis, in 1996.**
*From left, back: Rebecca Witheridge (grand-daughter), her mother Virginia, Jim Witheridge (son); front: David Torborg, his mother Margaret Torborg, David Witheridge, and Tom Witheridge (son).*

# *Tribute to David Witheridge*

*This tribute to David Witheridge was sent to his memorial service by Kim Cook, on behalf of both the Cook family, and the Witheridge FHS. The memorial service was delayed until June 2009, to avoid travelling difficulties inevitable in a Minneapolis winter, and was held on what would have been David's 95th birthday. Some photos have been added.*

David was a very special and truly remarkable man, and all the more so because he was genuinely unaware of just how special he was. Totally without any sense of self-importance, he was perceptive, astute and above all, loving and caring. How could you not love him?

I first came in to contact with David and his late wife Elizabeth in 1968, when he wrote to an aunt of mine in London, England, about Witheridge family history, and I dealt with the correspondence. It was such a relief simply to find someone else who was researching the Witheridge families, and who didn't think the whole business of family history was a touch weird!

The joy of finding a fellow family history researcher soon widened to an even greater delight as family history turned simply into family. Despite the lack of evidence of any blood ties, we soon felt that David and Elizabeth were family, and they regarded Roy and me as family, for we shared many other important aspects of our lives, not least a deep Christian faith. Soon this family bond grew to embrace Jim and 'young' David (Torborg), Tom and his family, and our sons Jason and Adam and their families.

The geographical distance wasn't an obstacle, even in those pre-computer, pre-internet days. The letters flew back and forth, sometimes erratically as either David or I encountered other pressing matters, but always we picked up as though there had been no break. Soon research news was more than matched by family news, often with photos enclosed. It became routine for us to exchange phone calls on birthdays and Christmas, and we also phoned on Thanksgiving, even though this isn't a holiday in the UK.

Shortly after our first exchange of letters, Roy and I were disconcerted to learn that our son, Jason, then an infant, was very ill. As soon as David and Elizabeth learned of this, they sent wonderful letters of encouragement, assuring us of their love and prayer support. This support was always there for us, and we in turn gave them all the love and prayer support we could.

*June 1976: David and Elizabeth in Sutton, Surrey, shortly after arriving for their first visit to the UK.*

The Atlantic gap was bridged five times – three times when David came to England and twice when Roy and I visited Minneapolis. David's first visit, with Elizabeth, was for three months in 1976, partly holiday, and partly research into the work of Councils of Churches in the UK. We were delighted when they made our home, then on the outskirts of London, their base, and after each foray further afield, we rejoiced in their return. We had great fun, particularly over the quirky language differences in words like lift (elevator), waistcoat (vest), boot (trunk), and flat (apartment), and over differences in food and menus. Jason (then just seven years old, and now nudging 41!) was fascinated by David's penchant for vinegar on his baked beans, and still eats them that way. A little 'Davidism' lives on in England!

Our first visit to Minnesota, in 1990, was a revelation! We had thought our hospitality was pretty good, but Minnesota hospitality far exceeded ours! The wonderfully warm welcome we had, not only from David and Elizabeth, but from Tom and his family, from Jim and David and the Torborg family, from others of the Witheridge clan, and from the Heltsleys, the Irving Avenue neighbours, and from the many churches we visited, was overwhelming.

For the first time we became fully aware of the extent, practicality and impact of David's quiet yet efficient determination to bring people of all cultures and denominations together, to acknowledge the intrinsic worth of each person and give them the respect and social justice that all deserve. And everywhere we went, from elegant neighbourhoods to less affluent areas, from magnificent churches to tin chapels, from back-yard barbecues to Chippewa pow-wows and feasts, there was clearly so much affection for David and Elizabeth. The love and respect in which they were held opened so many doors for us, and we learned so much. It was at once heart-warming and humbling.

Ever since 1961, when I had first started researching the Witheridge name, I had dreamed that one day there would be a one-name group enabling Witheridges to share their research, being instrumental in reuniting different branches of the family, and restoring the sense of family throughout the world. Although David wasn't able to help set up such a group in the UK, his support and encouragement kept the dream alive until, with the enthusiastic support of Annette Witheridge, the dream came true in 1987.

Not only was David our first overseas member, but he was also a stalwart and very generous contributor to the Society's research, providing material for family trees and articles on so many branches of his Combmartin family tree. His research was, like everything else David did, thorough, meticulous, accurate and reliable. Such was our appreciation of his enormous contribution to the Society that in May 1996 he was elected unanimously by the membership as the Society's Honorary Vice President for life.

However, the minutes recording this decision weren't published immediately, as a few weeks later Roy and I were winging our way across the Atlantic for a second visit with David.

This visit was to include the first-ever Witheridge Day in the USA, held on 8 June in the Minnesota History Center. David, his family and friends, organised a wonderful day, bringing together Witheridges from many parts of the USA, as well as from Canada, Australia and the UK.

What his family knew, but David didn't, was that Roy and I had brought with us an illuminated citation on vellum, commissioned specially from an artist, recording his appointment as the Witheridge Society's Honorary Vice-President, and recognising David's 'many years of meticulous research, faithfully recorded and generously shared'.

I know some here today will remember that wonderful occasion, when temperatures in the upper 80s were exceeded only by the warmth, love and fun of a very memorable day.

In his grace before the meal, David gave thanks not only for the food, but also for the fellowship of friends and families, which was always very close to his heart .

Surprised and moved by the unexpected presentation after lunch, David was temporarily lost for words, but his acceptance speech again

*Minnesota History Center, 8 June 1996: David receives the citation recording his appointment as Honorary Vice-President of the Witheridge FHS*

*Tiverton, 1997: David with fellow guests at the 10th Anniversary Reunion of the Witheridge FHS*

emphasised the joy and friendship that his Witheridge research had brought him. It didn't seem to have occurred to David, always such a modest man, that the joy he had gained had been given out many times over, and had blessed those who had had the privilege of coming to know him as a result of his research.

The following year David came to England for the 10th Anniversary Reunion of the Witheridge Society, held in Devon, close to the village of Witheridge. Many members who had never met David were delighted to meet up with the man whose support and encouragement had been such a key factor in the founding of the Society and its subsequent success. After the reunion we were able to fulfil David's wish to visit many of his cousins still living in Devon, before returning to our home for a quieter time together.

We have so many more memories of David, all of them filled with love. Recapping on the characteristics we found in him, he was perceptive, astute, caring, encouraging, supportive, fun, hospitable, practical, determined, a man of deep faith and social justice, meticulous, accurate, reliable, generous, modest, and above all a man of peace, love and reconciliation. In the words of our young grandson, Ethan 'truly remarkable'.

Roy and I are so very sad that we can't be with you in person today to honour this lovely man. Indeed, we're doubly sad – sad because we miss David, and sad because we shall miss being with the family, sharing your memories of him, renewing old friendships and making new ones, something David loved to see. And tonight we shall miss the phone call that would have marked his 95th birthday.

But we can also rejoice that death has not separated David from the love of God, a love which overflowed from him into the lives of so many. David is now 'with Christ, which is far better', and our loss is heaven's gain.

Tenterden, June 2009

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| Rev. O. R. Tennant replied May 6, 1965, + explained fees. Wrote to Tennant 5/18/65 + sent £2 check. | | | | |
| Tennant replied 6/2/65 + sent Witheridge names + addresses + address of So. Molton Gazette | | Log 12<br>1965 | W1 | |
| Mar. cert. of William Witheridge + Mary Jane Allen, Sept. 25, 1880 (Somerset House) | | Log 13<br>2/14/64 | W2 | |
| Death cert. of Clara Witheridge, 82, wife of John (d. Nov. 21, 1904) - Somerset House | | Log 15<br>8/18/64 | W 4 | |
| Birth cert. of William Witheridge, son of John + Clara, Sept. 23, 1856 (Somerset House) | | Log 14<br>3/26/64 | W 3 | |
| Death cert. of John Witheridge, 77, d. Apr. 2, 1905 (Somerset House) | | Log 15<br>8/18/64 | W 5 | |
| Mar. cert. of John Witheridge + Clara Blackmore, Oct. 20, 1855, (Somerset House) | | Log 16<br>Oct. 1966 | W6 | |
| Birth cert. of William Allen Witheridge, son of William and Mary Jane, b. Jan. 23, 1881, Somerset House | | Log 16<br>Oct. 1966 | W 7 | |
| Death cert. of Joan Witheridge, 91, Combe Martin, Sept. 11, 1844 (Somerset House) | | Log 17<br>June 1971 | W 9 | |
| Birth cert. of James Witheridge, son of James + Eliz., Ilfracombe. Jan. 4, 1849 (Somerset House) | | Log 17<br>June 1971 | W8 | |
| Death cert. of Mary Witheridge, 75, widow of Edward, Combe Martin, Aug. 15, 1874 (Somerset House) | | Log 17<br>June 1971 | W 10 | |
| Death cert. of Edward Witheridge, 67, Combe Martin, Jan. 11, 1860 (Somerset House) | | Log 17<br>June 1971 | W11 | |
| Birth cert. of Mary Elizabeth Witheridge, dau. of William + Eliz., High Bray, 5/19/80 (Somerset House) | | Log 17<br>June 1971 | W12 | |
| Birth cert. of William John, son of Mary Witheridge, Combe Martin, Apr. 7, 1873 (~~St.~~ Cath. House) | | Log 18<br>6/29/76 | W 13 | Same a<br>W60 |
| Death cert. of William John Witheridge, 64, Camelford, Cornwall, Mar. 16, 1938 (St. Cath. House) | | Log 19<br>6/30/76 | W 14 | |

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# DOCUMENTS CALENDAR

ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER |
|---|---|---|---|
| Death cert. of William Witheridge, 80, Whitchurch, Tavistock, July 12, 1838 (St. Cath. House) | | Log 19<br>6/30/76 | W15 |
| Death cert. of Andrew Witheridge, 63, So. Milton, Devon, Dec. 31, 1840 (St. Cath. House) | | Log 19<br>6/30/76 | W16 |
| Death cert. of Alice Witheridge, 29, single, So. Milton, Jan. 15, 1842 (St. Cath. House) | | Log 19<br>6/30/76 | W17 |
| Death cert. of Mary Ann Witheridge, 56, Bristol, Jan. 16, 1840 (St. Cath. House) | | Log 19<br>6/30/76 | W18 |
| Death cert. of Betsy Witheridge, 51, Birmingham, Jan. 28, 1838 (St. Cath. House) | | Log 19<br>6/30/76 | W19 |
| Death cert. of Elizabeth Witheridge, 36, Aston, Warwick, Nov. 30, 1837 (St. Cath. House) | | Log 19<br>6/30/76 | W20 |
| Birth cert. of Eva Witheridge, dau. of Mary (unmar.), Nov. 6, 1871, Combe Martin (St. Cath. House) | | Log 20<br>7/5/76 | W21 |
| Birth cert. of Mary, dau. of Clara Blackmore (unmar.), June 12, 1849, Combe Martin (St. Cath. H.) | | Log 20<br>7/5/76 | W22 |
| Birth cert. of James, son of John + Mary Witheridge, Apr. 27, 1841, Combe Martin (St. Cath. House) | | Log 20<br>7/5/76 | W23 |
| Birth cert. of William, son of Edward + Mary Witheridge, Dec. 15, 1840, Combe Martin (St. Cath. House) | | Log 20<br>7/5/76 | W24 [same as W32] + W61 |
| Birth cert. of Maria Witheridge, dau. of John + Clara Witheridge, May 23, 1861, Combe Martin (St. Cath.) | | Log 20<br>7/5/76 | W25 |
| Birth cert. of Susan Witheridge, dau. of Edward + Mary, Sept. 26, 1831, Combe Martin (St. Cath. House) | | Log 20<br>7/5/76 | W26 |
| Birth cert. of George Witheridge, son of George + Eliz. (Fry), Jan. 23, 1844, Ilfracombe (St. Cath. House) | | Log 20<br>7/5/76 | W27 [same as W30] |
| Marriage cert. of James Witheridge and Isabella Ann Radmore, Newport, Monmouth, Aug. 14, 1851 (St. Cath.) | | Log 20<br>7/5/76 | W28 |
| Marriage cert. of George Cassey Witheridge + Jane Harding Shephard, Bideford, Oct. 15, 1882 (St. Cath. House) | | Log 21<br>8/29/80 | W29 |
| Birth cert. of George Witheridge, son of George + Eliz. (Fanny [Fry?]), Jan. 23 1841, Ilfracombe (St. Cath.) [same as W27] | | Log 21<br>8/29/80 | W30 [same as W27] |

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# DOCUMENTS CALENDAR

ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER |
|---|---|---|---|
| Birth cert. of Charles Witheridge, son of Andrew<br>+ Eliz. (Hannaford), Aug. 22, 1870, Malborough, W. Alvington | | Log 21<br>8/29/80 | W 31 |
| Birth cert. of William, son of Edward Witheridge +<br>Mary Jean, 12/15/1840, Combe Martin (St. Cath. H.) also W24 | | Log 21<br>8/29/80 | W 32 [same as W24 + W61] |
| Death cert. of William Witheridge, 60, Apr. 27, 1904, Bray<br>Town, High Bray, (Somerset House) | | Log 22<br>10/10/66 | W33 |
| Mar. cert. of Wm. Witheridge + Eliz. Tibbs, Mar. 29 1879,<br>High Bray, Devon (Somerset House) | | Log 23<br>8/29/69 | W34 |
| Archive Record, John Witheridge + Mary Trick,<br>1635, Hartland, Devon (L.D.S. Salt Lk. City) | | Log 29<br>1974 | W35 |
| Archive Record, Charles Witheridge + Jane Husband,<br>1675, Hartland, Devon (LDS, SL City) | | Log 29<br>1974 | W36 |
| Archive Record, John Witheridge + Joan Slee,<br>1533, Stoke Rivers, Devon (LDS, S. Lk. City) | | Log 29<br>1974 | W37 |
| Archive Record, Richard Witheridge + Mary Collier,<br>1756, Wembury, Devon (LDS, Salt Lk. City) | | Log 29<br>1974 | W38 |
| Archive Record, Toby Witheridge (Wetheridge) + Mary<br>Trounce, 1591, Uffculme, Devon (LDS, S. Lk. City) | | Log 29<br>1974 | W39 |
| Archive Record, Anthony Witheridge + Faith Small,<br>1578, St. Andrews Parish, Plymouth, Devon (LDS, SLC) | | Log 29<br>1974 | W40 |
| Archive Record, Thomas Witheridge + Mary Stockman,<br>1609, St. Andrews Parish, Plymouth, Devon (LDS, SLC) | | Log 29<br>1974 | W41 |
| Mar. cert., Geo. Witheridge + Dorcas Hammett, 1861<br>Ebenezer Meth. Ch., Plymouth (St. Cath. House) | | Log 30<br>1980 | W42 |
| Birth cert., Dorcas Mary Witheridge, Sept. 30, 1875,<br>Tamar, Stoke Damerel, Devon (St. Cath. House) | | Log 30<br>1980 | W43 |
| Mar. cert., James Elias Cole + Dorcas Mary Witheridge,<br>Feb. 6, 1898 Stoke Damerel (Letter from Phil. Hockaway) | | Log 31<br>6/2/80 | W44 |
| Birth Entry of Edward Cann (husband of Elizabeth<br>Watheridge) in Bradworthy, 1706 (LDS Int. Gen. Index) | | Log 32<br>12/15/81 | W45 |
| Letter from Clara Mae Marquis, 12/22/81, giving<br>death of Leo Rushlow and religion of her parents | | Log 34<br>12/22/81 | W46 |

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Log 12

2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405
April 29, 1965

The Rector or Vicar
Church of England Parish
South Molton, Devonshire
England

Dear Sir:

I am trying to locate information about my great grandfather, John Witheridge, and his brother, William. I understand that William Witheridge lived in South Molton, and that is why I am writing you.

The name of William Witheridge's wife was either Elizabeth or Mary, and they had two children, John and Mary. I have no dates in connection with this family, but William's brother John was born in Devonshire in 1828 and died in Glamorganshire in 1905.

I hope you may be able to help me discover some specific records on William Witheridge and his family. Of course, I shall pay the customary fee for your assistance.

If you happen to know of any Witheridge descendants living in or near South Molton, I should be happy to have you give me their addresses, so that I could correspond with them.

Perhaps there are Witheridges buried in the parish cemetery. If so, I should like to have the information on the tombstone or burial record.

Do your parish records show any births, deaths, or marriages of any Witheridges during the approximate period mentioned above? I realize that South Molton is not too far from the town of Witheridge and that there may be a great many Witheridges in that region. If so, perhaps the best thing would be to put me in touch with some of them.

Is there a newspaper in South Molton that has been published for a long time? If so, please give me the name and address.

Thank you very much for any assistance you can give.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

6 May 65.

TEL: SOUTH MOLTON 1420.
REV. O. R. TENNANT

2 NORTH ROAD.
SOUTH MOLTON.
N. DEVON.

Dear Mr. Witteridge,

Your letter has been passed to me for action. In response to your request I have begun to search, but with no success so far. I have searched the Baptism Registers for the years 1806 to 1836, but during that period no surname Witteridge appears.

Before proceeding further with my searching, & in view of the complexity & length of time involved, I have been told to acquaint you with the expense involved. As requests are frequently received for searching registers, particularly from U.S.A, Australia & South Africa, it is apparent that the scale of fees are not known.

The normal fee payable is 3/6 plus 1/- per year searched for each type of Register (Baptism, marriage, burial, etc.) In your particular instance this could prove quite considerable, unless you can be more explicit as regards the years in which you are interested. I should therefore be grateful for your comments before proceeding further.

There are one or two families surnamed Witteridge in this area, although not in the town. I will look into this further on your behalf. There is no newspaper published in South Molton, but our "local" paper comes from Tiverton, & this is of fairly long standing. Do you require the publisher's address?

It is unpleasant to appear mercenary, but circumstances compel us to ask for the enquirer to give definite instructions once the fee question is understood. I'm sure that you will appreciate my position.

Awaiting your reply,

Yours sincerely,

O.R. Tennant
Curate.

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2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
May 18, 1965

Rev. O. R. Tennant
2 North Road
South Molton, N. Devon
England

Dear Mr. Tennant:

Thank you very much for your reply to my inquiry about my Witheridge ancestors or relatives. I appreciate your explanation of the fees and the problems involved.

First, I should like very much to have you secure the names and addresses of the families in your area by the name of Witheridge. They may not be related to me, but I should like to correspond with them.

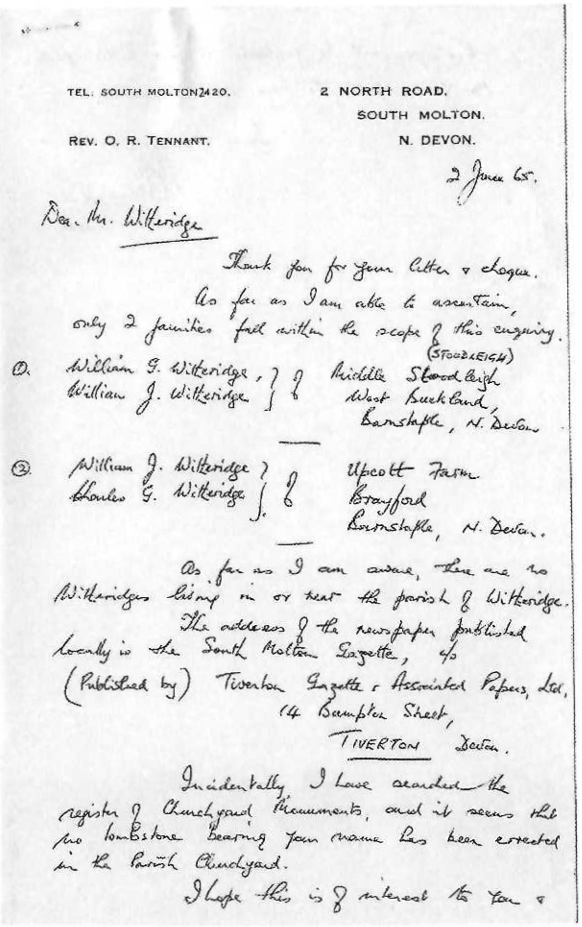
Second, I should also like the address of the newspaper published in Tiverton.

Third, I am sending you a remittance of 2/-/- to reimburse you for the search you have already made on my behalf. I agree that I should try to pin down the likely dates before you proceed any further. I shall let you know later what to do next.

Again, let me thank you for your help. I shall look forward to receiving these addresses.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge



TEL. SOUTH MOLTON 2420.
REV. O. R. TENNANT.

2 NORTH ROAD.
SOUTH MOLTON.
N. DEVON.

2 June 65.

Dear Mr. Witteridge

Thank you for your letter & cheque.

As far as I am able to ascertain, only 2 families fall within the scope of this enquiry.

1. William G. Witteridge, } Middle Stoodleigh (STOODLEIGH)
   William J. Witteridge } West Buckland,
   Barnstaple, N. Devon

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2. William J. Witteridge } Upcott Farm
   Charles G. Witteridge } Brayford
   Barnstaple, N. Devon.

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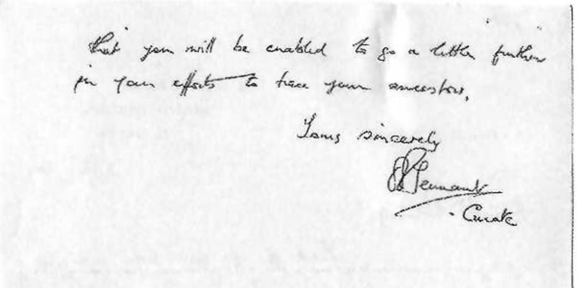
As far as I am aware, there are no Witteridges living in or near the parish of Witteridge.

The address of the newspaper published locally is the South Molton Gazette, c/o

(Published by) Tiverton Gazette & Associated Papers, Ltd,
14 Bampton Street,
TIVERTON Devon.

Incidentally I have searched the register of Churchyard Monuments, and it seems that no tombstone bearing your name has been erected in the Parish Churchyard.

I hope this is of interest to you &



that you will be enabled to go a little further in your efforts to trace your ancestors,

Yours sincerely

O R Tennant
Curate

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## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

*The statutory fee for this certificate is 3s. 9d.*
*Where a search is necessary to find the entry, a search fee is payable in addition.*

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

*Application Number* PAS 12159/64

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Form A515X (S.10539) Wt.25049/352 30m 9/63

1880. Marriage solemnized at Sardis Chapel Pontypridd in the District of Pontypridd in the County of Glamorgan

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 196 | Twenty fifth September 1880 | William Witheridge | 23 years | Bachelor | Coalminer | Waunyr Eirw Llantrisant | John Witheridge | Coalminer |
| | | Mary Jane Allen | 23 years | Spinster | — | Waunyr Eirw Llantrisant | William Allen Deceased | Furnace-manager |

Married in the Sardis Chapel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Independents by Certificate by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, William Witheridge, Mary Jane Allen

in the Presence of us, George Allen, × the mark of John Jones

William Isaac Morris Minister
William Jones Powell Deputy Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Pontypridd
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 14th day of February 1964.

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act, 1949. Sub-section 3 of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

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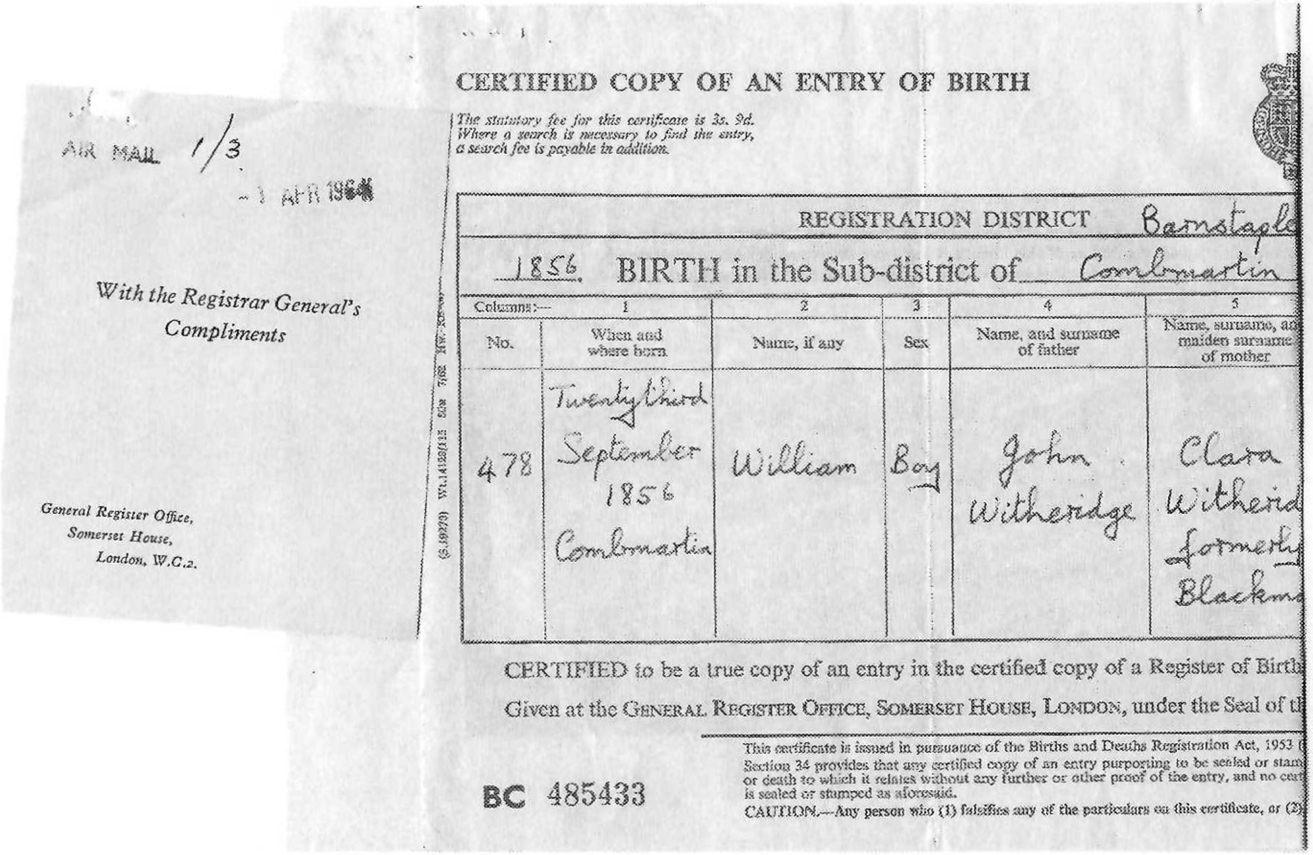

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- 1 APR 1964

*With the Registrar General's Compliments*

*General Register Office,*
*Somerset House,*
*London, W.C.2.*

## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

*The statutory fee for this certificate is 3s. 9d.*
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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1856. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, an maiden surname of mother |
| 478 | Twentythird September 1856 Combmartin | William | Boy | John Witheridge | Clara Witherid formerly Blackm |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Birth

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of th

**BC 485433**

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953 (
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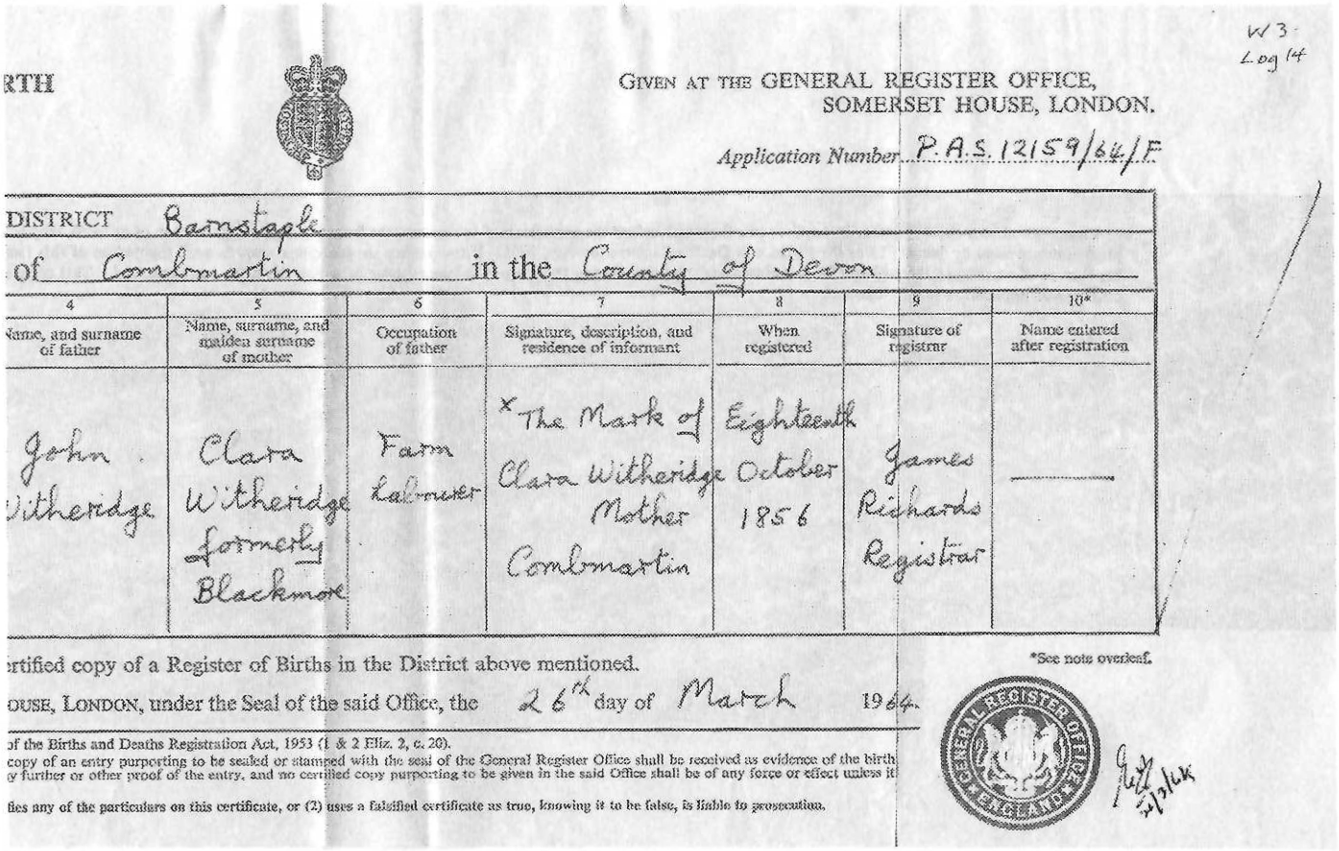

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

*Application Number* P.A.S. 12159/64/F

DISTRICT Barnstaple

of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| John Witheridge | Clara Witheridge formerly Blackmore | Farm Labourer | × The Mark of Clara Witheridge Mother Combmartin | Eighteenth October 1856 | James Richards Registrar | ———— |

ertified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

OUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 26th day of March 1964.

*See note overleaf.

of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953 (1 & 2 Eliz. 2, c. 20).
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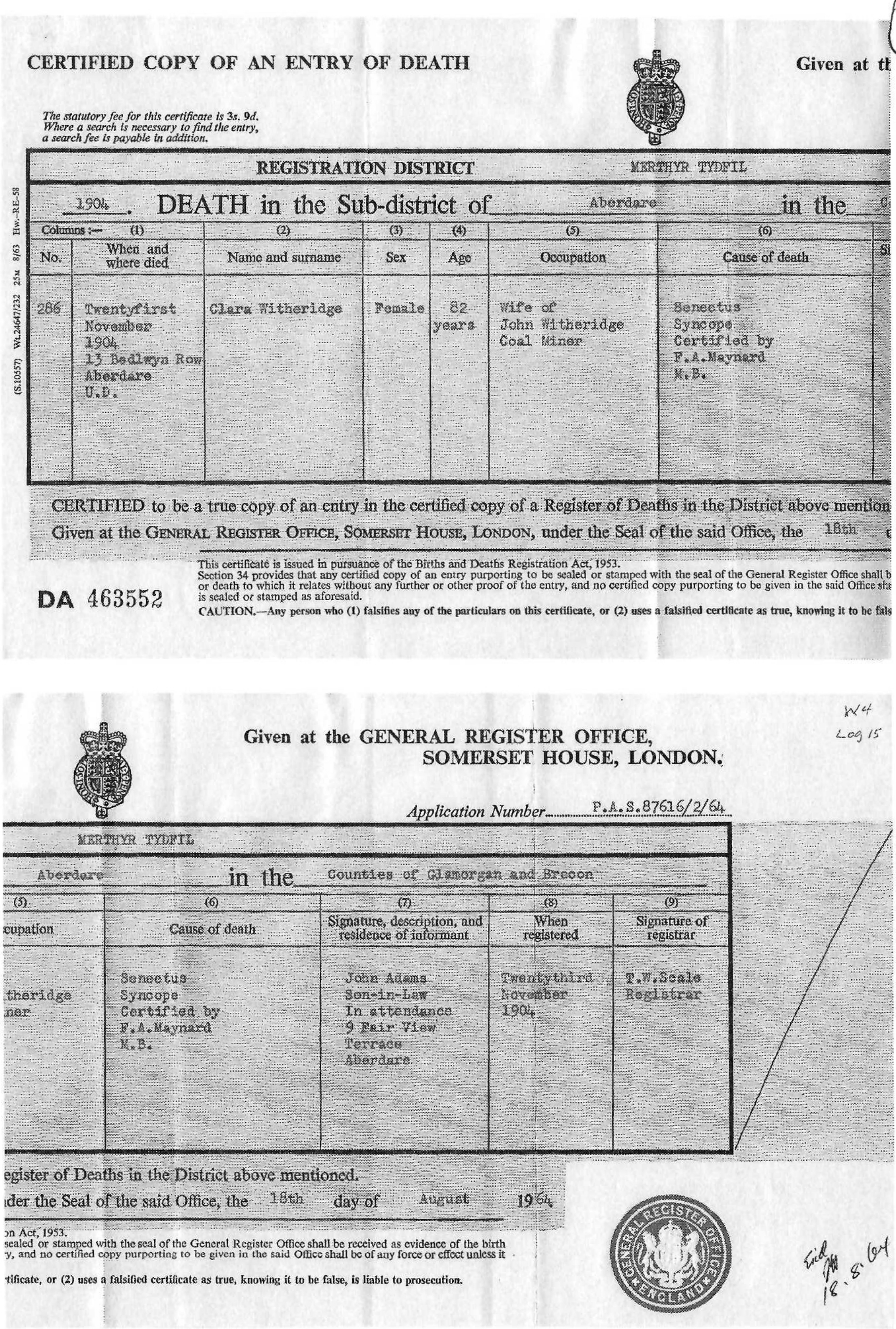

# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

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*The statutory fee for this certificate is 3s. 9d.*
*Where a search is necessary to find the entry,*
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Application Number P.A.S.87616/2/64

(S.10557) Wt.24647/232 25M 8/63 Hw.-RE-58

REGISTRATION DISTRICT MERTHYR TYDFIL

1904. DEATH in the Sub-district of Aberdare in the Counties of Glamorgan and Brecon

| Columns:— | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| 286 | Twentyfirst<br>November<br>1904<br>13 Bedlwyn Row<br>Aberdare<br>U.D. | Clara Witheridge | Female | 82<br>years | Wife of<br>John Witheridge<br>Coal Miner | Senectus<br>Syncope<br>Certified by<br>F.A.Maynard<br>M.B. | John Adams<br>Son-in-Law<br>In attendance<br>9 Fair View<br>Terrace<br>Aberdare | Twentythird<br>November<br>1904 | T.W.Seale<br>Registrar |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 18th day of August 1964.

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953.
Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to be given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

**DA 463552**

**CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.**

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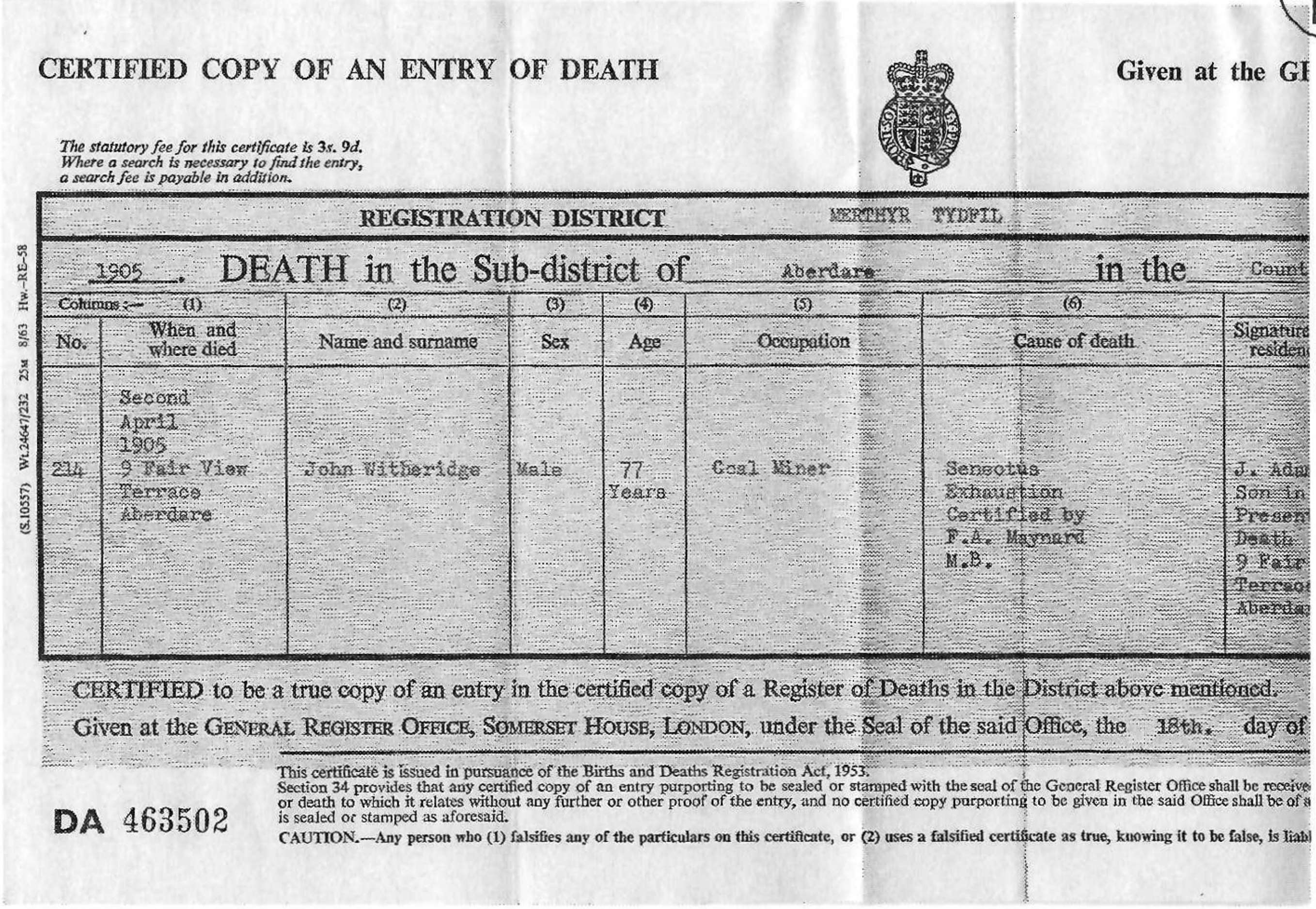

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(S.10557) Wt.24647/232 25M 8/63 Hw.-RE-58

REGISTRATION DISTRICT MERTHYR TYDFIL

1905 . DEATH in the Sub-district of Aberdare in the Count

| Columns :— | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signatur residen |
| 214 | Second April 1905 9 Fair View Terrace Aberdare | John Witheridge | Male | 77 Years | Coal Miner | Senectus Exhaustion Certified by F.A. Maynard M.B. | J. Adm Son in Presen Death 9 Fair Terrac Aberda |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 18th. day of

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**DA 463502**

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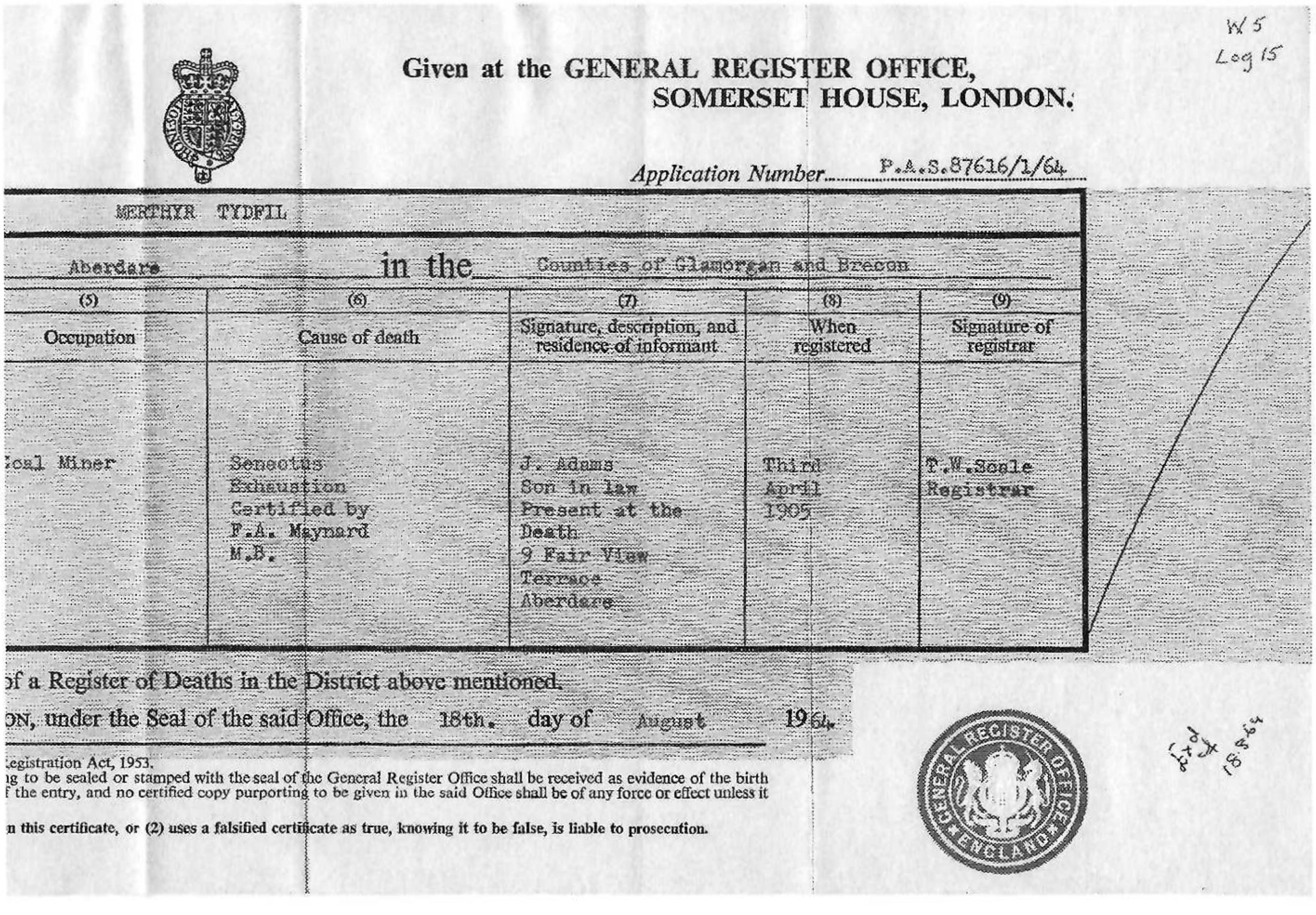

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**Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,**
**SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.**

*Application Number* P.A.S.87616/1/64

MERTHYR TYDFIL

Aberdare in the Counties of Glamorgan and Brecon

| (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| Coal Miner | Senectus Exhaustion Certified by F.A. Maynard M.B. | J. Adams Son in law Present at the Death 9 Fair View Terrace Aberdare | Third April 1905 | T.W.Seale Registrar |

of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

ON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 18th. day of August 1964.

Registration Act, 1953.
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## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

*The statutory fee for this certificate is 3s. 9d.
Where a search is necessary to find the entry,
a search fee is payable in addition.*

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

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*Application Number* P.A.S.107836/66/F

Registration District BARNSTAPLE

1855. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| No. | When married | Name and surname | Age | Condition | Rank or profession | Residence at the time of marriage | Father's name and surname | Rank or profession of father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 192 | October 20th | John Witheridge | 25 | Bachelor | Labourer | Combmartin | Edward Witheridge | Labourer |
| | | Clara Blackmore | 30 | Spinster | —— | | William Blackmore | Labourer |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me H.W. Toms Rector

This marriage was solemnized between us,
John Witheridge
× The Mark of Clara Blackmore

in the presence of us,
Beatsy Parkin
Susan Witheridge

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 11th day of October 1966.

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act, 1949. Sub-section (3) of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

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Form A513 (S.13839) Dd.363571 25M 5/66 Hw.-RE-59

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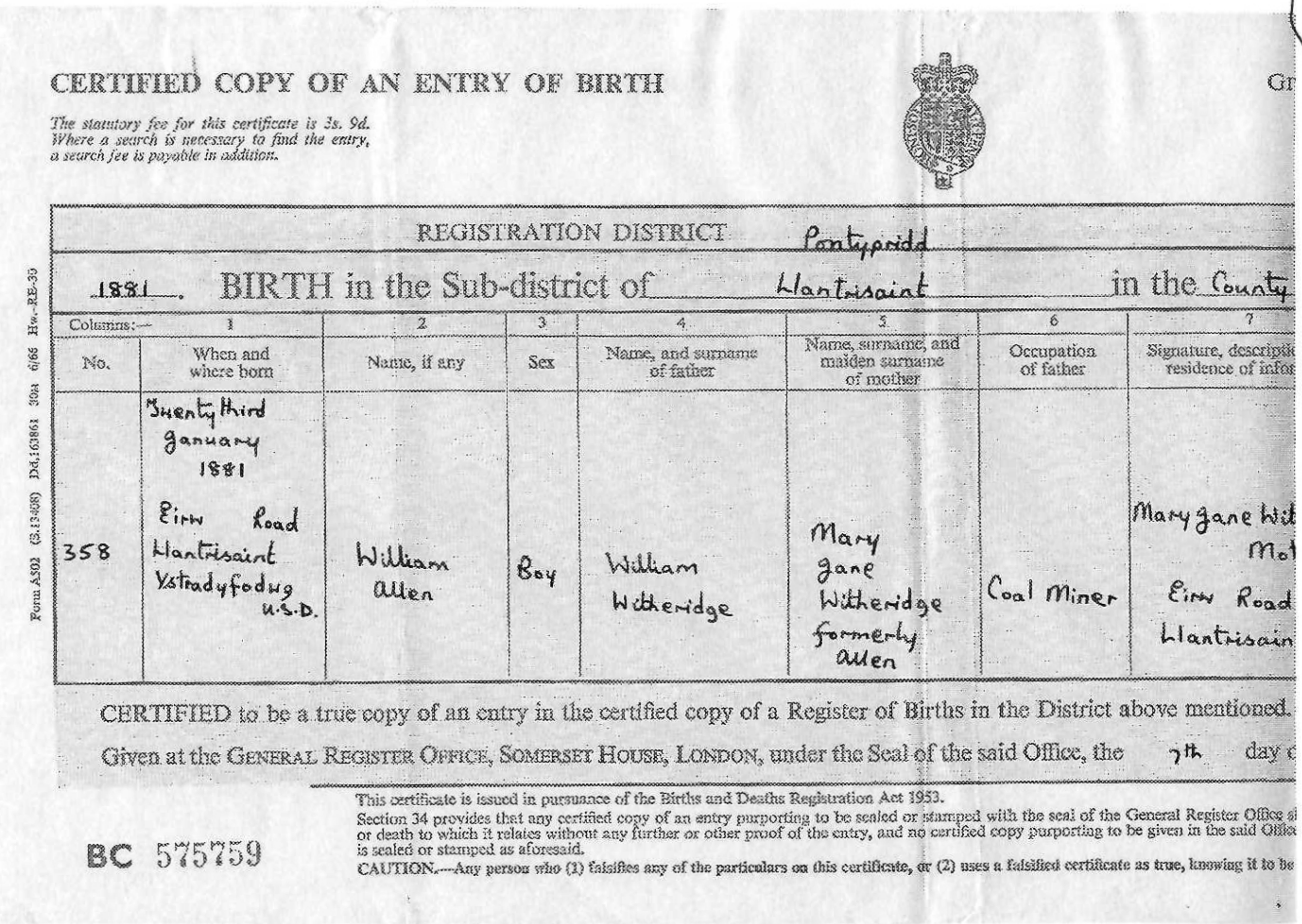

# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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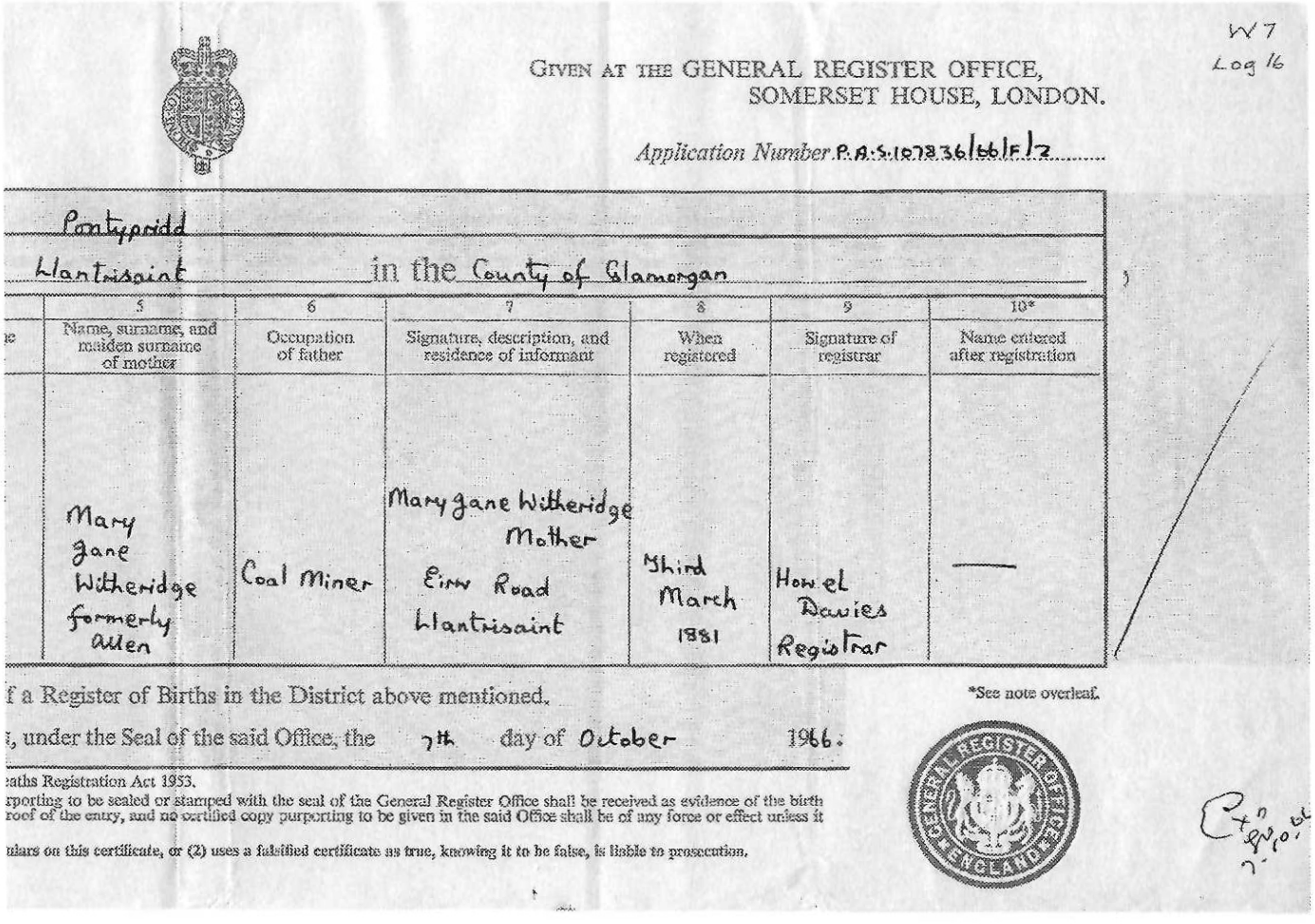

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

*Application Number* P.A.S.107836/66/F/2

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Pontypridd

1881. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Llantrisaint in the County of Glamorgan

| Columns:— 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| 358 | Twenty third January 1881<br>Eirw Road Llantrisaint Ystradyfodwg U.S.D. | William Allen | Boy | William Witheridge | Mary Jane Witheridge formerly Allen | Coal Miner | Mary Jane Witheridge Mother Eirw Road Llantrisaint | Third March 1881 | Howel Davies Registrar | — |

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 7th day of October 1966.

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**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH**

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstable

1849 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Ilfracombe in the Count

| Columns:— No. | 1 When and where born | 2 Name, if any | 3 Sex | 4 Name and surname of father | 5 Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | Wh regi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 142 | Fourth January 1849 Ilfracombe | James | Male | James Witheridge | Elizabeth Witheridge formerly Redmore | Mariner | James Witheridge Father Ilfracombe | |

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**OF BIRTH**

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

*Application Number* 6390

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstable

Sub-district of Ilfracombe in the County of Devon

| x | 4 Name and surname of father | 5 Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered | 9 Signature of registrar | 10* Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| le | James Witheridge | Elizabeth Witheridge formerly Redmore | Mariner | James Witheridge Father Ilfracombe | Sixth January 1849 | W C Aston Registrar | — |

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## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT barnstaple

____. DEATH in the Sub-district of combe martin in the County of

JPW 256-13?

| Columns:— No. | 1<br>When and where died | 2<br>Name and surname | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Age | 5<br>Occupation | 6<br>Cause of death | 7<br>Signature, description residence of informa |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 427 | Eleventh of September 1864 at Combmartin | Joan Whitteridge | Female | 91 years | Labourer | Old age | The mark + Mary Crane present at the Combmartin |

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OF DEATH

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

Application Number 7388G

REGISTRATION DISTRICT barnstaple

Sub-district of combe martin in the County of devon

| e | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Age | 5<br>Occupation | 6<br>Cause of death | 7<br>Signature, description and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered | 9<br>Signature of registrar |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| idge | Female | 91 years | Labourer | Old age | The mark + of Mary Crane present at the death Combmartin | Fourteenth of September 1864 | John Watts Registrar |

n the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.
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Application Number 7388 G

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1874. DEATH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| 212 | Fifteenth August 1874 Combmartin | Mary Witheridge | Female | 75 years | Widow of Edward Witheridge a Labourer | Shock from a fall Debility. Certified | × The mark of Catharine Parkhouse Present at the death Combmartin | Sixteenth August 1874 | James Richards Registrar |

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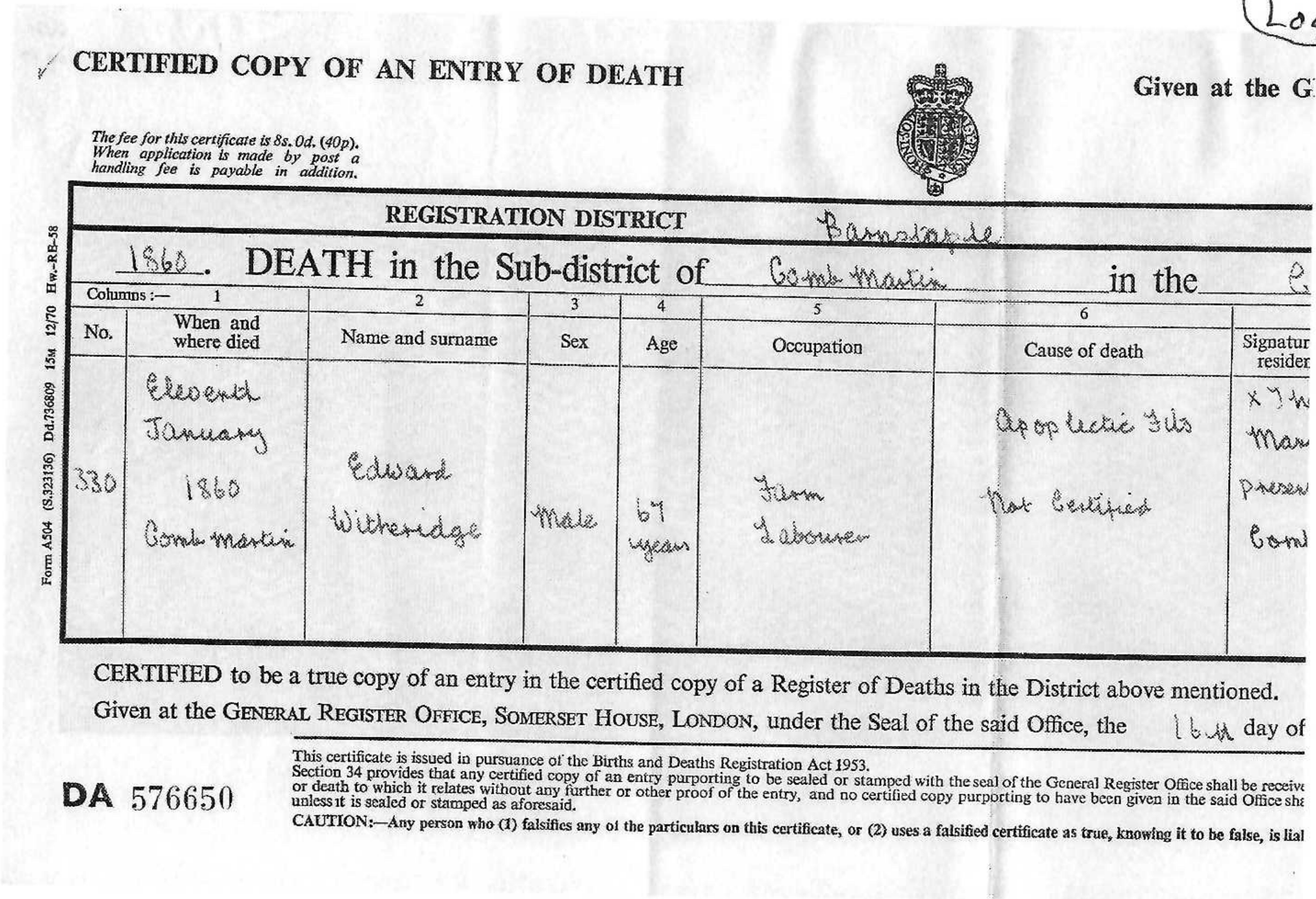

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1860. DEATH in the Sub-district of Comb Martin in the C

| Columns:— 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signatur resider |
| 330 | Eleventh January 1860 Comb Martin | Edward Witheridge | Male | 67 years | Farm Labourer | Apoplectic Fits Not Certified | X The Mar prese Com |

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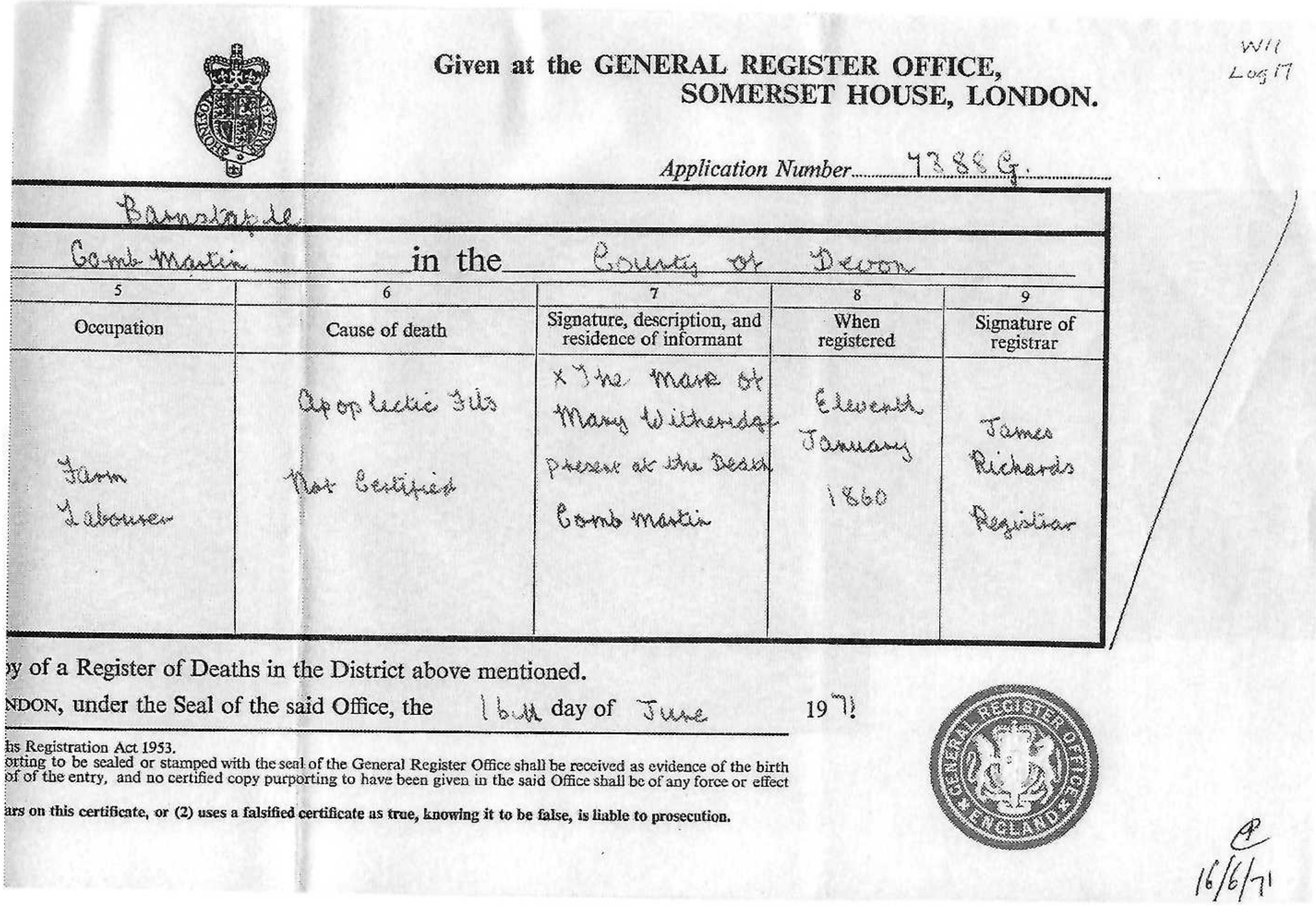

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

*Application Number* 7388G.

Barnstaple

Comb Martin in the County of Devon

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| Farm Labourer | Apoplectic Fits Not Certified | X The Mark of Mary Witheridge present at the Death Comb Martin | Eleventh January 1860 | James Richards Registrar |

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**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH** GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

*Application Number* 2418 Cr

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1880 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Parracombe in the County of Devon

| Columns:— 1<br>No. | When and where born | 2<br>Name, if any | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Name and surname of father | 5<br>Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6<br>Occupation of father | 7<br>Signature, description and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered | 9<br>Signature of registrar | 10*<br>Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 264 | Nineteenth May 1880 Gratton High Bray | Mary Elizabeth | Girl | William Witheridge | Elizabeth Witheridge formerly Gibbs | Labourer | X The Mark of William Witheridge Father Gratton High Bray | Fourteenth June 1880 | Philip Taylor Registrar | / |

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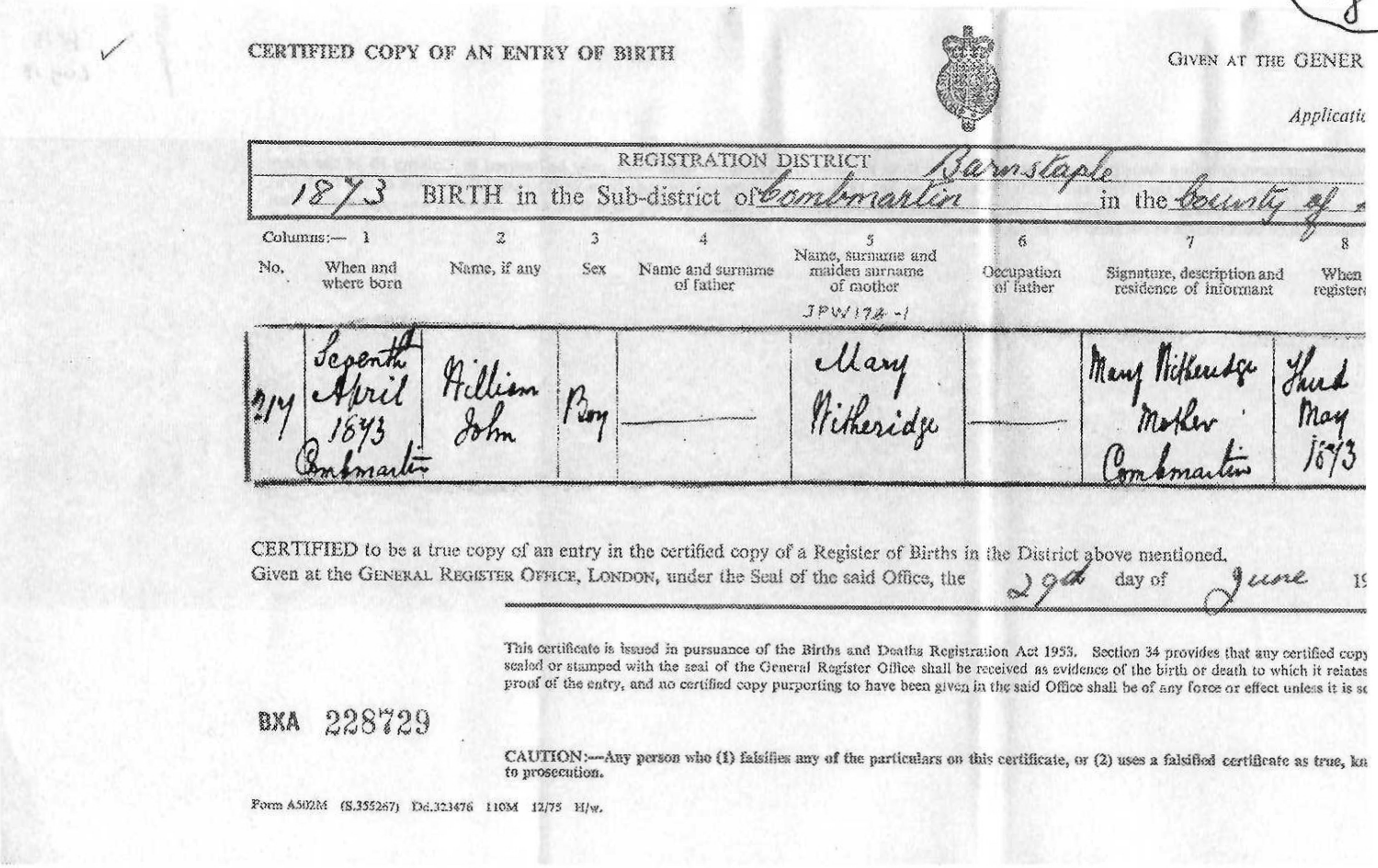

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1873 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of

| Columns:— 1<br>No. | 1<br>When and where born | 2<br>Name, if any | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Name and surname of father | 5<br>Name, surname and maiden surname of mother<br>JPW174-1 | 6<br>Occupation of father | 7<br>Signature, description and residence of informant | 8<br>When registere |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 217 | Seventh April 1873 Combmartin | William John | Boy | — | Mary Witheridge | — | Mary Witheridge Mother Combmartin | Third May 1873 |

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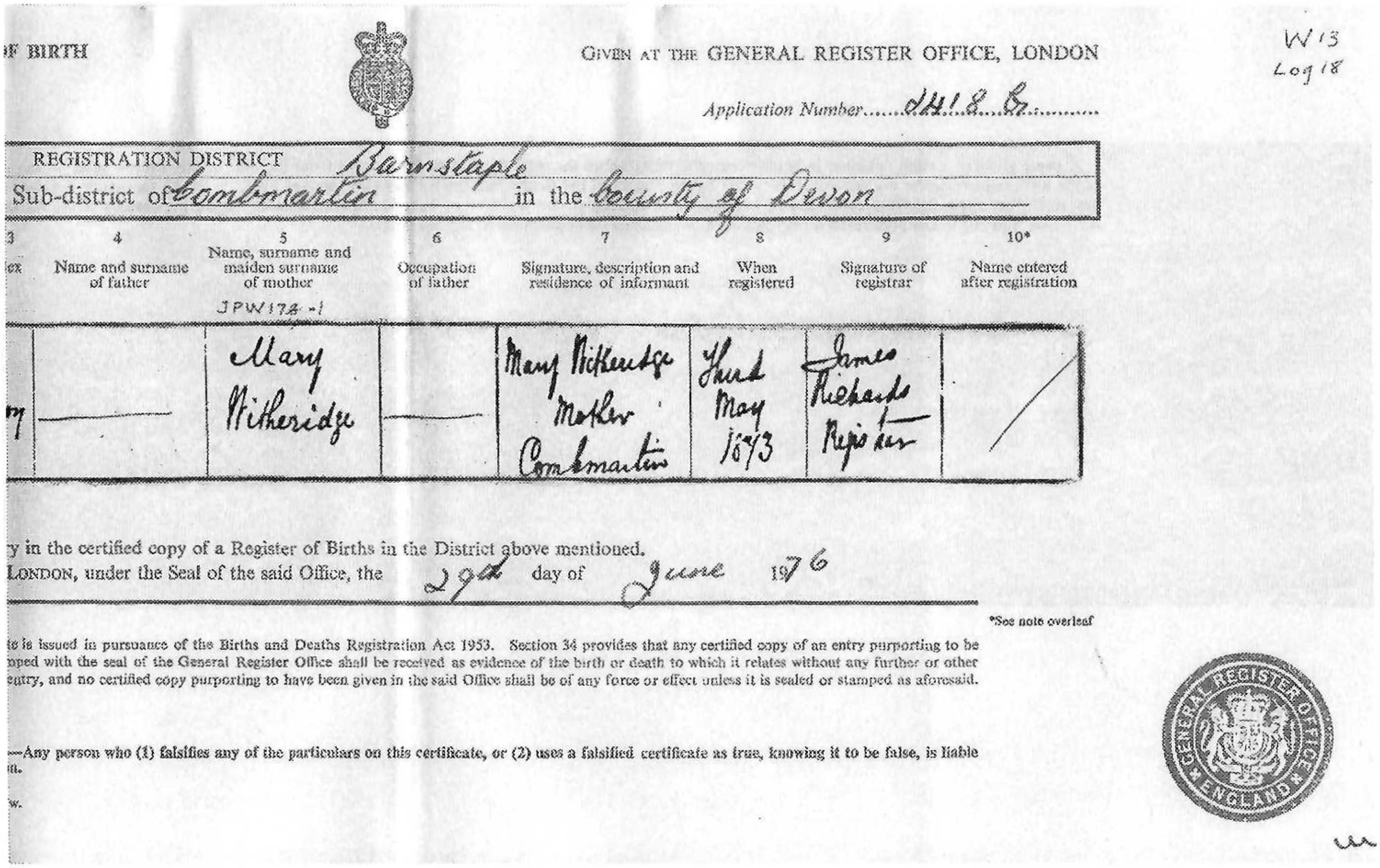

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Application Number......2418 Gr..........

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| 3<br>ex | 4<br>Name and surname of father | 5<br>Name, surname and maiden surname of mother<br>JPW174-1 | 6<br>Occupation of father | 7<br>Signature, description and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered | 9<br>Signature of registrar | 10*<br>Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y | — | Mary Witheridge | — | Mary Witheridge Mother Combmartin | Third May 1873 | James Richards Registrar | / |

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# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Camelford

1938. DEATH in the Sub-district of Camelford in the County

| Columns:— 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signatur<br>resider |
| 298 | Sixteenth March 1938 Camelford Railway Station Forrabury and Minister RD. | William John Witheridge<br>JPW 32-81 ?<br>or<br>JPW 176-12 ? | male | 1938<br>64 years<br>1874 | Railway Platelayer of 5 Railway Cottages Otterham Camelford RD. | Atheroma of Coronary vessels myocarditis Chronic interstitial nephritis Certified by Ernest W. Grill Coroner for Cornwall after Post mortem without Inquest | Mary<br>Co<br>Upco<br>Br<br>Bar |

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*Application Number* 2418G

Camelford

of Camelford in the County of Cornwall

| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| Railway Platelayer of 5 Railway Cottages Otterham Camelford RD. | Atheroma of Coronary vessels myocarditis Chronic interstitial nephritis Certified by Ernest W. Grill Coroner for Cornwall after Post mortem without Inquest | Mary M. Witheridge<br>Cousin<br>Upcott Farm<br>Brayford<br>Barnstaple<br>Mary Maria Ridd<br>(Mrs. Wm John)<br>[John's (middle [illegible]) mother] | Nineteenth March 1938 | Albert Rundle Registrar |

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Seal of the said Office, the 30th day of June 1976.

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Form A504 (S.349607) Dd.151932 10m 10/74 Hw.

**REGISTRATION DISTRICT** Tavistock

1838. **DEATH in the Sub-district of** Tavistock **in the** County of

| Columns :— 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, descri residence of in |
| 146 | Twelfth of July 1838 10 P.M. Whitchurch | William Wetheridge | male | 80 years | Farmer | natural decay | M. Northw<br>the Dau<br>Present a<br>death<br>West Stre<br>Tavisto |

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*Application Number* 2418G

**TRICT** Tavistock

rict of Tavistock **in the** County of Devon

| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| 80 years | Farmer | natural decay | M. Northway<br>the Daughter<br>Present at<br>death<br>West Street in<br>Tavistock | Fifteenth of July 1838 | Francis Adams Davis Registrar |

ified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

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*Application Number* 2418G

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Kingsbridge

1841. DEATH in the Sub-district of Westalvington in the County of Devon

| Columns:— 1<br>No. | 1<br>When and where died | 2<br>Name and surname | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Age | 5<br>Occupation | 6<br>Cause of death | 7<br>Signature, description, and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered | 9<br>Signature of registrar |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 312 | Thirtyfirst of December 1840 11 A.M. Parish of South Milton | Andrew Wetheridge | Male | 63 years | Agricultural Labourer | Disease of the Lungs | The mark of × Andrew Wetheridge Occupier South Milton | First of January 1841 | William Thomas Honey Registrar |

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## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Bristol

1840. DEATH in the Sub-district of Castle Precincts in the City and

| Columns :— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, descri residence of in |
| 472 | Sixteenth of January 1840 at St Peter's Hospital | Mary Ann Witheredge | Female | 56 years | Pauper | Pneumonia | Chas. M Occupi House S of St P Hospit |

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Application Number 2418G

TRICT Bristol

rict of Castle Precincts in the City and County of Bristol

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| Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| 56 years | Pauper | Pneumonia | Chas. Morgan Occupier House Steward of St Peter's Hospital | Eighteenth of January 1840 | Charles Attwood Registrar |

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ler the Seal of the said Office, the 30th day of June 1976.

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# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON.

Application Number 24185

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Birmingham

1838. DEATH in the Sub-district of All Saints Birmingham in the County of Warwick

| Columns :— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| 98 | 28th January George Street West Spring Hill | Betsy Witheridge | Female | 51 years | — | Cancer in the Womb | Thomas Witheridge Widower. Excise Officer. George Street West, Spring Hill present at Death | 1st February | John White Registrar |

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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 30th day of June 1976

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**DA** 620990

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## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON.

*Application Number* 2418G.

**REGISTRATION DISTRICT** Aston

1837. **DEATH** in the Sub-district of Duddeston & Nechells in the County of Warwick

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| Columns :— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| 143 | 30th November 1837 Lister Street Parish of Aston | Elizabeth Witheridge | Female | 36 years | Button maker | Dropsy | William Witheridge Widower Button Maker Lister Street | 4th December | John Goodall Registrar |

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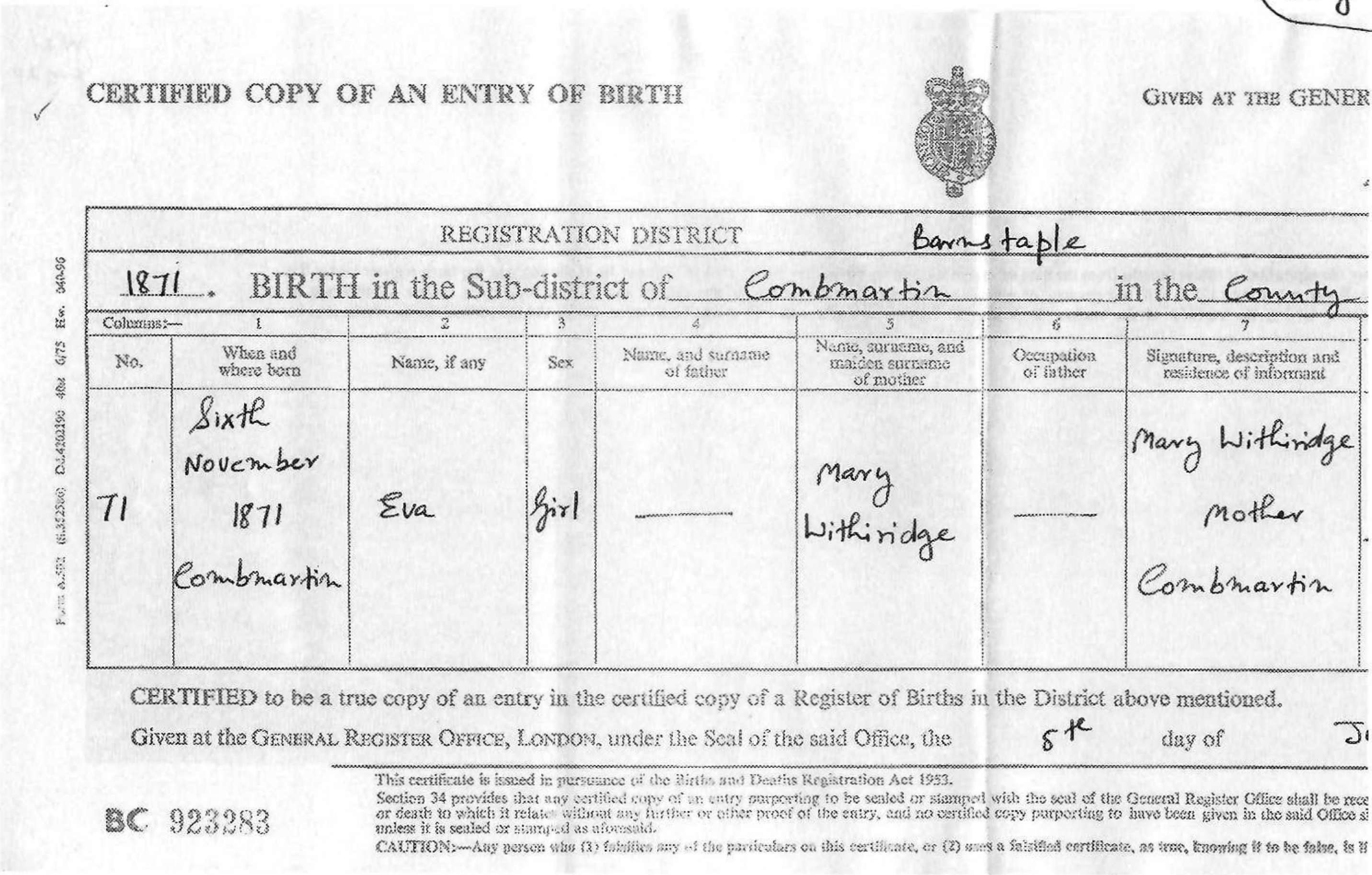

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| REGISTRATION DISTRICT | Barnstaple | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1871. BIRTH in the Sub-district of | Combmartin | in the County | | | | | |
| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant |
| 71 | Sixth November 1871 Combmartin | Eva | Girl | —— | Mary Withiridge | —— | Mary Withiridge<br>Mother<br>Combmartin |

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 5th day of J

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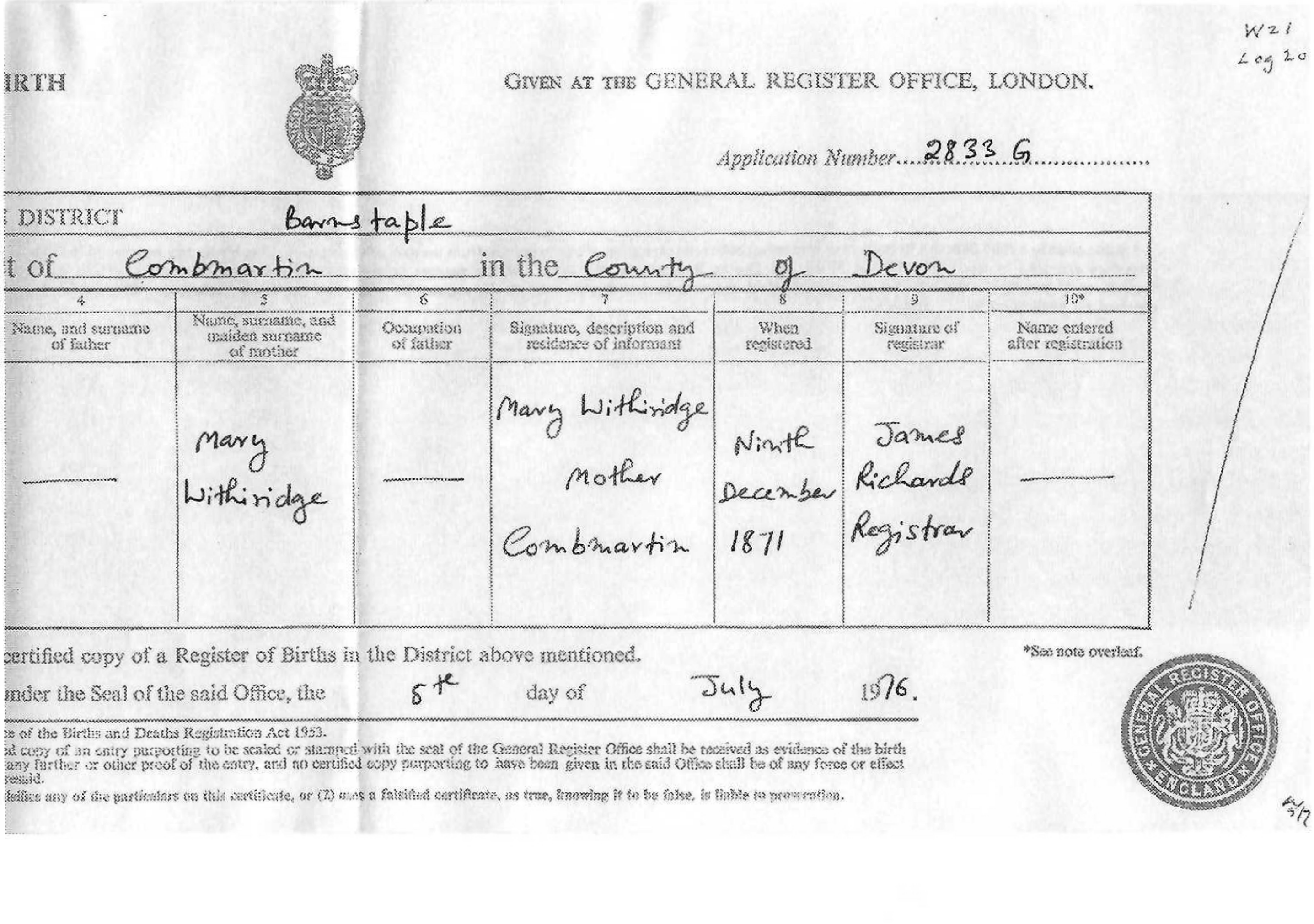

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*Application Number*.....2833 G.....

| DISTRICT | Barnstaple | | | | | |
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| t of | Combmartin | in the County | of Devon | | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10* |
| Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| —— | Mary Withiridge | —— | Mary Withiridge<br>Mother<br>Combmartin | Ninth December 1871 | James Richards<br>Registrar | —— |

certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

under the Seal of the said Office, the 5th day of July 1976.

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1849. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of

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| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant |
| 89 | Twelfth June 1849 Combmartin | Mary | Girl | — | Clara Blackmore | — | X The mark of Clara Blackmore Mother Combmartin |

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 5th day of July

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| Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| — | Clara Blackmore | — | X The mark of Clara Blackmore Mother Combmartin | Thirtieth June 1849 | John Watts Registrar | — |

certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

, under the Seal of the said Office, the 5th day of July 1976.

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1841. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| Columns:— 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| 446 | Twenty Seventh of April 1841 at Combmartin | James | Boy | John Witheridge<br>JPW512-16211 | Mary Witheridge formerly Handcock | Mason | Mary Witheridge Mother Combmartin | Eighth of May 1841 | John Watts Registrar | — |

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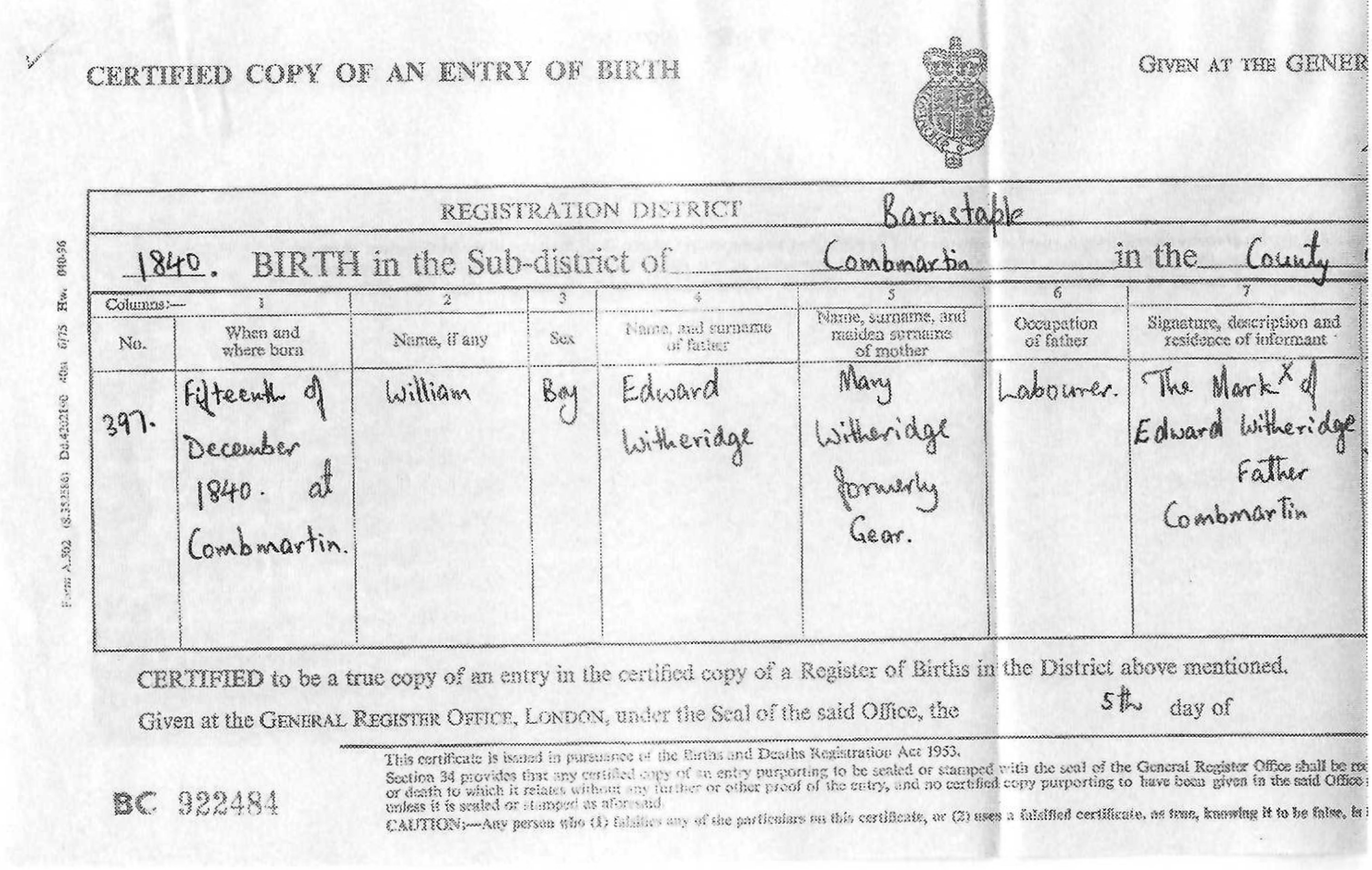

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1840. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant |
| 397. | Fifteenth of December 1840. at Combmartin. | William | Boy | Edward Witheridge | Mary Witheridge formerly Gear. | Labourer. | The Mark X of Edward Witheridge Father Combmartin |

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 5th day of

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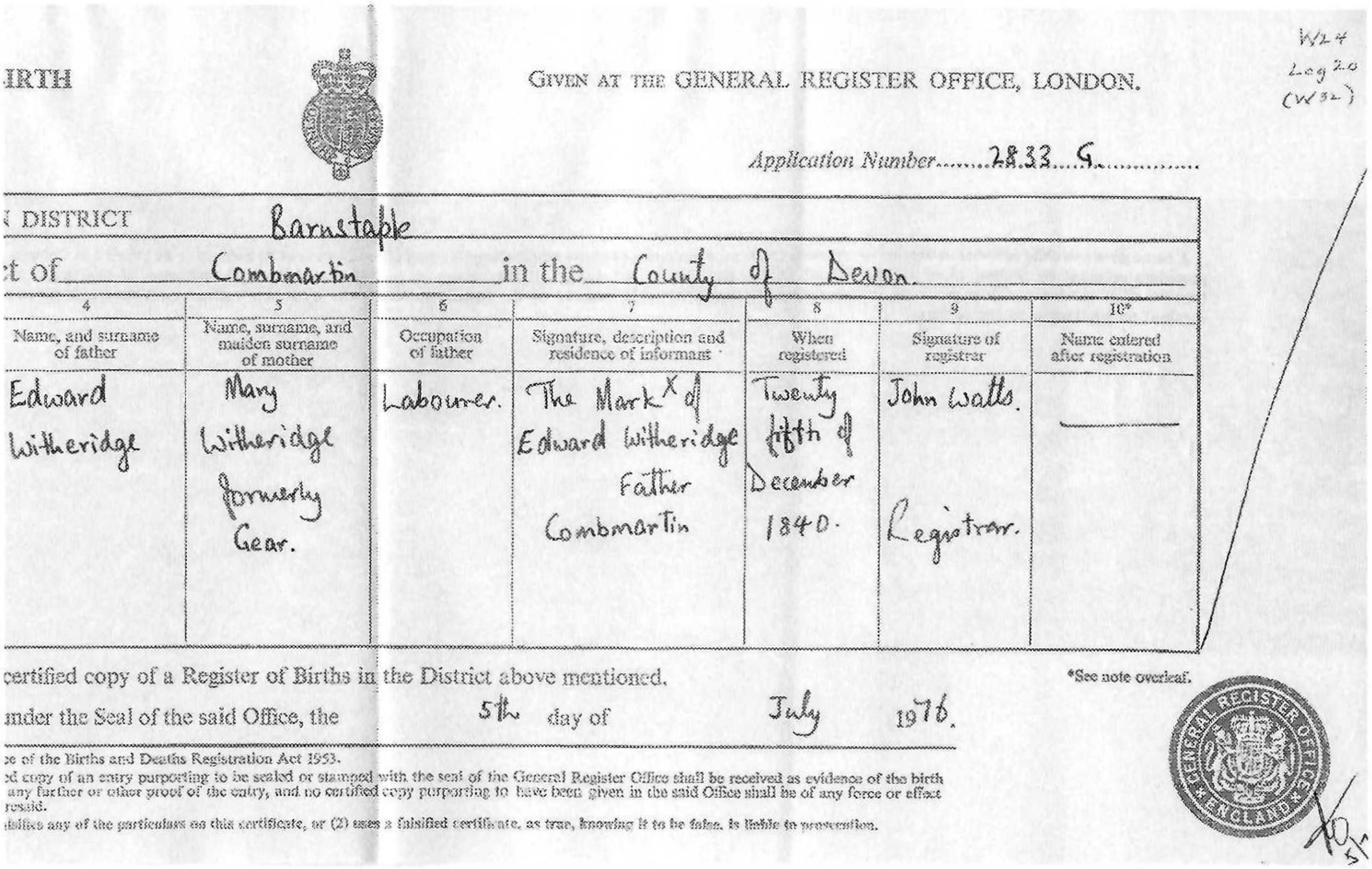

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| Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| Edward Witheridge | Mary Witheridge formerly Gear. | Labourer. | The Mark X of Edward Witheridge Father Combmartin | Twenty fifth of December 1840. | John Watts. Registrar. | ——— |

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under the Seal of the said Office, the 5th day of July 1976.

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1861. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of

| Columns:— No. | 1 When and where born | 2 Name, if any | 3 Sex | 4 Name, and surname of father | 5 Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 476. | Twentythird May 1861. Combmartin | Maria | Girl | John Witheridge.<br>JPW 16 | Clara Witheridge formerly Blackmore. | Farm Labourer. | X The Mark of Clara Witheridge Mother Combmartin. |

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rict of Combmartin in the County of Devon.

| 4 Name, and surname of father | 5 Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered | 9 Signature of registrar | 10* Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Witheridge.<br>JPW 16 | Clara Witheridge formerly Blackmore. | Farm Labourer. | X The Mark of Clara Witheridge Mother Combmartin. | First June 1861. | James Richards Registrar. | — |

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1838. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| Columns:— 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| 127 | Twenty Sixth of September 1838 at Combmartin | Susan | Girl | Edward Witheridge | Mary Witheridge formerly Gear | Labourer | The mark x of Edward Witheridge Father Combmartin | Eighth of October 1838 | John Watts Registrar | — |

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| REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple. | | | | | | |
| 1841. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Ilfracombe in the County | | | | | | |
| Columns:— 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description an residence of informant |
| 10. | Twenty third of January 1841. Ilfracombe. | George | Boy | George Witheridge. | Elizabeth Witheridge formerly Fry | Mariner | The Mark of Elizabeth Witheridge Mother Ilfracombe. |

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| f Ilfracombe in the County of Devon. | | | | | | |
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| eorge theridge. | Elizabeth Witheridge formerly Fry | Mariner | The Mark of Elizabeth Witheridge Mother Ilfracombe. | Twenty third of February 1841. | Geo. Coats. Registrar. | — |

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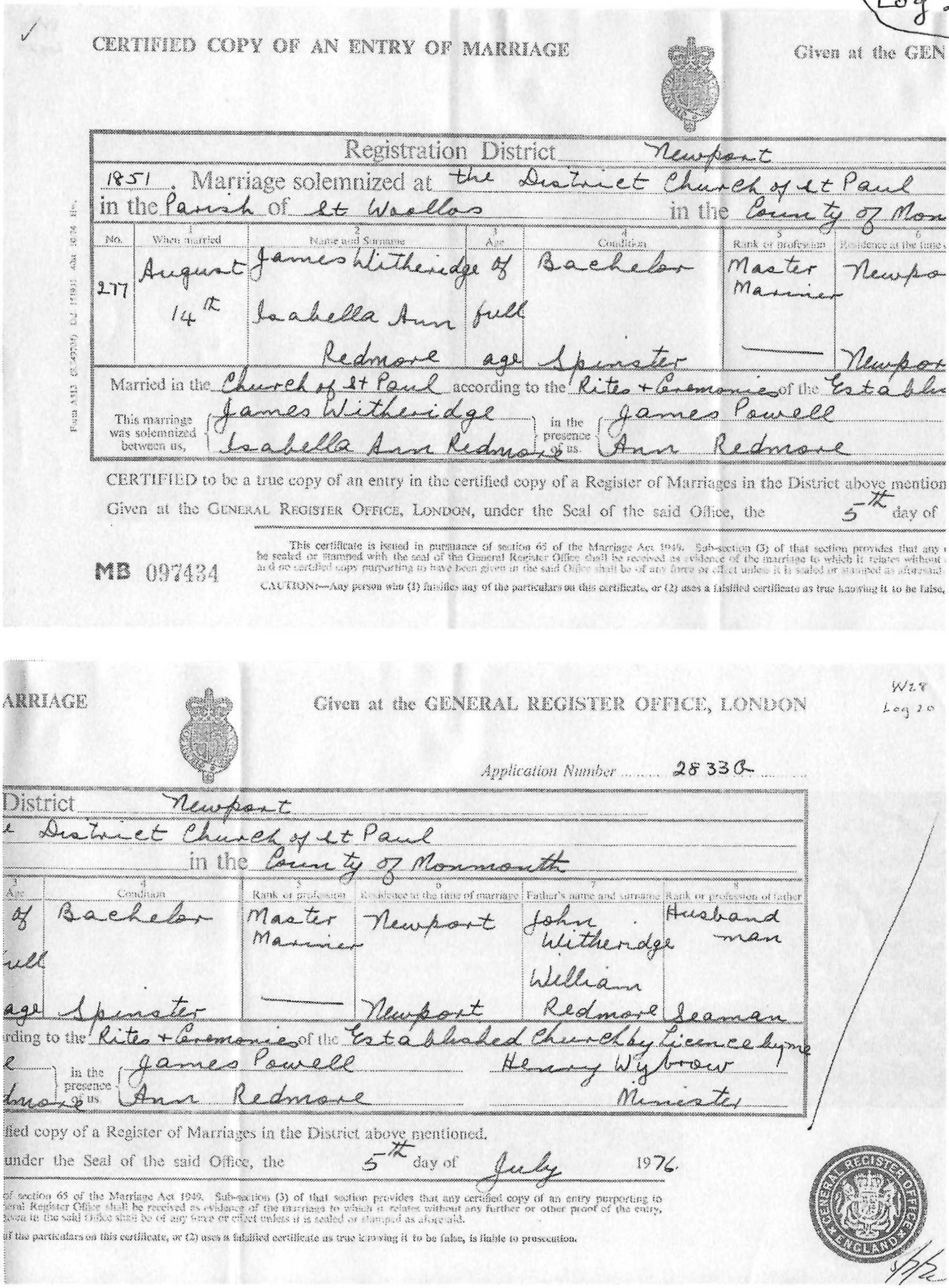

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## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number 28330

Registration District Newport

1851. Marriage solemnized at the District Church of St Paul in the Parish of St Woollos in the County of Monmouth

| No. | When married | Name and Surname | Age | Condition | Rank or profession | Residence at the time of marriage | Father's name and surname | Rank or profession of father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 277 | August 14th | James Witheridge | of full age | Bachelor | Master Mariner | Newport | John Witheridge | Husbandman |
| | | Isabella Ann Redmore | of full age | Spinster | — | Newport | William Redmore | Seaman |

Married in the Church of St Paul according to the Rites + Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by me

This marriage was solemnized between us, James Witheridge, Isabella Ann Redmore

in the presence of us, James Powell, Ann Redmore

Henry Wybrow Minister

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 5th day of July 1976.

**MB 097434**

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section (3) of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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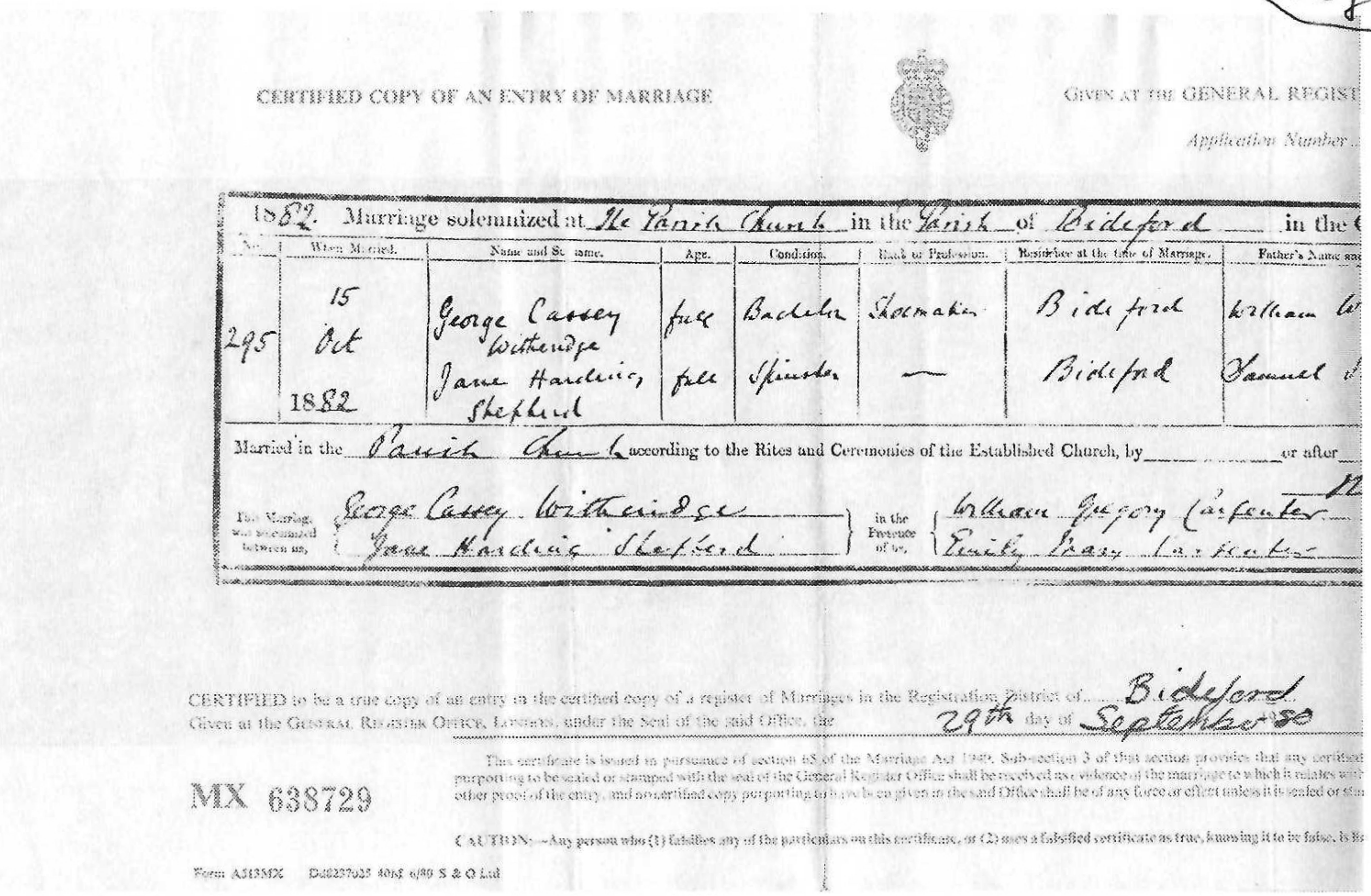

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGIST

Application Number

1882. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Bideford in the

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 295 | 15 Oct 1882 | George Cassey Witheridge | full | Bachelor | Shoemaker | Bideford | William W |
| | | Jane Harding Shepherd | full | Spinster | — | Bideford | Samuel S |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by ________ or after

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Cassey Witheridge / Jane Harding Shepherd — in the Presence of us, William Gregory Carpenter / Emily Mary Carpenter

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Bideford
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of September 1980

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section 3 of that section provides that any certificat purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates wit other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or sta

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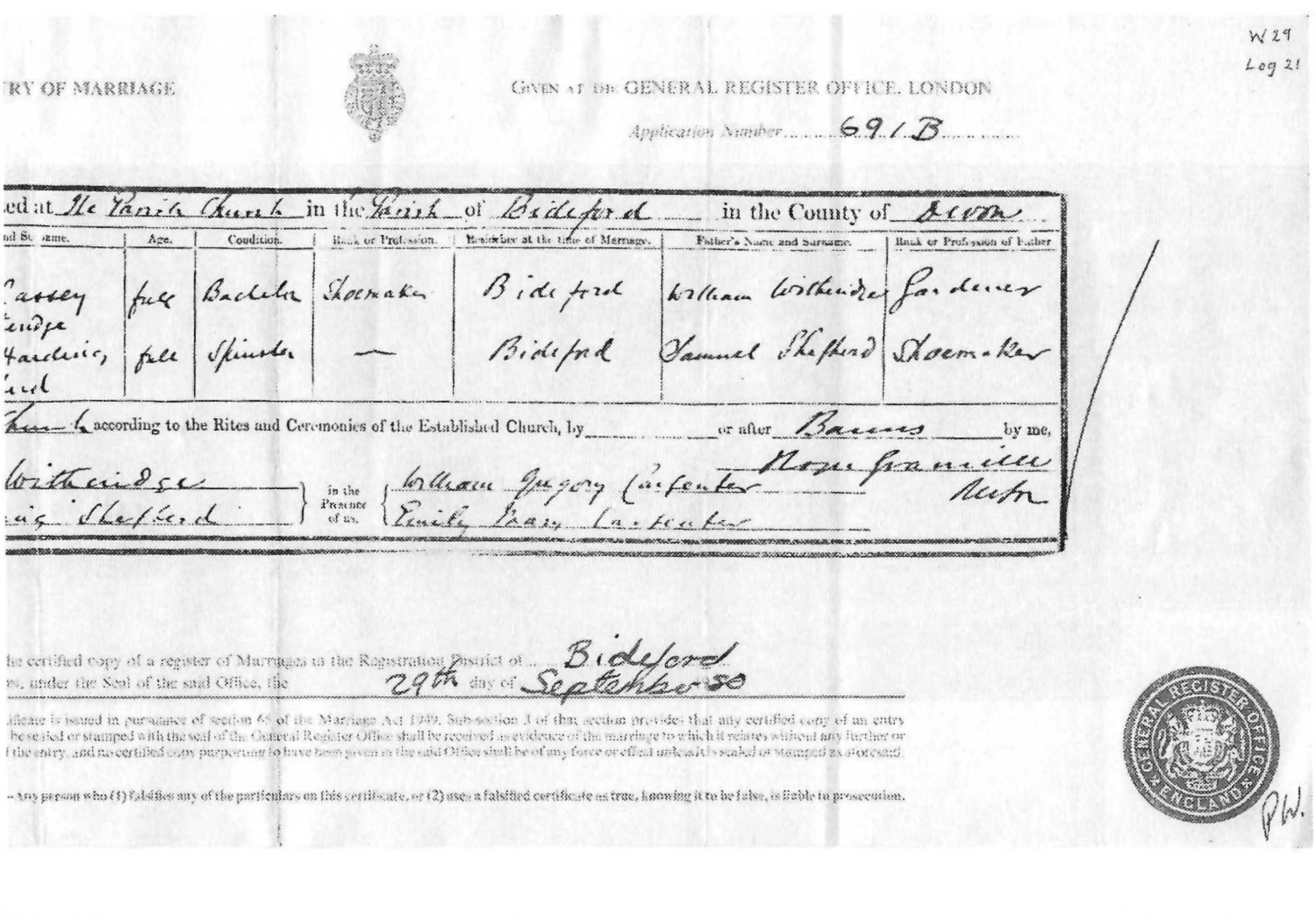

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GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number 691B

ed at the Parish Church in the Parish of Bideford in the County of Devon

| nd Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cassey<br>ridge | full | Bachelor | Shoemaker | Bideford | William Witheridge | Gardener |
| Harding,<br>herd | full | Spinster | — | Bideford | Samuel Shepherd | Shoemaker |

Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by ________ or after Banns by me,

Witheridge — in the Presence of us, William Gregory Carpenter — Roger Granville
ding Shepherd — Emily Mary Carpenter — Rector

he certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Bideford
e, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of September 1980

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## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1841. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Ilfracombe in the County

Form A 502 (S.369233) Dd. 534051 30M 1/78 Hw. 040-96

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant |
| 10 | Twenty third of January 1841 Ilfracombe | George | Boy | George Witheridge | Elizabeth Witheridge formerly Farry<br>or Fry? | Mariner | The mark of X Elizabeth Witheridge Mother Ilfracombe |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of Septem

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.
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Application Number 691 B

DISTRICT Barnstaple

of Ilfracombe in the County of Devon

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| ame, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| eorge itheridge | Elizabeth Witheridge formerly Farry<br>or Fry? | Mariner | The mark of X Elizabeth Witheridge Mother Ilfracombe | Twenty third of February 1841 | Geo Coats Registrar | — |

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# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Kingsbridge

1870. BIRTH in the Sub-district of West Alvington in the Count

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description an residence of informant |
| 3 | Twenty second August 1870 Salcombe Malborough | Charles | Boy | Andrew Witheridge | Elizabeth Witheridge formerly Hannaford | Gardener | Andrew Witheridge Father Salcombe Malborough |

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of Se

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DISTRICT Kingsbridge

of West Alvington in the County of Devon

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| Andrew itheridge | Elizabeth Witheridge formerly Hannaford | Gardener | Andrew Witheridge Father Salcombe Malborough | First September 1870 | Hy Nicholls Registrar | — |

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# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1840. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Comb Martin in the Count

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| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description a residence of informant |
| 397 | Fifteenth Of December 1840 at Combmartin | William | Boy | Edward Witheridge | Mary Witheridge formerly Gear | Labourer | The mark x o Edward Witherid Father Combmartin |

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**BC** 998545

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of Comb Martin in the County of Devon

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| ne, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| dward itharidge | Mary Witheridge formerly Gear | Labourer | The mark x of Edward Witheridge Father Combmartin | Twenty fifth of December 1840 | John Watts Registrar | — |

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## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

*The statutory fee for this certificate is 3s. 9d.*
*Where a search is necessary to find the entry,*
*a search fee is payable in addition.*

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Form A504X (S.12319) Wt.49328/49 20M 5/65 Hw.-RE-58

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1904 DEATH in the Sub-district of Lynton in the County of Devon

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description, and residence of informant | Wh regist |
| 238 | Twenty-seventh April 1904 Bray Town High Bray R.D. | William Witheridge | male | 60 years | Agricultural Labourer | Rheumatic Fever Cardiac Disease Calculus of Kidney Certified by W. H. Wigham M.B. | William J. Witheridge Son Present at the Death Bray Town High Bray | Second May 1904 |

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 10th day of October 19 6

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F DEATH

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

*Application Number* P.A.S. 107836/66/F/4

RATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

b-district of Lynton in the County of Devon

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| male | 60 years | Agricultural Labourer | Rheumatic Fever Cardiac Disease Calculus of Kidney Certified by W. H. Wigham M.B. | William J. Witheridge Son Present at the Death Bray Town High Bray | Second May 1904 | Henry Reed Registrar |

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# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

*The fee for this certificate is 8s. 0d. When application is made by post, a handling fee is payable in addition.*

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Form A513 (S.3118322) Dd.439853 25,000 5/69 Hw.-RE-59

Registration District Barnstaple

1879. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church
in the Parish of High Bray in the County of Devon

| No. | 1<br>When married | 2<br>Name and surname | 3<br>Age | 4<br>Condition | 5<br>Rank or profession | 6<br>Residence at the time of marri |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71. | March 29 | William Witheridge | 34 | Bachelor | Labourer | High Bray |
| | | Elizabeth Gibbs | 20. | Spinster | | High Bray |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Ch

This marriage was solemnized between us, The Mark of X William Witheridge, " X Elizabeth Gibbs in the presence of us, George Martin, Bessie Bawden

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of

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MARRIAGE

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

*Application Number* PAS 89437/69/2/1.

District Barnstaple

The Parish Church

in the County of Devon

| 3<br>Age | 4<br>Condition | 5<br>Rank or profession | 6<br>Residence at the time of marriage | 7<br>Father's name and surname | 8<br>Rank or profession of father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | Bachelor | Labourer | High Bray | Edward Witheridge | Labourer |
| 20. | Spinster | | High Bray | John Gibbs | Labourer |

ccording to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church of England by me

itheridge in the presence of us, George Martin W. J. Edmonds
Gibbs Bessie Bawden Rector

ertified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of August 1969

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**ARCHIVE RECORD**

Genealogical Data Husband

HUSBAND ✓ JOHN WITHERIDGE
Birth abt 1533 Place of Stoke Rivers, Devon, Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married 2 Oct 1558 Place Stoke Rivers, Devon, Eng.
¶Other Wives (If any)

Genealogical Data For Wife

WIFE ✓ JOAN SLEE
Birth abt 1537 Place of Stoke Rivers, Devon, Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡ Felice Slee ✓
¶Other Hus. (If any)

Where was information shown on family record obtained?
Par. reg. of Stoke
Rivers, Devon, Eng.
Personal research by the
patron

Family Representative:
Thomas Henry Heal

Name and address of person sub ting this sheet.
341 South 300 West
Provo, Utah

| Sex M F | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | WHEN BORN Day | Mo. | Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day | Mo. | Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet |
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Place of Stoke Rivers, Devon, Eng.
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Place Stoke Rivers, Devon, Eng.

Place of Stoke Rivers, Devon, Eng.
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Mother‡ Felice Slee ✓

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Rivers, Devon, Eng.
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Thomas Henry Heal

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
341 South 300 West
Provo, Utah

HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) John Witheridge 153
Wife Joan Slee

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 2 JUL 1960
Endowed 21 JUL 1960
rel il
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 2 JUL 1960
Endowed 21 JUL 1960
Sealed to Husband 8 DEC 60 SL
rel
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

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**HUSBAND** ✓ TOBY WITHERIDGE(WETHEREDGE)
Birth abt 1591 Place c. Uffculme, Devon.,Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married 16 Nov. 1616 Place Uffculme, Devon.,Eng.
§Other Wives (If any)

**WIFE** ✓ MARY TROUNCE
Birth abt 1595 Place of Uffculme, Devon.,Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
§Other Hus. (If any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Devon Parish Register
Gen R 942, 35
Pub. 1909 Vol 1

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Barrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Iva Chugg Bown
1338 East Mar Vista
Whittier , Calif.

Genealogical Data Husband
Genealogical Data For Wife

## ARCHIVE RECORD

| Sex M F | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | WHEN BORN Day | Mo. | Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day | Mo. | Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet |
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Hannah Chugg Barrett
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1338 East Mar Vista
Whittier , Calif.

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HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) Toby Witheridge 159
Wife Mary Trounce

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 31 OCT 1959
Endowed 26 FEB 1960
rel
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 31 OCT 1959
Endowed 15 APR 1960
Sealed to Husband 15 NOV 1960 LA
rel 11
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

| BAPTIZED (Date) | ENDOWED (Date) | SEALED To Parents Date & Temple |
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**HUSBAND** ✓ ANTHONY WITHERIDGE
Birth abt 1576 Place of Plymouth, Devon.,Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married 5 May 1603 Place St. Andrews, Plymouth, Devon.,Eng.
‡Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown family record obtained?
Devon Parish Register
Gen R. 942-35
Pub 1909 Vol 1

**WIFE** ✓ FAITH SMALL
Birth abt 1582 Place of Plymouth, Devon.,Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
‡Other Hus. (if any)

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Barrett
Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Iva Chugg Bown
1338 East Mar Vista
Whittier, Calif.

Genealogical Data For Husband
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Place St. Andrews, Plymouth, Devon.,Eng.

Place of Plymouth, Devon.,Eng.
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Gen R. 942-35
Pub 1909 Vol 1

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Barrett
Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
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1338 East Mar Vista
Whittier, Calif.

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HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) Anthony Witheridge 157
Wife Faith Small

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 31 OCT 1959
Endowed 26 FEB 1960
rel
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 31 OCT 1959
Endowed 15 APR 1960
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When applicable indicate which child is ancestor of Family Representative by placing "X" in front of name. Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side.

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# ARCHIVE RECORD

Genealogical Data For Husband

**HUSBAND** ✓ THOMAS WITHERIDGE
Birth abt 1609 Place of Plymouth, Devon.,Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married 26 Nov. 1634 Place St. Andrews, Plymouth, Devon.,Eng.
‡Other Wives (if any)

Genealogical Data For Wife

**WIFE** ✓ MARY STOCKMAN
Birth abt 1613 Place of Plymouth, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
‡Other Hus. (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Devon Parish Register
Gen R 942, 35
Pub 1909 Vol 1

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Perrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Iva Chugg Rown
1338 East Mar Vista
Whittier, Calif.

| Sex M F | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | WHEN BORN Day | Mo. | Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day | Mo. | Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates Reverse Side of Sheet |
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Place of Plymouth, Devon.,Eng.
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Place St. Andrews, Plymouth, Devon.,Eng.

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Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Devon Parish Register
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Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Perrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet.
Iva Chugg Rown
1338 East Mar Vista
Whittier, Calif.

HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) Thomas Witheridge 1609
Wife Mary Stockman

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 31 OCT 1959
Endowed 26 FEB 1960
rel
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 31 OCT 1959
Endowed 15 APR 1960
Sealed to Husband 15 NOV 1960 LA
rel 11
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

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A.) When applicable indicate which child is ancestor of Family Representative by placing "X" in front of name.

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side.

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# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number 6918

Registration District of Plymouth

1861. Marriage solemnized at the Ebenezer Methodist Chapel Saltash Street in the District of Plymouth in the County of Devon

| No. | When married | Name and Surname | Age | Condition | Rank or profession | Residence at the time of marriage | Father's name and surname | Rank or profession of father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | Eighteenth August 1861 | George Witheridge | 21 years | Bachelor | Sail maker | 8 Ziny Street Plymouth | William Witheridge | Master Mariner |
| | | Dorcas Hammett | 21 years | Spinster | — | 12 Windsor Terrace Plymouth | Henry Hammett | Hair Dresser |

Married in the Ebenezer Methodist Chapel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Methodists by me

This marriage was solemnized between us, George Witheridge, Dorcas Hammett

in the presence of us, × The mark of Susan Witheridge, Henry Reeves

Jno. Walter Wes. Minister

Henry H. Heydon Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of September 1980.

MB 232133

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section (3) of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

CAUTION:—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

Form A513 53751 Dd 605031 35m 8/79 Hw.

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W42(b)

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
George Witheridge (a)(e)*
Father's Name:
William Witheridge (g)###
Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1840 (g) | |
| Marriage | Aug. 18, 1861 | Plymouth, Devon (g)*** |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:
Devonport, 1898 (d)**
Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Dorcas (e)(g) Hammett (g)
Father's Name:
Henry Hammett (g)#### (French?) (e)
Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1840 (g) | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:
Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) Order?

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (9) 1 | Henrietta (b)(c)## | Birth | Feb. 5, 1862 | Kingsbridge, Devon (c) |
| | Married to | Marriage | ———— (b) | |
| | ———— (b) | Death | | |
| 2 | Henry Beauchamp (a) | Birth | Mar. 5, 1884 | Morrice Town, Devon (a) |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | Elizabeth Munro (a) | Death | Jan. 26, 1951 | Llanelli, Dyfed, Wales (a)<br>65 Albert Road |
| 3 | Dorcas Mary (b)(~~d~~)(h) | Birth | Sept. 30, 1875 | Morice Town, Tamar, Devon (h) |
| (6) | Married to | Marriage | Feb. 6, 1898 | Devonport, Devon (d)### |
| | James Elias Cole (b)(d)# | Death | | |
| (2) 4 | [son] (a)*** | Birth | 1864 | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| (3) 5 | [son] (a)*** | Birth | 1867 | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| (4) 6 | [son] (a)*** | Birth | 1870 | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| (5) 7 | [son] (a)*** | Birth | 1872 | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| (7) 8 | [son] (a)*** | Birth | 1878 | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| (8) 9 | Mabel Lilian (f) | Birth | 1881 half-sister to Henry B. (f) | [illegible] |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | Paradise (f) | Death | | |
| 10 | | Birth | | |
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see Plymouth

see Kingsbridge 1881 census for place of birth of George's Dorcas.

1881 census

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(a) Inf. from Lt. Col. George Witheridge

(b) Inf. from Lilian Hookway

(c) Parish Reg. of St. Edmund Parish, Kingsbridge
Kingsbridge Parish Reg. (Devon Record Off., 8/22/80)

(d) Marriage cert. of James and Dorcas Cole (From Philip Hookway)

(e) Inf. from Elizabeth Couldrey

(f) Inf. from Lily May

(g) Mar. cert. of George Witheridge + Dorcas Hammett (St. Catherine's House)

(h) Birth cert. of Dorcas Mary Witheridge (St. Catherine's House)

* Sailmaker in 1898 (d) and in 1862 (c) [Chandler] and in 1861 (g)
** Address Feb. 6, 1898: 2 Richmond Walk, Devonport (d)
*** Went to U.S.A. after service in British Navy (a)
**** Mar. in Ebenezer Meth Chapel, Saltash Street, Plymouth, in presence of Susan Witheridge + Henry Reeves (g)
# Mechanical engineer (d)

## "Went to London and made her home with people who employed her all her life in their shop." (b)

### Married in Stoke Damerel District Register Office by certificate before
Thomas G. Boulden, Registrar - 19, St. Aubyn, Devonport.
Witnesses: G. Witheridge and P. P. Luckhurst (d)

#### Master mariner (g)
##### Hair dresser (g)

# ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Wither

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

George Witheridge (a) ~~(c)~~ *

Father's Name:

William Witheridge (g) ###

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1840 (g) | |
| Marriage | Aug. 18, 1861 - Plymouth, Devon (g) **** | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Devonport, 1898 (d) **

Other Wives:

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Birth c. 18

Death

Other Place

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CHILDREN (Full Given Names) Order?

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| | ———— (b) | Death | | |
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| | Married to | Marriage | | |
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| | Married to | Marriage | Feb. 6, 1898 - D | |
| | James Elias Cole (b)(d) # | Death | | |
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| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
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⑥ Married to Marriage Feb. 6, 1898 – D
James Elias Cole (b)(d)# Death

② 4 [son] (a)*** Birth 1864
Married to Marriage
Death

③ 5 [son] (a)*** Birth 1867
Married to Marriage
Death

④ 6 [son] (a)*** Birth 1870
Married to Marriage
Death

⑤ 7 [son] (a)*** Birth 1872
Married to Marriage
Death

⑦ 8 [son] (a)*** Birth 1878
Married to Marriage
Death

⑧ 9 Mabel Lilian (f) Birth 1881 not older to
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Married to Marriage
Death

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Surname Witheridge Family No. ________

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

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Dorcas (c) (g) Hammett (g)

Father's Name:

#

Henry Hammett (g) #### (French?) (e)

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1840 (g) | |
| Death | | |

von (g)****

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

see Plymouth

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| | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | Feb. 5, 1862 | - Kingsbridge, Devon (c) |
| Marriage | ———— | (b) |
| Death | | |

see Kingsbridge 1861 Census. for place of birth of George + Dorcas.

| | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | Mar. 5, 1884 | - Morrice Town, Devon (e) |
| Marriage | | |
| Death | Jan. 26, 1951 - | Llanelli, Dyfed, Wales (a)<br>65 Albert Road |

| | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | Sept. 30, 1875 | - Morice Town, Tamar, Devon (h) - 1881 Census |
| Marriage | Feb. 6, 1898 | - Devonport, Devon (d) ### |
| Death | | |

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Marriage
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Birth Sept. 30, 1875 - Morice Town, Tamar, Devon (h) - 1881 census
Marriage Feb. 6, 1898 - Devonport, Devon (d) ###
Death

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Marriage
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Death

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Marriage
Death

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Birth not older to Henry B. (f) lived in China
Marriage
Death

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Birth
Marriage
Death

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[illegible] 10 yrs old
[illegible]
[illegible] (Admiralty St.

10 Ocean St., Devonport

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Witnesses: G. Witheridge and F. P. Luckhurst (d)

#### Master mariner (g)

##### Hair dresser (g)

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**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH**

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App

Form A 502 (S.369233) Dd. 534051 30m 1/78 Hw. 040-96

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Stoke Damerel

1875. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Tamar in the County c

| Columns:— No. | 1 When and where born | 2 Name, if any | 3 Sex | 4 Name, and surname of father | 5 Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 181 | Thirtieth September 1875 65 Albert road | Dorcas Mary | Girl | George Witheridge | Dorcas Mary Witheridge formerly Hammett | Sailmaker | G. Witheridge Father 65 Albert road Morice Town |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of Sep

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.
Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received
or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall
unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.
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**BC 998562**

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F BIRTH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON.

Application Number 691B

ION DISTRICT Stoke Damerel

trict of Tamar in the County of Devon

| 4 Name, and surname of father | 5 Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered | 9 Signature of registrar | 10* Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Witheridge | Dorcas Mary Witheridge formerly Hammett | Sailmaker | G. Witheridge Father 65 Albert road Morice Town | Ninth November 1875 | T.D. Littleton Registrar | — |

*See note overleaf.

the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

ON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of September 1980.

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GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE ENGLAND

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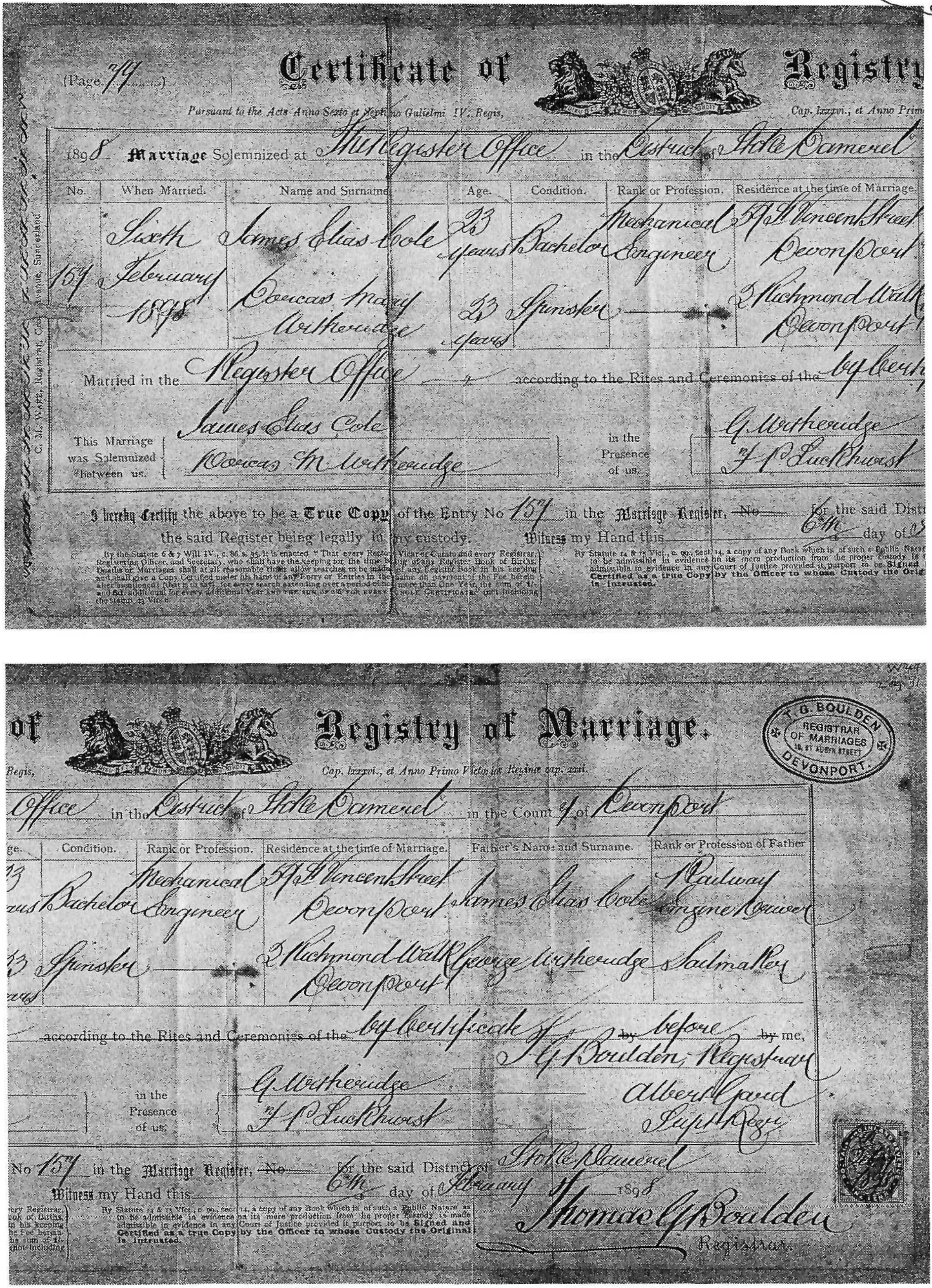

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# Certificate of Registry of Marriage.

*Pursuant to the Acts Anno Sexto et Septimo Gulielmi IV. Regis, Cap. lxxxvi., et Anno Primo Victoriæ Reginæ cap. xxii.*

T. G. BOULDEN
REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES
10, ST AUBYN STREET
DEVONPORT.

1898 **Marriage** Solemnized at The Register Office in the District of Stoke Damerel in the County of Devonport

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 157 | Sixth February 1898 | James Elias Cole | 23 years | Bachelor | Mechanical Engineer | 59 St Vincent Street Devonport | James Elias Cole | Railway Engine Driver |
| | | Dorcas Mary Witheridge | 23 years | Spinster | — | 2 Richmond Walk Devonport | George Witheridge | Sailmaker |

Married in the Register Office ~~according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the~~ by certificate ~~by~~ before ~~by~~ me,

This Marriage was Solemnized between us, James Elias Cole, Dorcas M Witheridge

in the Presence of us, G Witheridge, F P Luckhurst

T G Boulden, Registrar
Albert Gard
Supt Regr

I hereby Certify the above to be a **True Copy** of the Entry No 157 in the Marriage Register, ~~No~~ for the said District of Stoke Damerel the said Register being legally in my custody. Witness my Hand this 6th day of February 1898

Thomas G Boulden
Registrar.

By the Statute 6 & 7 Will IV., c. 86, s. 35, it is enacted "That every Rector, Vicar or Curate and every Registrar, Registering Officer, and Secretary, who shall have the keeping for the time being of any Register Book of Births, Deaths or Marriages shall at all reasonable times allow searches to be made of any Register Book in his keeping and shall give a Copy Certified under his hand of any Entry or Entries in the same on payment of the Fee herein after mentioned; (that is to say), for every search extending over a period of not more than One Year, the sum of 1/- and 6d. additional for every additional Year and the sum of 2/6 for every single Certificate" (not including the stamp 23 Vict.)

By Statute 14 & 15 Vict., c. 99, sect. 14, a copy of any Book which is of such a Public Nature as to be admissible in evidence on its mere production from the proper custody is made admissible in evidence in any Court of Justice provided it purport to be **Signed and Certified as a true Copy by the Officer to whose Custody the Original is Intrusted.**

C. M. Ware, Registrar, Co[illegible]venue, Sunderland

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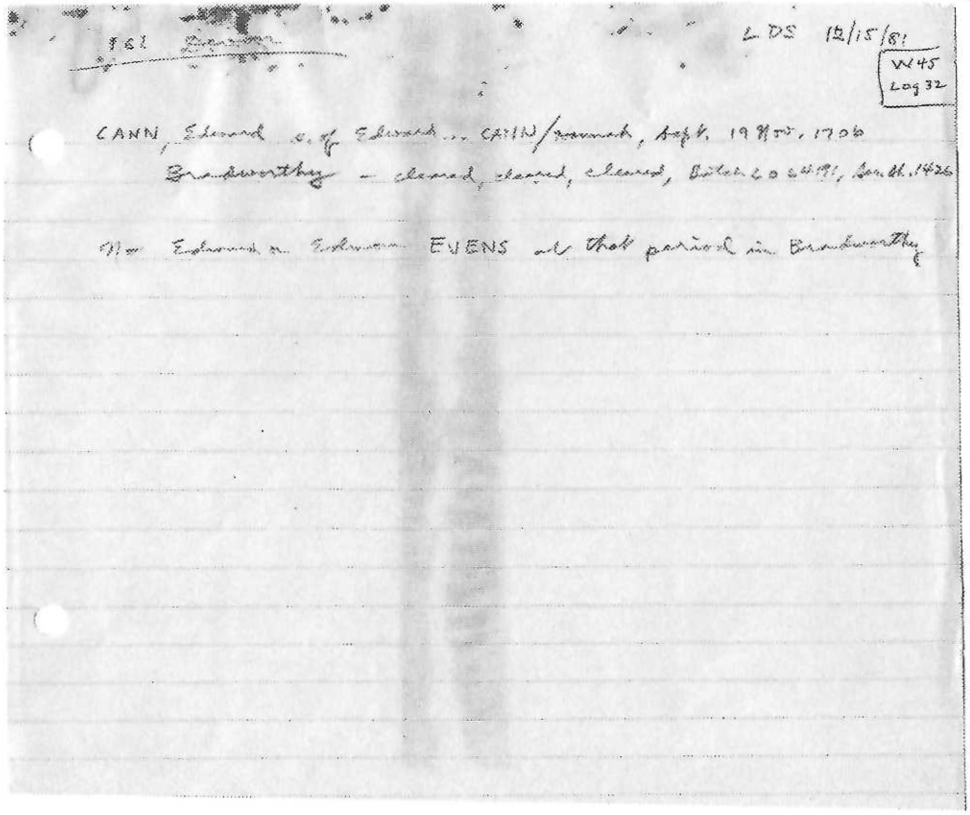
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CANN, Edward s. of Edward ... CANN/Hannah, bapt. 19 Nov. 1706
Bradworthy – cleared, cleared, cleared, Batch C0 54191, Ser. H. 1426

No Edward or Edmon EVENS at that period in Bradworthy

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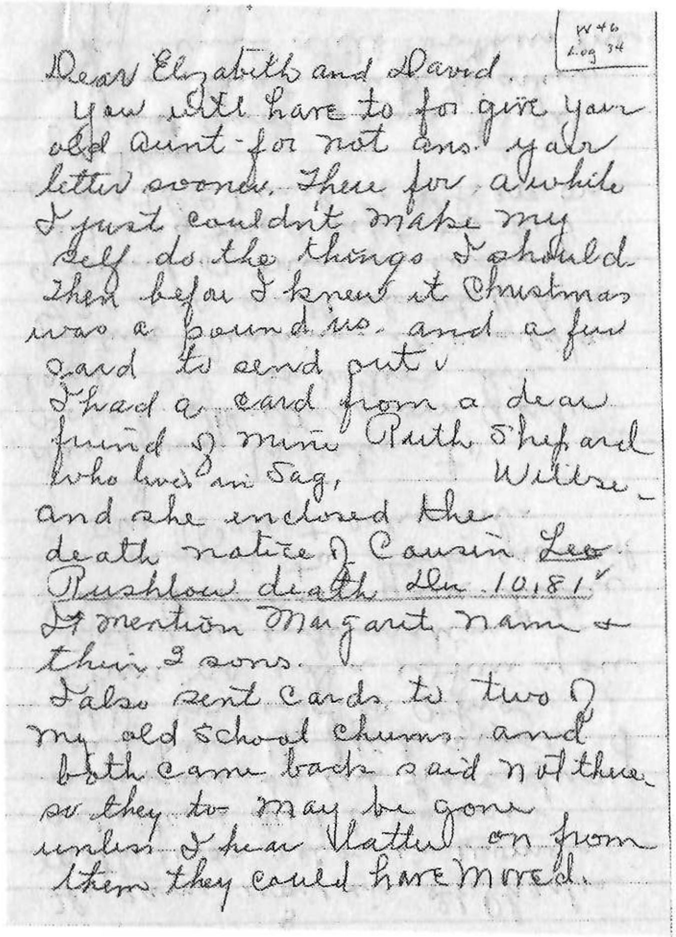
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Dear Elizabith and David.
You will have to for give your
old aunt for not ans. your
letter sooner. There for awhile
I just couldn't make my
self do the things I should
Then befor I knew it Christmas
was a pound us. and a few
card to send out.
I had a card from a dear
friend of mine Ruth Shepard
who lives in Sag, Willse –
and she enclosed the
death notice of Cousin Leo
Rushlow death Dec. 10, 81
It mention Margaret name &
their 2 sons.
I also sent cards to two of
my old School chums and
both came back said not there
so they to may be gone
unless I hear latter on from
them they could have moved.

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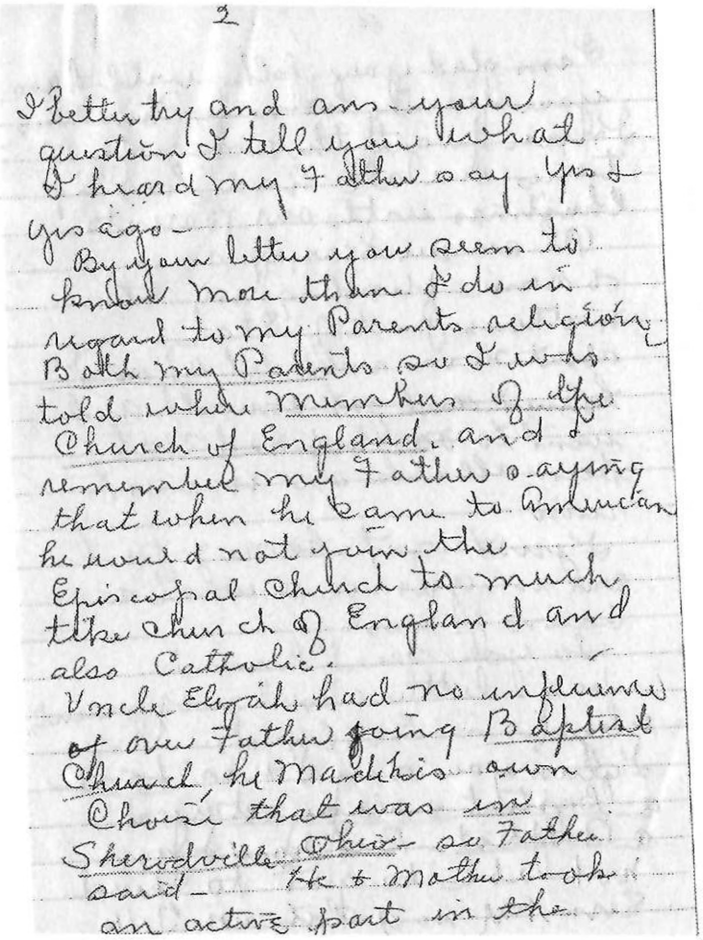

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I better try and ans- your
question I tell you what
I heard my Father say yrs +
yrs ago-
By your letter you seem to
know more than I do in
regard to my Parents religion.
Both my Parents so I was
told where members of the
Church of England. and I
remember my Father saying
that when he came to American
he would not join the
Episcopal Church to much
like Church of England and
also Catholic.
Uncle Elijah had no influence
of our Father going Baptist
Church he Made his own
Choice that was in
Sherodville Ohio- so Father
said- He + Mother took
an active part in the

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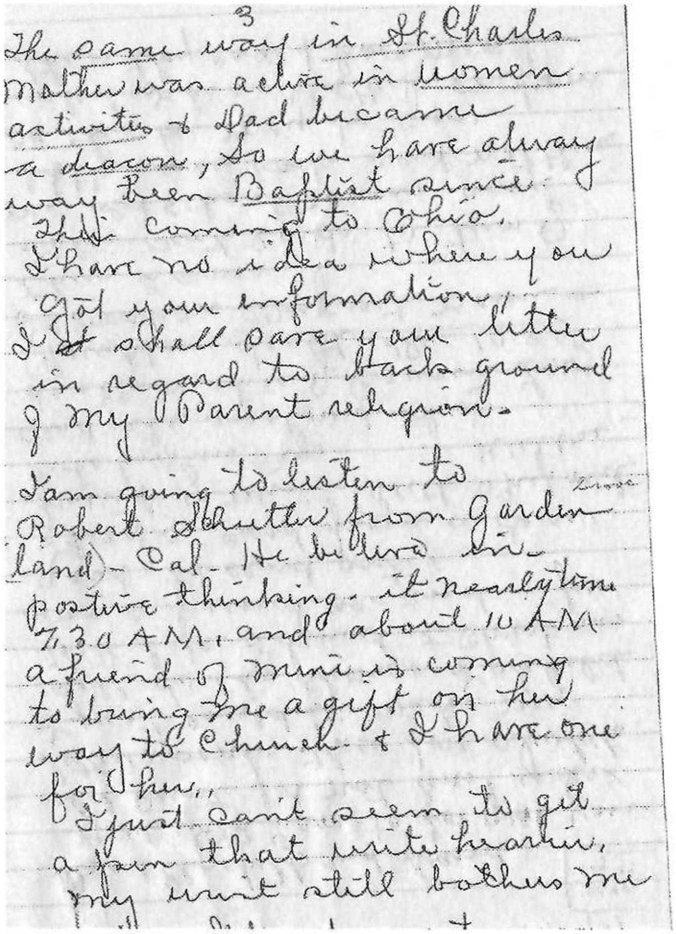

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The same way in St. Charles
Mother was active in women
activities + Dad became
a deacon, So we have alway
way been Baptist since
their coming to Ohio.
I have no idea where you
got your information,
I ~~I~~ shall save your letter
in regard to back ground
of my Parent religion.

I am going to listen to Grove
Robert Schuller from Garden
land)- Cal. He believe in
postive thinking. it nearly time
7.30 AM. and about 10 AM
a friend of mine is coming
to bring me a gift on her
way to Church + I have one
for her,,
I just cant seem to get
a pen that write hardier,
my writ still bothers me ← when I try to write.

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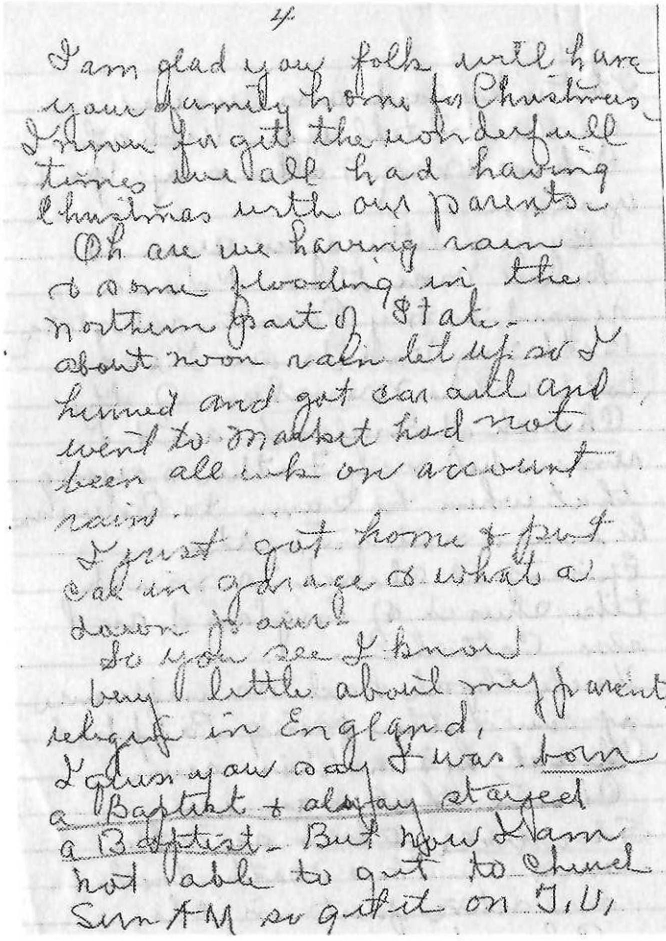

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I am glad you folks will have
your family home for Christmas
I know forgit the wonderfull
times we all had having
Christmas with our parents.
Oh are we having rain
& some flooding in the
northern part of State.
about noon rain let up so I
hurried and got car out and
went to market had not
been all wk on account
rain.
I just got home & put
car in garage & what a
down pour!
So you see I know
very little about my parents
religion in England,
I guess you say I was born
a Baptist & alway stayed
a Baptist. But now I am
not able to get to Church
Sun AM so get it on T.V.

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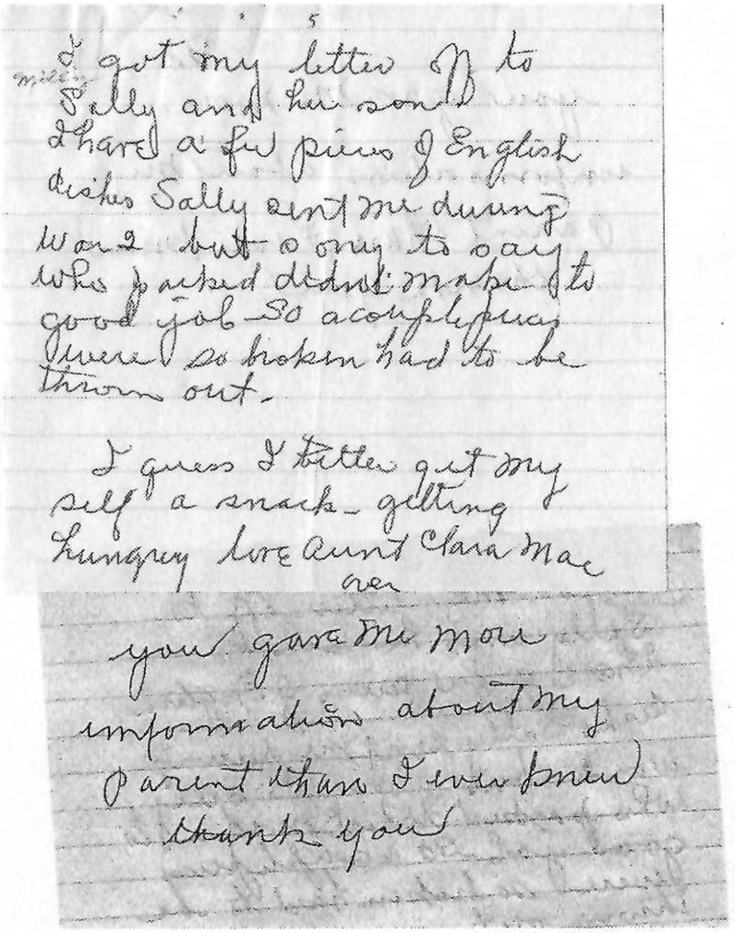
DEW's
note:
Milly



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Milly

I got my letter off to
Sally and her son.
I have a few pieces of English
dishes Sally sent me during
War 2 but I am sorry to say
who packed didn't make too
good job. So a couple pieces
were so broken had to be
thrown out.

I guess I better get my
self a snack - getting
hungry love Aunt Clara Mae
over

you gave me more
information about my
parent than I ever knew
thank you

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# D O C U M E N T S   C A L E N D A R

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ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER |
|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge entry in 1851 census of Bradworthy, Devon, LDS microfilm | | Log 45<br>1981 | W47 |
| Inf. from Celia [Kim] Cook in London about Witheridge families in Bradworthy, Devon | | Log 46<br>1981 | W48 |
| Archive Record, James + Joan Witheridge, 1599, Ilfracombe, Devon (LDS Salt Lk. City) | | Log 55<br>1974 | W49 |
| Archive Record, Nathaniel Witheridge + Emma Eastaway, 1647, Ilfracombe, (LDS Salt Lk. City) | | Log 55<br>1974 | W50 |
| Archive Record, Nicholas + Hannah Witheridge, 1688, Ilfracombe, Devon (LDS Salt Lk. City) | | Log 55<br>1974 | W51 |
| Archive Record, Nicholas + Margaret Witheridge, 1688, Ilfracombe, Devon (LDS Salt Lk. City) | | Log 55<br>1974 | W52 |
| Archive Record, William Witheridge + Alice Grimshear, 1778, Ilfracombe (LDS Salt Lk. City) | | Log 55<br>1974 | W53 |
| Archive Record, Francis Witheridge + Ann Eastaway, 1779, Ilfracombe (LDS Salt Lk. City) | | Log 55<br>1974 | W54 |
| Mar. cert. of John Witheridge + Maryann Burgess, Combe Martin, May 7, 1859 | | Log 82<br>1/29/82 | W55 |
| Birth cert. of Beauchamp Henry Witheridge, Mar. 5, 1884, son of George + Dorcas, Morice Town, Devon | | Log 82<br>1/29/82 | W56 |
| Mar. cert. of Jacob Thomas Witheridge + Charlotte Caroline Hardwick, June 29, 1876, St. James Barwell | | Log 82<br>1/29/82 | W57 |
| Death cert. of George Cawsey Witheridge, Aug. 21, 1931, No. St. Pancras, London | | Log 82<br>1/29/82 | W58 |
| Death cert. of George Witheridge, June 4, 1913, Devonport | | Log 82<br>1/29/82 | W59 |
| Birth cert. of William John, son of Mary Witheridge, Combe Martin, Apr. 7, 1873 [same as W13-Log 18] | | Log 82<br>1/29/82 | W60 |
| Birth cert. of William Witheridge, son of Edward + Mary (Geen), Dec. 15, 1840, Combe Martin [see W24 + W32] | | Log 82<br>1/29/82 | W61 |
| Mar. cert. of Matthew John Chapman + Mahala Witheridge, Dec. 25, 1871, Plymouth | | Log 82<br>1/29/82 | W62 |

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# DOCUMENTS CALENDAR

ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER |
|---|---|---|---|
| Death cert. of George Witheridge, Feb. 8, 1929, East Dulwich (near London) | | Log 82<br>1/29/82 | W63 |
| Archive Record, William Witheridge + Abigail Clogg, 1754, Combe Martin, Devon (LDS, Salt Lk. City) | | Log 83<br>1974 | W64 |
| Birth cert. of Geo. Causey Witheridge, son of Geo. Causey + Mary Ann (Bussell) May 11, 1858 (Harry Witheridge) | | Log 89<br>1980 | W65 [same as W70] |
| Birth cert. of Geo. Henry Witheridge, son of George Causey Witheridge + Margaret Rumsey, Sept. 14, 1884, [Nat. Health Ins. act., from Harry Witheridge] | | Log 89<br>1980 | W66 |
| Birth cert. of Sarah Amy Warren, June 1, 1885, from Harry Witheridge | | Log 89<br>1980 | W67 |
| Mar. cert. of Geo. Henry Witheridge + Sarah Amy Warren, Dec-25, 1907, St. Pancras, from Harry Witheridge | | Log 89<br>1980 | W68 |
| Death cert. of Sarah Amy Witheridge, Mar. 1, 1988, London, from Harry Witheridge | | Log 89<br>1980 | W69 |
| Birth cert. of Geo. Causey Witheridge, son of Geo. Causey + Mary Ann, May 11, 1858 (Harry Witheridge) | | Log 90<br>12/17/81 | W70 [same as W65] |
| Entries from 1861 Census of Devonport, East Stonehouse, Stoke Damerel, LDS Lib. | | Log 91<br>2/8/82 | W71 |
| Entries from 1871 Census of Wednesbury, Staffs., LDS Lib. | | Log 92<br>2/8/82 | W72 |
| Letter 2/25/82 from John James, Vancouver, B.C., giving his Witheridge ancestry. My reply 3/5/82 showing how our families tie together | | Log 118<br>2/25/82 | W73<br>John James file |
| Letter 3/7/82 to Barnstaple Dist. Reg. Off. for birth cert. of Jacob Witheridge, 1850; also reply | | Log 119<br>3/7/82 | W74 |
| Letter 3/7/82 To Malcolm Witheridge, Marazion, Cornwall, about his ancestry | | Log 120<br>3/7/82 | W75 |
| Birth Cert. of Jacob Witheridge, Aug. 3, 1850, son of Thomas + Jane (Thomas) Witheridge, Ilfracombe (Barnstaple Dist. Reg. Off.) | | Log 119<br>3/18/82 | W76 |

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# DOCUMENTS CALENDAR

ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

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| Inf. on Pitts Deep<br>of British Isles | (S. Hants.) from Gazetteer | Log 132<br>3/9/82 | W77 |
| Witheridge entries from Buckland Brewer<br>Index of Christenings (LDS) | | Log 134<br>8/3/81 | W78 |
| Witheridge entries from Dolton, Devon,<br>Index of Marriages (LDS) | | Log 135<br>8/6/81 | W79 |
| Witheridge entries from Upottery, Devon,<br>Index of Marriages (LDS) | | Log 136<br>8/6/81 | W80 |
| Witheridge entries from Bishop's Tawton,<br>Devon, Index of Christenings (LDS) | | Log 137<br>8/3/81 | W81 |
| Witheridge entries from Alwington, Devon,<br>Index of Christenings (LDS) | | Log 138<br>8/6/81 | W82 |
| Witheridge entries from 1851 Census of<br>Abbottsham, Devon (LDS) | | Log 139<br>1981 | W83 |
| Witheridge entries from Devon Lay Subsidy<br>Rolls, 1524-7, T. L. Stoate, ed. | | Log 140<br>1981 | W84 |
| Witheridge entries in Staffordshire<br>from Int. Gen. Index (LDS) | | Log 141<br>1981 | W85 |
| Letter from Beth Norman, Lk. Crystal, Minn., about<br>Witheridge Farm in Somerset. Reply 5/30/82 | | Log 169<br>5/17/82 | W86 |
| Birth Cert. of George Witheridge (b. Apr. 16, 1840), son<br>of Wm. + Mary (Ralph), St. Cath. House | | Log 171<br>9/30/80 | W87 |
| Marriage License-Certificate of Thomas F. Witheridge<br>& Virginia M. Sellack (6/5/82), Evanston, Ill. | | Log 173<br>6/7/82 | W88 |
| Letter from Barbara Popplestone, Bristol, Eng., about<br>John Gregorie mar. to Katherine Witheridge in Littleham | | Log 188<br>6/24/82 | W89 (a) |
| Reply to Barbara Popplestone, Bristol, Eng.<br>requesting help at Devon Record Off. (see W89-a) | | Log 188<br>7/9/82 | W89 (b) |
| Letter from John James enclosing chart of his<br>Witheridge family connections. My reply 7/10/82 | | Log 189<br>3/26/82 | W90 |
| Chart of John James' Witheridge connections<br>back to Thomas Witheridge + Joan Mogridge | | Log 189<br>3/26/82 | W91 |

John James file

W47
Log 45

LDS W47
Log 45

1851 Census of Bradworthy

Dist # 14

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Tyle's Tenement | ✓ John Wetheridge, | Head, | Mar, | 60 | Farmer {Occupier of 31 acres of land, employing 2 labrs | Devon, Bradworthy |
|  | ✓ Grace " | Wife, | Mar. | 58 | Farmer's wife | " " |
|  | ✓ John " | Jr., son | U. | 28 | " son | " " |
|  | ✓ Grace " | dau. | U. | 23 | " dau. | " " |
|  | ✓ James " | son | U. | 15 | " son | " " |
|  | ✓ Nathan " | son | U. | 12 | " " | " " |

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✓ William W. b. 1824 d. 10 Dec. 1846
(parents) John Witheridge + Grace Gilly

John – Bapt. June 15, 1788 (Farmer)
mar. 6 Aug. 1815 to Grace Gilly
✓ d. June 27, 1859, age 71

~~George~~ ? c 1815 — mar. Mary Saunders 5/1/1840
✓ ~~Thomas~~ Bapt. Jan 18, 1816 son John
✓ Ann
✓ John " Mar 8, 1818
✓ William " 28/10/1821
1/2/24
✓ Grace – Bapt. 1/4/27
✓ Richard – " 28/10/32
✓ James – " 2/8/35

John's parents:
✓ Geo. Witheridge, & ✓ Jane Oke ✓

✓ Husbandman ✓ b. 20 Apr. 1761, ✓ d. 31 Mar. 1828 (age 67)
to Withridge? Walter Oke & Jane (parents)
Geo. & Jane Oke – mar 27 Jan 1783 ✓
? Born 12/4/1761 – Morwenstow [Cornwall]
? Parents Thomas & Mary
? d. 27 Nov. 1801

✓ John – Bapt 29/6/1783
✓ Mary 26/2/1786 – 1837 mar. Geo. Withridge ✓
✓ John " 15/6/88
✓ Thomas " 2/5/90
✓ Jane " 25/11/92 – mar. 1814 Peter Saunders ✓
✓ Thomas " 2~/3/95 [illegible] Mary 1815 ✓
✓ Grace " 23/7/97 Grace 1817 ✓
Eliz. 1820 ✓
✓ Elizabeth " 14/3/1802

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Husbandman ✓
Thomas W. b. c.1675
✓ Mar 25 Apr. 1698 Mary Osborn ✓
dau of Thomas.
✓ Thomas – b 24/2/1698/9
✓ Samuel – 21/1/1702/3

✓ Samuel . d. 24 Aug. 1715
✓ Thomas A. – d. 23 Oct. 1715
✓ Mary . d. 9 Sept. 1715

✓ Thomas Jr. – Mar. 26 Apr 1720. ✓
✓ Sapience Tremere

✓ Grace – Bap 6/Apr 1721
✓ Thomas – 7/Mar 1722/3 d. 24/10/1807 ✓
aged 86
married 5/4/1749 ✓
Mary Monjoy ✓
✓ John – B. 7/8/1749
✓ Grace " 23/5/1751
✓ Thomas – 26/4/1753
✓ Mary – 13/12/1754 (PR) BT say 3/12
✓ George – d. 27 Nov. 1801

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Log 55

ARCHIVE RECORD

157144

HUSBAND ✓ JAMES WITHERIDGE
Birth abt. 1599 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married Place
¶Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
mar.reg. of Ilfracombe

Genealogical Data For Husband

WIFE ✓ MRS. JOAN WITHERIDGE
Birth abt. 1603 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
¶Other Hus. (if any)

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Berrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Gen.Soc.-FS
660 E. 2600 No.
Ogden, Utah

Genealogical Data For Wife

| Sex M F | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day Mo. Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet |
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| F | 1 ✓ Susan Witheridge chr | 25 Sep. 1631 | Ilfracombe | Devon. | Eng. | | Date<br>To |
| | 2 | | | | | | Date<br>To |
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| | 15 | | | | | | Date<br>To |

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Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
Place
Place
Place
Mother‡
Place

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mar.reg. of Ilfracombe

Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
Place
Place
Place
Mother‡

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Berrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Gen.Soc.-FS
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Ogden, Utah

HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) James Witheridge 1599
Wife Joan

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 MAY 1957
Endowed 30 AUG 1957
rel.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 11 MAY 1957
Endowed 3 JUL 1957
Sealed to Husband 6 DEC 1957 SL
rel. [illegible]
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

| WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day Mo. Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet | BAPTIZED (Date) | ENDOWED (Date) | SEALED To Parents Date & Temple |
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| 25 Sep. 1631 | Ilfracombe | Devon. | Eng. | | Date<br>To | 11 MAY 1957 | 3 JUL 1957 | 6 DEC 1957 |
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Genealogical Data of Husband

HUSBAND ✓ NATHANIEL WITHERIDGE
Birth abt. 1647 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married 21 May 1672 Place Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
‖Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
par.reg. of Ilfracombe

Genealogical Data For Wife

WIFE ✓ EMMA EASTAWAY
Birth abt. 1651 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Nov. 1703 Place Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
Father Mother‡
‖Other Hus. (if any)

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Berrett

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ARCHIVE RECORD
157137

| Sex M F | | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | | WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day Mo. Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| F | 1 | ✓ Mary Witheridge | chr | 2 Feb. 1674 | Ilfracombe | Devon. | Eng. | | Date<br>To |
| M | 2 | ✓ Nathaniel Witheridge | chr | 13 Mar. 1678 | " | " | " | | Date<br>To |
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Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
Place
Place
Place
Mother‡
Place Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.

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Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
Place
Place
Place Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
Mother‡

1647

HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) Nathaniel Witheridge
Wife Emma Eastaway

W50
Log55

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 MAY 1957
Endowed 30 AUG 1957
rel.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband

WIFE
Baptized 11 MAY 1957
Endowed 3 JUL 1957
Sealed to Husband - 3 DEC 1957 SL
rel.ii.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

| WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day Mo. Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet | BAPTIZED (Date) | ENDOWED (Date) | SEALED To Parents Date & Temple |
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| 2 Feb. 1674 | Ilfracombe | Devon. | Eng. | | Date<br>To | 11 MAY 1957 | 3 JUL 1957 | - 3 DEC 1957 |
| 13 Mar. 1678 | " | " | " | | Date<br>To | 17 MAY 1957 | 30 AUG 1957 | - 3 DEC 1957 |
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of Family Representative by placing "X" in front of name.

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

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Log 55

157148 ARCHIVE RECORD

HUSBAND ✓ NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE
Birth abt. 1688 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married Place
‡Other Wives (if any) 2) ✓ @ Margaret *-

WIFE 1) ✓MRS. HANNAH WITHERIDGE
Birth abt. 1692 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial 29 July 1719 Place Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
Father Mother‡
‡Other Hus. (if any)

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par.reg. of Ilfracombe

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Berrett
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Ogden, Utah

| Sex M F | | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | | WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day Mo. Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet |
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| M | 1 ✓ | William Witheridge | chr | 11 Sep. 1714 | Ilfracombe | Devon. | Eng. | | Date<br>To |
| F | 2 ✓ | Elizabeth Witheridge | chr | 20 Jan. 1715/6 | " | " | " | | Date<br>To |
| M | 3 ✓ | Thomas Witheridge | chr | 29 June 1717 | " | " | " | | Date<br>To |
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Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
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Place
Mother‡
Place

Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
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Place Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
Mother‡

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Hannah Chugg Berrett
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HUSBAND'S 1688
Name (in full) Nicholas Witheridge
Wife Hannah

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA
W51
Log55

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 MAY 1957
Endowed 30 AUG 1957
rel.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 11 MAY 1957
Endowed 3 JUL 1957
Sealed to Husband - 4 DEC 1957 SL
rel.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

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| hr | 29 June 1717 | " | " | " | | Date<br>To | 17 MAY 1957 | 30 AUG 1957 | 4 DEC 1957 |
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Log 55

ARCHIVE RECORD
45726

Genealogical Data Husband

HUSBAND ✓ NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE *
Birth abt. 1668 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married Place
‡Other Wives (if any) ✓ 1) ? Hannah *-

Genealogical Data For Wife

WIFE 2) ✓ MRS. MARGARET WITHERIDGE
Birth abt. 16[illegible] Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
‡Other Hus. (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
par.rec. of Ilfracombe

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Barrett

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Ogden, Utah

| Sex M F | | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | WHEN BORN Day | Mo. | Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day | Mo. | Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet |
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| F | 1 | ✓ Margaret Witheridge chr | 14 | Aug. | 1722 | Ilfracombe | Devon. | Eng. | | | | Date<br>To |
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Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
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Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
Place
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Place
Mother‡

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
par.rec. of Ilfracombe

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Barrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Gen.Soc.-FS
669 E. 2600 No.
Ogden, Utah

HUSBAND'S Name (in full) Nicholas Witheridge 1668
Wife Margaret

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 MAY 1957
Endowed 30 AUG 1957
rel.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband

WIFE
Baptized 11 MAY 1957
Endowed 3 JUL 1957
Sealed to Husband - 6 DEC 1957 SL
rel.11.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

| of birth | WHEN BORN Day | Mo. | Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day | Mo. | Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet | BAPTIZED (Date) | ENDOWED (Date) | SEALED To Parents Date & Temple |
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| chr | 14 | Aug. | 1722 | Ilfracombe | Devon. | Eng. | | | | Date<br>To | 11 MAY 1957 | 3 JUL 1957 | -6 DEC 1957 |
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ARCHIVE RECORD

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Genealogical Data Husband

HUSBAND ✓ WILLIAM WITHERIDGE
Birth abt. 1778 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married 17 Feb. 1803 Place Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
†Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown on family record obtained?
Par.reg. of Ilfracombe

Genealogical Data For Wife

WIFE ✓ ALICE GRIMSHEAR
Birth abt. 1782 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
†Other Hus. (if any)

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Berrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Gen.Soc.-FS
669 E. 2600 No.
Ogden, Utah

| Sex M F | | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | | WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town County | State or Country | DIED Day Mo. Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| F | 1 | ✓ Mary Witheridge | chr | 4 Dec. 1803 | Ilfracombe Devon. | Eng. | | Date<br>To |
| M | 2 | ✓ William Witheridge | chr | 22 Sep. 1805 | " " | " | | Date<br>To |
| | 3 | | | | | | | Date<br>To |
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Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Berrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Gen.Soc.-FS
669 E. 2600 No.
Ogden, Utah

HUSBAND'S Name (in full) William Witheridge 1778
Wife Alice Grimshear

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 MAY 1957
Endowed 30 AUG 1957
rel.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 11 MAY 1957
Endowed 3 JUL 1957
Sealed to Husband - 3 DEC 1957 SL
rel.41.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

| WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town County | State or Country | DIED Day Mo. Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet | BAPTIZED (Date) | ENDOWED (Date) | SEALED To Parents Date & Temple |
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| 4 Dec. 1803 | Ilfracombe Devon. | Eng. | | Date<br>To | 11 MAY 1957 | 3 JUL 1957 | 3 DEC 1957 |
| 22 Sep. 1805 | " " | " | | Date<br>To | 17 MAY 1957 | 30 AUG 1957 | 3 DEC 1957 |
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[illegible] applicable indicate which child is ancestor of Family Representative by placing "X" in front of name

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

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HUSBAND ✓ FRANCIS WITHERIDGE
Birth abt. 1779 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon, Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married 13 Nov. 1804 Place Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
‡Other Wives (if any)

WIFE ✓ ANN EASTAWAY
Birth abt. 1782 Place of Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
‡Other Hus. (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
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Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Barrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Gen.Soc.-F
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Ogden, Utah

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| Sex M F | | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | | WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day | Mo. | Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Reverse Side of Sheet |
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| F | 1 | ✓ Ann Witheridge | chr | 29 June 1805 | Ilfracombe | Devon. | Eng. | | | | Date<br>To |
| M | 2 | ✓ Thomas Witheridge | chr | 2 Oct. 1808 | " | " | " | | | | Date<br>To |
| M | 3 | ✓ John Witheridge | chr | 8 Dec. 1811 | " | " | " | | | | Date<br>To |
| F | 4 | ✓ Mary Witheridge | chr | 8 Dec. 1811 | " | " | " | | | | Date<br>To |
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Mother‡
Place Ilfracombe, Devon., Eng.

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Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
par.reg. of Ilfracombe

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Barrett

Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Gen.Soc.-FS
669 E. 2600 No.
Ogden, Utah

HUSBAND'S Name (in full) Francis Witheridge 1779
Wife Ann Eastaway

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 MAY 1957
Endowed 30 AUG 1957
rel.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

WIFE
Baptized 11 MAY 1957
Endowed 3 JUL 1957
Sealed to Husband – 4 DEC 1957 SL
rel. ll
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

| WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day | Mo. | Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet | BAPTIZED (Date) | ENDOWED (Date) | SEALED To Parents Date & Temple |
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| 29 June 1805 | Ilfracombe | Devon. | Eng. | | | | Date<br>To | 11 MAY 1957 | 3 JUL 1957 | 4 DEC 1957 |
| 2 Oct. 1808 | " | " | " | | | | Date<br>To | 17 MAY 1957 | 30 AUG 1957 | 4 DEC 1957 |
| 8 Dec. 1811 | " | " | " | | | | Date<br>To | 17 MAY 1957 | 30 AUG 1957 | 4 DEC 1957 |
| 8 Dec. 1811 | " | " | " | | | | Date<br>To | 11 MAY 1957 | 3 JUL 1957 | 4 DEC 1957 |
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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER O

Application Number 28

1859. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Combmartin in the

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 213 | May, 7th | John Witheridge. | 25 | Bachelor | Servant | Combmartin. | Martin Wit |
| | | Maryann Burgess | 25 | Spinster | Servant | | David Burg |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by ——— or after

H. W

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Witheridge. × The mark of Maryann Burgess

in the Presence of us, Jane Burgess George Rook

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Barnstaple
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 2nd day of October 1980

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This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section 3 of that section provides that any certified copy o purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as

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ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

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Application Number 2870H

mnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| ame and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge. | 25 | Bachelor | Servant | Combmartin. | Martin Witheridge. | Labourer |
| nn Burgess | 25 | Spinster | Servant | | David Burgess | Mason |

Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by ——— or after Banns by me,

H. W. Toms Rector.

theridge. k of Maryann Burgess

in the Presence of us, Jane Burgess George Rook

ry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Barnstaple
LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 2nd day of October 1980

his certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section 3 of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry rting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or roof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid

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**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH**

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REG

*Application Numb*

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Stoke Damerel

1884. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Tamar in the County of Devon.

| Columns:— No. | 1 When and where born | 2 Name, if any | 3 Sex | 4 Name and surname of father | 5 Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 314 | Fifth March 1884 65 Albert Road U.D | Beauchamp Henry | Boy | George Witheridge | Dorcas Mary Witheridge formerly Hammett | Sailmaker | George Witheridge Father 65 Albert Road Morice Town | Fifteenth April 1884 | Geo<br>Reg |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 1st day of October 1980

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This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953. Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entr sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death to which it relates without a proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or sta

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**ENTRY OF BIRTH**

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

*Application Number* 287071

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Stoke Damerel

in the Sub-district of Tamar in the County of Devon.

| 2 if any | 3 Sex | 4 Name and surname of father | 5 Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered | 9 Signature of registrar | 10* Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| champ<br>ry | Boy | George Witheridge | Dorcas Mary Witheridge formerly Hammett | Sailmaker | George Witheridge Father 65 Albert Road Morice Town | Fifteenth April 1884 | Geo H Bess Registrar | |

y of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
ER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 1st day of October 1980

*See note overleaf

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953. Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number 2370H

1876. Marriage solemnized at St James Church in the Parish of St James Benwell in the County of Northumberland

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 328 | June 29 1876 | Jacob Thomas Witheridge | 25 | Bachelor | Joiner | Bentick this Parish | Thomas Witheridge | Coast Guard |
| | | Charlotte Caroline Hardwick | 20 | Spinster | — | Mansfield St St Philips Parish | Thomas Hardwick | Tailor |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, ~~by~~ ________ or after Licence by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Jacob Thomas Witheridge, Charlotte Caroline Hardwick

in the Presence of us, Jessie Forster, Ann Riddle her X mark

Joseph Slack Off Min

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Newcastle Upon Tyne
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 2nd day of October 1980

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section 3 of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH**

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFF

*Application Number*

REGISTRATION DISTRICT St. Pancras

1931. DEATH in the Sub-district of North St. Pancras in the County of London

| No. | 1<br>When and Where died | 2<br>Name and surname | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Age | 5<br>Occupation | 6<br>Cause of death | 7<br>Signature, description and residence of informant | 8<br>Whe registe |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 187 | Found dead 21st August 1931 at 88 Grafton Road nw | George Boursey Wetheridge | Male | 73 years | of 4 Grafton Terrace St Pancras Engineer's Labourer | Strangulation from hanging Did Kill himself while of unsound mind P M | Certificate receiv from W B Purch Coroner for Lond Inquest held 25th August 1931 | |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 1st day of October 1980

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953. Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry pur sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death to which it relates without any fu proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stampe

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AN ENTRY OF DEATH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

*Application Number* 2870H

REGISTRATION DISTRICT St. Pancras

TH in the Sub-district of North St. Pancras in the County of London

| 2<br>Name and surname | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Age | 5<br>Occupation | 6<br>Cause of death | 7<br>Signature, description and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered | 9<br>Signature of registrar |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Boursey Wetheridge | Male | 73 years | of 4 Grafton Terrace St Pancras Engineer's Labourer | Strangulation from hanging Did Kill himself while of unsound mind P M | Certificate received from W B Purchase Coroner for London Inquest held 25th August 1931 | Twenty Sixth August 1831 | F G Irvine *Registrar* |

py of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.
TER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 1st day of October 1980

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# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Devonport

1913. DEATH in the Sub-district of Stoke in the County of De

Dd 8015625 20m 11/79 G.P.

| Columns :— No. | 1 When and where died | 2 Name and surname | 3 Sex | 4 Age | 5 Occupation | 6 Cause of death | 7 Signature, descriptio residence of inform |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | Fourth June 1913 11 Ocean Street U.D. | George Witheridge | male | 73 years | Pensioned Sailmaker H M Dockyard | 1 Cardiac disease Certified by C. Knox Bond MRCS. | C.F. Parad Son in la In attend 11 Ocean S Devonpo |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 1st day of October 19 80

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This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.
Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as eviden or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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Application Number 2870 H

STRICT Devonport

trict of Stoke in the County of Devonport C.B.

| 4 Age | 5 Occupation | 6 Cause of death | 7 Signature, description, and residence of informant | 8 When registered | 9 Signature of registrar |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 73 years | Pensioned Sailmaker H M Dockyard | 1 Cardiac disease Certified by C. Knox Bond MRCS. | C.F. Paradice Son in law In attendance 11 Ocean Street Devonport | Fifth June 1913 | J.K. Brenton Registrar |

certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.
under the Seal of the said Office, the 1st day of October 19 80

he Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.
of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth
rther or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect

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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL

Application Nu

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1873. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| Columns:— No. | 1 When and where born | 2 Name, if any | 3 Sex | 4 Name and surname of father | 5 Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 214 | Seventh April 1873 Combmartin | William John | Boy | | Mary Witheridge | | Mary Witheridge Mother Combmartin | Third May 1873 |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 3rd day of October 1980

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NTRY OF BIRTH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number 2870H

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of Devon.

| any | 3 Sex | 4 Name and surname of father | 5 Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered | 9 Signature of registrar | 10* Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Boy | | Mary Witheridge | | Mary Witheridge Mother Combmartin | Third May 1873 | James Richards Registrar | / |

f an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 3rd day of October 1980

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## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1840. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combe Martin in the County of

| Columns:— 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant |
| 397 | Fifteenth of December 1840 at Combmartin | William | Boy | Edward Witheridge | Mary Witheridge formerly Geat | Labourer | The mark x of Edward Witheridge Father Combmartin |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 3rd day of Octob

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BIRTH

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*Application Number* 8870H

ON DISTRICT Barnstaple

rict of Combe Martin in the County of Devon

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| Edward Witheridge | Mary Witheridge formerly Geat | Labourer | The mark x of Edward Witheridge Father Combmartin | Twenty fifth of December 1840 | John Watts Registrar | — |

ne certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

*See note overleaf.

, under the Seal of the said Office, the 3rd day of October 1980.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER

Application Number ......

1871. Marriage solemnized *at the Register Office* in the *District* of *Plymouth* in the Cou

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | Twenty-fifth December 1871 | Matthew John Chapman | 23 years | Bachelor | Carpenter | 1 Salem Street Plymouth | Matthew Ch<br>(decease |
| | | Mahala Witheridge | 20 years | Spinster | — | 12 Cambridge Street Plymouth | Philip With |

Married in the *Register Office* ~~according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the~~ by C

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Matthew John Chapman, Mahala Witheridge — in the Presence of us, The mark × of Nicholas Lungmaid, Caroline Emma Quarton — Wm. P. ... I. W. ... Super

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of *Plymouth*
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the *2nd* day of *October* 1980

MX 639305

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section 3 of that section provides that any certified cop purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stampe

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ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

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Application Number ... 2370H ...

nnized *at the Register Office* in the *District* of *Plymouth* in the County of *Devon*

| ame and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| thew John hapman | 23 years | Bachelor | Carpenter | 1 Salem Street Plymouth | Matthew Chapman (deceased) | Merchant Seaman |
| la Witheridge | 20 years | Spinster | — | 12 Cambridge Street Plymouth | Philip Witheridge | Blacksmith |

*Office* ~~according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the~~ by *Certificate* before ~~by me~~,

ohn Chapman, Vitheridge — in the Presence of us, The mark × of Nicholas Lungmaid, Caroline Emma Quarton — Wm. P. H. White, Registrar; I. W. Matthews, Superintendent Registrar

in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of *Plymouth*
ONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the *2nd* day of *October* 1980

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**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH**

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OF

*Application Number...*

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Camberwell

1929. DEATH in the Sub-district of Dulwich in the County of London

| Columns:— No. | 1 When and Where died | 2 Name and surname | 3 Sex | 4 Age | 5 Occupation | 6 Cause of death | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | Wh regist |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | Eighth February 1929 48 Constance Road | George Witheredge | Male | 70 years | of 34 Crowther Grov. East Dulwich Formerly a Painter & Decorator | 1(a) Senility and Myocarditis No P M Certified by J E Boon LRCP | E. McGregor Present at the dea 34 Crowther Gr East Dulwich | |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 1st day of October 1980.

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N ENTRY OF DEATH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

*Application Number* 2870H

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Camberwell

I in the Sub-district of Dulwich in the County of London

| 2 me and surname | 3 Sex | 4 Age | 5 Occupation | 6 Cause of death | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered | 9 Signature of registrar |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Vitheredge | Male | 70 years | of 34 Crowther Grov. East Dulwich Formerly a Painter & Decorator | 1(a) Senility and Myocarditis No P M Certified by J E Boon LRCP | E. McGregor Present at the death 34 Crowther Grove East Dulwich | Ninth February 1929 | W. Hempt Registrar |

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R OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 1st day of October 1980.

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ARCHIVE RECORD

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Genealogical Data Husband

HUSBAND WILLIAM WITHERIDGE
Birth ~~abt. 1754~~ [illegible] Place of Combe Martin, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
Married lic. 13 Oct. 1779 Place Combe Martin, Devon., Eng.
§Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown o family record obtained?
par. reg. of Combe Marti

Genealogical Data For Wife

WIFE ABIGAIL CLOGG
Birth ~~abt. 1756~~ 1753 Place of Combe Martin, Devon., Eng.
*Chr. Place
Death Place
Burial Place
Father Mother‡
§Other Hus. (if any)

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Barrett
Name and address of person su ting this sheet. Gen. Soc.-FS
660 E. 2500 No.
Ogden, Utah

| Sex M F | | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | | WHEN BORN Day | Mo. | Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day | Mo. | Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Date Reverse Side of Sheet |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M | 1 | William Witheridge | chr | 5 | Aug. | 1780 | Combe Martin | Devon. | Eng. | | | | Date<br>To |
| | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | Date<br>To |
| | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | Date<br>To |
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Place of Combe Martin, Devon., Eng.
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Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
par. reg. of Combe Martin

Family Representative:
Hannah Chugg Barrett
Name and address of person submitting this sheet. Gen. Soc.-FS
660 E. 2600 No.
Ogden, Utah

HUSBAND'S
Name (in full) William Witheridge 1754
Wife Abigail Clogg

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND
Baptized 17 MAY 1957
Endowed 30 AUG 1957
rel.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband

WIFE
Baptized 11 MAY 1957
Endowed 3 JUL 1957
Sealed to Husband 16 DEC 1957 SL
rel. ll.
(Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

| WHEN BORN Day | Mo. | Yr. | WHERE BORN Town | County | State or Country | DIED Day | Mo. | Yr. | MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet | BAPTIZED (Date) | ENDOWED (Date) | SEALED To Parents Date & Temple |
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| 5 | Aug. | 1780 | Combe Martin | Devon. | Eng. | | | | Date<br>To | 17 MAY 1957 | 30 AUG 1957 | 16 DEC 1957 |
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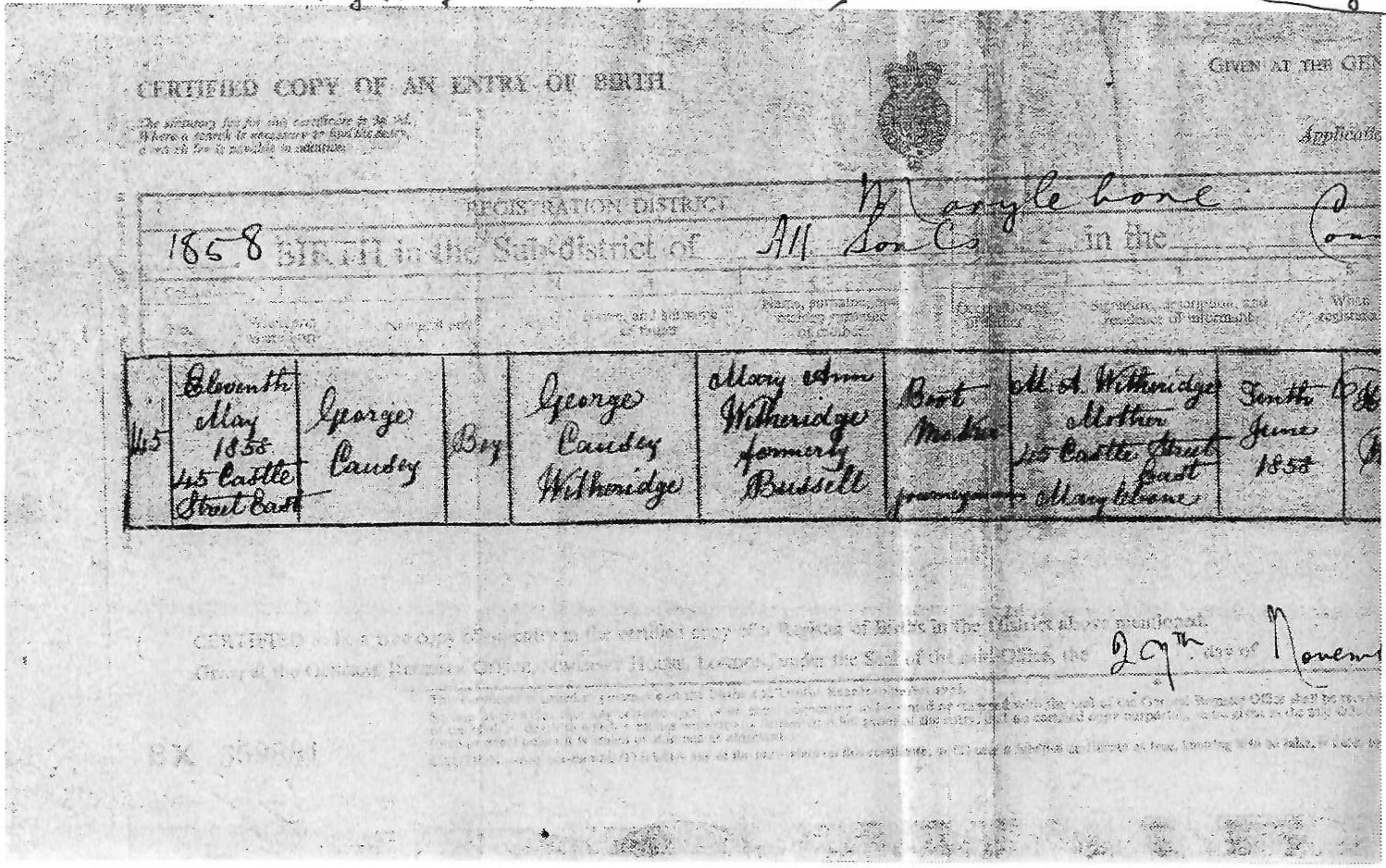

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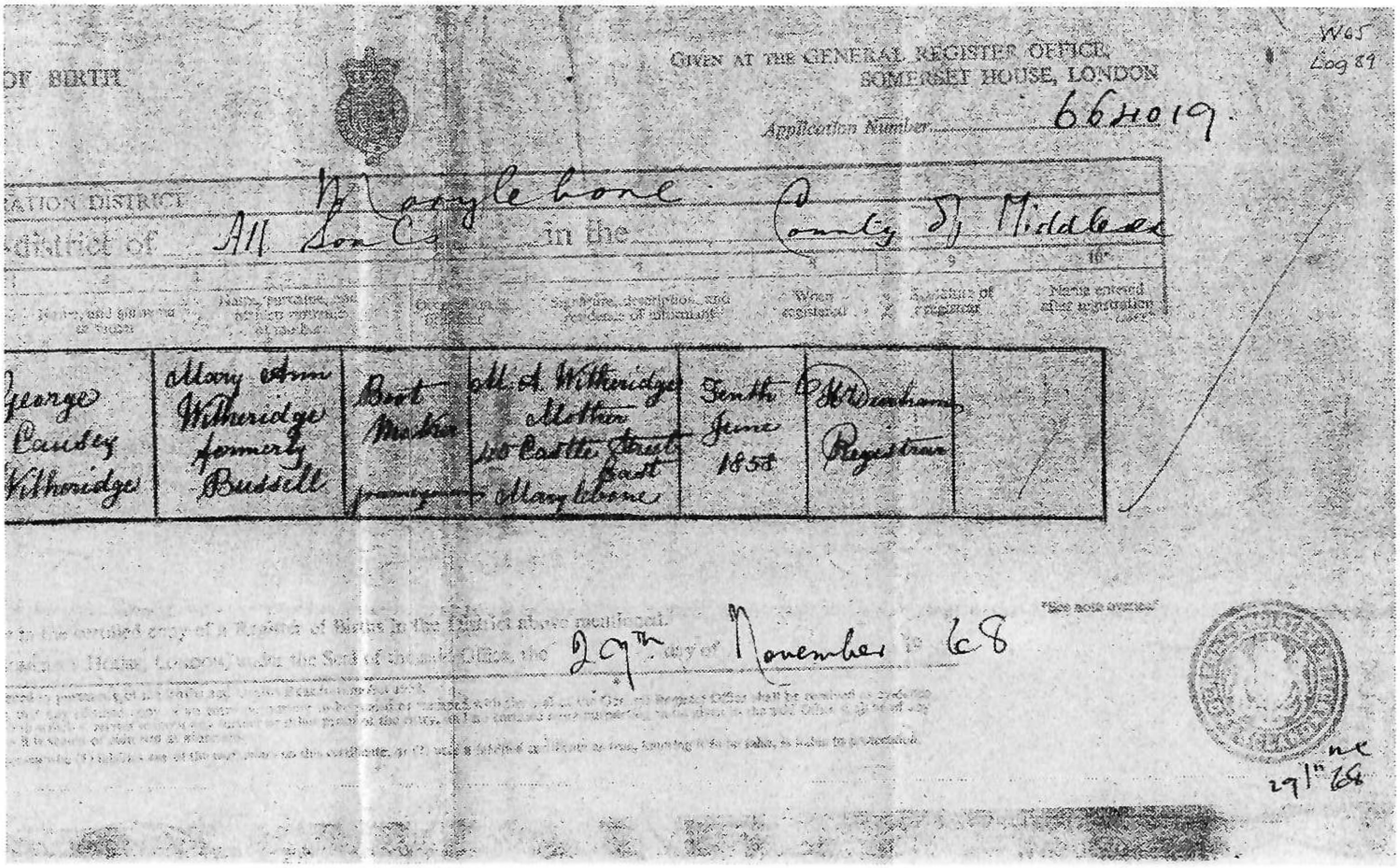

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Application Number 664019

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Marylebone

1858 BIRTH in the Sub-district of All Souls in the County of Middlesex

| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 145 | Eleventh May 1858 145 Castle Street East | George Caudey | Boy | George Caudey Withoridge | Mary Ann Witheridge formerly Bussell | Boot Maker journeyman | M. A. Witheridge Mother 145 Castle Street East Marylebone | Tenth June 1858 | H Wenham Registrar | |

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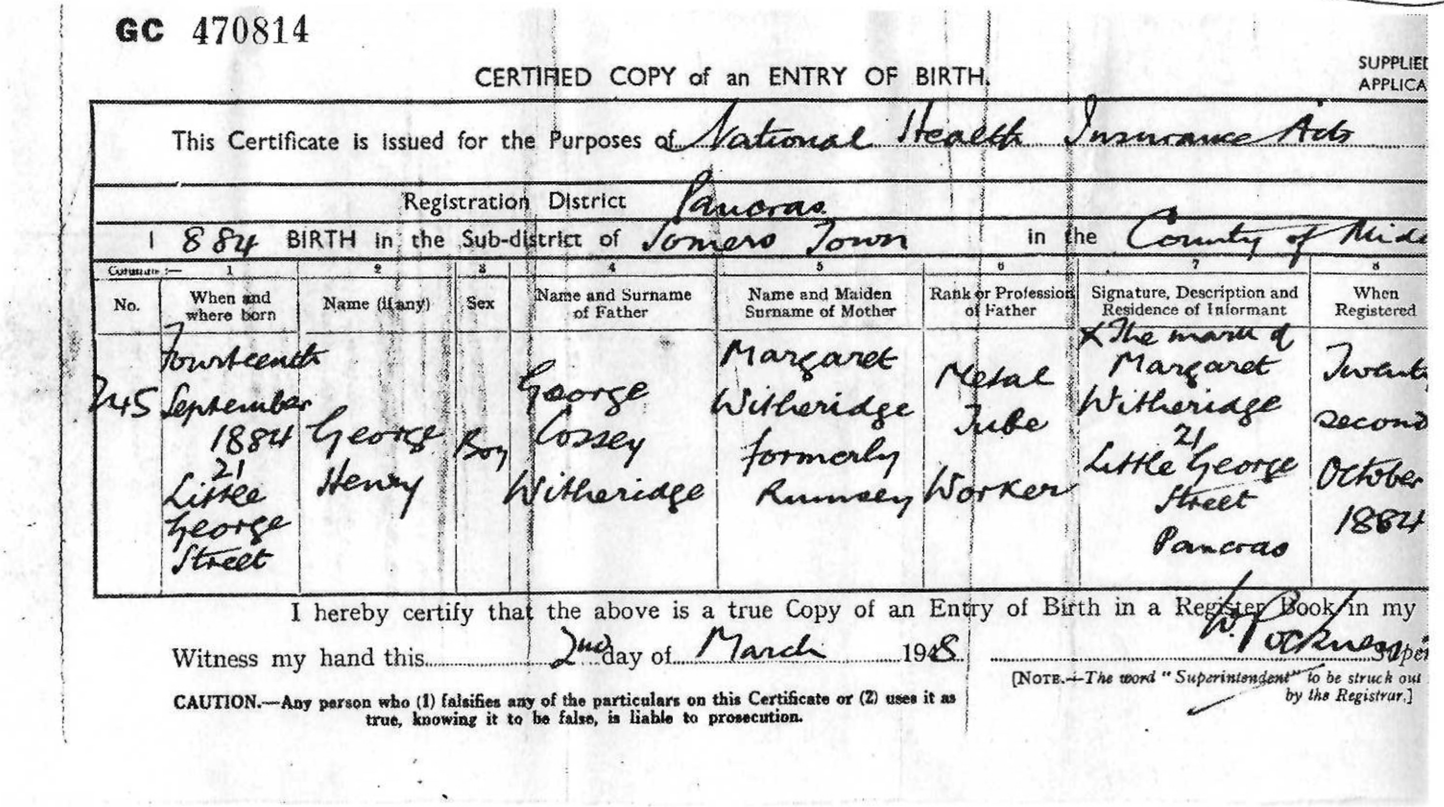

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This Certificate is issued for the Purposes of National Health Insurance Acts

Registration District Pancras

1884 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Somers Town in the County of Midd

| No. | When and where born | Name (if any) | Sex | Name and Surname of Father | Name and Maiden Surname of Mother | Rank or Profession of Father | Signature, Description and Residence of Informant | When Registered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 245 | Fourteenth September 1884 21 Little George Street | George Henry | Boy | George Cossey Witheridge | Margaret Witheridge formerly Rumsey | Metal Tube Worker | X The mark of Margaret Witheridge 21 Little George Street Pancras | Twenty second October 1884 |

I hereby certify that the above is a true Copy of an Entry of Birth in a Register Book in my

Witness my hand this 2nd day of March 1948. W. Pockney Supe

[NOTE.—The word "Superintendent" to be struck out by the Registrar.]

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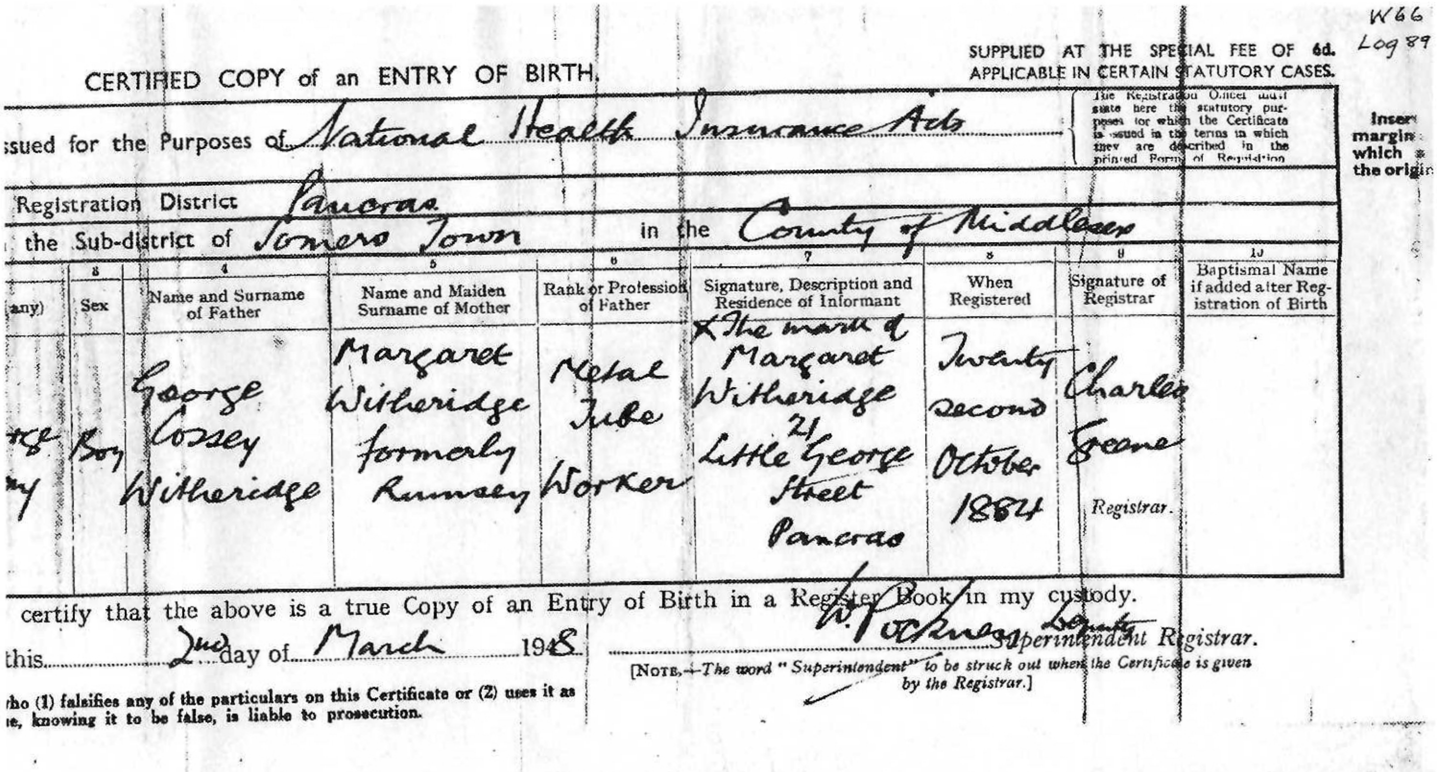

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SUPPLIED AT THE SPECIAL FEE OF 6d. APPLICABLE IN CERTAIN STATUTORY CASES.

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Registration District Pancras

the Sub-district of Somers Town in the County of Middlesex

| any) | Sex | Name and Surname of Father | Name and Maiden Surname of Mother | Rank or Profession of Father | Signature, Description and Residence of Informant | When Registered | Signature of Registrar | Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| rge ny | Boy | George Cossey Witheridge | Margaret Witheridge formerly Rumsey | Metal Tube Worker | X The mark of Margaret Witheridge 21 Little George Street Pancras | Twenty second October 1884 | Charles Greene Registrar. | |

certify that the above is a true Copy of an Entry of Birth in a Register Book in my custody.

this 2nd day of March 1948. W. Pockney Deputy Superintendent Registrar.

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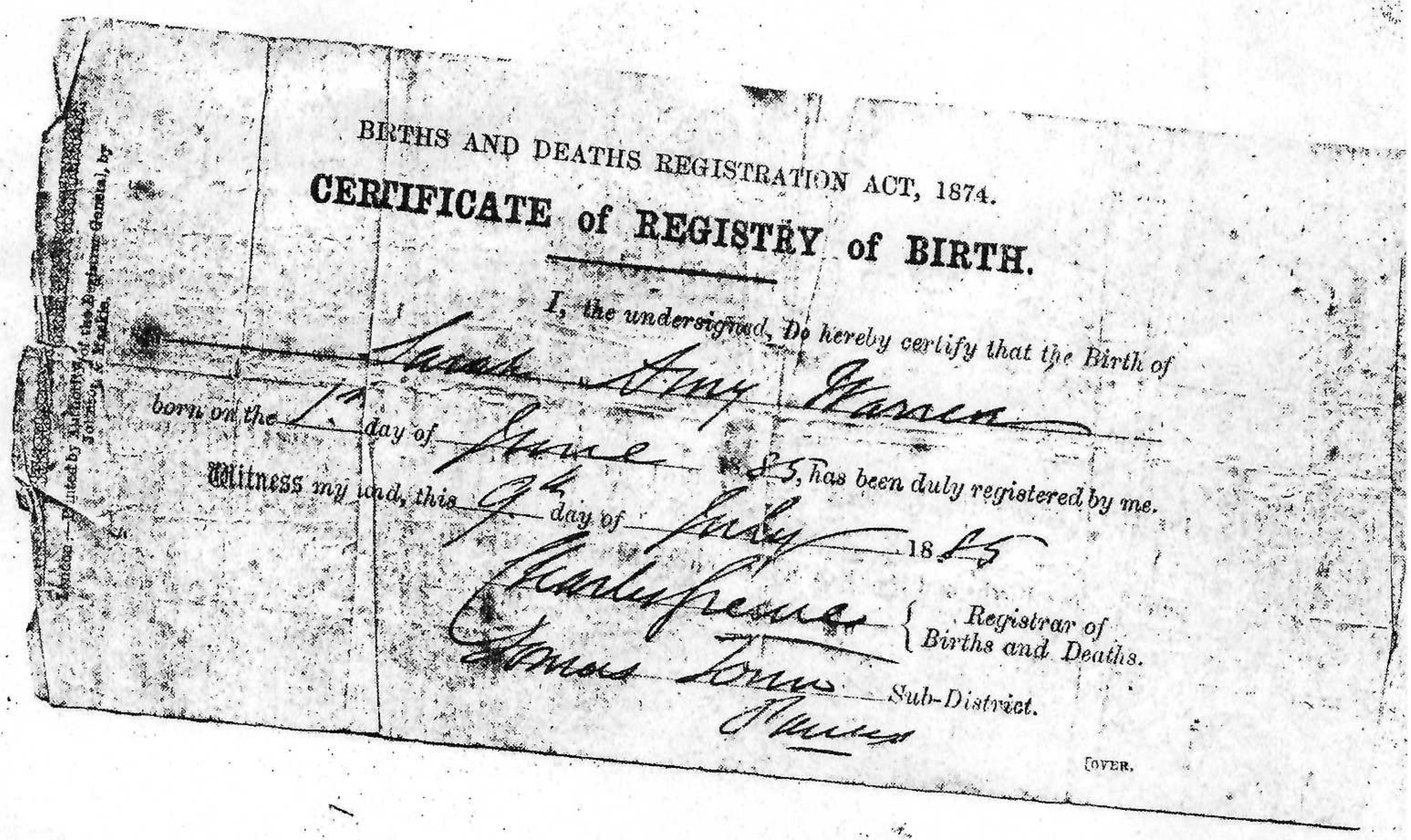

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, 1874.

**CERTIFICATE of REGISTRY of BIRTH.**

*I, the undersigned, Do hereby certify that the Birth of* Sarah Amy Warren

*born on the* 1st *day of* June 85, *has been duly registered by me.*

**Witness** *my hand, this* 9th *day of* July 18 85

Charles Greene { *Registrar of Births and Deaths.*

Thames Town *Sub-District.*

Thames

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# Certificate of Marriage.

1907 **Marriage** Solemnized at the Church of S. Barnabas in the Parish of S Pancras in the County of

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the Time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surna |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 482 | December 25th 1907 | George Henry Witheridge | 23 | Bachelor | Railway Servant | 26 Inkerman Rd | George Henry Witheridge |
| | | Sarah Amy Warren | 22 | Spinster | Clerk | 26 Inkerman Rd | Albert James Warren |

**Married** in the Church of S Barnabas according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church

(a) After Banns

By me, A E Walsh. Vicar

**This Marriage was solemnized between us,**
George Henry Witheridge
Sarah Amy Warren

**In the presence of us,**
Florence Warren
Albert James Warren

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**The above is a true Copy** of the Marriage Register of the Church of S Barnabas aforesaid, the said Register being legally in my custody.

**Extracted** this twenty fifth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and Seven

By me, A E Walsh Vicar 25

Shaw & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C.

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# Certificate of Marriage.

lemnized at the Church of S. Barnabas in the Parish of S Pancras in the County of London

| Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the Time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| e Henry Witheridge | 23 | Bachelor | Railway Servant | 26 Inkerman Rd | George Henry Witheridge | Engineer |
| h Amy Warren | 22 | Spinster | Clerk | 26 Inkerman Rd | Albert James Warren | French Polisher |

rch of S Barnabas according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church

nns

By me, A E Walsh. Vicar

ge Henry Witheridge
ah Amy Warren

**In the presence of us,**
Florence Warren
Albert James Warren

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opy of the Marriage Register of the Church of S Barnabas aforesaid, the said Register being legally in my custody.

fifth day of December in the year of our Lord

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By me, A E Walsh Vicar 25

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# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY
## Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

## DEATH

Entry No. 137.

Registration district SURREY NORTH WESTERN
Administrative area COUNTY OF SURREY
Sub-district WOKING

1. Date and place of death First March. 1980.
Hayhurst Hayhurst. Avenue Pyrford.

2. Name and surname Sarah Ann Witheridge

3. Sex Female.

4. Maiden surname of woman who has married Hannen.

5. Date and place of birth 10 June 1885.
London

6. Occupation and usual address Widow of George Henry Witheridge Railway Foreman.
Hayhurst Hayhurst Avenue Pyrford.

7. (a) Name and surname of informant George Albert Childs WITHERIDGE

(b) Qualification Son.

(c) Usual address The Crossing. Albury Heath. Guildford.

8. Cause of death

1a. Cerebro-vascular accident

Certified by J. Roe MB.

9. I certify that the particulars given by me above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. A. C. Witheridge Signature of informant

10. Date of registration Third March 1980.

11. Signature of registrar C. L. Hall, Deputy Registrar.

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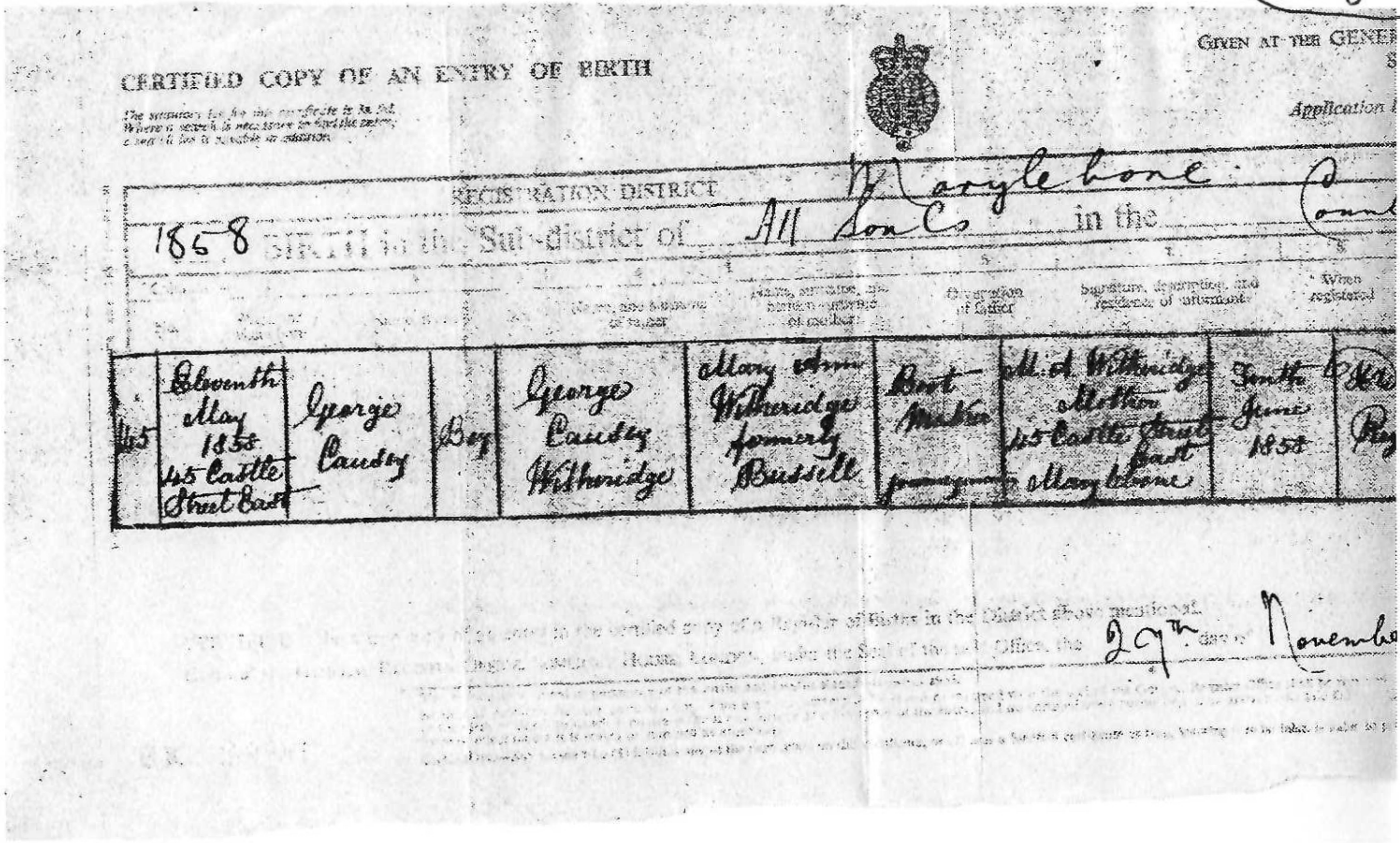

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Marylebone

1858 BIRTH in the Sub-district of All Souls in the Coun

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Columns:— No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered |
| 45 | Eleventh May 1858 45 Castle Street East | George Caudey | Boy | George Caudey Witheridge | Mary Ann Witheridge formerly Bussell | Boot Maker | M. A. Witheridge Mother 45 Castle Street East Marylebone | Tenth June 1858 |

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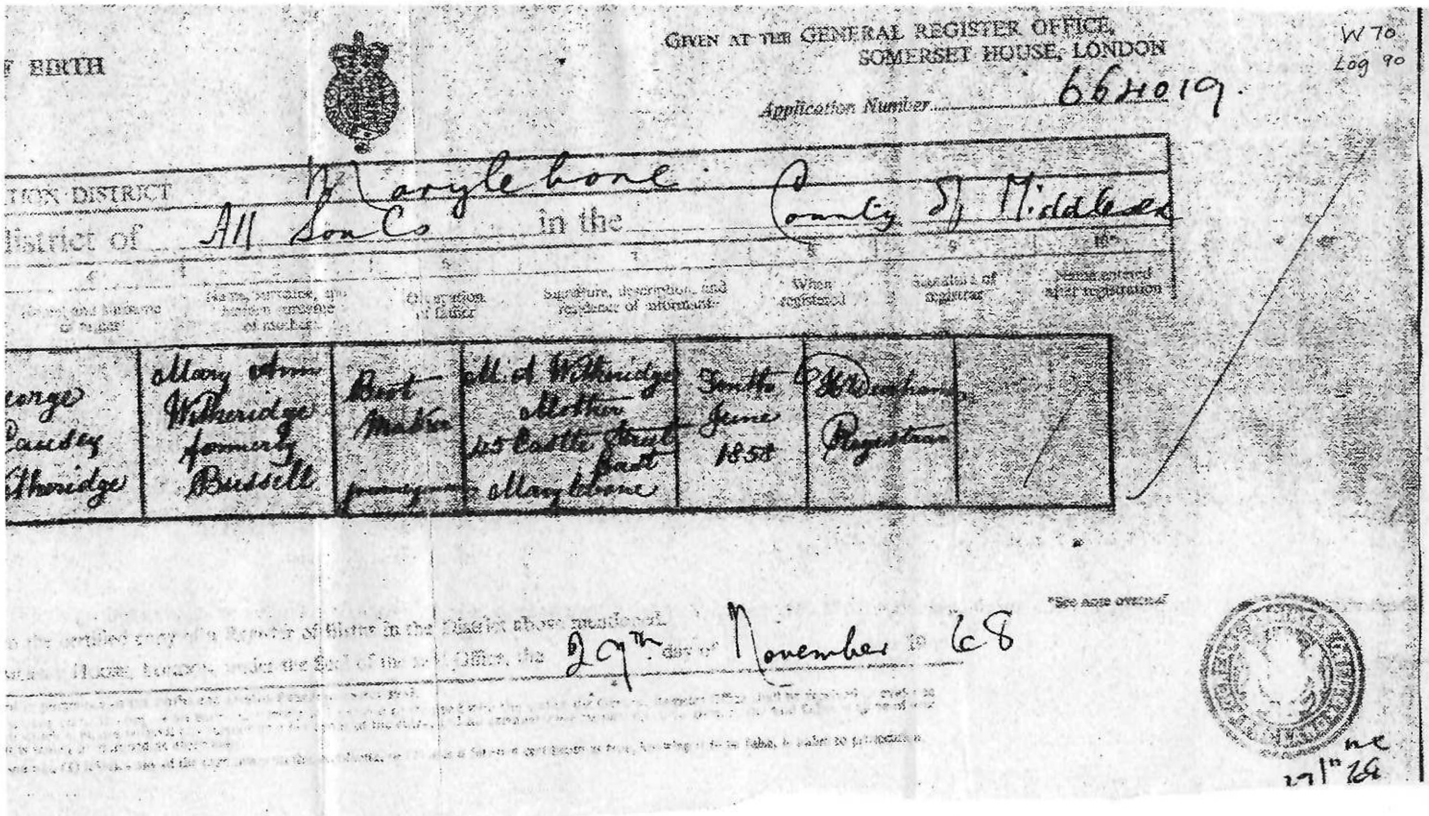

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

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Application Number 664019.

TION DISTRICT Marylebone

istrict of All Souls in the County of Middlesex

| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| eorge Caudey itheridge | Mary Ann Witheridge formerly Bussell | Boot Maker | M. A. Witheridge Mother 45 Castle Street East Marylebone | Tenth June 1858 | Registrar | |

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the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

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1861 Census of Plymouth

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St. Andrews Parish – Ward: Vintry
Ecclus. Dist. of Trinity Church

House
319 5 Pins Lane

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| George R. Taylor | Head | Mar | 24 | Mariner – Fisherman | Devon. Turnchapel |
| Mary M. Do | Wife | Mar | 31 | | Plymouth |
| Richard Bounty | Step Son | | 12 | Fisherman (apt.) | Do |
| William Witheridge | Step Son | | 3 | Scholar | Do |
| Mary M. Taylor | Dau. | | 8 mo. | | Do |

? formerly married to
— Bounty 2nd
— Witheridge

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East Stonehouse

3 80 Fore St. Mathew Crocker Head – Mar. 63 Beer seller – Devon, East Allington

[b. 1833] Mary A. Witheridge – Lodger – Un. 28 Dress Maker, Devon, Devonport

(24 people living at this address)

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19 53 Fore St. (4 families)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Trebble | Head | Mar. | 53 | Greenwich pensioner | Devon, Modbury |
| Betsey Do | Wife | Mar | 59 | | Devon, Buckland |
| Matilda Witheridge | dau. | Mar. | 26 | Dress maker | Devon, Plymouth |
| Caroline Bailey | Dau. | W. | 20 | Tailoress | Devon, Stonehouse |

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103 18 Quarry St.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Blackmore | Head | Mar. | 31 | Royal Marine | Devon, Barnstaple |
| Mary " | Wife | Mar. | 21 | Char Woman | " " |
| Mary " | Dau. | Un | 1 | — | Ireland |

1861 Census of Stoke Damerel  LDS 11/20/81
Ent. Dist — St. Aubyn

to p. 114 (Stoke Damerel, Devonport, St. Johns, Devonport)
(LDS 2/8/82)

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| 64 Duke St. | Elizabeth Sellick | Head | W | 77 | Laundress | Devon, Colbrook |
| | John Do | Son | Un | 44 | Labourer | Do, Devonport |
| | Elizabeth Do | Dau. | Un | 37 | Boot Binder | Do |
| .123 | | | | | | |
| 98 Duke St. [Servt.] | Mary Sellick | Serv. | Un. | 18 | General Serv. | Cornwall, Saltash |
| .38 | | | | | | |
| 84 (64 Duke St.) | Henry Trethewy | Head | Widr. | 81 | Wheelwright, | Cornwall, St. Stephens |
| | Mary A. Do | Dau. | Un | 57 | | Devon, Devonport |
| | Elizabeth Cove | Dau. | Mar. | 52 | | Do Do |
| | Emma J. Furneaux | Gr. dau. | Mar. | 56 | Boatswain R.N. | Do Do |
| | John H. Do | Gr. son | | 1 | | Do Do |
| | George Cove | Gr. son | | 10 | Ap. Blacksmith | Do Do |
| p. 43 | | | | | | |
| 156 St. John St. | George Hannaford | Head | Mar. | 52 | Currier | Devon, Kingsbridge |
| | Ann Do | Wife | Mar. | 55 | | Devon, Newton |
| | Mary J. Pillar | Niece | Un. | 21 | Drapers asst. | Middlesex, London |
| .46 | | | | | | |
| 95 St. John St. | Elizabeth Mugridge | Head | W. | 51 | | Devon, Barnstaple |
| | Samuel Chappel | Gr. son | | 10 | Scholar | Do, Devonport |
| | Rosa E. Do | Gr. dau | | 4 | Do | Do Do |
| p. 86 St. Stephens Home | | | | | | |
| 70 James St. | Ellen M. Mason | Head | Mar. | 26 | Lady Superintendent | Kent, Woolwich |
| | — — — — | | | | | |
| | Philippa L. Wetherage, | Penitent, | Un., | 19 | none | Devon, Plymouth |

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Looking for Geo. Witheridge (21 y.)
son of William
Also Dorcas Mary Hammett (21 y.)
dau. of Henry

Not there

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1871 Census - Wednesbury, West Bromwich
Enum. Dist. #1
"The whole of Delves Green, East of the London & N.W. Railway & Full Brook"

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Delves | William Castleston | Head | Mar. | 56 | Farmer of 32 acres empl. 5 laborers | Ashley Abbots, Shropshire |
|  |  | Hannah Do | Wife | Mar. | 54 |  | Walsall, Staffs. |
|  |  | Hannah Do | Dau. |  | 13 | Scholar | Wednesbury, Do |
|  |  | Thomas Do | Son |  | 10 | Scholar | Do Do. |

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Enum. Dist #2 - Wood Green, etc.
Enum Dist #3 - Alma St., etc.
Enum. Dist #4 - Perry St, etc.
Enum. Dist #5 - [illegible], etc
Enum. Dist #6 - Walsall St., etc.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 96 | No. 3 Addison St. | John Amos | Head | Mar. | 49 | Miner (coal) | Staffs, Darlaston |
|  |  | Sarah Amos | Wife | Mar. | 47 |  | Warwickshire, Birmingham |
|  |  | Joseph Amos | Son | Mar. | 21 | Iron Worker | Staffs, Wolverhampton |
|  |  | Elizabeth Amos | Dau-in-law | Mar. | 19 |  | Do, Wednesbury |
|  |  | Jacob Amos | Son | Un. | 16 | Gas tube maker | Do, Wolverhampton |
|  |  | Rebecca Amos | Dau. |  | 13 |  | Do. Do. |
|  |  | Sarah Ann Amos | Dau. |  | 11 |  | Do Do |
|  |  | Lot Amos | Son |  | 5 |  | Do, Wednesbury |

Enum. Dist. #7 - Spring Head, etc.
Enum. Dist. #8 - Church St, etc.
Enum. Dist. #9 - Wellcroft St, etc.
Enum. Dist. #10 - Market Place, etc.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77 | 6 Court, Union St. Cottage 1 | Thos. Amos | Head | Mar. | 24 | Coal Miner | Staffs, W. Crosswords |
|  |  | Anne E. Do | Wife | Mar. | 22 |  | Warwickshire, Handsworth |
|  |  | John T. Do | Son |  | 10 mo. |  | Staffs, Wednesbury |

Enum. Dist. #11 - Darlaston Rd, etc.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 1 Hope Inn. | Elizabeth Bolton | Head | W. | 80 |  | Staffs, Darlaston |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| — |  | William Witheridge | Lodger | Un. | 33 | Striker | Devon, Devonport |

1871 Census - Wednes

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Wednesbury W. Bromwich]

Enum. Dist. #11 (cont.)

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| 62, | 50 Darlaston Rd | Emma Parington | Head | W. | 33 | Washerwoman | Staffs, | Darlaston |
| | | Jacob Biddleson, | Lodger | Un. | 13 | Gas Tube Worker | Do. | Wednesbury |

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Enum. Dist. #12 - Darlaston Rd, etc.
Enum. Dist. #13 - Franchise St, etc.
Enum. Dist. #14 - Cork St, etc.
Enum. Dist. #15 - King's Hill, etc.

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| p.72 | | | | | | | | |
| 125 | King's Hill Field<br>Horton's Cottages | Samuel Biddleston, | Head | Mar. | 28 | Coal Miner | Staffs, | Wolverhampton |
| | | Dinah | Wife | Mar. | 19 | | Do, | Walsall |

Enum. Dist. #16 - High St, etc.

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| 99 | Bridge St.<br>"White Horse" | Joseph Gutteridge(?) | Head | Mar. | 44 | Manager at Gas Tube Works & Inn Keeper | Staffs, | Wednesbury |
| | | Eliza Do | Wife | Mar | 38 | | Herefordshire, | Brindon |
| | | John Do | Son | | 13 | | Staffs, | Wednesbury |
| | | Jane Do | Dau | | 11 | Scholar | Do | Do |
| | | Eliza Do | Do | | 10 | Do | Do | Do |
| | | Annie Do | Do | | 6 | Do | Do | West Bromwich |
| | | Ada Do | Do | | 2 | | Do | Do |
| | | Eliza Williams | Servant | | 15 | | Do | Do |
| p.197 | | | | | | | | |
| 197 | 27 Bridge St. | William Gutteridge(?) | Head | Mar. | 34 | Engine Fitter at Factory | Staffs. | Wednesbury |
| | | Ann Do | Wife | Mar. | 31 | Poulterer | Do | Do |
| | | Edith Do | Dau | Un. | 4 | | Do | Do |
| | | Gertrude A. Do | Dau | | 1 | | Do | Do |

Enum. Dist #17 - Holyhead Rd, etc.
Enum. Dist #18 - Holyhead Rd, etc.
Enum. Dist. #19 - Albert St, etc.
Enum. Dist #20 - Potters St, etc.
Enum. Dist. #21 - Great Western St, etc

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Enum. Dist. #22 - [illegible] Lane, etc.
Enum. Dist #23 - Meeting St, etc

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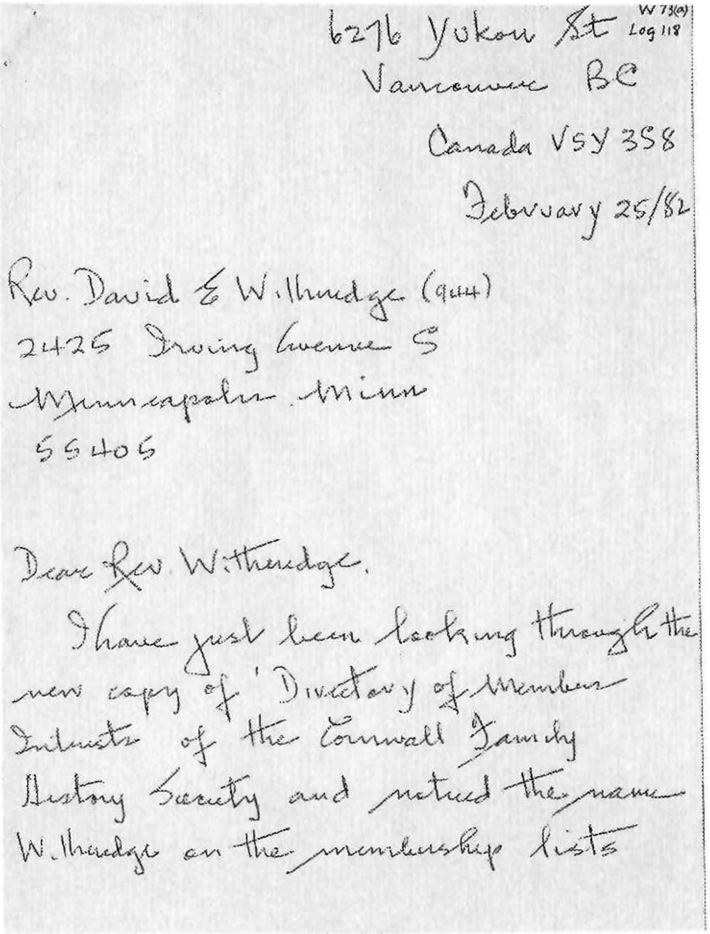

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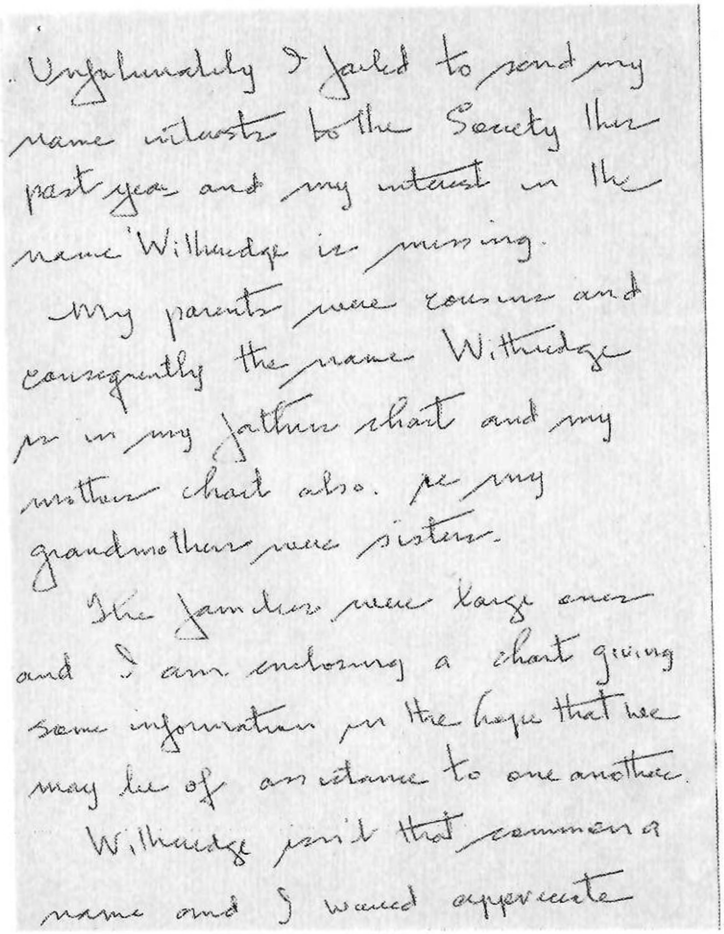
6276 Yukon St
Vancouver BC
Canada V5Y 3S8
February 25/82

Rev. David E Witheridge (944)
2425 Irving Avenue S
Minneapolis Minn
55405

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

I have just been looking through the new copy of 'Directory of Members Interests of the Cornwall Family History Society and noticed the name Witheridge on the membership lists

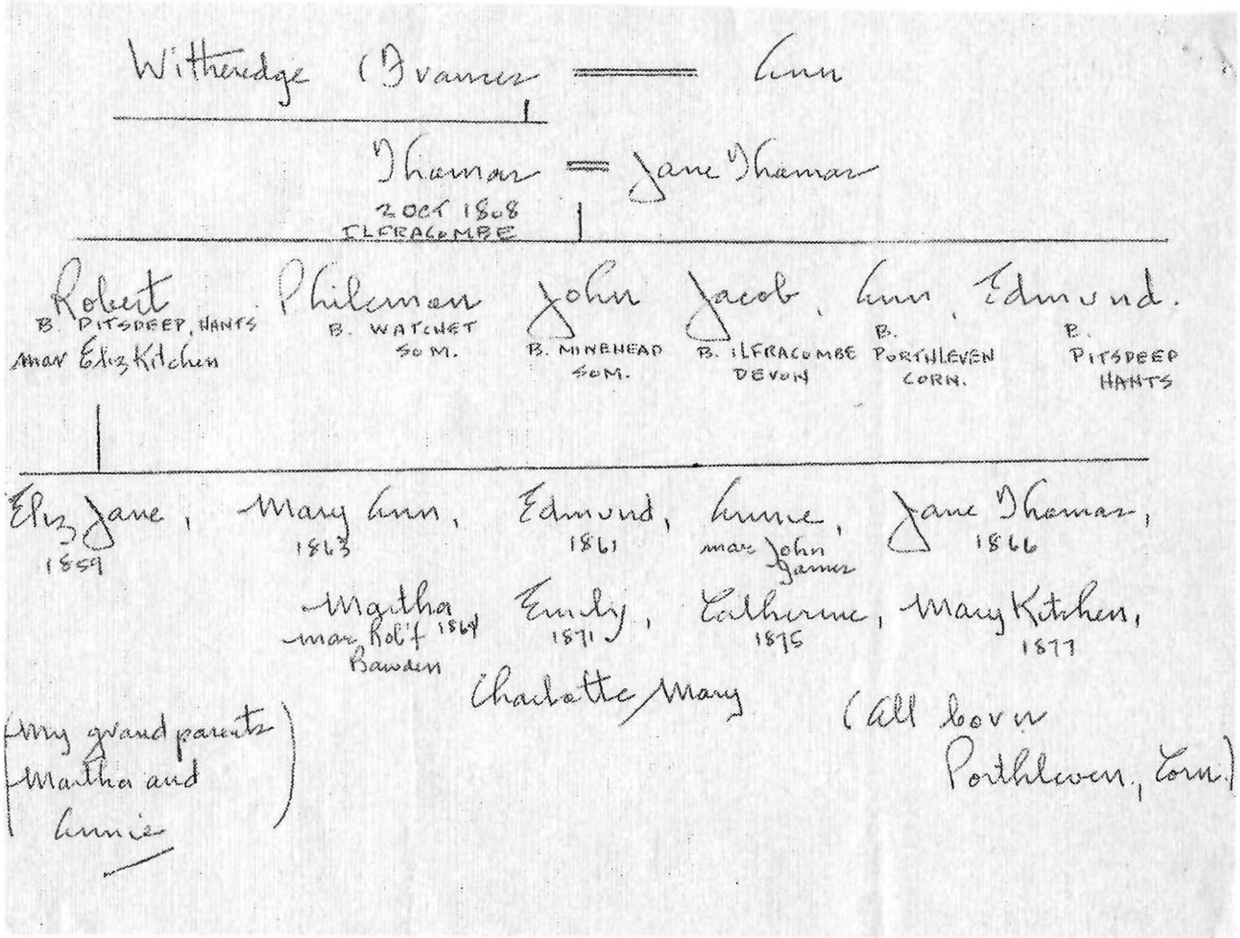


Unfortunately I failed to send my name interests to the Society this past year and my interest in the name Witheridge is missing.

My parents were cousins and consequently the name Witheridge is in my fathers chart and my mothers chart also. ie my grandmothers were sisters.

The families were large ones and I am enclosing a chart giving some information in the hope that we may be of assistance to one another.

Witheridge isn't that common a name and I would appreciate



Witheridge (Thomas = Ann

Thomas = Jane Thomas
2 Oct 1808
ILFRACOMBE

Robert
B. PITSDEEP, HANTS
mar Eliz Kitchen

Phileman
B. WATCHET
SOM.

John
B. MINEHEAD
SOM.

Jacob,
B. ILFRACOMBE
DEVON

Ann,
B.
PORTHLEVEN
CORN.

Edmund.
B.
PITSDEEP
HANTS

Eliz Jane, 1859

Mary Ann, 1863

Edmund, 1861

Annie, mar John James

Jane Thomas, 1866

Martha 1864 mar Rob't Bawden

Emily, 1871

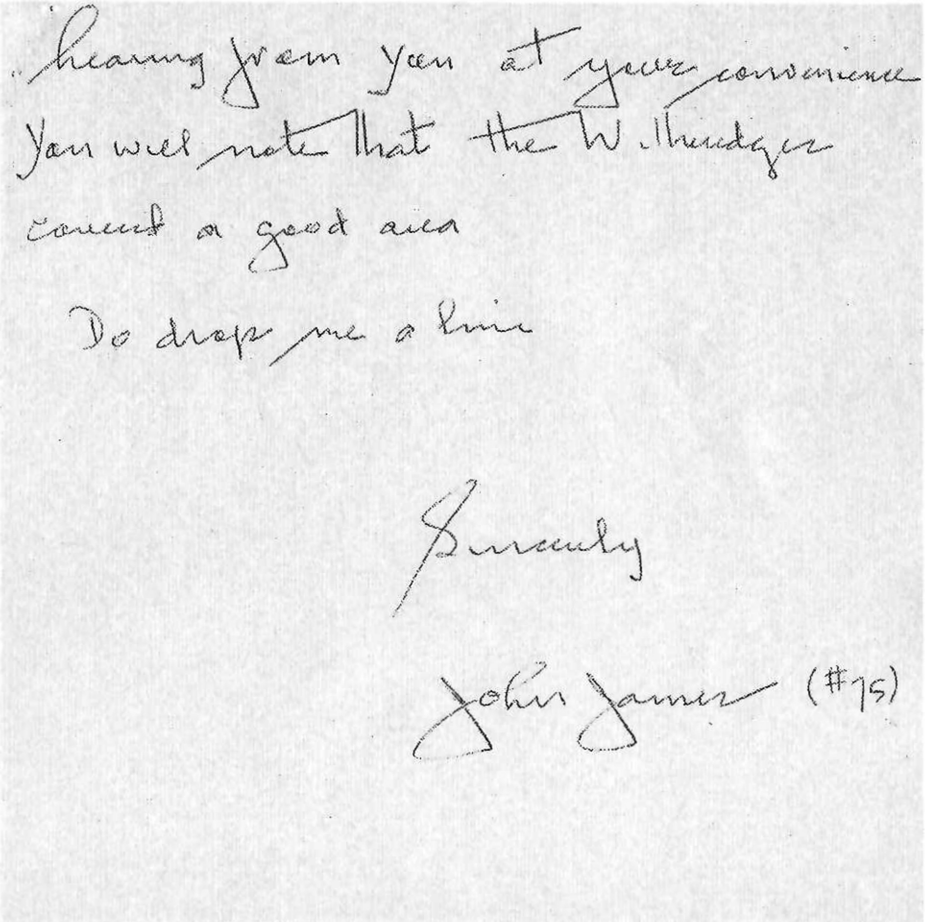
Catherine, 1875

Mary Kitchen, 1877

Charlotte Mary

(All born
Porthleven, Corn.)

(My grandparents
Martha and
Annie)



hearing from you at your convenience

You will note that the Witheridges
covered a good area

Do drop me a line

Sincerely

John James (#75)

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U. S. A.
March 5, 1982

Mr. John James
6276 Yukon St.
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 358
Canada

Dear Cousin John,

Yes, according to my records you are my sixth cousin twice removed. That is, I am a sixth cousin of your two grandmothers, Martha and Annie. I was greatly fascinated to get your letter and to find a new relative in Canada.

As you can see by the enclosed ancestral charts, I have traced my Witheridge line back to 1555 in Berrynarbor, and I have shown how your great-great grandfather, Thomas Witheridge, ties into this.

Our common ancestry begins with Thomas Witheridge (b. 1650) and Mary Sherman. You descend from their son John, and I descend from another son, William. Of course, I have a lot more information on other children and relatives of these ancestors, but this is all I can send you at this time.

My wife Elizabeth and I have visited Britain twice — in 1976 and 1980 — and have met another of our Witheridge relatives in Combe Martin — Miss Una Parsons. We also met her mother and father. Una's father Herbert is your fourth cousin, and she is your fourth cousin once removed. They descend from Martin Witheridge (b. 1798) who was a brother of Francis, your great-great-great grandfather.

Even more intriguing is the fact that I think in Scotland we met your second cousin once removed — Neil Witheridge — and his nephew, your third cousin, Robin Witheridge, in London.

I have traced their ancestry back to a Jacob Thomas Witheridge, whose marriage certificate gave his birth date as about 1851 and his father's name as Thomas. As I look your material over, I feel sure this is the Jacob, born in Ilfracombe, who was a brother of your great grandfather Robert. The marriage certificate said that Thomas Witheridge worked in the Coast Guard, which would account for the birth of his children in five different coastal towns. (I'm not sure if Pitsdeep is near the ocean, but I suppose so. Do you know what larger place it is near?)

Furthermore, Robin's late father was Dr. Edmund Witheridge, and the doctor's father (Jacob's son) was also named Edmond. Jacob and Robert had a brother Edmund, and they both apparently named sons after this brother. Dr. Edmund Witheridge's wife Jean once told me his grandfather came from Marazion in Cornwall, which, of course, isn't very far from Porthleven. So it all seems to fit together.

I'm going to order Jacob's birth certificate from St. Catherine's house, and this should settle the matter.

One last thing. A few days ago I got the address of a Malcolm Witheridge who lives in Marazion. I plan to write to him soon to find out what he knows about his ancestry. It could be that he also descends from the Porthleven Witheridges, in which case he would also be related to both you and me — as well as to Neil and Robin. Gradually the pieces begin to fit together!

Thank you for writing to me. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

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March 7, 1982

Superintendent Registrar
~~The Registrar of Births, Deaths,~~
~~and Marriages~~
The Civic Center
Barnstaple, Devon, England EX31 1ED

Dear Sir:

A distant relative of mine, Jacob Witheridge, was born in North Devon in 1850, presumably in Ilfracombe. I understand that you can provide the information from the record of his birth, either in the form of a birth certificate or in some other form.

Although I do not know the cost of providing such information, I am enclosing a £5.00 note, hopefully avoiding the time involved in additional correspondence. I am also sending a 22 p. stamp for an airmail reply.

One of my cousins in London sent me a list of entries from the index of births at St. Catherine's House in which the following appears.

1850 - 3rd quarter

Witheridge, Jacob Barnstaple X 42

I trust this is sufficient identification for you to send the information I am looking for. At the same time please tell me the proper procedures for securing birth, marriage, and death certificates from your office. Thank you for your kind assistance. Yours sincerely, David E. Witheridge

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Sender:
Superintendent Registrar,
Civic Centre,
BARNSTAPLE,
Devon, EX31 1ED.
U. K.

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2435 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.

March 7 1982

Mr. Malcolm Witheridge
"Penjona"
Plain-an-Gwarry
Marazion, Penzance
Cornwall, England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

I know you have heard through Peter King that I am interested in corresponding with you about your Witheridge ancestry and mine. For many years I have been working on genealogy, both my own and my wife's, and I have traced my Witheridge line back to 1555 in Berrynarbor, Devon.

In the process I have accumulated a great deal of information on the Witheridge family and have been in contact with several branches of the family in Britain. In 1976 and in 1980 my wife Elizabeth and I spent several weeks there and met a number of Witheridge descendants, including many whom we know to be relatives.

One of my correspondents was a Dr. Edmund Witheridge of Stony Stratford, Bucks. He died before we went to England, but we met his wife Jean, and she told us his family had come from Marazion. I searched that parish register at the Cornwall Record Office in Truro, but didn't find any Witheridges during the proper time period.

Later I traced that line back to a Jacob Thomas Witheridge and found from his marriage certificate that his father was Thomas, who worked for the Coast Guard. So I assumed that he may have been in Marazion with the Coast Guard, but that none of his children were baptized there.

This week I got a letter from a John James, a Witheridge descendant who lives in Canada. I rather quickly identified him as my sixth cousin twice removed. All the children of his great grandparents, Robert Witheridge and Elizabeth Kitchen, were born in Porthleven, Cornwall, and now I believe they are related to Dr. Edmund Witheridge's family.

John James's great grandfather Robert had a brother Jacob and another brother Edmund, and their father's name was Thomas. The children of Thomas were born in widely separated coastal cities in southwest England, which makes it sound like a Coast Guard family. When I get Jacob's birth certificate, which I'll be ordering soon, I'll know for sure if we're all related.

Now I'm hoping that you'll be able to tell me about your own Witheridge ancestry. Please give me all the information you can, and I'll try to tie it in to my records. Did your family by any chance come from the Witheridges in Porthleven? If so, I feel sure that you and I are distant cousins.

Just a bit about myself and my family. I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and began as a heating and ventilating engineer, graduating from the University of Michigan. After designing heating and ventilating systems for four years with my father in Saginaw, I decided to enter the ministry (Baptist) and graduated from a seminary in Rochester, New York. Then I got a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School, during which time I also served as assistant minister of a church in Chicago. After a few years as minister of a church in a small town in Illinois, I came to Minneapolis and served 29 years as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches until my retirement two years ago.

My wife is a former kindergarten teacher who more recently has been the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two grown sons: James, who works in a store in Minneapolis and lives in an apartment about four blocks from us; and Thomas, who is a psychiatric social worker in Chicago and is working on a Ph.D. at Northwestern University. Tom will be married on June 5th. I'll conduct the ceremony, and Jim will be his "best man."

I look forward to hearing from you and trying to fit your ancestry into my records.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

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[Printed by authority of the Registrar General.]

**CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH**
**Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1**

**Registration District** Barnstaple

1850. **Birth in the Sub-district of** Ilfracombe **in the** County of Devon

| Columns:— 1<br>No. | 1<br>When and where born | 2<br>Name, if any | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Name, and surname of father | 5<br>Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6<br>Occupation of father | 7<br>Signature, description, and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 382 | Third August, 1850. Ilfracombe. | Jacob | Boy | Thomas WITHERIDGE. | Jane WITHERIDGE formerly THOMAS | Mariner | Thomas Witheridge Father Ilfracombe | Fifth September 1850 |

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

**CAUTION:**—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

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**CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH**
**ursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953**

B. Cert.
S.R.

**District** Barnstaple

Ilfracombe **in the** County of Devon

| 4<br>Name, and surname of father | 5<br>Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6<br>Occupation of father | 7<br>Signature, description, and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered | 9<br>Signature of registrar | 10*<br>Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas WITHERIDGE. | Jane WITHERIDGE formerly THOMAS | Mariner | Thomas Witheridge Father Ilfracombe | Fifth September, 1850. | W.C.Aston<br>*Registrar.* | |

*See note overleaf.

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Daw. ............ *Superintendent Registrar*

18.March.1982. ............ *Date*

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Gazetteer of the British Isles, John Bartholomew + Sons, Ltd., Edinburgh, 9th Ed, 1943; Reprinted 1966

Pitts Deep, ham., S. Hants, 3 m. E. of Lymington. (p.547)

Lymington, mun. bor., spt., mkt.-town and par., on r. Lymington, with ry. stas. (L. Town and L. Pier), S.R., Hants, 20 m. SW of Southampton; 15,302 ac., pop. 18,000; P.O., T.D.

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Buckland Brewer, Devon LDS 8/3/81 W78 Log 134

Index of Christenings

WITHERIDGE Chr. 18 Oct. 1622 Joane d. John Witheridge 00435-9

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WITHERIDGE 30 Nov. 1700 Mary h. James NANOE 00241-7

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WYTHERIDGE 24 Jan. 1590 Jane h. Peter TILL 00071-9

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WITHERIDGE Chr. 24 June 1560 Mith d. John Witheridge 00041-8
" Chr. 24 June 1560 Elizabeth d. " " 00043-1
" Chr. 27 Dec. 1562 Cecaley d. " " 00108-3

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Alwington, Devon
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WYTHERYDG Chr. 4 Apr. 1551 Chrystyan d. BALLDWYN WYTHERYDG 00008-1
WYTHERDGE Chr. 25 Apr. 1552 WYLLMOTE d. BALLDWYN WYTHERDGE 00021-
WYTHRYDG Chr. 14 July 1556 TAMYSSYN d. BALDWYN WYTHRYDG 00056-
WYDERYDGE Chr. 20 Nov. 1558 ANNYS d. BALDWYN WYDERYDGE 00078-
WYTHRYDGE Chr. 14 July 1561 WYLLMOTE d. BALDWYN WYTHRYDGE 00099-

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1851 Census of Abbotsham

Dist #2

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 63 Rislade | Samuel Witheridge, | Head, | M, | 39 | Ag. Lab. | Devon, Abbotsham |
| | Eliza " | wife | M. | 38 | wife | " Woolsery |
| | Jonah " | son | U. | 9 | scholar | " " |
| | Thomas " | " | U. | 7 | " | " Abbotsham |
| | George " | " | U. | 2 | " | " " |

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T. L. Stoate, Ed, Devon Lay Subsidy Rolls, 1524-7, Bristol, 1979 [1981]

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WENBURY PARISH (Wembury) 1525 (1524 missing)

John Wytheryggе Goods £5

WEST ALVINGTON PARISH 1524 and 1525

John Wythryggе Goods £3 (not listed in 1524)

BERY NERBER PARISH (Berrynarbor) 1524 and 1525

William Wetherygg Goods £1
John Wetherygg Goods £2

BARNESTAPLE PARISH (Barnstaple) 1524 (1525 missing)

William Wetherygge Goods £1

LYTELHAM PARISH (Littleham) 1525 (1524 missing)

Thomas Wetherugge Goods £3
Richard Wytherugge Goods £10
William Wytherugge Goods £6

NORTH MOLTON PARISH 1524 (1525 missing)

Peter Wetherugge Goods £4

TAUTON EPI PARISH (Bishops Tawton) 1524 and 1525

John Wetherugge Goods £4

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Witheridges in Staffordshire (IGI)

WHITHERIG, Alis mar. William Cersone, 27 Sept. 1571, Penn
WITHERIDGE, Humphreydus mar. Sarah Brittell, 20 Oct. 1697 Pattingham

[Pattingham]

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766 East Prince Street
Lake Crystal, Minnesota 56055
May 17, 1982

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

I enjoyed your talk and pictures at the English Interest Group last Saturday. I told you a little about our family history. Most of my information on the early Norman family comes from a book published in 1976, by William E. Norman, titled- NORMAN GENEALOGY. I helped a little with this book in that I helped get the material ~~for~~ about the Minnesota branch of the family.

A paragraph on the family prior to their journey to Canada in 1833 reads thus:

> "George Norman and Joan Leigh were married and settled on a farm at Quarme for nine years and where four children were born to them - George, Robert, John (who died while young). Maria and Eliza. When Eliza was six weeks old, the family moved to Witheridge (Exton?) and here remained on a fine large farm of 200 acres for 14 years. The old farmhouse was large, having been the residence of a land owner. The rooms were large and the parlour boasted a wooden floor, the only one downstairs in the country around. The hall, dining-room and kitchen, pantry and dairy had stone floors. Each room contained a fireplace and the large bedrooms upstairs had fireplaces. At the back was another building having a kitchen downstairs and bedrooms upstairs where the servants, 4 men and 3 women, had their rooms. Eighteen cows were kept and butter and cheese made every day. Small beer was made every two weeks. This was not intoxicating and was used as a drink at meals as we use tea. Hogsheads of cider were made each year, there being a cider mill on the place."

Exton is 1 [illegible] from Witheridge + 2½ [illegible] from Combe Martin

Our son, Jim, had been there severals before us, and met the family so we stayed at the home They had a B & B, of Mr. and Mrs. David Norman at Cupworthy Farm near Wheddon Cross. Mrs. Norman was kind enought to drive us around and show us the country. She took us to the church at Winsford--as that was supposed to be the family church. From there we went to Witheridge Farm. Neither my husband or I can remember just where it was from the church, but it couldn't have been very far. We would guess 10 or 15 miles. I am telling you these names in case you have a map that would give you some idea of where we were.

To get to the farmyard, we drove down a narrow lane into the yard. The house was a two-story stone building. The lady who lived there said it was about 300 years old. The walls were 18 to 20 ~~feet~~ inches thick at the bottom, and about 8 inches at the top. She was sure it had originially been a thatched roof. None of the doorways were square, but were all round at the top. The stone floors were large stones ~~set/////~~ of slate color and set into sort of a cement. The upstairs doorways were only about 5 feet high so you really had to stoop to enter them. The front door was made of slabs of wood and was about 4 inches thick. The big iron straps and the bolts in those iron pieces were very obviously hand-made.

I hope this is of interest to you. I am wondering if the original owners of the Farm our family lived on were named Witheridge. I also wonder when farms were given names.

Sincerely,

Beth Norman

W86(b)
Log 169

2425 Irving Ave S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 30, 1982

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Log 169

Dear Mrs. Norman,

Thank you for your interesting letter about the Witheridge Farm in Somerset where your husband's ancestors lived many years ago. That must have been quite a thrill to visit there and to see other places in that area.

I certainly want to see a copy of the 1976 book, Norman Genealogy, by William E. Norman. Who was the publisher? Do you know if there is a copy at the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul or in some other nearby library? I think I told you that one of my Witheridge ancestors, John Witheridge, married a Jane Norman in 1617. That was in Berrynarbor, Devon, which is less than 25 miles from Exton, where your Witheridge Farm was located. In fact, Jane Norman's father was a George Norman.

I have a good large-scale map that shows all the towns you mentioned: Exton, Quarme (that is, N. Quarme and S. Quarme), Wheddon Cross, and Winsford.

Some day I hope to check the parish registers of this vicinity and try to locate any Witheridges who might have lived there.

In the meantime, I hope to find a copy of William Norman's book and see if I can discover any connection with my own Norman ancestry.

Yours sincerely,

W 86 (c)
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766 E. Prince Street
Lake Crystal, Minnesota
June 3, 1982

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

You can get the Norman Genealogy by writing to the author, William E. Norman, 6157 Westwood Terrace, Norfolk, Virginia 23508. They were $15.00. Also it wouldn't hurt to memtion your names, as he has quite a bit more info than he had at the time he published his book, I understand.

It is interesting that you have a George Norman. That was our ancestors' name--also his father, and his son. Jane Norman is also quite common back then. I think you would find the book very interest~~s~~ing. I have no idea as to whether it is in any libraries in the Cities or not.

If you write to him, you could also mention that you have talked to me, if you wish.

Sincerely yours,

Beth Norman

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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number 691B

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Kingsbridge

1840. BIRTH in the Sub-district of West Alvington in the County of Devon

| Columns:— 1<br>No. | 1<br>When and where born | 2<br>Name, if any | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Name and surname of father | 5<br>Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6<br>Occupation of father | 7<br>Signature, description and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered | 9<br>Signature of registrar | 10*<br>Name entered after registration |
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| 454 | Sixteenth April 1840 at Bantham Parish of Thurlestone | George | Boy | William Witheridge | Mary Witheridge formerly Rolph<br>Ralph | Mariner | Wm Witheridge Father Bantham Thurlestone<br>Bantham | Fifth of May 1840 | William Thomas Honey Registrar | / |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 2nd day of October 1980

*See note overleaf

BXA 604698

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953. Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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# Marriage License

NO. 895490
RETURN
DATE

To Any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage

## Greetings

Marriage may be celebrated in the County of Cook, and State of Illinois, between THOMAS F. WITHERIDGE of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, of the age of 34 years, and VIRGINIA M. SELLECK of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, of the age of 33 years.

Witness Stanley T. Kusper Jr., County Clerk
of the County of Cook, and the Seal thereof.
at my office in Chicago, this 8TH day of
MAY 19 82

Stanley T. Kusper, Jr.
County Clerk

State of Illinois}
County of Cook} s.s.

I, David E, Witheridge a Baptist Minister
Name of person officiating — Official Title

hereby certify that Thomas F. Witheridge and Virginia M. Selleck
were united in Marriage by me at Evanston in the County of Cook, and
State of Illinois, on the 5th day of June 19 82

David E, Witheridge
Signature and official title

THE NAMES ON THIS CERTIFICATE
MUST BE IDENTICAL WITH THE
TYPED NAMES IN THE ABOVE SECTION

Address 2425 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

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Log 188

BRISTOL BS13 7DB.
ENGLAND

24 JUNE 1982

W89(a)
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D.F.H.S. No. 1177

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

Having been to the Exeter Records Office for Devon + Cornwall looking for my Gregory family we found a marriage between John Gregorie + Katherine Witheridge 8.1.1627 at Littleham (North Devon). Time was running out by then so we weren't able to find out more than that there were Witheridges going back to 1543.

As this is yet another name to add to my family tree I looked in the Devon Family History book + found that you were interested in all Witheridges. Obviously this isn't very much that I have told you, but we shall no doubt be visiting Exeter again + Witheridge will be added to our list of names for research.

If you feel this is of any interest to you I'll keep you informed with anything else I find.

Yours Sincerely

Barbara Popplestone (Mrs).

By air mail
*Par avion*

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Rev. D.E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. So.
MINNEAPOLIS
MINN. 55405
U. S. A.

Royal Mail

Sender's name and address

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2435 Irving Ave S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.

July 9, 1982

Dear Mrs. Popplestone,

Thank you for your letter with the information about the marriage of John Gregorie and Katherine Witheridge in Littleham in January, 1627. It so happens that I had known about Witheridges in Littleham, though I have not yet connected them up with my family, which came from Berrynarbor and Combe Martin.

You say that this is another name to add to your family tree. Is this John Gregorie of Littleham an ancestor of yours, or just a possible relative at this point?

Last year through the local Mormon branch library I used a microfilm of the Littleham Parish Register looking for Witheridges and Causeys. I took down a lot of data but haven't been able to fit it into my records yet. I thought Littleham was the place of origin of the William Witheridge and Fanny Causey who were ancestors of the Witheridges we know in Albury Heath, Surrey, whose origins we are trying to trace.

However, in the Bideford census of 1851 I happened onto the entry of that family and find that this William Witheridge was born in North Tauton about 1797 and Fanny Causey was born in Landcross about 1797. When you are next in Exeter, I'd be very grateful if you could check the parish registers of North Tauton (Tawton?) and Landcross and see if these births show up.

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I'd certainly appreciate anything further you find on the family relationships of John Gregorie and Katherine Witheridge in Fittleham.

Thank you again for writing. I hope to hear from you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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37, Kings Head Lane
Bristol BS13 7DB
ENGLAND

JULY 16. '82.

Dear Mr. Witheridge.

Thank you for your letter, we decided to go to Exeter today to do some more research before we go off for a few days to York.

You ask if John Gregorie who married Katherine Witheridge is an ancestor of mine. Yes, he is in direct line through my father Henry Gregory, + is my 8th great grand father. ✓ Five came from Littleham + must have worked on the land - the next four were mariners - (3 from Appledore + 1 from Bristol - my grandfather), so I really feel I have my roots in Devon!

I found a William Witheridge son of John ✓ baptised 7. Feb 1799 at North Tawton, but no others. Also I found in Landcross ✓ Mary d. of John + Elizabeth Causey bap 27. Apr. 1792, Elizabeth ✓ same parents b. 9. Nov 1794. ✓ Ann, same parents b. 19 Mar 1797 John, s. b. 31. Oct 1802 (same parents)

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Could Ann be Fanny do you think? Often names + ages change over the years don't they?

You are correct - it is TAWTON. in fact that is another name I'm looking for. because the Appledore Gregorys seemed to marry Tawtons, but so far I've not discovered them before 1794 in Appledore.

I found several marriages of Witheridges in Littleham, but not the baptism of Katherine I expect you have these but just in case you haven't here they are.

✓ 25 Nov 1543 William Witheridge + Joan Pogiory? servant of Richard Witheridge
✓ 22 Nov 1550 William W. the elder + Margaret Walter.
✓ 5 Oct 1551 .. .. the younger + Ebutt? Myell
✓ 10 Feb 1562 .. .. " .. + Jone Saunders
✓ 9 Nov 1562 .. .. the elder + Elizabeth Snowe
2 Sept 1562 .. .. no name given for wife

Not having time to check the burials I can only hope that W. the younger + W. the elder were widowers at the

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✓ 15 June 1568 William W the elder + Emett Marcomb
✓ 7 May 1607 Giles " + Emett Locke
✓ 27 Nov 1616 John ------ + Garthrud ? Palmer
✓ 31 Jan 1791 John " + Ann Lee

As you can imagine it's rather hard to be sure of some of the names with some of the old documents

These were the following old ones which may be
✓ of interest to you. William Tawton m. Sara Causey Littleham 19. June 1689
✓ Henry s of Henry (occupation Butcher) + Elizabeth Causey b 27.1.1841. this was North Tawton

✓ Elizabeth d of George (Butcher) + Katherine Causey 28 Apr 1841 also N. Tawton

✓ Elizabeth d of Thomas + Hanah Causey (Farmer) 2 June 1841 this was a place called TOSSELS which I haven't yet found, but it came in the Northam Parish.

I hope this will be of some help to you - I seem to have so many names I find ~~[illegible]~~ it hard [redacted] to get my thoughts clear - as I've just proved!

Whether or not my Witheridge is yours also remains to be seen, but I'll continue looking

Yours sincerely

Barbara Popplestone

W 90(a)
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6276 Yukon St
Vancouver BC
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March 26/82

The Rev. David Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave
Minneapolis, Minn
U.S.A. 55405.

Dear David.

I was so excited and pleased to receive your letter and data regarding our common ancestors. I expect that this is the blessing in searching a name which is somewhat unusual. Your research must have taken years of work.

I started researching my family as a result of a visit to England in 1966. I then had two aunts living in Porthleven (since deceased) and they introduced me to family who I never knew existed. I have enjoyed the satisfaction it brings although I must admit my enthusiasm is like the tide (high & low).

The last of mother family died in 1980 and I went home (home even if I wasn't born there) with mother to look after funeral arrangements. A sad but heartwarming occasion in that I met with so much kindness by many distant relatives. We stayed with a distant Witheridge relative.

I have enclosed a chart which I have put together drawing on your information and mine. You noted that you planned to send for Jacob's birth certificate. If I can find my copy I will send it along.

Today (Sun) after church my wife Pat and myself visited my mother and interestingly she recalled Jacob staying with her family twice when she was a girl. The last visit he made was just after mother married and at that time she recalls her mother carrying Stanley (my brother) down at the quay and meeting him there. I expect he was about seventy at the time A fine gentleman he was & greatly respected. During our visit to Porthleven in 1980 which I referred to, we brought home several articles from the family home and one was a small chest which Jacob had made and given to mothers mother. I find this all fascinating. Mother is less interested and my brother who lives with mother couldn't care less.

I have had little success in tracing my great grandfather birth at Pitsdeep. It is very near

Boldre (a suburb I expect). Robert Witheridge died at sea (fisherman) and I have never been able to tie this down. He left a large family. Mother commented today how simple their lives were when she was a girl. I expect they knew virtually nothing of the world outside their village and the surrounding few miles.

Do you have an address for Jacob's family. His home when she was a girl was London which you referred to.

London

I was pleased to note your church background. I wondered if there would ever be a 'ministerial connection' (a good phrase). Pat and I are very active in our church. We have both been Elders for years and this year Pat is chairlady of the Official Board. My main interest as an Elder is the Worship Committee. You may find it interesting that at today's Service the preacher was the Canadian Minister for External affairs. He was speaking to a United Nations meeting here in Vancouver + while in Van. we enjoyed having him speak to us. He is a dedicated Catholic layman and speaks to congregations as he is able. He spoke on 'A Christian Perspective on International affairs.' The sermon was interrupted by a woman concerned by the conditions in Salvador + Chile. The organist overrode her impromptu interruptions and after she was ushered out he continued. He has had a difficult time during her visit in Van as many feel he isn't taking a strong enough position regarding the opressive regimes in these countries. The T.V people were out but not allowed ~~to~~ into the church. His sermon was a very fine one.

Well I must close now but once again many thanks for your kindness and I look forward to hearing from you again

Sincerely

John

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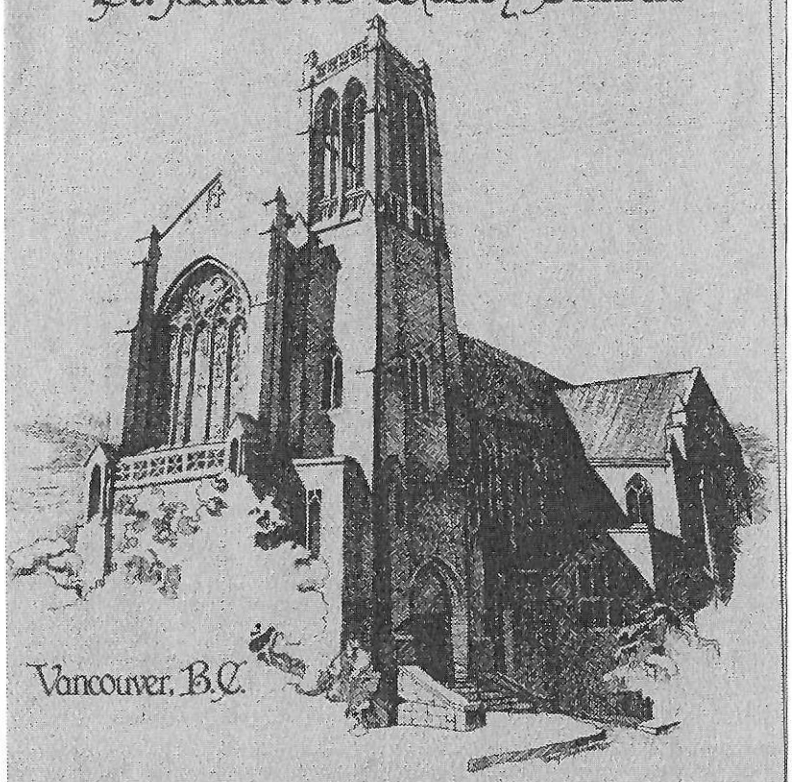
# St. Andrew's-Wesley Church



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[John + Pat James's church in Vancouver]

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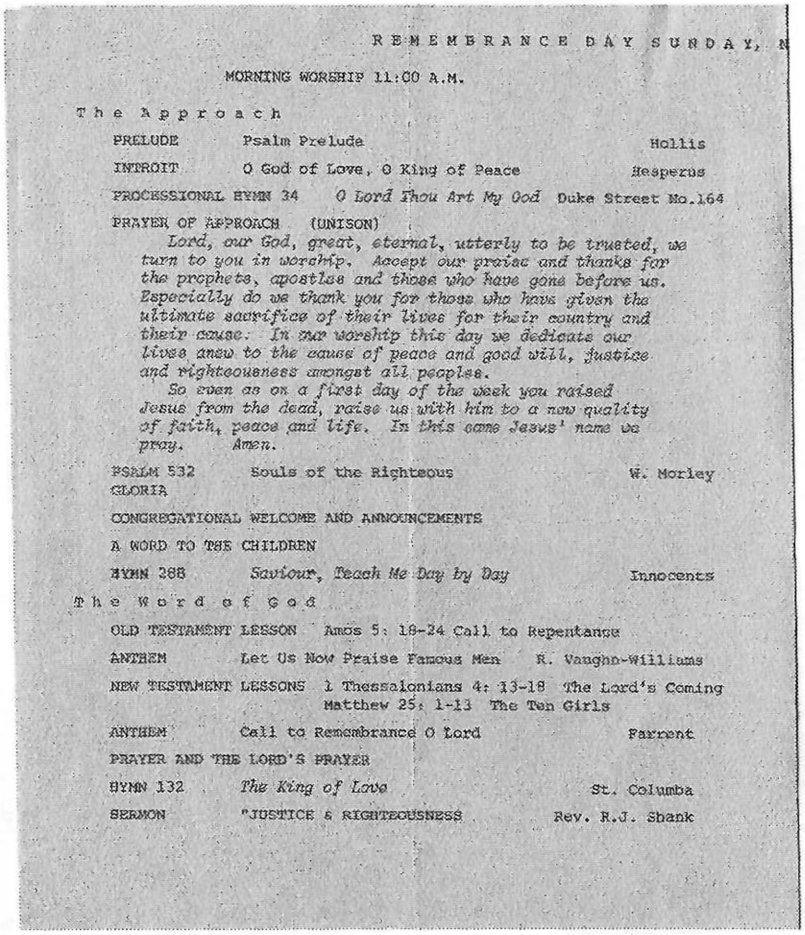

REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY, N

MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

## The Approach

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| PRELUDE | Psalm Prelude | Hollis |
| INTROIT | O God of Love, O King of Peace | Hesperus |
| PROCESSIONAL HYMN 34 | *O Lord Thou Art My God* | Duke Street No.164 |

PRAYER OF APPROACH (UNISON)

*Lord, our God, great, eternal, utterly to be trusted, we turn to you in worship. Accept our praise and thanks for the prophets, apostles and those who have gone before us. Especially do we thank you for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for their country and their cause. In our worship this day we dedicate our lives anew to the cause of peace and good will, justice and righteousness amongst all peoples.*

*So even as on a first day of the week you raised Jesus from the dead, raise us with him to a new quality of faith, peace and life. In this same Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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| PSALM 532 | Souls of the Righteous | W. Morley |
| GLORIA | | |
| CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| A WORD TO THE CHILDREN | | |
| HYMN 288 | *Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day* | Innocents |

## The Word of God

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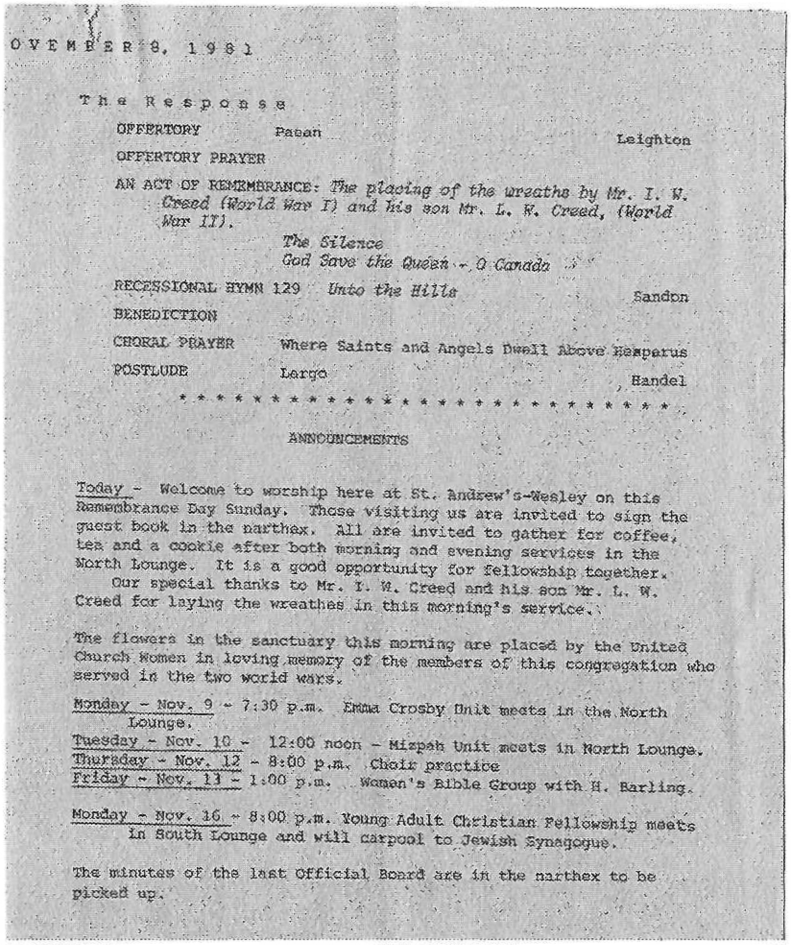
| OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | Amos 5: 18-24 Call to Repentance | |
| ANTHEM | Let Us Now Praise Famous Men | R. Vaughn-Williams |
| NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS | 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 The Lord's Coming<br>Matthew 25: 1-13 The Ten Girls | |
| ANTHEM | Call to Remembrance O Lord | Farrent |
| PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| HYMN 132 | *The King of Love* | St. Columba |
| SERMON | "JUSTICE & RIGHTEOUSNESS | Rev. R.J. Shank |



OVEMBER 8, 1981

The Response

OFFERTORY Paean Leighton

OFFERTORY PRAYER

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE: *The placing of the wreaths by Mr. I. W. Creed (World War I) and his son Mr. L. W. Creed, (World War II).*

*The Silence*
*God Save the Queen - O Canada*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 129 *Unto the Hills* Sandon

BENEDICTION

CHORAL PRAYER Where Saints and Angels Dwell Above Hemparus

POSTLUDE Largo Handel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Welcome to worship here at St. Andrew's-Wesley on this Remembrance Day Sunday. Those visiting us are invited to sign the guest book in the narthex. All are invited to gather for coffee, tea and a cookie after both morning and evening services in the North Lounge. It is a good opportunity for fellowship together.

Our special thanks to Mr. I. W. Creed and his son Mr. L. W. Creed for laying the wreathes in this morning's service.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed by the United Church Women in loving memory of the members of this congregation who served in the two world wars.

Monday - Nov. 9 - 7:30 p.m. Emma Crosby Unit meets in the North Lounge.
Tuesday - Nov. 10 - 12:00 noon - Mizpah Unit meets in North Lounge.
Thursday - Nov. 12 - 8:00 p.m. Choir practice
Friday - Nov. 13 - 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Group with H. Barling.

Monday - Nov. 16 - 8:00 p.m. Young Adult Christian Fellowship meets in South Lounge and will carpool to Jewish Synagogue.

The minutes of the last Official Board are in the narthex to be picked up.

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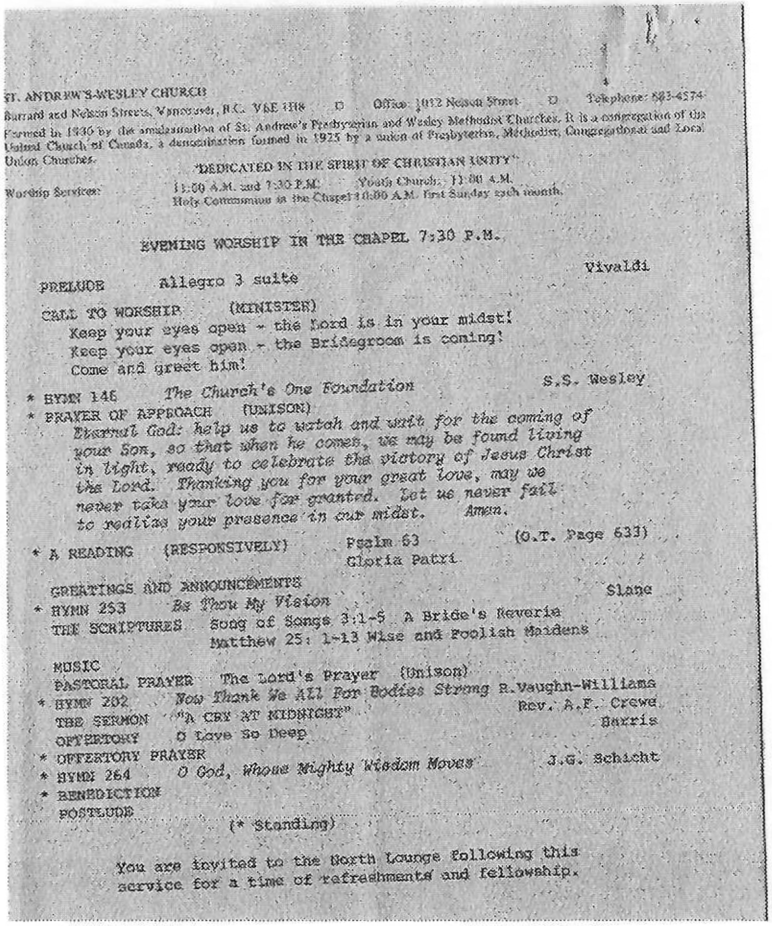

ST. ANDREW'S-WESLEY CHURCH
Burrard and Nelson Streets, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 1H8 □ Office: 1012 Nelson Street □ Telephone: 683-4574
Formed in 1930 by the amalgamation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian and Wesley Methodist Churches. It is a congregation of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed in 1925 by a union of Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational and Local Union Churches.

"DEDICATED IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN UNITY"

Worship Services: 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Youth Church: 11:00 A.M.
Holy Communion in the Chapel 10:00 A.M. first Sunday each month.

EVENING WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE Allegro 3 suite Vivaldi

CALL TO WORSHIP (MINISTER)
Keep your eyes open - the Lord is in your midst!
Keep your eyes open - the Bridegroom is coming!
Come and greet him!

* HYMN 146 *The Church's One Foundation* S.S. Wesley

* PRAYER OF APPROACH (UNISON)
*Eternal God: help us to watch and wait for the coming of your Son, so that when he comes, we may be found living in light, ready to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ the Lord. Thanking you for your great love, may we never take your love for granted. Let us never fail to realize your presence in our midst. Amen.*

* A READING (RESPONSIVELY) Psalm 63 (O.T. Page 633)
Gloria Patri

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
* HYMN 253 *Be Thou My Vision* Slane
THE SCRIPTURES Song of Songs 3:1-5 A Bride's Reverie
Matthew 25: 1-13 Wise and Foolish Maidens

MUSIC
PASTORAL PRAYER The Lord's Prayer (Unison)
* HYMN 202 *Now Thank We All For Bodies Strong* R.Vaughn-Williams
THE SERMON "A CRY AT MIDNIGHT" Rev. A.F. Crewe
OFFERTORY O Love So Deep Harris
* OFFERTORY PRAYER
* HYMN 264 *O God, Whose Mighty Wisdom Moves* J.G. Schicht
* BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE
(* Standing)

You are invited to the North Lounge following this service for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Announcements (cont'd)

SERMON SERIES: Mr. Crewe will bring the church year to a close with a series of three sermons on the eschatological parables of the Kingdom from Matthew, Chapter 25. Evening Chapel Services.

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| November 8 | "A Cry At Midnight" |
| November 15 | "Chosen For Greatness" |
| November 22 | "Here Come De Judge" |

Advent Social - November 27 - Lets start the festive season with carols, music, dance and games (bring your own and join with others). The Fellowship and Membership Committee will provide tea, coffee and fruit punch. We ask you to please bring something for a refreshment buffet. Give the office a call at 683-4574 or Dorothy Laidler 734-0542 or Ivy Norrington 731-7581 by Wednesday november 25, to let us know you'll be joining us. Welcome. Hope to see you 8:00 p.m. November 27.

## Granny Y's at St. Andrew's-Wesley

Volunteers are needed who would like to assist professional staff in the care of babies and young children Monday to Saturday in the YWCA's Granny Y's Emergency Child Care Centre. Details and more information from Ruth McLellan 261-6643.

The church is continuing to help native Indians and their relatives from Northern B.C. who have to come to Vancouver for hospitalization or medical attention by meeting them at the airport and also providing accomodation for them and/or their relatives while in Vancouver. Anyone prepared to meet or accomodate these people, who are often seriously disorientated by the city and need a friendly haven, please leave your name, address and phone number at the church office. This would provide a fine Christian service to our native people.

B.C. Boys Choir - second concert will be November 20th at 8:00 p.m. third concert December 18th at 8:15 p.m. - a traditional candlelight Christmas Concert preceeded by "Olde English" Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets available from choir members - $10.00 for children and seniors - $12.00 for adults. (includes Concert.). Tickets for concert only are $2.50 children and seniors and $4.00 for adults. For further information phone 684-0047 or 596-8768. Come and bring your friends.

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2423 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U. S. A.
July 10 1992

Dear John, James

Your letter of March 26 arrived at a very busy time, and it was put aside for later response, but it got lost under a pile of other unfinished business. Now we are preparing for a 3-week trip east, so I can't write more than a brief reply.

The family chart you drew and sent me is very attractive, and it contains some information I didn't have. Thank you very much. I think I delayed answering your letter because I knew I should Xerox quite a few sheets of family information for you. But so far I just haven't found the time. Now that will have to wait until we return from our trip.

When I got the birth certificate of Jacob Wetheridge, it confirmed the fact that he definitely was born in Ilfracombe and was the son of Thomas Wetheridge and Jane Thomas. So you are not only my sixth cousin twice removed, but you are also Neil Wetheridge's second cousin once removed and Robin's third cousin.

You asked for the address of Jacob's family. The only one whose address I have is Neil. He teaches in a boys school in Aberdeen Scotland, but he lives about fifteen miles away in the old family home in Stonehaven. We met him briefly one afternoon when we were touring Britain in 1980. Neil is unmarried. His address is 31 Victoria St., Stonehaven, Grampian, Scotland.

By the way, Mrs Parsons' address is Marine Cottage, Combe Martin, Devon EX34 0DH.

We were greatly interested in your description of your church activities, and we were pleased to hear how active both you and Pat are. Your church bulletin was very impressive.

As I said, I can't take time to write more now, but I hope to send you more information later.

Yours sincerely,
David + Elizabeth

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This ancestor chart was made by John James.
The original is approximately 18 x 14 inches.
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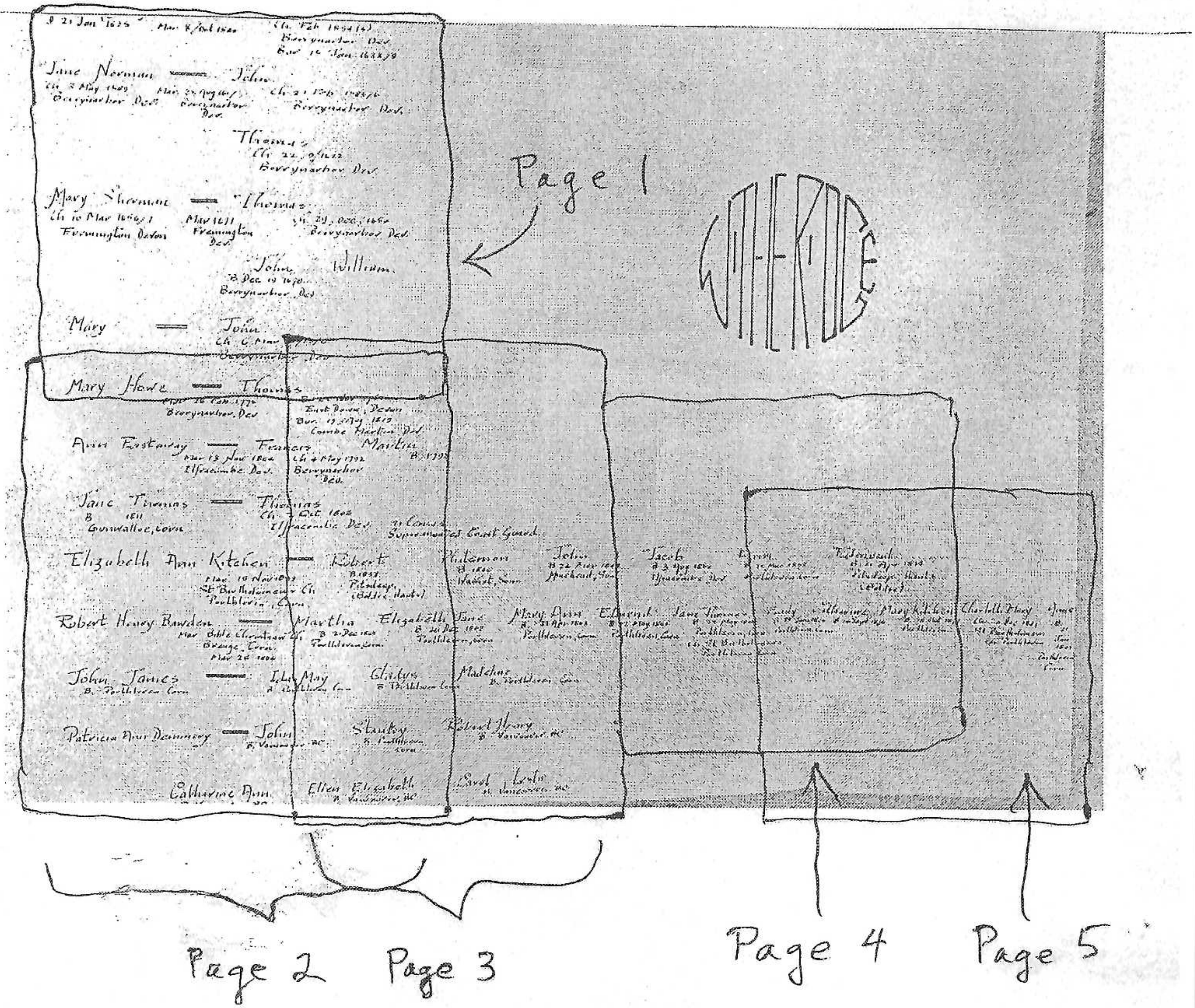
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Thomas
Ch 22/9/1622
Berrynarbor Dev.

Mary Sherman = Thomas
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John William.
B Dec 19 1678
Berrynarbor Dev.

Mary = John
Ch 6 Mar 1715/6
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Mary Howe = Thomas

Berrynarbor Dev.

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Berrynarbor, Dev
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East Down, Devon
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Combe Martin, Dev.

Ann Eastaway == Francis
Mar 13 Nov 1804
Ilfracombe Dev.
Ch. 4 May 1792
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Minehead, Som.

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B. 21 Dec 1869
Porthleven, Corn.

Elizabeth Jane
B 26 Dec 1859
Porthleven, Corn.

Mary Ann
B. 23 Apr 1863
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B. Vancouver, BC

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B. Vancouver, BC.

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B. 10 Mar 1853
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(Boldre)

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B 22 May 1866
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Ch. St Bartholomews
Porthleven Corn.

Emily
B. 29/June 1871
Porthleven Corn.

Catherine
B 10 Sept 1875

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# DOCUMENTS CALENDAR

ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Witheridge entries in Devon from Int. Gen. Index as of Aug. 1978 (LDS-SLC) | | Log 198<br>9/3/81 | W92 | Witheridge IGI folder |
| Letter from John James about sacred design bulletin covers | | Log 199<br>8/5/82 | W93 | John James folder |
| Letter from Barbara Popplestone answering my letter of 7/9/82 about Witheridges | | Log 229<br>7/16/82 | W89(c) | |
| Letter to Barbara Popplestone enclosing Witheridge-Causey sheets and Wm Witheridge the younger (Littleham) | | Log 233<br>9/6/82 | W94 | |
| Letter to Bill Roberts, Ynysybwl, about Eirw Road, Porth or Llantrisaint, & his reply 9/4/82 | | Log 235<br>12/3/81 | W95 | |
| Letter from Barbara Popplestone with Causey-Witheridge-Gregory inf. | | Log 252<br>9/20/82 | W96 | |
| Witheridge entries from IGI of Cornwall (L.D.S. Br. Lib.) | | Log 323<br>1/4/83 | W97 | |
| Reference to John Witheridge in New Eng., 1627 from Geo. Sherwood, Amer. Colonists in Eng. Records, 1st ser. (MHS) | | Log 407<br>3/14/83 | W98 | |
| All Witheridge entries from IGI of London area (LDS Br. Lib.) | | Log 419<br>4/12/83 | W99 | |
| Entries of Witheridge relatives, Bradbury, Devon, from IGI (LDS Lib). | | Log 422<br>4/19/83 | W100 | * |
| Letter from Miss J. Thomas, Cleveland, Eng., asking if I have inf. on early hist. of Witheridge, Devon | | Log 424<br>3/19/83 | W101(a) | |
| My reply to Miss J. Thomas about town of Witheridge and Witheridge surname | | Log 424<br>4/24/83 | W101(b) | |
| Search for Witheridge references in 1906 Decennial Ed. of Am. Digest (Henn. Co. Law Lib.) | | Log 452<br>5/31/83 | W102 | Decen. Digest |
| Letter to Supt. Registrar, Barnstaple, [see W74] ordering Mar. Cert. of Geo. Witheridge + Fanny Parkhurst + Birth Cert. of sons | | Log 456<br>6/8/83 | W103 | |
| Letter from Eric J. W. Daw, Supt. Regis, Barnstaple, with certificates + other inf. | | Log 464<br>6/16/83 | W104 | |
| Mar. cert. of Geo. Witheridge + Fanny Parkhurst, Feb. 19, 1860 (Barnstaple Reg. Dist.) | | Log 464<br>6/16/83 | W105 | |

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# DOCUMENTS CALENDAR

ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth cert. of John Witheridge, Dec. 30, 1860, son of George + Fanny (Parkhurst) [Barnstaple Reg. Dist.] | | Log 464<br>6/16/83 | W106 | |
| Birth cert. of Mary Vellacott Witheridge, Feb. 28, 1867, dau. of George + Fanny (Barnstaple Reg. Dist.) | | Log 464<br>6/16/83 | W107 | |
| Letter to Miss June Thomas about her Witheridge connection [New memb. of Devon Fam. Hist. Soc.] | | Log 500<br>8/31/83 | W108 | |
| Letter from June Thomas saying she is tracing the Thomas family of Witheridge [See W108] | | Log 520<br>9/15/83 | W109 | |
| Letter from John James sending inf. on Emma Witheridge who emigrated to Australia in 1839 | | Log 522<br>4/30/83 | W110 | John James file |
| Christmas letter from Una Parsons with pages from Family Bible of Emma [Amy] Witheridge (Mrs. Martin) | | Log 523<br>12/1/83 | W111 | out |
| Letter to Charles White, Plymouth, Eng., for inf. on any Witheridges in Devon "strays" file | | Log 552<br>2/10/84 | W112 | |
| Answer from Charles White (Devon Strays Index) with inf. on Richard Withybridge in 1851 Census (Wilts.) | | Log 567<br>2/16/84 | W113 | |
| Witteridge, etc., entries in Devon IGI (LDS Lib.) | | Log 574<br>3/8/84 | W114 | Witheridge IGI |
| Wetheredge, Withridg, Wytheridge and other variants of Witheridge in Devon IGI [1981] | | Log 574<br>3/8/84 | W115 | " |
| Letter to Lily Gubb asking about location of relatives and asking if we could meet her on our trip | | Log 578<br>5/16/76 | W116 | Kenneth Gubb file |
| Letter from Kenneth Gubb telling of death of his parents + saying he couldn't see us in July | | Log 579<br>6/15/76 | W117 | " |
| Death notice: Eileen (Betty), wife of Thomas Witheridge Gubb, Cape Town, Feb. 8, 1984 (Daily Telegraph, London) [Harry Witheridge] | | Log 580<br>2/22/84 | W118 | Gubb So. Africa |
| Letter to Cape Town City Libraries for obit of Eileen Gubb (d. 2/8/84), widow of Thomas Witheridge Gubb [See W118] | | Log 592<br>3/20/84 | W119 | " |
| Letter to Kenneth Gubb asking if Mrs. Thomas Witheridge Gubb is a relative [See W117] | | Log 593<br>3/21/84 | W120 | Kenneth Gubb file |
| Letter from Cape Town City Lib. with obit. of Eileen Gubb (Mrs. Thomas Witheridge Gubb) + addresses from phone book [See W119] | | Log 602<br>4/10/84 | W121 | Gubb So. Africa |

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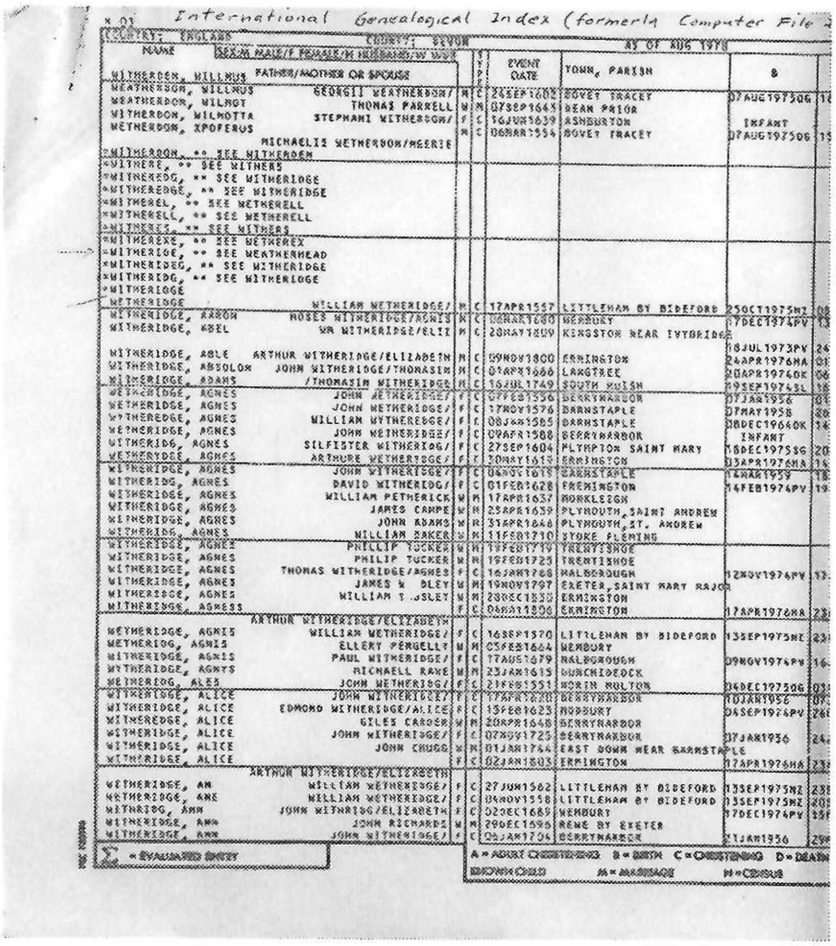

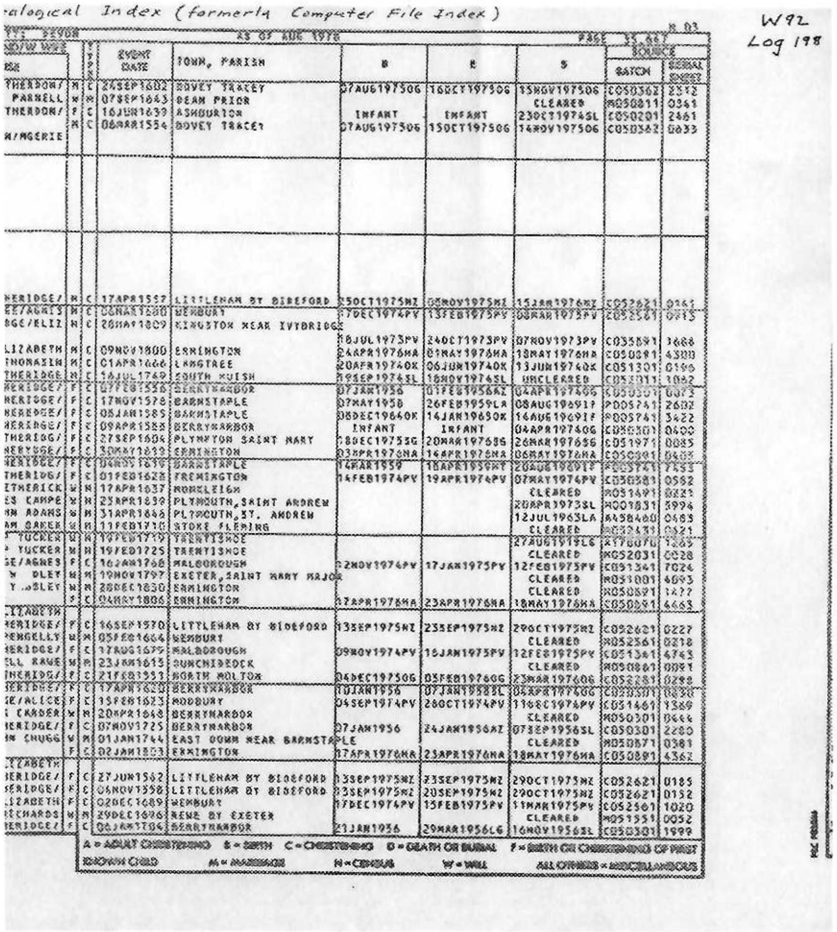

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| NAME | SEX: M MALE/F FEMALE/H HUSBAND/W WIFE — FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE | SEX | TYPE | EVENT DATE | TOWN, PARISH | B | E | S | SOURCE BATCH | SOURCE SERIAL SHEET |
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| WITHERDEN, WILLMUS | | | | | | | | | | |
| WEATHERDON, WILLMUS | GEORGII WEATHERDON/ | M | C | 24SEP1602 | BOVEY TRACEY | 07AUG197506 | 16OCT197506 | 15NOV197506 | C050362 | 2312 |
| WEATHERDON, WILMOT | THOMAS PARRELL | W | M | 07SEP1643 | DEAN PRIOR | | | CLEARED | M050811 | 0361 |
| WITHERDON, WILMOTTA | STEPHANI WITHERDON/ | F | C | 16JUN1639 | ASHBURTON | INFANT | INFANT | 23OCT1974SL | C050201 | 2461 |
| WETHERDON, XPOFERUS | MICHAELIS WETHERDON/MGERIE | M | C | 06MAR1554 | BOVEY TRACEY | 07AUG197506 | 15OCT197506 | 14NOV197506 | C050362 | 0033 |
| *WITHERDON, ** SEE WITHERDEN | | | | | | | | | | |
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| *WITHEREDG, ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
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| *WITHERIDE, ** SEE WEATHERHEAD | | | | | | | | | | |
| *WITHERIDEG, ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
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| WETHERIDGE | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 17APR1557 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975MZ | 08NOV1975MZ | 15JAN1976MZ | C052621 | 0161 |
| WITHERIDGE, AARON | MOSES WITHERIDGE/AGNIS | M | C | 06MAR1680 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0915 |
| WITHERIDGE, ABEL | WM WITHERIDGE/ELIZ | M | C | 28MAY1809 | KINGSTON NEAR IVYBRIDGE | 18JUL1973PV | 24OCT1973PV | 07NOV1973PV | C035591 | 3688 |
| WITHERIDGE, ABLE | ARTHUR WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | M | C | 09NOV1800 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976NA | 01MAY1976NA | 18MAY1976NA | C050891 | 4388 |
| WITHERIDGE, ABSOLON | JOHN WITHERIDGE/THOMASIN | M | C | 01APR1666 | LANGTREE | 20APR1974OK | 06JUN1974OK | 13JUN1974OK | C051301 | 0196 |
| WITHERIDGE, ADAMS | /THOMASIN WITHERIDGE | M | C | 16JUL1749 | SOUTH HUISH | 19SEP1974SL | 18NOV1974SL | UNCLEARED | C053311 | 3062 |
| WETHERIDGE, AGNES | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07FEB1556 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 01FEB1956AZ | 04APR197406 | C050301 | 0073 |
| WETHERIDGE, AGNES | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 17NOV1578 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 26FEB1959LA | 08AUG1969IF | P005741 | 2602 |
| WYTHEREDGE, AGNES | WILLIAM WYTHEREDGE/ | F | C | 08JAN1585 | BARNSTAPLE | 08DEC1964OK | 14JAN1969OK | 16AUG1969IF | P005741 | 3422 |
| WETHERIDGE, AGNES | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 09APR1588 | BERRYNARBOR | INFANT | INFANT | 04APR197406 | C050301 | 0400 |
| WITHERIDG, AGNES | SILFISTER WITHERIDG/ | F | C | 27SEP1604 | PLYMPTON SAINT MARY | 18DEC197556 | 20MAR197656 | 26MAR197656 | C051971 | 0085 |
| WETHERYDGE, AGNES | ARTHURE WETHERYDGE/ | F | C | 30MAY1613 | ERMINGTON | 03APR1976NA | 14APR1976NA | 06MAY1976NA | C050891 | 0405 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 04NOV1615 | BARNSTAPLE | 14MAR1959 | 18APR1959NT | 20AUG1969IF | P005741 | 7553 |
| WITHERIDG, AGNES | DAVID WITHERIDG/ | F | C | 01FEB1628 | FREMINGTON | 14FEB1974PV | 19APR1974PV | 07MAY1974PV | C050581 | 0582 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES | WILLIAM PETHERICK | W | M | 17APR1637 | MONKLEIGH | | | CLEARED | M051491 | 0221 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES | JAMES CAMPE | W | M | 23APR1639 | PLYMOUTH, SAINT ANDREW | | | 20APR1973SL | M001831 | 3994 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES | JOHN ADAMS | W | M | 31APR1646 | PLYMOUTH, ST. ANDREW | | | 12JUL1963LA | A458400 | 0583 |
| WITHERIDG, AGNES | WILLIAM BAKER | W | M | 11FEB1710 | STOKE FLEMING | | | CLEARED | M052431 | 0521 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES | PHILLIP TUCKER | W | M | 19FEB1719 | TRENTISHOE | | | 27AUG1919LG | A170070 | 1369 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES | PHILIP TUCKER | W | M | 19FEB1725 | TRENTISHOE | | | CLEARED | M052031 | 0028 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/AGNES | F | C | 16JAN1768 | MALBOROUGH | 12NOV1974PV | 17JAN1975PV | 12FEB1975PV | C051341 | 7024 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES | JAMES W DLEY | W | M | 19NOV1797 | EXETER, SAINT MARY MAJOR | | | CLEARED | M051001 | 4093 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES | WILLIAM T.JSLEY | W | M | 28DEC1830 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 1477 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNESS | ARTHUR WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | F | C | 04MAY1806 | ERMINGTON | 17APR1976NA | 23APR1976NA | 18MAY1976NA | C050891 | 4463 |
| WETHERIDGE, AGNIS | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 16SEP1570 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975MZ | 23SEP1975MZ | 29OCT1975MZ | C052621 | 0227 |
| WETHERIDG, AGNIS | ELLERY PENGELLY | W | M | 05FEB1664 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0318 |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNIS | PAUL WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 17AUG1679 | MALBOROUGH | 09NOV1974PV | 15JAN1975PV | 12FEB1975PV | C051341 | 4763 |
| WYTHERIDGE, AGNYS | MICHAELL RAWE | W | M | 23JAN1615 | DUNCHIDEOCK | | | CLEARED | M050861 | 0091 |
| WETHERIDG, ALEX | JOHN WETHERIDG/ | F | C | 21FEB1551 | NORTH MOLTON | 04DEC197506 | 05FEB197606 | 23MAR197606 | C052281 | 0290 |
| WITHERIDGE, ALICE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 17APR1620 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 07JAN1958SL | 04APR197406 | C050301 | 0830 |
| WITHERIDGE, ALICE | EDMOND WITHERIDGE/ALICE | F | C | 15FEB1623 | MODBURY | 04SEP1974PV | 28OCT1974PV | 11DEC1974PV | C051461 | 1389 |
| WITHEREDGE, ALICE | GILES CARDER | W | M | 20APR1648 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0444 |
| WITHERIDGE, ALICE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07NOV1725 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 24JAN1956AZ | 07SEP1956SL | C050301 | 2280 |
| WITHERIDGE, ALICE | JOHN CHUGG | W | M | 01JAN1744 | EAST DOWN NEAR BARNSTAPLE | | | CLEARED | M050871 | 0381 |
| WITHERIDGE, ALICE | ARTHUR WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | F | C | 02JAN1803 | ERMINGTON | 17APR1976NA | 23APR1976NA | 18MAY1976NA | C050891 | 4362 |
| WETHERIDGE, AN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 27JUN1562 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975MZ | 23SEP1975MZ | 29OCT1975MZ | C052621 | 0185 |
| WETHERIDGE, ANE | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 04NOV1558 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975MZ | 20SEP1975MZ | 29OCT1975MZ | C052621 | 0152 |
| WITHRIDG, ANN | JOHN WITHRIDG/ELIZABETH | F | C | 02DEC1689 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 11MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1020 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANN | JOHN RICHARDS | W | M | 29DEC1696 | RENE BY EXETER | | | CLEARED | M051551 | 0052 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 06JAN1706 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 16NOV1956SL | C050301 | 1999 |

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SEX: M MALE/F FEMALE/H HUSBAND/W WIFE

| NAME | FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE | SEX | TYPE | EVENT DATE | TOWN, PARISH | B | E | S | SOURCE BATCH | SERIAL SHEET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERIDGE, ANN | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERIDGE, ANN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ANN | F | C | 03DEC1717 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1286 |
| WITHERENG, ANN | JOHN TERMEAR | W | M | 27APR1722 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0301 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 10JUL1730 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 20JAN1956AZ | 07SEP1956SL | C050301 | 2331 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/GRACE | F | C | 08MAR1818 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 3375 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANN | THOMAS FISHLEIGH | W | M | 06MAY1818 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M031211 | 2864 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANN | JOHN BAILEY | W | M | 09MAY1844 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 1112 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANN ELIZ | WM WITHERIDGE/ELIZ | F | C | 10FEB1811 | KINGSTON NEAR IVYBRIDGE | 18JUL1973PV | 02OCT1973PV | 30OCT1973PV | C035891 | 1709 |
| WETHERIDGE, ANNE | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 28SEP1554 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975NZ | 20SEP1975NZ | 29OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0120 |
| WATHERIDGE, ANNE | JOHN WATHERIDGE/ | F | C | 15OCT1569 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 16MAY1957SL | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0207 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANNE | DAVYE ROWE | W | M | 06SEP1584 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0077 |
| WYTHERIDGE, ANNE | EDWARD WYTHERIDGE/ | F | C | 21FEB1612 | GEORGEHAM | INFANT | INFANT | 19JUN1974SL | C050801 | 1223 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANNE | MICHAELL MUXWORTHY | W | M | 11JUN1615 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050801 | 0314 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANNE | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 1668 | HEWE BY EXETER | 09JAN1975SL | 26FEB1975SL | 19MAR1975SL | C031351 | 0068 |
| WYTHERIDGE, ANNE | NATHANIEL WILLING | W | M | 09JUN1731 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0430 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANNE | JAMES CALLARD | W | M | 26AUG1737 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0449 |
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| WITHERIDGE, ANNE | RICHARD BROOKES | W | M | 05OCT1833 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 3222 |
| WYDERYDGE, ANNYS | BALDWYN WYDERYDGE/ | F | C | 20NOV1558 | ALWINGTON | 07MAR1974OK | 29MAR1974OK | 04APR1974OK | C050181 | 0078 |
| WETHERYDGE, ANNYS | WYLLYAM COLSCOT | W | M | 29NOV1572 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 15MAR1973LG | 7207542 | 33 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANSTES | WILLIAM FRENCHE | W | M | 24AUG1565 | NORTH MOLTON | | | CLEARED | M052281 | 0022 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANTHONIE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 30JAN1619 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 11NOV1975NZ | 22JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0490 |
| WETHERIDGE, ANTHONY | FAITH SMALL | H | M | 05MAY1603 | PLYMOUTH,ST. ANDREWS | | | 15NOV1960LA | A458405 | 0368 |
| WYTHERIDGE, ANTHONY | FAITH SMALE | H | M | 05MAY1603 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 27APR1973SL | M001531 | 2154 |
| WETHERIDGE, ANTHONYE | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 11FEB1574 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 03NOV1975NZ | 22JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0238 |
| WETHERIDGE, ANYS | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 17APR1554 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975NZ | 20SEP1975NZ | 29OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0117 |
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| WITHERIDGE, ARTHUR | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ALICE | M | C | 13OCT1758 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 28APR1976HA | 14MAY1976HA | C050891 | 3183 |
| WITHERIDGE, ARTHUR | ELIZABETH DOWSEN | H | M | 26DEC1787 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 1112 |
| WITHERIDGE, ARTHUR | ARTHUR WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | M | C | 29JUN1788 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 30APR1976HA | 14MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5643 |
| WETHERIDGE, ARTHUR | PHILIP WETHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 24DEC1837 | ERMINGTON | 01MAY1976HA | 07MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5905 |
| WEYTHERIDGE, ARTHURE | JOANE EDGECOME | H | M | 23NOV1607 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 0006 |
| WETHERYDG, ARTHURE | ARTHURE WETHERYDG/ | M | C | 25JAN1623 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 17APR1976HA | 08MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0521 |
| WITHERIDGE, AVIS | PHILIP WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 12JUN1842 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 05MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 6025 |
| WITHERING, BARBARA | JOHN WITHERIDG/MARGERY | F | C | 09MAR1630 | MODBURY | 04SEP1974PV | 20OCT1974PV | 11DEC1974PV | C051461 | 1748 |
| WETHERIDGE, BAWDEN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 19JAN1551 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 03NOV1975NZ | 13JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0100 |
| WITHERIDGE, BENNETTA | /MARIANN WITHERIDGE | F | C | 08APR1846 | YEALMPTON | 20SEP1974LA | 31OCT1974LA | UNCLEARED | C052221 | 3723 |
| WITHERIDGE, BETSY | HENRY WITHERIDGE/BETSY | F | C | 09NOV1828 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 28APR1976HA | 19MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5521 |
| WITHERIDGE, CAROLINE BENETTA | WM WITHERIDGE/REBECCA | F | C | 1849 | YEALMPTON | INFANT | INFANT | 03JAN1975LA | C052221 | 5823 |
| WETHERIDGE, CATHARINE | SIMON SOMER | W | M | 1556 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 06MAY1947SL | A184784 | 3989 |
| WETHERIDGE, CATHARINE | JOHN SOMER | W | M | 1589 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 06MAY1947SL | A184784 | 4028 |
| WITHERIDGE, CATHERINE | WILLIAM BLACKMORE | W | M | 1545 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 27JUN1958IF | A459022 | 1484 |
| WITHERIDGE, CECILIE | THOMAS HEDDON | W | M | 03FEB1546 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0021 |
| WITHRIDGE, CHARLES | JOHN WITHRIDGE/MARY | M | C | 29MAR1663 | HARTLAND | 09MAY1963LA | 18OCT1963SL | 12FEB1968SL | P001741 | 4201 |
| WETHERIDGE, CHARYTYE | ROBART BARNE | W | M | 03AUG1597 | SWIMBRIDGE | | | CLEARED | M052501 | 0175 |
| WETHERING, CHERITY | JOHN WETHERING/MARGERY | F | C | 16JUN1633 | MODBURY | 04SEP1974PV | 26OCT1974PV | 14DEC1974PV | C051461 | 1837 |
| WYETHERATGE, CHRISTEN | STEVEN CLARKE | W | M | 16MAY1604 | SOUTH HUISH | | | CLEARED | M052071 | 0273 |
| WYTHERIDGE, CHRISTIAN | JOHN WYTHERIDGE/ | F | C | 26MAR1631 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 1011 |
| WETHERIDG, CHRISTOPHER | WILLIAM WETHERIDG/FARWELL | M | B | 28APR1658 | NEWTON FERRERS | 11SEP1975OG | 29OCT1975OG | 06DEC1975OG | C052251 | 0990 |
| WYTHERYDG, CHRYSTYAN | BALLDWYN WYTHERYDG/ | F | C | 04APR1551 | ALWINGTON | 07MAR1974OK | 29MAR1974OK | 04APR1974OK | C050181 | 0008 |
| WITHERIDGE, CICELEY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 27DEC1562 | BISHOPS TAWTON | 05APR1974LA | 14MAY1974LA | 29MAY1974LA | C050341 | 0108 |
| WITHERIDGE, CICELY | ANTHONY HERSTON | W | M | 27JAN1590 | BISHOPS TAWTON | | | CLEARED | M050341 | 0020 |
| WETHEREDG, CRISTIAN | EDMOND WETHEREDG/ALCE | F | C | 14NOV1619 | MODBURY | 04SEP1974PV | 26OCT1974PV | 11DEC1974PV | C051461 | 1107 |
| WITHERIDGE, DAROTHIE | WILLIAM PASMOORE | W | M | 07APR1600 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 11OCT1973LG | M002741 | 1530 |
| WITHERIDGE, DAVID | ANNA WYDLACK | H | M | 13OCT1628 | FREMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050581 | 0220 |
| WITHRIDGE, DEBORAH | JOHN KEANE | W | M | 23FEB1694 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 17JUL1976SL | 7660007 | 0 |
| WITHERIDGE, DOROTHY | WILLIAM PASMOORE | W | M | 07APR1600 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 18JAN1961SL | A457683 | 1477 |

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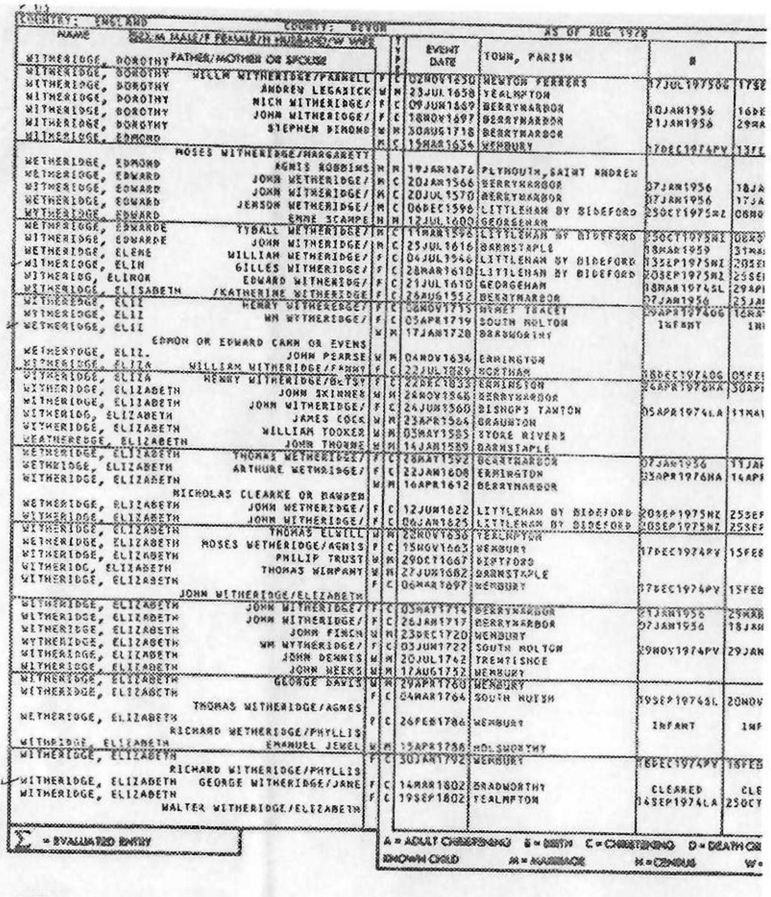
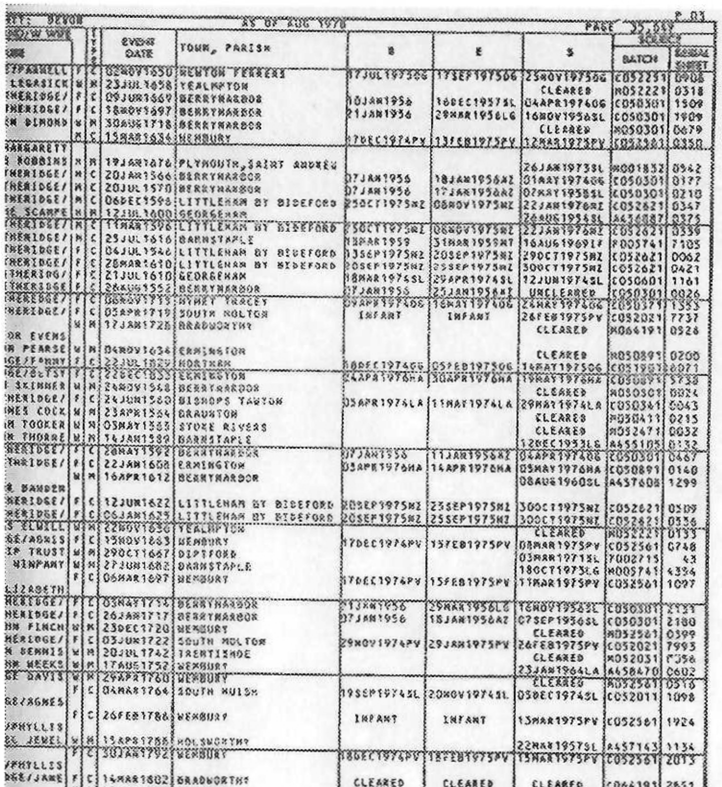

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| NAME | FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE | SEX | TYPE | EVENT DATE | TOWN, PARISH | B | E | S | SOURCE BATCH | SOURCE SERIAL SHEET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERIDGE, DOROTHY | WILLM WITHERIDGE/PARNELL | F | C | 02NOV1650 | NEWTON FERRERS | 17JUL1975OG | 17SEP1975OG | 25NOV1975OG | C052231 | 0908 |
| WITHERIDGE, DOROTHY | ANDREW LEGASICK | W | M | 23JUL1658 | YEALMPTON | | | CLEARED | M052221 | 0318 |
| WITHERIDGE, DOROTHY | NICH WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 09JUN1669 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 16DEC1957SL | 04APR1976OG | C050301 | 1509 |
| WITHERIDGE, DOROTHY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 18NOV1697 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 16NOV1956SL | C050301 | 1909 |
| WITHERIDGE, DOROTHY | STEPHEN BIMOND | W | M | 30AUG1718 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0679 |
| WITHERIDGE, EDMOND | MOSES WITHERIDGE/MARGARETT | M | C | 15MAR1634 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PY | 13FEB1975PY | 12MAR1975PY | C052561 | 0350 |
| WETHERIDGE, EDMOND | AGNIS ROBBINS | H | M | 19JAN1676 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 26JAN1973SL | M001832 | 0542 |
| WETHERIDGE, EDWARD | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 20JAN1566 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 18JAN1956AZ | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 0177 |
| WITHERIDGE, EDWARD | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 20JUL1570 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 17JAN1956AZ | 07MAY1958SL | C050301 | 0210 |
| WETHERIDGE, EDWARD | JENSON WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 06DEC1598 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 22JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0347 |
| WYTHERIDGE, EDWARD | EMME SCAMPE | H | M | 12JUL1600 | GEORGEHAM | | | 26AUG1956SL | A456087 | 0375 |
| WETHERIDGE, EDWARDE | TYBALL WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 11MAR1596 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 22JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0339 |
| WITHERIDGE, EDWARDE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 25JUL1616 | BARNSTAPLE | 18MAR1959 | 31MAR1959NT | 16AUG1969IF | F005741 | 7105 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELENE | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 04JUL1546 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975NZ | 20SEP1975NZ | 29OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0062 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIN | GILLES WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 28MAR1610 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 25SEP1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0421 |
| WITHERIDG, ELINOR | EDWARD WITHERIDG/ | F | C | 21JUL1610 | GEORGEHAM | 18MAR1974SL | 29APR1974SL | 12JUN1974SL | C050601 | 1161 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELISABETH | /KATHERINE WITHERIDGE | F | C | 26AUG1552 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 25JAN1956AZ | UNCLEARED | C050301 | 0026 |
| WITHEREDGE, ELIZ | HENRY WITHEREDGE/ | F | C | 08NOV1715 | NYMET TRACEY | 09APR1974OG | 16MAY1974OG | 24MAY1974OG | C050371 | 1353 |
| WYTHERIDGE, ELIZ | WM WYTHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03APR1719 | SOUTH MOLTON | INFANT | INFANT | 26FEB1975PV | C052021 | 7737 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELIZ | EDMON OR EDWARD CANN OR EVENS | W | M | 17JAN1728 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0928 |
| WETHERYDGE, ELIZ. | JOHN PEARSE | W | M | 04NOV1634 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 0200 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZA | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/FANNY | F | C | 22JUL1829 | NORTHAM | 18DEC1974OG | 05FEB1975OG | 14MAY1975OG | C051951 | 8071 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZA | HENRY WITHERIDGE/BETSY | F | C | 22DEC1833 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 30APR1976HA | 19MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5738 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN SKINNER | W | M | 24NOV1568 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0024 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 24JUN1560 | BISHOPS TAWTON | 05APR1974LA | 11MAY1974LA | 29MAY1974LA | C050341 | 0043 |
| WITHERIDG, ELIZABETH | JAMES COCK | W | M | 23APR1584 | BRAUNTON | | | CLEARED | M050411 | 0215 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | WILLIAM TOOKER | W | M | 03MAY1585 | STOKE RIVERS | | | CLEARED | M052471 | 0032 |
| WEATHEREDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN THORNE | W | M | 14JAN1589 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 12DEC1953LG | A455105 | 0132 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 28MAY1592 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 11JAN1956AZ | 04APR1976OG | C050301 | 0467 |
| WETHRIDGE, ELIZABETH | ARTHURE WETHRIDGE/ | F | C | 22JAN1608 | ERMINGTON | 03APR1976HA | 14APR1976HA | 05MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0140 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | NICHOLAS CLEARKE OR BAWDEN | W | M | 16APR1612 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 08AUG1960SL | A457608 | 1299 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 12JUN1622 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 25SEP1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0509 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 06JAN1625 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 25SEP1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0536 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | THOMAS ELWILL | W | M | 22NOV1630 | YEALMPTON | | | CLEARED | M052221 | 0133 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | MOSES WETHERIDGE/AGNIS | F | C | 15NOV1663 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0748 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | PHILIP TRUST | W | M | 29OCT1667 | DIPTFORD | | | 03MAR1971SL | 7002715 | 43 |
| WITHERIDG, ELIZABETH | THOMAS WINPANY | W | M | 27JUN1682 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 18OCT1973LG | M005741 | 4334 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | F | C | 06MAR1697 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 11MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1097 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03MAY1714 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 16NOV1956SL | C050301 | 2121 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 26JAN1717 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 18JAN1956AZ | 07SEP1956SL | C050301 | 2180 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN FINCH | W | M | 23DEC1720 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0399 |
| WYTHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | WM WYTHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03JUN1722 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 29JAN1975PV | 26FEB1975PV | C052021 | 7993 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN DENNIS | W | M | 20JUL1742 | TRENTISHOE | | | CLEARED | M052031 | 0356 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN WEEKS | W | M | 17AUG1752 | WEMBURY | | | 23JAN1964LA | A458470 | 0602 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | GEORGE DAVIS | W | M | 29APR1760 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0510 |
| WITHERXDGE, ELIZABETH | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/AGNES | F | C | 04MAR1764 | SOUTH HUISH | 19SEP1974SL | 20NOV1974SL | 03DEC1974SL | C052011 | 1098 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | RICHARD WETHERIDGE/PHYLLIS | F | C | 26FEB1786 | WEMBURY | INFANT | INFANT | 13MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1924 |
| WITHRIDGE, ELIZABETH | EMANUEL JEWEL | W | M | 15APR1788 | HOLSWORTHY | | | 22MAR1957SL | A457143 | 1134 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | RICHARD WITHERIDGE/PHYLLIS | F | C | 30JAN1792 | WEMBURY | 18DEC1974PV | 18FEB1975PV | 15MAR1975PV | C052561 | 2013 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/JANE | F | C | 14MAR1802 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 2651 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | WALTER WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | F | C | 19SEP1802 | YEALMPTON | 14SEP1974LA | 25OCT1974LA | 03JAN1975LA | C052221 | 4792 |

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| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/SARAH AVERY ALGATE | F | C | 02NOV1821 | WEMBURY | INFANT | INFANT | 14MAR1975PV | C052561 | 2480 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/SARAH AVERY | F | C | 01DEC1822 | WEMBURY | INFANT | INFANT | 14MAR1975PV | C052561 | 2501 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | GEO WITHERIDGE/ELIZ | F | C | 12JAN1834 | ILFRACOMBE | 01OCT1974PV | 16NOV1974PV | 03JAN1975PV | C051211 | 2266 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | PHILIP WETHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 29MAR1840 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 05MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5969 |
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| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH JANE | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/SUSAN | F | C | 16JAN1830 | EXETER,SAINT PAUL | 21JAN1967LA | 01MAR1967LA | 25FEB1969SL | P004661 | 5663 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELLENOR | | F | C | 13APR1565 | BERRYNARBOR | 09FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | UNCLEARED | C050301 | 0157 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELNOR | STEPHEN CULLOMBE | W | M | 26JUN1596 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0229 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELNOR. | JAMES WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07OCT1632 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 26FEB1959LA | 23AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0329 |
| WITHERYDGE, ELYZABETH | JOHN WYTHERYDGE/ | F | C | 23NOV1584 | BARNSTAPLE | 03DEC1964OK | 02MAR1965OK | 06AUG1969IF | P005741 | 1567 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELYZABETH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03DEC1612 | BARNSTAPLE | 14MAR1959 | 18APR1959MT | 19AUG1969IF | P005741 | 6645 |
| WETHERIDGE, EMETT | JOHN HUSBAND | W | M | 01JUL1628 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0133 |
| WETHERIDGE, EMMA | HENRY WETHERIDGE/BETSY | F | C | 17OCT1841 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 05MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 6006 |
| WETHERIDGE, FAITH | THOMAS BRUSCOMB | W | M | 08NOV1612 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 26APR1975SL | M001831 | 3082 |
| WITHERIDGE, FANNY ELIZABETH | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/FANNY | F | C | 27MAR1827 | NORTHAM | 18DEC1974OG | 03FEB1975OG | 14MAY1975OG | C051901 | 5850 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCES | WILLM WITHERIDGE/PARNELL | F | C | 02NOV1650 | NEWTON FERRERS | 17JUL1975OG | 17SEP1975OG | 25NOV1975OG | C052251 | 0709 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCIS | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 16SEP1661 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 18APR1956LG | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1431 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCIS | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 22NOV1695 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 16DEC1957SL | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1850 |
| WI HERIDGE, FRANCIS | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 04MAY1782 | BERRYNARBOR | 12MAR1974OG | 26APR1974OG | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 3066 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCIS | ANN EASTAWAY | M | M | 13NOV1804 | ILFRACOMBE | | | 04DEC1957SL | A457268 | 0015 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCIS | ANN EASTAWAY | M | M | 30NOV1804 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 2650 |
| WETHERIDGE, GABRILL | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 27AUG1594 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 22JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0328 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE | JAMES WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 12AUG1630 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 23AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0207 |
| WITHERAGE, GEORGE | JANE OKE | M | M | 22JAN1783 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0687 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE | | M | C | 18DEC1808 | MILTON DAMEREL | 31AUG1974IF | 22JAN1975IF | UNCLEARED | C051451 | 2280 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE | ELIZ. FRY | M | M | 03SEP1827 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 3090 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE | MARY SANDERS | M | M | 25MAR1833 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 1060 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE CAUSEY | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/FANNY | M | C | 03JAN1836 | NORTHAM | 05MAR1975OG | 05APR1975OG | 15MAY1975OG | C051901 | 6762 |
| WIETHERIDGE, GRACE | WILLIAM WIETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 28JAN1593 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 26FEB1959LA | 15AUG1969IF | P005741 | 4344 |
| WITHERIDG, GRACE | GEORGE WHITE | W | M | 12FEB1656 | STAVERTON | | | CLEARED | M052591 | 0428 |
| WETHERIDGE, GRACE | MOSES WETHERIDGE/AGNIS | F | C | 23DEC1666 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0733 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07NOV1711 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 16NOV1956SL | C050301 | 2100 |
| WETHERIDGE, GRACE | THO. WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 06APR1721 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 1569 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | THOMAS BORD | W | M | 21SEP1727 | HARTLAND | | | 16JUL1951LG | A455052 | 0060 |
| WITHEREDGE, GRACE | GIDEON MOOR | W | M | 13JAN1745 | BUCKLAND BREWER | | | CLEARED | M050041 | 0568 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/JANE | F | C | 23JUL1797 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 2761 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/GRACE | F | C | 01APR1827 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 3760 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | WILLIAM TIPPETT | W | M | 23NOV1835 | STOKE DAMEREL | | | CLEARED | M052421 | 1661 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | JOHN MANNING | W | M | 03MAY1855 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 1213 |
| WITHERIDG, HANNA | ARTHURE WITHERIDG/MARY | F | C | 01NOV1691 | ERMINGTON | 10APR1976HA | 15APR1976HA | 11MAY1976HA | C050891 | 1235 |
| WITHERIDG, HANNAH | JOHN WITHERIDG/ELIZ | F | B | 29OCT1705 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 16APR1976HA | 12MAY1976HA | C050891 | 2235 |
| WITHERIDGE, HANNAH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 04MAR1730 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 01OCT1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 1250 |
| WITHERIDGE, HANNAH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 06JAN1732 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEF,49 | 20SEP1975NZ | 01OCT1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 1262 |
| WITHERIDGE, HANNAH | THOMAS VEGUERS | W | M | 14FEB1738 | LANGTREE | | | 17APR1973OG | 7220216 | 34 |
| WITHERIDGE, HANNAH | EDWARD LEWIS | W | M | 02APR1767 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0533 |
| WITHEREDGE, HARRIET | JOSEPH WITHEREDGE/JANE | F | C | 06FEB1826 | DEVONPORT,MORRICE ST.-WESLEYAN | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C063601 | 6533 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENERY | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 11JAN1665 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 18APR1956LG | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1480 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENRIE | NATHANIEL WITHERIDGE/EMMIE | F | C | 07FEB1676 | ILFRACOMBE | 25SEP1974PV | 13NOV1974PV | 08JAN1975PV | C051211 | 3929 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENRY | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 24JUN1688 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 16DEC1957SL | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1771 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENRY | ARTHUR WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | M | C | 24DEC1797 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 01MAY1976HA | 18MAY1976HA | C050891 | 6197 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENRY | BETSY COLEMAN | M | M | 03JUN1825 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 1430 |
| WETHERIDGE, HENRY | HENRY WETHERIDGE/BETSY | M | C | 15MAY1836 | ERMINGTON | 01MAY1976HA | 07MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5860 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/SARAH AVERY ALGATE | F | C | 02NOV1821 | WEMBURY | INFANT | INFANT | 14MAR1975PV | C052561 | 2480 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/SARAH AVERY | F | C | 01DEC1822 | WEMBURY | INFANT | INFANT | 14MAR1975PV | C052561 | 2501 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | GEO WITHERIDGE/ELIZ | F | C | 12JAN1834 | ILFRACOMBE | 01OCT1974PV | 16NOV1974PV | 03JAN1975PV | C051211 | 3368 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | PHILIP WETHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 29MAR1840 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 05MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5269 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELIZABETH | HENRY WETHERIDGE/BETSY | F | C | 17OCT1841 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 05MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 6005 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH JANE | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/SUSAN | F | C | 16JAN1830 | EXETER, SAINT PAUL | 21JAN1967LA | 01MAR1967LA | 25FEB1969SL | P005661 | 3663 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELLENOR | | F | C | 13APR1565 | BERRYNARBOR | 09FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | UNCLEARED | C050301 | 0157 |
| WETHERIDGE, ELNOR | STEPHEN COLLOMBE | W | M | 26JUN1596 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0229 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELNOR. | JAMES WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07OCT1632 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 26FEB1959LA | 23AUG1969IF | P005741 | 9329 |
| WITHERYDGE, ELYZABETH | JOHN WYTHERYDGE/ | F | C | 23NOV1564 | BARNSTAPLE | 03DEC1964OK | 02MAR1965OK | 26AUG1969IF | P005741 | 1547 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELYZABETH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03DEC1612 | BARNSTAPLE | 16MAR1959 | 18APR1959MT | 19AUG1969IF | P005741 | 6645 |
| WETHERIDGE, EMETT | JOHN HUSBAND | W | M | 01JUL1626 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0135 |
| WETHERIDGE, EMMA | HENRY WETHERIDGE/BETSY | F | C | 17OCT1841 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 05MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 6004 |
| WETHERIDGE, FAITH | THOMAS BRUSCOMB | W | M | 08NOV1612 | PLYMOUTH, SAINT ANDREW | | | 26APR1973SL | M001831 | 3082 |
| WITHERIDGE, FANNY ELIZABETH | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/FANNY | F | C | 27MAR1827 | NORTHAM | 18DEC1974OG | 05FEB1975OG | 14MAY1975OG | C051901 | 5850 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCES | WILLM WITHERIDGE/PARNELL | F | C | 02NOV1650 | NEWTON FERRERS | 17JUL1975OG | 17SEP1975OG | 25NOV1975OG | C052251 | 0909 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCIS | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 16SEP1661 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 18APR1956LG | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1431 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCIS | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 22NOV1693 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 16DEC1957SL | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1850 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCIS | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 04MAY1782 | BERRYNARBOR | 12MAR1974OG | 26APR1974OG | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 3066 |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCIS | ANN EASTAWAY | H | M | 13NOV1804 | ILFRACOMBE | | | 04DEC1957SL | A455248 | [illegible] |
| WITHERIDGE, FRANCIS | ANN EASTAWAY | H | M | 30NOV1804 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 2636 |
| WETHERIDGE, GABRILL | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 27AUG1594 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 22JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0328 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE | JAMES WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 12AUG1630 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 23AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0207 |
| WITHERAGE, GEORGE | JANE OKE | H | M | 22JAN1783 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0687 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE | | M | C | 18DEC1808 | MILTON DAMEREL | 31AUG1974IF | 22JAN1975IF | UNCLEARED | C051451 | 2288 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE | ELIZ. FRY | H | M | 03SEP1827 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 5099 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE | MARY SANDERS | H | M | 25MAR1839 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 1060 |
| WITHERIDGE, GEORGE CAUSEY | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/FANNY | M | C | 03JAN1836 | NORTHAM | 05MAR1975OG | 05APR1975OG | 15MAY1975OG | C051901 | 6762 |
| WIETHERIDGE, GRACE | WILLIAM WIETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 28JAN1595 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 26FEB1959LA | 13AUG1969IF | P005741 | 6366 |
| WITHERIDG, GRACE | GEORGE WHITE | W | M | 12FEB1654 | STAVERTON | | | CLEARED | M052391 | 0428 |
| WETHERIDGE, GRACE | MOSES WETHERIDGE/AGNIS | F | C | 25DEC1666 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0733 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07NOV1711 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 16NOV1956SL | C050301 | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, GRACE | THO. WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 06APR1721 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 1369 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | THOMAS BOND | W | M | 21SEP1727 | HARTLAND | | | 16JUL1951LG | A455032 | 0040 |
| WITHEREDGE, GRACE | GIDEON MOOR | W | M | 13JAN1745 | BUCKLAND BREWER | | | CLEARED | M050041 | 0568 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/JANE | F | C | 23JUL1797 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 2761 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/GRACE | F | C | 01APR1827 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 3760 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | WILLIAM TIPPETT | W | M | 25NOV1833 | STOKE DAMEREL | | | CLEARED | M052421 | 1651 |
| WITHERIDGE, GRACE | JOHN MANNING | W | M | 03MAY1855 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 1213 |
| WITHERIDG, HANNA | ARTHURE WITHERIDG/MARY | F | C | 01NOV1651 | ERMINGTON | 10APR1976HA | 15APR1976HA | 15MAY1976HA | C050891 | 1215 |
| WITHERIDG, HANNAH | JOHN WITHERIDG/ELIZ | F | B | 29OCT1705 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 16APR1976HA | 12MAY1976HA | C050891 | 2285 |
| WITHERIDGE, HANNAH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 06MAR1730 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 01OCT1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 1250 |
| WITHERIDGE, HANNAH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 04JAN1732 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 01OCT1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 1262 |
| WITHERIDGE, HANNAH | THOMAS VIGGERS | W | M | 14FEB1738 | LANGTREE | | | 17APR1975OG | 7220216 | 34 |
| WITHERIDGE, HANNAH | EDWARD LEWIS | W | M | 02APR1767 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0333 |
| WITHEREDGE, HARRIET | JOSEPH WITHEREDGE/JANE | F | C | 06FEB1826 | DEVONPORT, MORRICE ST.-WESLEYAN | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C063601 | 6533 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENERY | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 11JAN1665 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 18APR1956LG | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1480 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENRIE | NATHANIEL WITHERIDGE/ENNIE | F | C | 07FEB1676 | ILFRACOMBE | 25SEP1974PV | 13NOV1974PV | 08JAN1975PV | C051211 | 3929 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENRY | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 24JUN1688 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 16DEC1957SL | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1771 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENRY | ARTHUR WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | M | C | 24DEC1797 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 07MAY1976HA | 18MAY1976HA | C050891 | 4197 |
| WITHERIDGE, HENRY | BETSY COLEMAN | H | M | 03JUN1825 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 1430 |
| WETHERIDGE, HENRY | HENRY WETHERIDGE/BETSY | M | C | 15MAY1836 | ERMINGTON | 01MAY1976HA | 07MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5860 |

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WITHERIDGE, ISAAC

| NAME | FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE | SEX | TYPE | EVENT DATE | TOWN, PARISH | B | E | S | SOURCE BATCH | SOURCE SERIAL SHEET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERIDGE, ISAAC | ANN MURCH | H | M | 18AUG1741 | EXETER,HOLY TRINITY | | | CLEARED | M050901 | 1964 |
| WETHERIDGE, JAMES | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 25AUG1587 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 08AUG1969IF | P005741 | 3711 |
| WETHERIDGE, JAMES | JAMES WETHERIDGE/JOAN | M | C | 11JUL1606 | FREMINGTON | 14FEB1974PV | 04APR1974PV | 09MAY1974PV | C050581 | 0057 |
| WITHERIDGE, JAMES | JOAN MOULE | H | M | 19JUN1627 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 0596 |
| WITHERIDGE, JAMES | JAMES WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 20NOV1636 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 22AUG1969IF | P005741 | 9979 |
| WITHERIDGE, JAMES | WALTER WITHERIDGE/ELIZ | M | C | 27SEP1778 | NEWTON FERRERS | 25SEP1975OG | 29OCT1975OG | 09DEC1975OG | C052231 | 2309 |
| WITHERIDGE, JAMES | JOHN WITHERIDGE/GRACE | M | C | 02AUG1835 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 4014 |
| WITHERIDGE, JAMES | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ANNE | M | C | 16JAN1844 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 6156 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03DEC1559 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 25JAN1956AZ | 06APR1974OG | C050301 | 0093 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 18MAY1561 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0111 |
| WYTHERIDGE, JANE | PETER TILL | W | M | 24JAN1590 | UPOTTERY | | | CLEARED | M052061 | 0071 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 04SEP1626 | BARNSTAPLE | 08JAN1958 | 20NOV1958LA | 21AUG1969IF | P005741 | 8164 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | NATHANIEL WITHERIDGE/EMME | F | C | 01JUN1677 | ILFRACOMBE | 25SEP1974PV | 13NOV1974PV | 08JAN1975PV | C051211 | 3755 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | EDWARD WITHERIDGE/AGNIS | F | C | 11JUL1680 | NEWBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0905 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 04MAY1681 | BERRYNARBOR | 09FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 1670 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | HENRY EASTAWAY | W | M | 09JAN1697 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 1290 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | GEORGE SMITH | W | M | 30APR1703 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 07SEP1936SL | A457074 | 1614 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 18SEP1709 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 13NOV1956SL | C050301 | 2073 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/JANE | F | C | 25NOV1792 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 3053 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE | PETER SAUNDERS | W | M | 21FEB1814 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0842 |
| WETHERIDGE, JANE | JOSEPH WETHERIDGE/JANE | F | C | 01DEC1823 | DEVONPORT,MORRICE ST.-WESLEYAN | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C063601 | 5599 |
| WETHERIDGE, JANE | HENRY WETHERIDGE/BETSY | F | C | 11FEB1844 | ERMINGTON | 26APR1976HA | 05MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050591 | 6055 |
| WETHERIDGE, JERSON | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 06APR1558 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 03NOV1975NZ | 13JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0169 |
| WITHERIDGE, JO. | MARY SOUTHYEO | H | M | 10DEC1690 | SHEBBEAR | | | CLEARED | M051801 | 0426 |
| WETHERYG, JOAN | RICHARD WETHERYG/ | F | C | 26MAR1544 | BARNSTAPLE | 01DEC1964OK | 27FEB1965OK | 02AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0375 |
| WYTHERYG, JOAN | RICHARD WYTHERYG/ | F | C | 25JUN1545 | BARNSTAPLE | 01DEC1964OK | 20FEB1965OK | 05AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0657 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOAN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 09FEB1555 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975NZ | 20SEP1975NZ | 29OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0133 |
| WITHERIDG, JOAN | JOHN CHEVENEH OR CLARCK | W | M | 20NOV1582 | BRAUNTON | | | CLEARED | M050411 | 0203 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOAN | ANTHONY WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 27OCT1602 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | 13NOV1963SL | 20JAN1964SL | 28MAY1969SL | P001831 | 4576 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOAN | ARTHUR ELLIOTT | W | M | 01JAN1705 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 0644 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOAN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 10MAY1739 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 01OCT1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 1310 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOAN | SAMUEL WITHERIDGE/DAMARIS | F | C | 25JUN1758 | ROBOROUGH BY TORRINGTON | 14APR1976OK | 22MAY1976OK | 27MAY1976OK | C051561 | 2029 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOANE | THOMAS THORNE | W | M | 17JUL1580 | NEWTON SAINT PETROCK | | | CLEARED | M052271 | 0004 |
| WITHEREDGE, JOANE | JOHN SQUIRE | W | M | 16APR1608 | SWIMBRIDGE | | | CLEARED | M052301 | 0256 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOANE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/CHRISTIAN | F | C | 31JAN1622 | MODBURY | 04SEP1974PV | 26OCT1974PV | 11DEC1974PV | C051461 | 1310 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOANE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 18OCT1622 | BUCKLAND BREWER | [illegible]UN1974IF | 20JUN1974IF | 03JUL1974IF | C050061 | 0435 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOANE | JAMES WITHERIDGE/JOHANE | F | C | 02MAR1635 | ILFRACOMBE | 25SEP1974PV | 13NOV1974PV | 22JAN1975PV | C051211 | 2392 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOANE | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/DOROTHY | F | C | 03MAR1640 | ERMINGTON | 10APR1976HA | 14APR1976HA | 06MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0951 |
| WITHEREDGE, JOANE | NATHANIELL KNILL | W | M | 30MAY1649 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0453 |
| WITHEREDGE, JOANE | ROBERT WITHEREDGE/ | F | B | 04JUN1654 | BARNSTAPLE | 08JAN1958 | 20NOV1958LA | 28AUG1969IF | P005741 | 1883 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOELL | ROBART WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 18MAR1621 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 19AUG1969IF | P005741 | 7656 |
| WEATHERIGE, JOHAN | RICHARD HORWOOD | W | M | 26MAY1649 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 15OCT1973LG | M005741 | 3211 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHAN | DAVID COURTES | W | M | 21SEP1581 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0139 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHAN | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 14MAY1598 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0535 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHAN | JAMES WALTER | W | M | 03NOV1598 | BRAUNTON | | | CLEARED | M050411 | 0508 |
| WYTHEREDGE, JOHAN | JOHN WYTHEREDGE/ | F | C | 10SEP1606 | FREMINGTON | 14FEB1974PV | 19APR1974PV | 08MAY1974PV | C050581 | 0109 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHAN | JAMES KNILL | W | M | 04DEC1620 | FREMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050581 | 0150 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHAN | JOSEPH WITHERIDGE/ANNA | F | C | 31MAR1676 | ERMINGTON | 10APR1976HA | 16APR1976HA | [illegible]APR1976HA | C050891 | 1775 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHANE | THOMAS VYCCARIE | W | M | 20JUN1556 | NORTH MOLTON | | | CLEARED | M052281 | 0081 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHANE | THOMAS TOOKER | W | M | 20JUN1625 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0351 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHANE | CYPRIAS TUCKER | W | M | 1647 | BUCKLAND BREWER | | | 19MAR1957IF | A458979 | 027 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHANNA | | F | C | 31JUL1554 | BERRYNARBOR | 09FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | UNCLEARED | C050301 | 005 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHANE GOULD | H | M | 12OCT1541 | NORTH MOLTON | | | CLEARED | M052281 | 0012 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 22SEP1544 | BRAUNTON | 15JUN1974LA | 24OCT1974LA | 05NOV1974LA | C050411 | 0104 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 18JUL1551 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0098 |
| WETHERYG, JOHN | RICHARD WETHERYG/ | M | C | 13OCT1551 | BARNSTAPLE | 02DEC1964OK | 02MAR1965OK | 02AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0753 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 06MAR1556 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0140 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ALICE HANCOCK | H | M | 24NOV1557 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0054 |

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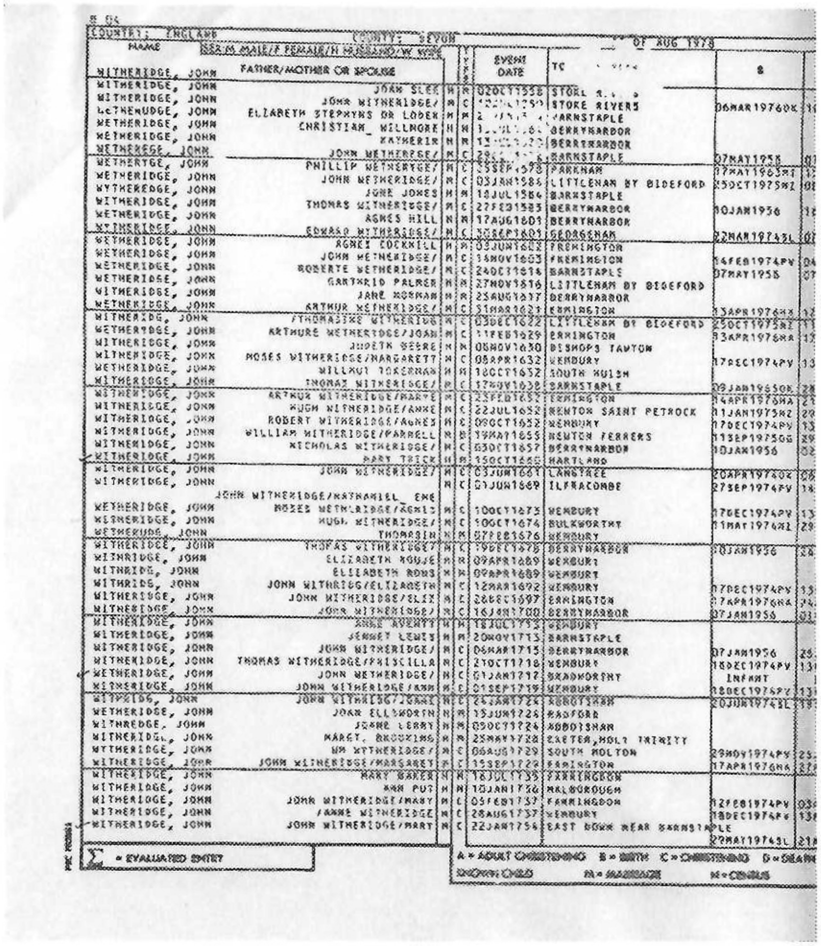

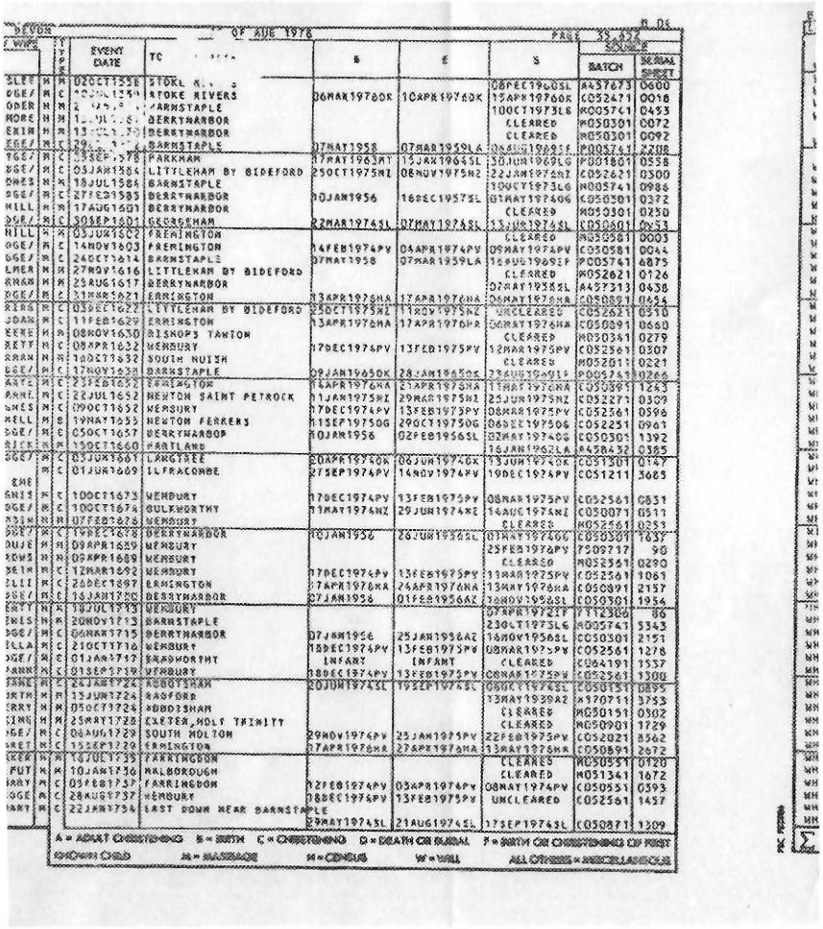

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SEX: M MALE/F FEMALE/H HUSBAND/W WIFE

WITHERIDGE, JOHN

| NAME | FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE | SEX | TYPE | EVENT DATE | TC | B | E | S | SOURCE BATCH | SERIAL SHEET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN SLEE | M | M | 02OCT1558 | STOKE R[illegible] | | | 08DEC1960SL | A457673 | 0600 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | [illegible] | STOKE RIVERS | 06MAR1976OK | 10APR1976OK | 15APR1976OK | C052471 | 0018 |
| LETHERUDGE, JOHN | ELIZABETH STEPHYNS OR LODER | M | M | [illegible] | BARNSTAPLE | | | 10OCT1973LG | M005741 | 0453 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | CHRISTIAN WILLMORE | M | M | [illegible] | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0072 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | KATHERIN | M | M | [illegible] | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0092 |
| WETHEREGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHEREGE/ | M | C | [illegible] | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 06AUG1969IF | P005741 | 2208 |
| WETHERYGE, JOHN | PHILLIP WETHERYGE/ | M | C | 25SEP1578 | PARKHAM | 17MAY1963MT | 15JAN1964SL | 30JUN1969LG | P001801 | 0558 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 03JAN1584 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 22JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0300 |
| WYTHEREDGE, JOHN | JONE JONES | M | M | 18JUL1584 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 10OCT1973LG | M005741 | 0986 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 27FEB1585 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 16DEC1957SL | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 0372 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | AGNES HILL | M | M | 17AUG1601 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0250 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | EDWARD WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 30SEP1601 | GEORGEHAM | 22MAR1974SL | 07MAY1974SL | 13JUN1974SL | C050401 | 0453 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | AGNES COCKHILL | M | M | 03JUN1602 | FREMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050581 | 0003 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 14NOV1603 | FREMINGTON | 14FEB1974PV | 04APR1974PV | 09MAY1974PV | C050581 | 0044 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ROBERTE WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 24OCT1614 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 15AUG1969IF | P005741 | 4875 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | GARTHRID PALMER | M | M | 27NOV1616 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0126 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JANE NORMAN | M | M | 25AUG1617 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 07MAY1958SL | A457313 | 0438 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ARTHUR WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 31MAR1621 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 17APR1976HA | 06MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0654 |
| WITHERIDG, JOHN | /THOMASINE WITHERIDG | M | C | 03DEC1622 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 11NOV1975NZ | UNCLEARED | C052621 | 0310 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ARTHURE WETHERIDGE/JOAN | M | C | 11FEB1629 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 17APR1976HA | 06MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0660 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JUDETH SEERE | M | M | 08NOV1630 | BISHOPS TAWTON | | | CLEARED | M050361 | 0279 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | MOSES WITHERIDGE/MARGARETT | M | C | 08APR1632 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 12MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0307 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | WILLMOT TOKERMAN | M | M | 18OCT1632 | SOUTH HUISH | | | CLEARED | M052011 | 0221 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 17NOV1638 | BARNSTAPLE | 09JAN1965OK | 28JAN1965OK | 23AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0266 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | ARTHUR WITHERIDGE/MARYE | M | C | 23FEB1652 | ERMINGTON | 14APR1976HA | 21APR1976HA | 11MAY1976HA | C050891 | 1243 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | HUGH WITHERIDGE/ANNE | M | C | 22JUL1652 | NEWTON SAINT PETROCK | 11JAN1975NZ | 29MAR1975NZ | 25JUN1975NZ | C052271 | 0309 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | ROBERT WITHERIDGE/AGNES | M | C | 09OCT1652 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052361 | 0596 |
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| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 05OCT1657 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 02FEB1956SL | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1392 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | MARY TRICK | M | M | 15OCT1660 | HARTLAND | | | 16JAN1962LA | A458432 | 0385 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 03JUN1661 | LANGTREE | 20APR1974OK | 06JUN1974OK | 13JUN1974OK | C051301 | 0147 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/NATHANIEL ENE | M | C | 01JUN1669 | ILFRACOMBE | 27SEP1974PV | 14NOV1974PV | 19DEC1974PV | C051211 | 3685 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | MOSES WETHERIDGE/AGNIS | M | C | 10OCT1673 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0531 |
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| WETHERUDG, JOHN | THOMASIN | M | M | 07FEB1676 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0253 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 19DEC1678 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 26JUN1956SL | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1637 |
| WITHRIDGE, JOHN | ELIZABETH ROUSE | M | M | 09APR1689 | WEMBURY | | | 25FEB1976PV | 7509717 | 90 |
| WITHRIDG, JOHN | ELIZABETH ROUS | M | M | 09APR1689 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0290 |
| WITHRIDG, JOHN | JOHN WITHRIDG/ELIZABETH | M | C | 12MAR1692 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 11MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1061 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ELIZ | M | C | 26DEC1697 | ERMINGTON | 07APR1976HA | 26APR1976HA | 13MAY1976HA | C050891 | 2157 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 16JAN1700 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 01FEB1956AZ | 16NOV1956SL | C050301 | 1954 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | ANNE AVENTT | M | M | 18JUL1713 | WEMBURY | | | 07APR1972IF | 7112306 | 86 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JENNET LEWIS | M | M | 20NOV1713 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 23OCT1973LG | M005741 | 5343 |
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| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/PRISCILLA | M | C | 21OCT1718 | WEMBURY | 18DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1278 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 01JAN1717 | BRADWORTHY | INFANT | INFANT | CLEARED | C064191 | 1537 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ANN | M | C | 01SEP1719 | WEMBURY | 18DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1300 |
| WITHRIDG, JOHN | JOHN WITHRIDG/JOANE | M | C | 26JAN1724 | ABBOTSHAM | 20JUN1974SL | 19SEP1974SL | 08OCT1974SL | C050151 | 0895 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOAN ELLSWORTH | M | M | 15JUN1724 | RADFORD | | | 13MAY1939AZ | A170711 | 3753 |
| WITHREDGE, JOHN | JOANE LERRY | M | M | 05OCT1724 | ABBOTSHAM | | | CLEARED | M050151 | 0302 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | MARGT. BROOKING | M | M | 25MAY1728 | EXETER,HOLY TRINITY | | | CLEARED | M050901 | 1729 |
| WYTHERIDGE, JOHN | WM WYTHERIDGE/ | M | C | 06AUG1729 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 25JAN1975PV | 22FEB1975PV | C052021 | 8562 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARGARET | M | C | 15SEP1729 | ERMINGTON | 17APR1976HA | 27APR1976HA | 13MAY1976HA | C050891 | 2672 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | MARY BAKER | M | M | 16JUL1735 | FARRINGDON | | | CLEARED | M050551 | 0120 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | ANN PUT | M | M | 10JAN1736 | MALBOROUGH | | | CLEARED | M051341 | 1672 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 05FEB1737 | FARRINGDON | 12FEB1974PV | 03APR1974PV | 08MAY1974PV | C050551 | 0393 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | /ANNE WITHERIDGE | M | C | 28AUG1737 | WEMBURY | 18DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | UNCLEARED | C052561 | 1457 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 22JAN1754 | EAST DOWN NEAR BARNSTAPLE | 29MAY1974SL | 21AUG1974SL | 17SEP1974SL | C050871 | 1309 |

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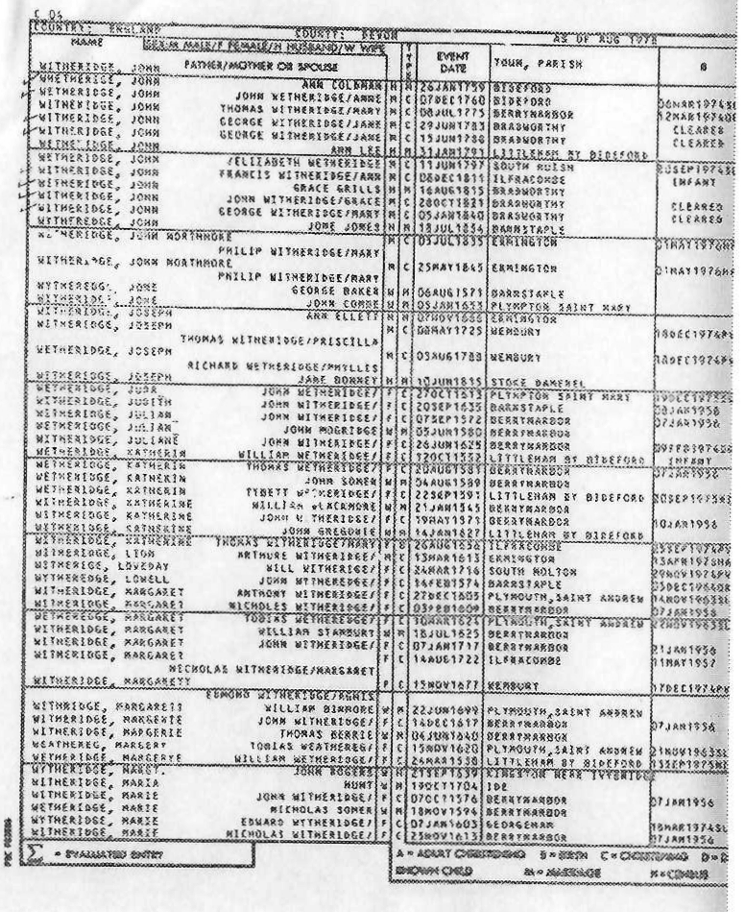

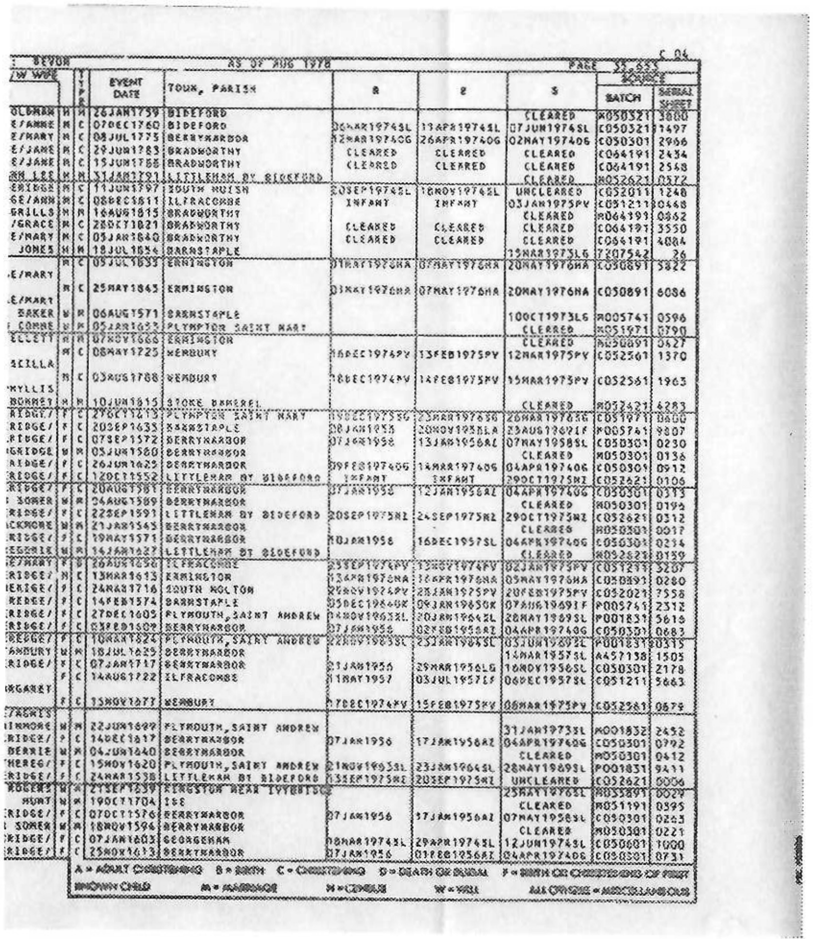

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| NAME | SEX: M MALE/F FEMALE/H HUSBAND/W WIFE<br>FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE | | TYPE | EVENT DATE | TOWN, PARISH | B | E | S | SOURCE BATCH | SOURCE SERIAL SHEET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | | | | | | | | | | |
| WHETHERIGE, JOHN | ANN COLMAN | H | M | 26JAN1759 | BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M050321 | 3800 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ANNE | M | C | 07DEC1760 | BIDEFORD | 06MAR1974SL | 13APR1974SL | 07JUN1974SL | C050321 | 1497 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 08JUL1775 | BERRYNARBOR | 12MAR1974OG | 26APR1974OG | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 2966 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/JANE | M | C | 29JUN1783 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 2434 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/JANE | M | C | 15JUN1788 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 2548 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | ANN LEE | H | M | 31JAN1791 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0572 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | /ELIZABETH WETHERIDGE | M | C | 11JUN1797 | SOUTH HUISH | 20SEP1974SL | 18NOV1974SL | UNCLEARED | C052011 | 1248 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | FRANCIS WITHERIDGE/ANN | M | C | 08DEC1811 | ILFRACOMBE | INFANT | INFANT | 03JAN1975PV | C051211 | 0468 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | GRACE GRILLS | H | M | 16AUG1815 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0862 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/GRACE | M | C | 28OCT1821 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 3550 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 05JAN1840 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 4084 |
| WITHFREDGE, JOHN | JONE JONES | H | M | 18JUL1854 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 15MAR1973LG | 7207542 | 26 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN NORTHMORE | PHILIP WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 05JUL1835 | ERMINGTON | 01MAY1976HA | 07MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5822 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN NORTHMORE | PHILIP WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 25MAY1845 | ERMINGTON | 01MAY1976HA | 07MAY1976HA | 20MAY1976HA | C050891 | 6086 |
| WYTHEREGG', JONE | GEORGE BAKER | W | M | 06AUG1571 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 10OCT1973LG | M005741 | 0596 |
| WITHERIDGE, JONE | JOHN COMBE | W | M | 05JAN1633 | PLYMPTON SAINT MARY | | | CLEARED | M051971 | 0790 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOSEPH | ANN ELLETT | H | M | 07NOV1666 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 0627 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOSEPH | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/PRISCILLA | M | C | 08MAY1725 | WEMBURY | 18DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 12MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1370 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOSEPH | RICHARD WETHERIDGE/PHYLLIS | M | C | 03AUG1788 | WEMBURY | 18DEC1974PV | 14FEB1975PV | 15MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1963 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOSEPH | JANE BONNEY | H | M | 10JUN1815 | STOKE DAMEREL | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 6283 |
| WETHERIDGE, JUDA | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 27OCT1613 | PLYMPTON SAINT MARY | 19DEC1975SG | 23MAR1976SG | 26MAR1976SG | C051971 | 0800 |
| WITHERIDGE, JUDITH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 20SEP1635 | BARNSTAPLE | 28JAN1958 | 20NOV1958LA | 23AUG1969IF | P005741 | 9807 |
| WITHERIDGE, JULIAN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07SEP1572 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1958 | 13JAN1958AL | 07MAY1958SL | C050301 | 0230 |
| WETHERIDGE, JULIAN | JOHN MOGRIDGE | W | M | 05JUN1580 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0136 |
| WITHERIDGE, JULIANE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 26JUN1625 | BERRYNARBOR | 09FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0912 |
| WETHERIDGE, KATHERIN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 12OCT1552 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | INFANT | INFANT | 29OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0106 |
| WETHERIDGE, KATHERIN | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 20AUG1581 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1958 | 12JAN1958AL | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0313 |
| WETHERIDGE, KATHERIN | JOHN SOMER | W | M | 04AUG1589 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0195 |
| WETHERIDGE, KATHERIN | TYBETT WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 22SEP1591 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 24SEP1975NZ | 29OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0312 |
| WITHERIDGE, KATHERINE | WILLIAM BLACKMORE | W | M | 21JAN1565 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0017 |
| WITHERIDGE, KATHERINE | JOHN W.THERIDGE/ | F | C | 19MAY1571 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1958 | 16DEC1957SL | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0214 |
| WITHERIDGE, KATHERINE | JOHN GREGORIE | W | M | 14JAN1627 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0159 |
| WITHERIDGE, KATHERINE | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | B | 26AUG1656 | ILFRACOMBE | 23SEP1974PV | 13NOV1974PV | 02JAN1975PV | C051211 | 3207 |
| WITHERIDGE, LION | ARTHURE WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 13MAR1613 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 16APR1976HA | 05MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0280 |
| WITHERIGE, LOVEDAY | WILL WITHERIGE/ | F | C | 24MAR1716 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 28JAN1975PV | 20FEB1975PV | C052021 | 7558 |
| WYTHEREDGE, LOWELL | JOHN WYTHEREDGE/ | F | C | 14FEB1574 | BARNSTAPLE | 05DEC1964OK | 09JAN1965OK | 07AUG1969IF | P005741 | 2312 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARGARET | ANTHONY WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 27DEC1605 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | 14NOV1963SL | 20JAN1964SL | 28MAY1969SL | P001831 | 5616 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARGARET | NICHOLES WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03FEB1609 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1958 | 02FEB1958AL | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0683 |
| WETHEREDGE, MARGARET | TOBIAS WETHEREDGE/ | F | C | 10MAR1624 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | 22NOV1963SL | 23JAN1964SL | 03JUN1969SL | P001831 | 0315 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARGARET | WILLIAM STANBURY | W | M | 18JUL1625 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 14MAR1957SL | A457138 | 1505 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARGARET | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07JAN1717 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 16NOV1956SL | C050301 | 2178 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARGARET | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/MARGARET | F | C | 14AUG1722 | ILFRACOMBE | 11MAY1957 | 03JUL1957IF | 06DEC1957SL | C051211 | 5663 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARGARETT | EDMOND WITHERIDGE/AGNIS | F | C | 15NOV1677 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 06MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0679 |
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| WITHERIDGE, MARGERIE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 14DEC1617 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 17JAN1956AL | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0792 |
| WITHERIDGE, MAPGERIE | THOMAS BERRIE | W | M | 04JUN1640 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0612 |
| WEATHEREG, MARGERY | TOBIAS WEATHEREG/ | F | C | 15NOV1620 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | 21NOV1963SL | 23JAN1964SL | 28MAY1969SL | P001831 | 9411 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARGERYE | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 24MAR1538 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975NZ | 20SEP1975NZ | UNCLEARED | C052621 | 0006 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARGT. | JOHN ROGERS | W | M | 21SEP1639 | KINGSTON NEAR IVYBRIDGE | | | 25MAY1976SL | M053891 | 0029 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARIA | HUNT | W | M | 19OCT1704 | IDE | | | CLEARED | M051191 | 0595 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARIE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07OCT1576 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 17JAN1956AL | 07MAY1958SL | C050301 | 0243 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARIE | NICHOLAS SOMER | W | M | 18NOV1594 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0221 |
| WYTHERIDGE, MARIE | EDWARD WYTHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07JAN1603 | GEORGEHAM | 18MAR1974SL | 29APR1974SL | 12JUN1974SL | C050601 | 1000 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARIE | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 25NOV1613 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 01FEB1956AL | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0731 |

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| NAME | FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE | SEX | TYPE | EVENT DATE | TOWN, PARISH | B | E | S | SOURCE BATCH | SOURCE SERIAL SHEET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERIDGE, MARIE | LEWIS CUTLIFFE | W | M | 30JUN1628 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0565 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARIE | EUSEBIUS GARLAND | W | M | 14FEB1638 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0407 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARINGE | TOBIAS NICKLAS | W | M | 07JUN1613 | PLYMPTON SAINT MARY | | | CLEARED | M051971 | 0187 |
| WYTHERIDGE, MARTHA | WM WYTHERIDGE/ | F | C | 17JAN1730 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 29JAN1975PV | 25FEB1975PV | C052021 | 8666 |
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| WETHERUDGE, MARY | JOHN WETHERUDGE/ | F | C | 10OCT1567 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 26FEB1959LA | 04AUG1969IF | P005741 | 1790 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | NICHOLAS SOMER | W | M | 1594 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 28OCT1946SL | A184772 | 3940 |
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| WHITHERIDG, MARY | ROBERT WHITHERIDG/ | F | C | 02NOV1623 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 26FEB1959LA | 21AUG1969IF | P005741 | 8082 |
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| WETHERIDG, MARY | WILLIAM BATCHELER | W | M | 20APR1629 | PLYMOUTH, SAINT ANDREW | | | 19APR1973SL | M001831 | 4991 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 09JAN1639 | BARNSTAPLE | 08JAN1958 | 20NOV1958LA | 26AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0289 |
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| WETHERIDGE, MARY | THOMAS BRIGHT | W | M | 28MAY1659 | HOLBOROUGH AND NEWTON ABBOT | | | CLEARED | M051881 | 1019 |
| WITHARIDGE, MARY | RICHARD FOLLAND | W | M | 01JAN1661 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 17MAR1969SL | A458503 | 0371 |
| WITHARIDGE, MARY | RICHARD YOLLAND | W | M | 01JAN1661 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 15OCT1973SL | M005741 | 3930 |
| WETHERIDG, MARY | MOSES WETHERIDG/AGNIS | F | C | 04MAR1664 | WEMBURY | INFANT | INFANT | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0717 |
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| WITHERIDGE, MARY | ROGER WEEKS | W | M | 10JUN1683 | MERTON | | | CLEARED | M051421 | 0031 |
| WITHRIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHRIDGE/ELIZABETH | F | C | 23FEB1691 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 11MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1049 |
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| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JAMES MANGE | W | M | 30NOV1700 | BOLTON | | | CLEARED | M050851 | 0241 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ANN | F | B | 05MAR1702 | MODBURY | 06SEP1974PV | 30OCT1974PV | 10DEC1974PV | C051601 | 5275 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 05MAR1706 | BERRYNARBOR | 12FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 2034 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ANNE | F | C | 22FEB1713 | WEMBURY | INFANT | INFANT | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1249 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | HENRY WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 27MAR1713 | NYMET TRACEY | 09APR1974OG | 16MAY1974OG | 24MAY1974OG | C050371 | 1313 |
| WITHERIDG, MARY | JOSIAS JENNINGS | W | M | 04MAY1719 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0389 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 12MAR1720 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 28JAN1975PV | 26FEB1975PV | C052021 | 7896 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ANN | F | C | 15JAN1721 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1527 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 15SEP1723 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 19JAN1956AZ | 07SEP1956SL | C050301 | 2257 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ANNE | F | C | 06NOV1723 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1347 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | RICHARD EDGECOMB | W | M | 06APR1735 | MODBURY | | | CLEARED | M051461 | 1765 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 23MAY1736 | FARRINGDON | 13FEB1974PV | 13APR1974PV | 04MAY1974PV | C050551 | 0381 |
| WETHIRIDGE, MARY | GEORGE HEALE | W | M | 03JAN1737 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0545 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 22MAY1737 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975MZ | 01OCT1975MZ | 30OCT1975MZ | C052621 | 1294 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | /ELIZABETH WITHERIDGE | F | C | 13MAY1747 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | UNCLEARED | C052561 | 1529 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 16APR1749 | EAST DOWN NEAR BARNSTAPLE | 28MAY1974SL | 15AUG1974SL | 17SEP1974SL | C050271 | 1288 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ALICE | F | C | 15MAY1757 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976NA | 20APR1976NA | 14MAY1976NA | C050291 | 3157 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ANN | F | C | 09DEC1759 | BIDEFORD | 06MAR1974SL | 04APR1974SL | 10JUN1974SL | C050321 | 1430 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN NORMAN | W | M | 17JUL1766 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0812 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY | ROBERT ROWEL | W | M | 23JAN1767 | ALWINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050781 | 0534 |
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| WITHERIDGE, MARY | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/ALICE | F | C | 06DEC1803 | ILFRACOMBE | 11MAY1957 | 03JUL1957IF | 10DEC1974PV | C051211 | 9944 |
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| WITHERIDGE, MARY | JAMES ABBOTT | W | M | 11OCT1832 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 3201 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY ANN | JOSEP WITHERIDGE/JANE | F | C | 06APR1818 | DEVONPORT, MORRICE ST.-WESLEYAN | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C063601 | 3102 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY ANN | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 19OCT1823 | YEALMPTON | 20SEP1974LA | 05NOV1974LA | 09JAN1975LA | C052221 | 6628 |
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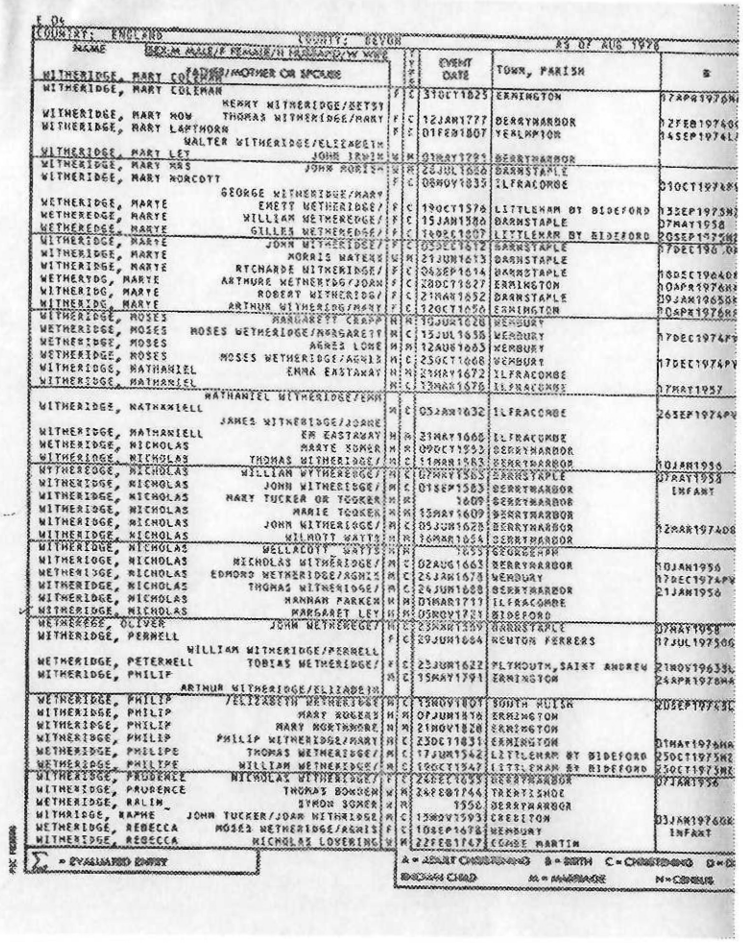

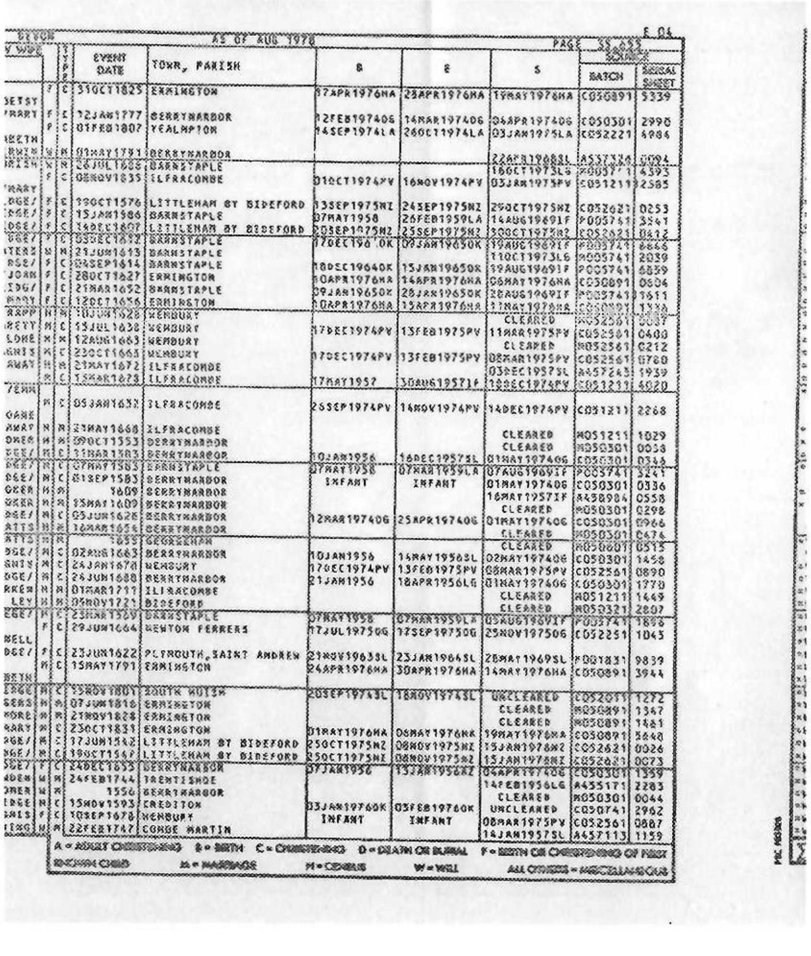

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| WITHERIDGE, MARY COLEMAN | HENRY WITHERIDGE/BETSY | F | C | 31OCT1825 | ERMINGTON | 17APR1976HA | 23APR1976HA | 19MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5339 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY HOW | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 12JAN1777 | BERRYNARBOR | 12FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | 06APR1974OG | C050301 | 2990 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY LAPTHORN | WALTER WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | F | C | 01FEB1807 | YEALMPTON | 14SEP1974LA | 26OCT1974LA | 03JAN1975LA | C092221 | 4984 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY LEY | JOHN IRWIN | W | M | 01MAY1791 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 22APR1968SL | A537334 | 0094 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY MRS | JOHN MORISH | W | M | 26JUL1686 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 18OCT1973LG | M005741 | 4393 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARY NORCOTT | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 08NOV1835 | ILFRACOMBE | 01OCT1974PV | 16NOV1974PV | 03JAN1975PV | C051211 | 2585 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARYE | EMETT WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 19OCT1576 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975NZ | 24SEP1975NZ | 29OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0253 |
| WETHEREDGE, MARYE | WILLIAM WETHEREDGE/ | F | C | 15JAN1586 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 26FEB1959LA | 14AUG1969IF | P005741 | 3541 |
| WETHEREDGE, MARYE | GILLES WETHEREDGE/ | F | C | 14DEC1607 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 25SEP1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0412 |
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| WETHERYDG, MARYE | ARTHURE WETHERYDG/JOAN | F | C | 28OCT1627 | ERMINGTON | 10APR1976HA | 14APR1976HA | 06MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0604 |
| WITHERIDG, MARYE | ROBERT WITHERIDG/ | F | C | 21MAR1652 | BARNSTAPLE | 09JAN1965OK | 28JAN1965OK | 28AUG1969IF | P005741 | 1611 |
| WITHERIDG, MARYE | ARTHUR WITHERIDG/MARY | F | C | 12OCT1656 | ERMINGTON | 10APR1976HA | 15APR1976HA | 11MAY1976HA | C050891 | [illegible] |
| WITHERIDGE, MOSES | MARGARETT CRAPP | M | M | 10JUN1628 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0087 |
| WETHERIDGE, MOSES | MOSES WETHERIDGE/MARGARETT | M | C | 15JUL1638 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 11MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0400 |
| WETHERIDGE, MOSES | AGNES LOWE | M | M | 12AUG1663 | WEMBURY | | | CLEARED | M052561 | 0212 |
| WETHERIDGE, MOSES | MOSES WETHERIDGE/AGNIS | M | C | 23OCT1668 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0780 |
| WITHERIDGE, NATHANIEL | EMMA EASTAWAY | M | M | 21MAY1672 | ILFRACOMBE | | | 03DEC1957SL | A457243 | 1939 |
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| WITHERIDGE, NATHANIELL | JAMES WITHERIDGE/JOANE | M | C | 05JAN1632 | ILFRACOMBE | 26SEP1974PV | 14NOV1974PV | 14DEC1974PV | C051211 | 2268 |
| WITHERIDGE, NATHANIELL | EM EASTAWAY | M | M | 21MAY1668 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 1029 |
| WETHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | MARYE SOMER | M | M | 09OCT1553 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0038 |
| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 11MAR1583 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 16DEC1957SL | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 0346 |
| WYTHEREDGE, NICHOLAS | WILLIAM WYTHEREDGE/ | M | C | 07MAY1583 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 07AUG1969IF | P005741 | 3241 |
| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 01SEP1583 | BERRYNARBOR | INFANT | INFANT | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 0336 |
| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | MARY TUCKER OR TOOKER | M | M | 1609 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 16MAY1957IF | A458984 | 0558 |
| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | MARIE TOOKER | M | M | 15MAY1609 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0298 |
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| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | WILMOTT WATTS | M | M | 16MAR1654 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0676 |
| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | WELLACOTT WATTS | M | M | 1655 | GEORGEHAM | | | CLEARED | M050601 | 0515 |
| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 02AUG1663 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 14MAY1956SL | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1458 |
| WETHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | EDMOND WETHERIDGE/AGNIS | M | C | 24JAN1678 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 08MAR1975PV | C052561 | 0890 |
| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 24JUN1688 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 18APR1956LG | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1770 |
| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | HANNAH PARKER | M | M | 01MAR1711 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M051211 | 1449 |
| WITHERIDGE, NICHOLAS | MARGARET LEY | M | M | 05NOV1721 | BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M050321 | 2807 |
| WETHEREGE, OLIVER | JOHN WETHEREGE/ | M | C | 23MAR1589 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 05AUG1969IF | P005741 | 1898 |
| WITHERIDGE, PERNELL | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/PERNELL | F | C | 29JUN1664 | NEWTON FERRERS | 17JUL1975OG | 17SEP1975OG | 25NOV1975OG | C052251 | 1045 |
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| WITHERIDGE, PHILIP | ARTHUR WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | M | C | 15MAY1791 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 30APR1976HA | 14MAY1976HA | C050891 | 3944 |
| WETHERIDGE, PHILIP | /ELIZABETH WETHERIDGE | M | C | 13NOV1801 | SOUTH HUISH | 20SEP1974SL | 18NOV1974SL | UNCLEARED | C052011 | 1272 |
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| WITHERIDGE, PHILIP | MARY NORTHMORE | M | M | 21NOV1828 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 1481 |
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| WETHERIDGE, PHILIPE | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 17JUN1542 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1978NZ | C052621 | 0026 |
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| WITHERIDGE, PRUDENCE | THOMAS BOWDEN | W | M | 24FEB1744 | TRENTISHOE | | | 14FEB1956LG | A455171 | 2283 |
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| WITHERIDGE, REBECCA | NICHOLAS LOVERING | W | M | 22FEB1747 | COMBE MARTIN | | | 14JAN1957SL | A457113 | 1159 |

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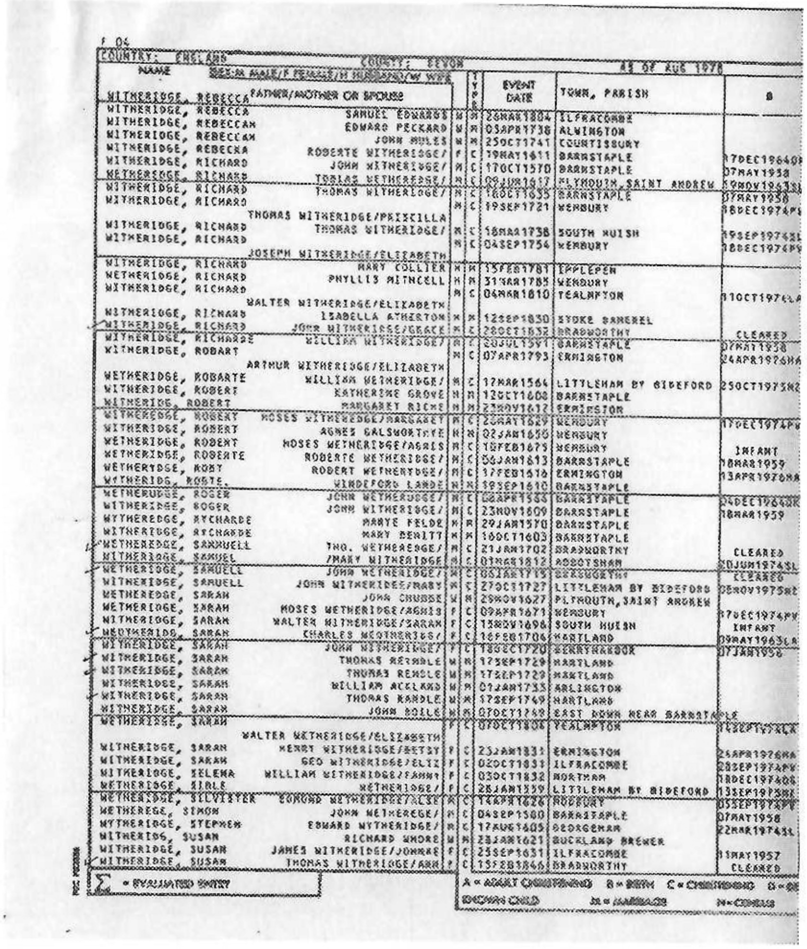

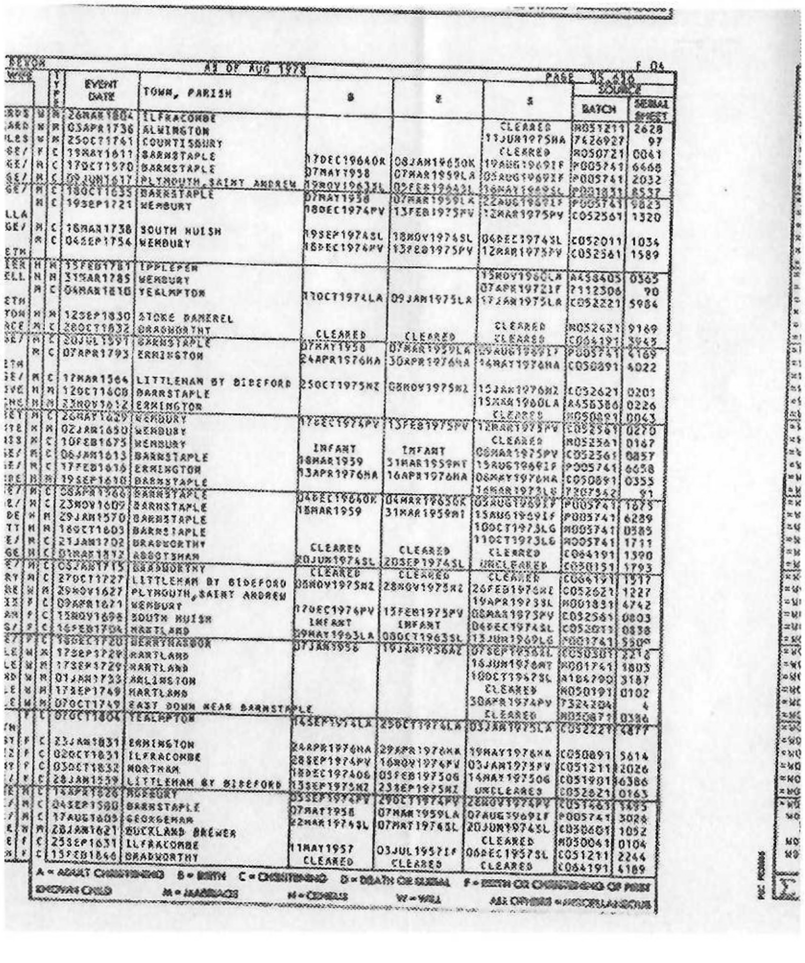

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| WITHERIDGE, REBECCA | SAMUEL EDWARDS | W | M | 26MAR1804 | ILFRACOMBE | | | CLEARED | M057211 | 2628 |
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| WITHERIDGE, RICHARD | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 17OCT1570 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 05AUG1969IF | P005741 | 2032 |
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| WITHERIDGE, RICHARD | JOSEPH WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | M | C | 04SEP1754 | WEMBURY | 18DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 12MAR1975PV | C052561 | 1589 |
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| WITHERIDG, ROBTE. | WINDEFORD LANDE | H | M | 19SEP1610 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 16MAR1973LG | 7307342 | 91 |
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| WYTHEREDGE, RYCHARDE | MARYE FELDE | H | M | 29JAN1570 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 10OCT1973LG | M005741 | 0585 |
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| WITHERIDGE, SAMUELL | JOHN WITHERIDEE/MARY | M | C | 27OCT1727 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 08NOV1975NZ | 28NOV1975NZ | 26FEB1976NZ | C052621 | 1227 |
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| WITHERIDGE, SARAH | WALTER WITHERIDGE/SARAH | F | C | 15NOV1698 | SOUTH HUISH | INFANT | INFANT | 04DEC1974SL | C052011 | 0838 |
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| WITHERIDGE, SARAH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 18DEC1720 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1958 | 19JAN1958AZ | 07SEP1958AZ | C050301 | 2216 |
| WITHERIDGE, SARAH | THOMAS KEMBLE | W | M | 17SEP1729 | HARTLAND | | | 16JUN1970MT | M001741 | 1805 |
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| WITHERIDGE, SARAH | WILLIAM ACKLAND | W | M | 01JAN1733 | ARLINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050191 | 0102 |
| WITHERIDGE, SARAH | THOMAS KANDLE | W | M | 17SEP1749 | HARTLAND | | | 30APR1974PV | 7324304 | 4 |
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| WITHERIDG, SUSAN | RICHARD WHORE | W | M | 28JAN1621 | BUCKLAND BREWER | | | CLEARED | M050041 | 0104 |
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| WITHERIDGE, SUSAN | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ANN | F | C | 15FEB1846 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 4189 |

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| WITHERIDGE, SUSANNA | | F | C | 01MAR1632 | NEWTON FERRERS | 17JUL1975OG | 17SEP1975OG | 25NOV1975OG | C052231 | 093 |
| | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/PARNELL | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHERIDGE, SUSANNA | WM WYTHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03AUG1726 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 29JAN1975PV | 25FEB1975PV | C052021 | 8353 |
| WITHERIDGE, SUSANNA | JOHN WITHERIDGE/JOAN | F | C | 26MAY1743 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20SEP1975NZ | 02OCT1975NZ | 30OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 1328 |
| WITHERIDGE, SUSANNA | WILLIAM TAYLOR | W | M | 19APR1787 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0534 |
| WITHERIDGE, SUSANNA | WM. SNILLABEER | W | M | 29JUN1819 | KINGSBRIDGE | | | 19AUG1974LG | M001881 | 1055 |
| WITHERIDGE, SYBLYE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 22OCT1554 | NORTH MOLTON | 04DEC1975OG | 03FEB1976OG | 23MAR1976OG | C052201 | 0384 |
| WITHERIDGE, SYMON | JAMES WITHERIDGE/ANE | M | C | 10AUG1636 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 09JUL1958LG | P005741 | 9635 |
| WITHERIDGE, TAMASIN | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 13AUG1699 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 16NOV1956SL | C050301 | 1934 |
| WETHERIDGE, TAMSIN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 28OCT1582 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 13SEP1975NZ | 26SEP1975NZ | 29OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0273 |
| WITHERIDGE, TAMSON | WILLIAM CROCKER | W | M | 26MAR1775 | ROBOROUGH BY TORRINGTON | | | CLEARED | M051561 | 0675 |
| WITHRYDG, TAMYSSYN | BALDWYN WYTHRYDG/ | F | C | 14JUL1556 | ALWINGTON | 07MAR1974OK | 29MAR1974OK | 04APR1974OK | C050181 | 0056 |
| WYTHERYDGE, TAMYSYN | JAMES FEO | W | M | 10OCT1591 | ALWINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050181 | 0063 |
| WITHERIDGE, TEMPERANCE | EDMOND ROUS | W | M | 17JAN1626 | WEMBURY | | | 25FEB1976PV | 7509717 | 93 |
| WITHEREDG, THAMOSYN | JOHN ROGERS | W | M | 09JAN1620 | NEWTON FERRERS | | | CLEARED | M052251 | 0115 |
| WITHERIDGE, THO | WILL WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 09MAR1724 | SOUTH MOLTON | INFANT | INFANT | 21FEB1975PV | C052021 | 8230 |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 07APR1553 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0110 |
| WYTHEREDGE, THOMAS | JOHN WYTHEREDGE/ | M | C | 31AUG1578 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 07AUG1958IF | P005741 | 2794 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | JOAN MUGERIDGE | M | M | 08OCT1580 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 07MAY1958SL | A457313 | 0439 |
| WYTHERIDGE, THOMAS | MARY ROGERS | M | M | 27JAN1590 | BISHOPS TAWTON | | | CLEARED | M050341 | 0019 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 16APR1596 | BARNSTAPLE | 12DEC1964OK | 08JAN1965OK | 14AUG1959IF | P005741 | 4731 |
| WITHEREDGE, THOMAS | ANTHONY WITHEREDGE/ | M | C | 26DEC1608 | PLYMOUTH, SAINT ANDREW | 18NOV1963SL | 04FEB1964SL | 09MAY1969SL | P001851 | 6433 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | ARTHURE WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 16SEP1611 | ERMINGTON | INFANT | INFANT | 05MAY1976NA | C050891 | 0204 |
| WETHEREDG, THOMAS | JOHN WETHEREDG/CHRISTEAN | M | C | 02DEC1617 | MODBURY | 05SEP1974PV | 29OCT1974PV | 28NOV1974PV | C051441 | 0033 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 22SEP1622 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 07JUN1957SL | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 0843 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | CHRISTIAN CUTLIFFE | M | M | 05MAY1628 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0364 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | JOAN WHITEFIELD | M | M | 30APR1634 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 18AUG1959LA | A458374 | 0469 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | MARY STOCKMAN | M | M | 26NOV1634 | PLYMOUTH, ST. ANDREWS | | | 15NOV1960LA | A458405 | 0366 |
| WETHERYDGE, THOMAS | DORYTYE EDGECOMB | M | M | 25MAR1637 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 0218 |
| WETHERYDGE, THOMAS | | M | C | 01APR1638 | ERMINGTON | 14APR1976NA | 20APR1976NA | 04MAY1976NA | C050891 | 0874 |
| | THOMAS WETHERYDGE/DORRYTYE | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | THO WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 29DEC1650 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 18APR1956LS | 17DEC1957SL | C050301 | 1260 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | | M | C | 06NOV1663 | LANGTREE | 20APR1974OK | 06JUN1974OK | 13JUN1974OK | C051321 | 0165 |
| | JOHN WITHERIDGE/CHRISTIAN | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | NATHANIEL WITHERIDGE/EME | M | C | 03APR1673 | ILFRACOMBE | 27SEP1974PV | 14NOV1974PV | 19DEC1974PV | C051211 | 3816 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | MARY SHERMAN | M | M | 02JAN1677 | FREMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050581 | 0523 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 11JUL1683 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 18APR1956LG | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1702 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | M | C | 19JUN1695 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 11MAR1975PV | C052361 | 1080 |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | MARY OSBORN | M | M | 25APR1690 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0477 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | D | 07JAN1701 | ERMINGTON | 17APR1976NA | 24APR1976NA | 13MAY1976NA | C050891 | 2229 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | ANN TYPPETT | M | M | 19MAY1702 | ERMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050891 | 0618 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ANN | M | B | 05AUG1706 | ERMINGTON | INFANT | INFANT | 13MAY1976NA | C050891 | 2299 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | MARY MARTIN | M | M | 24SEP1706 | MALBOROUGH | | | CLEARED | M051561 | 1495 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | ALICE CLARK | M | M | 03JAN1709 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 12JUN1973LG | 7231108 | 44 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | | M | C | 29JUN1717 | ILFRACOMBE | 17MAY1957 | 30AUG1957IF | 04DEC1957SL | C051211 | 5440 |
| | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/HANNAH | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | SAPIENCE TERREERE | M | M | 26APR1720 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0496 |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | THO. WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 07MAR1722 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 1582 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | THOMASIN TAYLOR | M | M | 14DEC1735 | SOUTH HUISH | | | CLEARED | M052011 | 0406 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | | M | C | 12JAN1736 | MALBOROUGH | 09NOV1974PV | 14JAN1975PV | 12FEB1975PV | C051341 | 4089 |
| | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/THOMASIN | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | MARY MOUNJOY | M | M | 05APR1749 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M064191 | 0572 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 27NOV1751 | EAST DOWN NEAR BARNSTAPLE | 29MAY1974SL | 21AUG1974SL | 17SEP1974SL | C050871 | 1300 |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | THO. WETHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 26APR1755 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 1931 |
| WITHERIDEG, THOMAS | AGNES TRINNICK | M | M | 15MAY1763 | SOUTH HUISH | | | CLEARED | M052011 | 0446 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | MARY HOW | M | M | 28FEB1775 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | M050301 | 0851 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 31DEC1779 | BERRYNARBOR | 12MAR1974OG | 26APR1974OG | 02MAY1974OG | C050301 | 3029 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/JANE | M | C | 02MAY1790 | BRADWORTHY | INFANT | INFANT | CLEARED | C064191 | 2593 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | GEORGE WITHERIDGE/JANE | M | C | 22MAR1795 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C064191 | 2700 |

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| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | RICHARD WETHERIDGE/PHYLLIS | M | C | 21JUN1793 | WEMBURY | 18DEC1974PV | 14FEB1975PV | 15MAR1975PV | C052561 | 2065 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | FRANCIS WITHERIDGE/ANN | M | C | 02OCT1808 | ILFRACOMBE | 17MAY1957 | 30AUG1957IF | 03JAN1975PV | C051211 | 0224 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | JOHN WITHERIDGE/GRACE | M | C | 18JAN1816 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C084191 | 3294 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | /GRACE WITHERIDGE | M | C | 21NOV1824 | EXETER,SAINT GEORGE | 22MAR1974IF | 09JUN1974IF | UNCLEARED | C050931 | 2814 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | ANN MOORE | H | M | 07APR1841 | BRADWORTHY | | | CLEARED | M056191 | 1078 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMASYNE | JOHN YEO | W | M | 29JAN1590 | BISHOPS TAWTON | | | CLEARED | M050341 | 0021 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAZIN | SAMUEL WITHERIDGE/DAMARIS | F | C | 22OCT1755 | ROBOROUGH BY TORRINGTON | 14APR1976OK | 22MAY1976OK | 27MAY1976OK | C051561 | 2013 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAZIN | WILLIAM CROCKER | W | M | 07MAR1775 | ROBOROUGH BY TORRINGTON | | | CLEARED | M051561 | 0587 |
| WITHERIDG, THOS | ARTHUR WITHERIDG/MARYE | M | B | 12JUL1655 | ERMINGTON | 14APR1976HA | 21APR1976HA | 11MAY1976HA | C050891 | 1307 |
| WETHEREDGE, TOBY | MARY TROUNCE | H | M | 16NOV1616 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 17APR1973SL | M001831 | 3411 |
| WITHERIDGE, TOBY | MARY TROUNCE | H | M | 16NOV1616 | UFFCULME | | | 13NOV1960LA | A458405 | 0347 |
| WETHERIDGE, TYBALL | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 20JUL1544 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0047 |
| WITHERIDGE, TYBET | JOHAN THORNE | W | M | 22NOV1584 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0079 |
| WITHERIDGE, URITH | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 26JUN1560 | BISHOPS TAWTON | 05APR1974LA | 11MAY1974LA | 29MAY1974LA | C050341 | 0041 |
| WYTHEREDGE, URITHE | JOHN WYTHEREDGE/ | F | C | 10SEP1575 | BARNSTAPLE | 05DEC1964OK | 09JAN1965OK | 08AUG1969IF | P005741 | 2478 |
| WITHERIDGE, VALENTINE | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 07FEB1734 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 08NOV1975NZ | 29NOV1975NZ | 02MAR1976NZ | C052621 | 1379 |
| WITHERIDG, VRIYTE | JOHN HEDDON | W | M | 13AUG1561 | BRAUNTON | | | CLEARED | M050411 | 0395 |
| WITHERIDGE, WALTER | ELIZABETH SEARS | H | M | 30AUG1799 | YEALMPTON | | | CLEARED | M052221 | 1278 |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 08JUL1539 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0008 |
| WYTHERYG, WILLIAM | RICHARD WYTHERYG/ | M | C | 16JUN1540 | BARNSTAPLE | 01DEC1964OK | 20FEB1965OK | 01AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0088 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | EBUTT RYELL | H | M | 05OCT1551 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0034 |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 12FEB1560 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0173 |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 30MAR1566 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0214 |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | EMETT MORCOMBE | H | M | 04JUL1568 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | CLEARED | M052621 | 0056 |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 25FEB1569 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0218 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | DOROTHY WELSHE | H | M | 13AUG1582 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 18AUG1959LA | A458374 | 0468 |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 06APR1588 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 16APR1956LG | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 0397 |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | C | 29DEC1593 | BARNSTAPLE | 12DEC1964OK | 05JAN1965OK | 09AUG1969IF | P005741 | 4454 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 01DEC1610 | BARNSTAPLE | 18MAR1959 | 31MAR1959LA | 15AUG1969IF | P005741 | 6407 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | RYCHARDE WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 30NOV1611 | BARNSTAPLE | 08JAN1958 | 25NOV1958LA | 15AUG1969IF | P005741 | 6526 |
| WETHERYDGE, WILLIAM | ARTHURE WETHERYDGE/ | M | C | 05JAN1618 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 16APR1976HA | 08MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0351 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | ROBERT WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 17MAR1619 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 19AUG1969IF | P005741 | 7378 |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | BEATRICE MURWORTHY | H | M | 20OCT1623 | FREMINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050581 | 0178 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | EDMOND WITHERIDGE/ALSE | M | C | 21MAR1629 | MODBURY | 05SEP1974PV | 30OCT1974PV | 23NOV1974PV | C051461 | 1703 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | JAMES WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 13MAY1630 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 20AUG1969IF | P005741 | 9007 |
| WITHERIDG, WILLIAM | DAVID WITHERIDG/ | M | C | 24AUG1632 | FREMINGTON | INFANT | INFANT | 10MAY1974PV | C050581 | 0683 |
| WETHIREDGE, WILLIAM | JOHN WETHIREDGE/ | M | C | 26DEC1633 | MODBURY | 05SEP1974PV | 30OCT1974PV | 23NOV1974PV | C051461 | 2010 |
| WEATHERARDGE, WILLIAM | | M | C | 19FEB1649 | BARNSTAPLE | 16JAN1965OK | 06MAR1965OK | UNCLEARED | P005741 | 1183 |
| WITHRIDGE, WILLIAM | DEBORAH ARUNDELL | H | M | 23DEC1685 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 20JAN1973SL | M001832 | 1187 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 28NOV1690 | BERRYNARBOR | 10JAN1956 | 05NOV1957SL | 01MAY1974OG | C050301 | 1816 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE/HANNAH | M | C | 09SEP1714 | ILFRACOMBE | 17MAY1957 | 30AUG1957IF | 04DEC1957SL | C051211 | 3332 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | MARGERY TANNER | H | M | 29NOV1720 | SOUTH HUISH * | | | CLEARED | M052011 | 0371 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | REBECCA LEY | H | M | 20JUL1723 | COMBE MARTIN | | | 23FEB1971SL | 7007510 | 93 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 18AUG1723 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 25JAN1975PV | 21FEB1975PV | C052021 | 8103 |
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| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ANN | M | C | 08NOV1797 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 15NOV1975NZ | 29NOV1975NZ | 11MAR1976NZ | C052621 | 1745 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WALTER WITHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | M | C | 20JUL1800 | YEALMPTON | 11OCT1974LA | 09JAN1975LA | 16JAN1975LA | C052221 | 4720 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | ALICE GRIMSHEAR | H | M | 17FEB1803 | ILFRACOMBE | | | 03DEC1957SL | A457243 | 1961 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/ALICE | M | C | 22SEP1803 | ILFRACOMBE | 17MAY1957 | 30AUG1957IF | 02JAN1975PV | C051211 | 0035 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | JOHN WITHERIDGE/JANE | M | C | 09FEB1806 | DITTISHAM | 14JUN1974OG | 09AUG1974OG | 11OCT1974OG | C050821 | 2547 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | JOHN WITHERIDGE/GRACE | M | C | 01FEB1824 | BRADWORTHY | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C084191 | 3638 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | FANNY CAWSEY | H | M | 11APR1824 | NORTHAM | | | CLEARED | M051901 | 3847 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/SARAH ALGATE | M | C | 25DEC1824 | WEMBURY | 18DEC1974PV | 14FEB1975PV | 15MAR1975PV | C052561 | 2549 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | SUSAN BRIMICOMBE | H | M | 04OCT1829 | STOKE GABRIEL | | | CLEARED | M052441 | 0349 |

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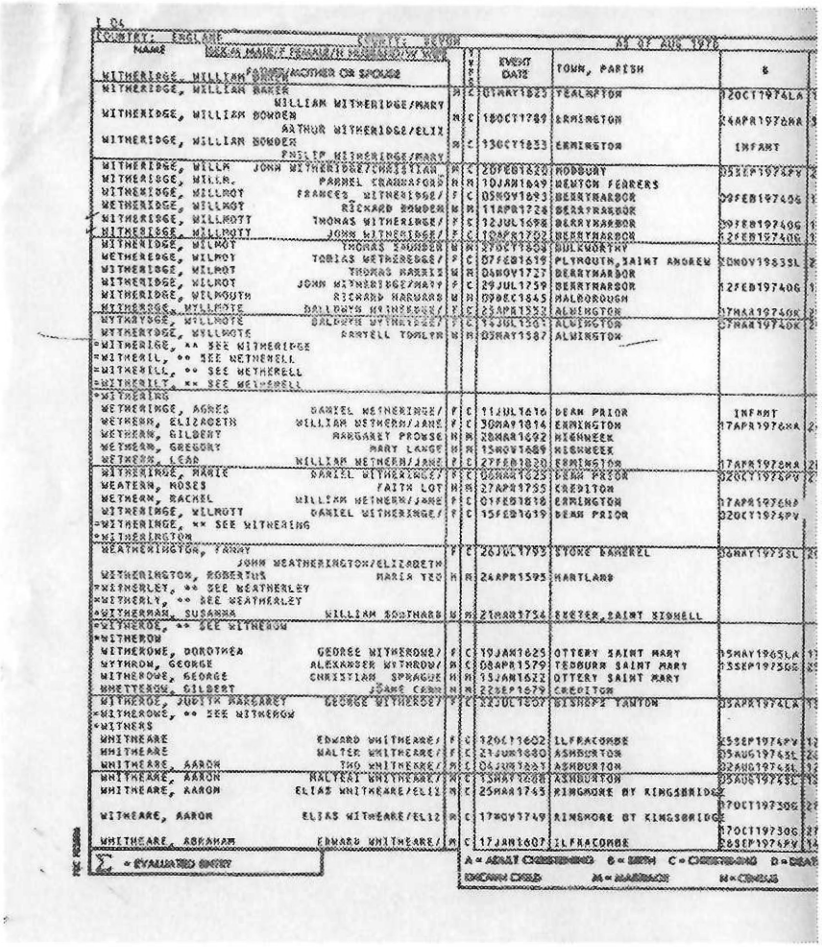
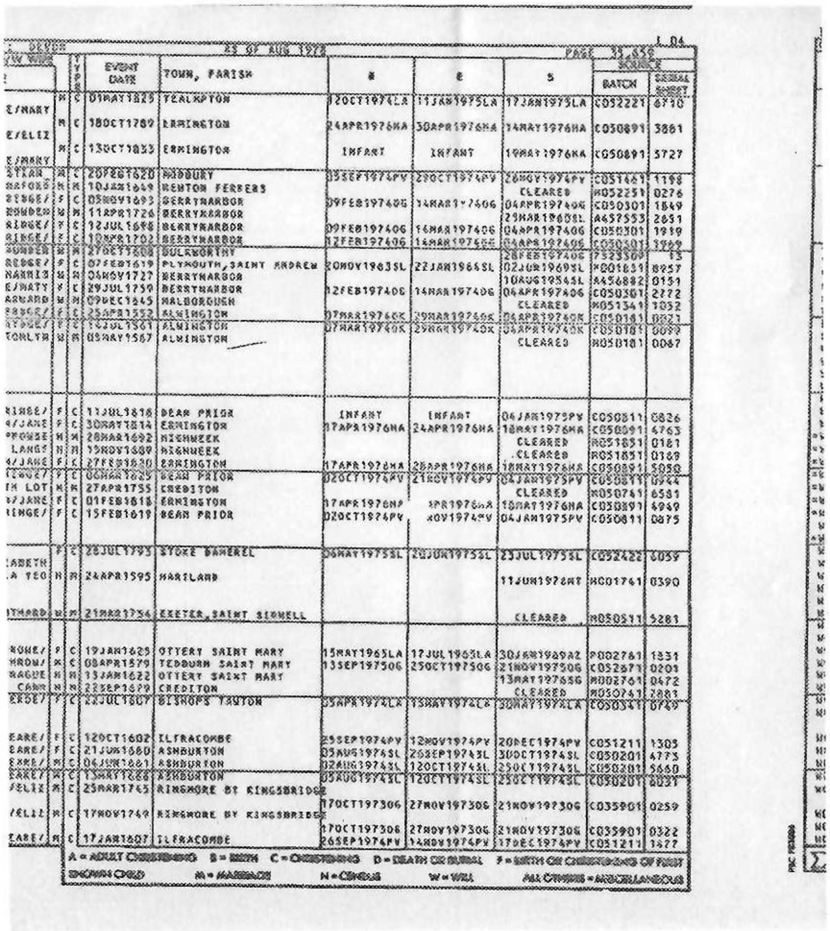

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WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM BAKER

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM BAKER | WILLIAM WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 01MAY1823 | YEALMPTON | 12OCT1974LA | 11JAN1975LA | 17JAN1975LA | C052221 | 6710 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM BOWDEN | ARTHUR WITHERIDGE/ELIZ | M | C | 18OCT1789 | ERMINGTON | 24APR1976HA | 30APR1976HA | 14MAY1976HA | C050891 | 3861 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM BOWDEN | PHILIP WITHERIDGE/MARY | M | C | 13OCT1833 | ERMINGTON | INFANT | INFANT | 19MAY1976HA | C050891 | 3727 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLM | JOHN WITHERIDGE/CHRISTIAN | M | C | 20FEB1620 | MODBURY | 05SEP1974PV | 29OCT1974PV | 26NOV1974PV | C051461 | 1198 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLM. | PARNEL CRANNAFORD | H | M | 10JAN1649 | NEWTON FERRERS | | | CLEARED | M052251 | 0276 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLMOT | FRANCES WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 05NOV1693 | BERRYNARBOR | 09FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 1849 |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLMOT | RICHARD BOWDEN | W | M | 11APR1726 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 29MAR1968SL | A457553 | 2851 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLMOTT | THOMAS WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 12JUL1698 | BERRYNARBOR | 09FEB1974OG | 16MAR1974OG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 1919 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLMOTY | JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 10APR1702 | BERRYNARBOR | 12FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 1969 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILMOT | THOMAS SAUNDER | W | M | 27OCT1808 | BULKWORTHY | | | 28FEB1974OG | 7523509 | 13 |
| WETHEREDGE, WILMOT | TOBIAS WETHEREDGE/ | F | C | 07FEB1619 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | 20NOV1963SL | 22JAN1964SL | 02JUN1969SL | P001831 | 8957 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILMOT | THOMAS HARRIS | W | M | 04NOV1727 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 10AUG1954SL | A456882 | 0151 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILMOT | JOHN WITHERIDGE/MARY | F | C | 29JUL1759 | BERRYNARBOR | 12FEB1974OG | 14MAR1974OG | 06APR1974OG | C050301 | 2272 |
| WITHERIDGE, WILMOUTH | RICHARD HARWARD | W | M | 09DEC1845 | MALBOROUGH | | | CLEARED | M051341 | 1052 |
| WITHERYDGE, WYLLMOTE | BALDWYN WITHERYDGE/ | F | C | 25APR1552 | ALWINGTON | 07MAR1974OK | 29MAR1974OK | 04APR1974OK | C050181 | 0021 |
| WYTHERYDGE, WYLLMOTE | BALDWYN WYTHERYDGE/ | F | C | 14JUL1561 | ALWINGTON | 07MAR1974OK | 29MAR1974OK | 04APR1974OK | C050181 | 0099 |
| WYTHERYDGE, WYLLMOTE | PARYELL TOMLYN | W | M | 05MAY1587 | ALWINGTON | | | CLEARED | M050181 | 0087 |
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| =WITHERIL, ** SEE WETHERELL | | | | | | | | | | |
| =WITHERILL, ** SEE WETHERELL | | | | | | | | | | |
| =WITHERILT, ** SEE WETHERELL | | | | | | | | | | |
| *WITHERING | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERINGE, AGNES | DANIEL WETHERINGE/ | F | C | 11JUL1616 | DEAN PRIOR | INFANT | INFANT | 04JAN1975PV | C050811 | 0826 |
| WETHERN, ELIZABETH | WILLIAM WETHERN/JANE | F | C | 30MAY1814 | ERMINGTON | 17APR1976HA | 24APR1976HA | 18MAY1976HA | C050891 | 4763 |
| WETHERN, GILBERT | MARGARET PROWSE | H | M | 28MAR1692 | HIGHWEEK | | | CLEARED | M051851 | 0181 |
| WETHERN, GREGORY | MARY LANGE | H | M | 15NOV1689 | HIGHWEEK | | | CLEARED | M051851 | 0189 |
| WETHERN, LEAH | WILLIAM WETHERN/JANE | F | C | 27FEB1820 | ERMINGTON | 17APR1976HA | 28APR1976HA | 18MAY1976HA | C050891 | 5050 |
| WITHERINGE, MARIE | DANIEL WITHERINGE/ | F | C | 06MAR1625 | DEAN PRIOR | 02OCT1974PV | 21NOV1974PV | 04JAN1975PV | C050811 | 0944 |
| WEATERN, MOSES | FAITH LOT | H | M | 27APR1755 | CREDITON | | | CLEARED | M050761 | 6581 |
| WETHERN, RACHEL | WILLIAM WETHERN/JANE | F | C | 01FEB1818 | ERMINGTON | 17APR1976HA | APR1976HA | 18MAY1976HA | C050891 | 4949 |
| WITHERINGE, WILMOTT | DANIEL WITHERINGE/ | F | C | 15FEB1619 | DEAN PRIOR | 02OCT1974PV | NOV1974PV | 04JAN1975PV | C050811 | 0875 |
| =WITHERINGE, ** SEE WITHERING | | | | | | | | | | |
| *WITHERINGTON | | | | | | | | | | |
| WEATHERINGTON, FANNY | JOHN WEATHERINGTON/ELIZABETH | F | C | 26JUL1793 | STOKE DAMEREL | 06MAY1975SL | 20JUN1975SL | 23JUL1975SL | C052422 | 6059 |
| WITHERINGTON, ROBERTUS | MARIA TEO | H | M | 24APR1595 | HARTLAND | | | 11JUN1978MT | M001761 | 0390 |
| =WITHERLEY, ** SEE WEATHERLEY | | | | | | | | | | |
| =WITHERLY, ** SEE WEATHERLEY | | | | | | | | | | |
| *WITHERMAN, SUSANNA | WILLIAM SOUTHARD | W | M | 21MAR1734 | EXETER,SAINT SIDWELL | | | CLEARED | M050511 | 5281 |
| =WITHEROE, ** SEE WITHEROW | | | | | | | | | | |
| *WITHEROW | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHEROWE, DOROTHEA | GEORGE WITHEROWE/ | F | C | 19JAN1625 | OTTERY SAINT MARY | 15MAY1965LA | 17JUL1965LA | 30JAN1969AZ | P002761 | 1331 |
| WYTHROW, GEORGE | ALEXANDER WYTHROW/ | M | C | 08APR1579 | TEDBURN SAINT MARY | 13SEP1975OG | 25OCT1975OG | 21NOV1975OG | C052671 | 0201 |
| WITHEROWE, GEORGE | CHRISTIAN SPRAGUE | H | M | 13JAN1622 | OTTERY SAINT MARY | | | 13MAY1976SG | M002761 | 0672 |
| WHETTEROW, GILBERT | JOANE CANN | H | M | 22SEP1679 | CREDITON | | | CLEARED | M050761 | 2883 |
| WITHEROE, JUDITH MARGARET | GEORGE WITHEROE/ | F | C | 22JUL1807 | BISHOPS TAWTON | 05APR1974LA | 15MAY1974LA | 30MAY1974LA | C050341 | 0769 |
| =WITHEROWE, ** SEE WITHEROW | | | | | | | | | | |
| *WITHERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| WHITHEARE | EDWARD WHITHEARE/ | F | C | 12OCT1602 | ILFRACOMBE | 25SEP1974PV | 12NOV1974PV | 20DEC1974PV | C051211 | 1305 |
| WHITHEARE | WALTER WHITHEARE/ | F | C | 21JUN1680 | ASHBURTON | 05AUG1974SL | 26SEP1974SL | 30OCT1974SL | C050201 | 4773 |
| WHITHEARE, AARON | THO WHITHEARE/ | M | C | 04JUN1681 | ASHBURTON | 02AUG1974SL | 12OCT1974SL | 25OCT1974SL | C050201 | 5660 |
| WHITHEARE, AARON | WALTER WHITHEARE/ | M | C | 13MAY1688 | ASHBURTON | 05AUG1974SL | 12OCT1974SL | 25OCT1974SL | C050201 | 6031 |
| WHITHEARE, AARON | ELIAS WHITHEARE/ELIZ | M | C | 25MAR1745 | RINGMORE BY KINGSBRIDGE | 17OCT1973OG | 27NOV1973OG | 21NOV1973OG | C035901 | 0259 |
| WITHEARE, AARON | ELIAS WITHEARE/ELIZ | M | C | 17NOV1749 | RINGMORE BY KINGSBRIDGE | 17OCT1973OG | 27NOV1973OG | 21NOV1973OG | C035901 | 0322 |
| WHITHEARE, ABRAHAM | EDWARD WHITHEARE/ | M | C | 17JAN1607 | ILFRACOMBE | 26SEP1974PV | 14NOV1974PV | 17DEC1974PV | C051211 | 1477 |

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A = ADULT CHRISTENING B = BIRTH C = CHRISTENING D = DEATH OR BURIAL F = BIRTH OR CHRISTENING OF FIRST KNOWN CHILD M = MARRIAGE N = CENSUS W = WILL ALL OTHERS = MISCELLANEOUS

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6276 Yukon St
Vancouver BC
Aug. /82

Dear David

Just a quick note to thank you for your note and — ask for a favour. It's only coincidence that you can help.

I have been given the responsibility of arranging for our Bulletin supply at church. We usually use the type I sent you but for Advent, Lent & Xmas we use something different. Some, supplied through various sources, leave something to be desired artistically. The ones we find most acceptable are by

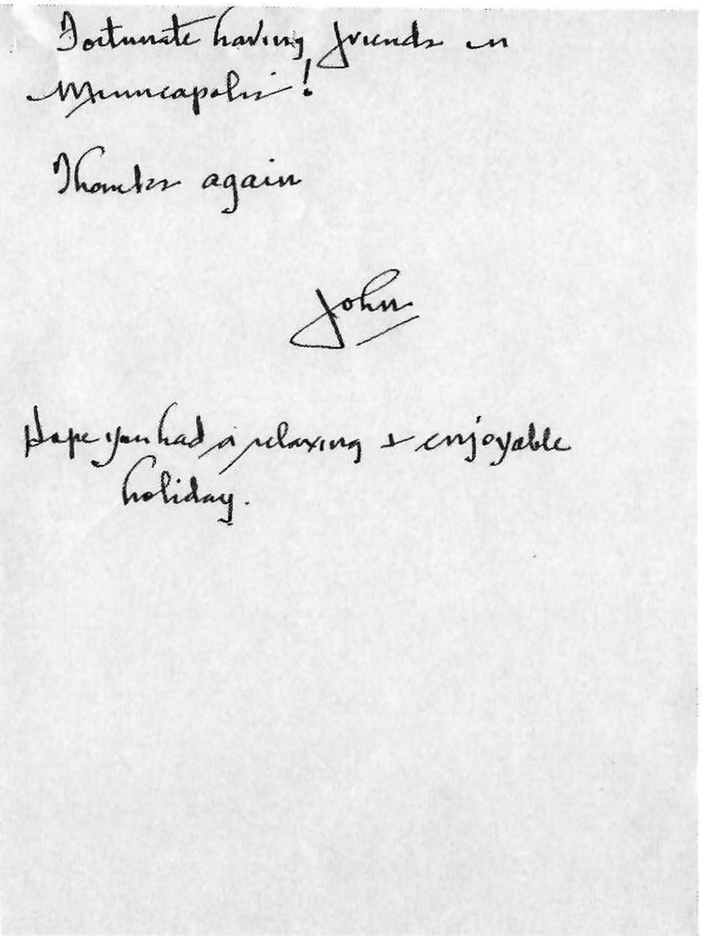
Sacred Design Assoc.
840 Colorado Avenue
S. Minneapolis.

They have now changed their name — added another name to Sacred Design.

I wrote them a second time after finding the name & address change at our Public Library but have had no reply. I've misplaced the new address & name but thought while I think of it I would drop you a note and ask you to give them a phone call and ask them to send me a brochure showing current designs. I'm sure you can find them in the phone book.

Their designs are far better than most. Our family made a large cloth Banner 3'x6' based on one and it was most impressive. It still hangs in church.

Many thanks for your help. This is but a hurried note but I thought I'd get it off while I was inspired. Inspiration is the word —



Fortunate having friends in Minneapolis!

Thanks again

John

Hope you had a relaxing & enjoyable holiday.

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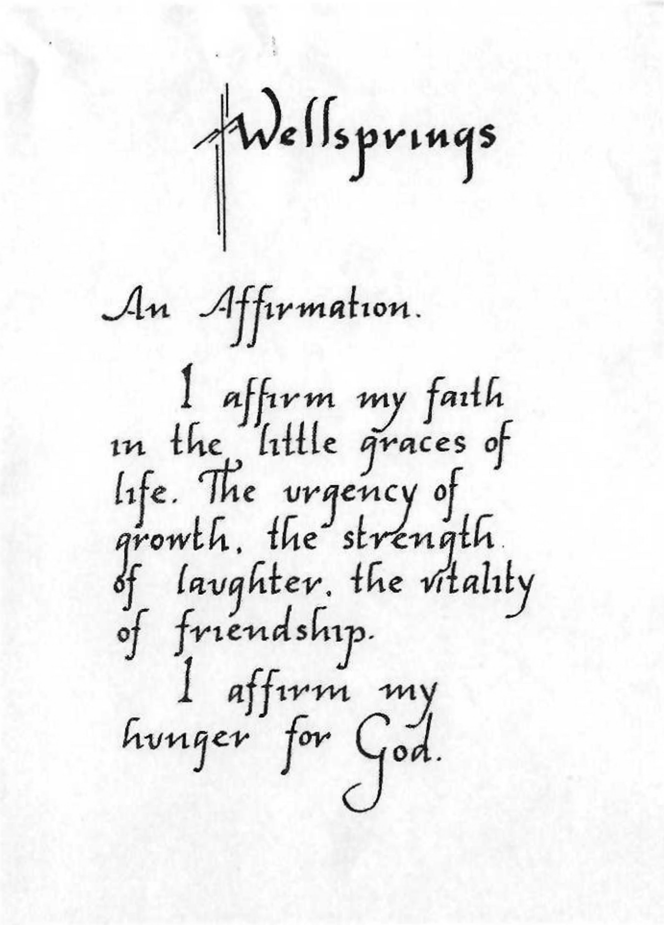

# Wellsprings

An Affirmation.

I affirm my faith
in the little graces of
life. The urgency of
growth, the strength
of laughter, the vitality
of friendship.
I affirm my
hunger for God.

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Log:

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
Sept. 6, 1982

Dear Barbara: Popplestone

The reason you haven't heard from me before this, is that my wife Elizabeth and I were on a 3½-week trip east as far as New England. We had a marvelous time, including visiting relatives and finding a lot of new genealogical information--mostly about Elizabeth's lines that go way back to early Colonial days.

On our return home we found a great deal to do to get back to normal, and now I am working on all the genealogical material we amassed, as well as letters and information, like yours, that came in the mail during our absence.

I was delighted to get your letter. Although it doesn't tie your Witheridge ancestry and mine together, it provided me with information about the William Witheridge and Fanny Cawsey I am working on. And now I find that in return I can identify the family connection of your Katherine Witheridge. (But more of that later) As you see, I am enclosing family group sheets for the families involved.

First, regarding your help to me: The William Witheridge whose baptism you found in North Tawton is certainly the one I was looking for--the ancestor of George and Harry Witheridge of Surrey. You can see how it fits into the enclosed sheet. Now we'll have to determine who his father, John, was and how he happened to have his child baptized in North Tawton, since you could find no other Witheridges there.

I'm still wondering if this is the same John who earlier married Ann Evans and had a son William (bapt. Nov. 6, 1791, in Littleham). Ann was buried Mar. 10, 1793, in Littleham. Did William die as a child, after which John married again and had another son William? Why did this William end up in Northam marrying Fanny Cawsey, who for some reason was baptized in Littleham, though she was born in Landcross? What were the connections between Littleham, Landcross, Northam, and North Tawton in these two families?

On the other hand, the John Witheridge who had a son William in North Tawton may have come from an entirely different part of Devon than the Bideford-Northam-Littleham area, so we'll just have to keep looking.

Now, regarding Fanny Cawsey: The John and Elizabeth Cawsey whose children you found baptized in Landcross are definitely the parents of Fanny, as the date of her baptism fits right into the others. Although Fanny was born in Landcross (as the 1851 Census of Bideford said) like her sisters and brother, she, for some reason, was baptised in Littleham. Perhaps there was no clergyman in Landcross at the time. Later, Fanny moved to Northam with her family, where she met and married William Witheridge. Thank you for sending me all this information.

Now to your Katherine Witheridge, who married John Gregorie in 1627. I am happy to report that I have found her family connections as shown on the enclosed sheets.

Before our trip, I didn't have time to go over all my Witheridge data in Littleham. When we got back, I started putting it all together, and I found that some time last year I had recorded the baptism of Katherine in 1591, along with many other Witheridge entries in Littleham.

I'm wondering why the baptism of Katherine didn't show up in the records you saw. What I used was a Latter Day Saints (Mormon) microfilm of a printed transcript of the Littleham Parish Register, 1538-1875. Perhaps the Devon Record Office didn't have a copy of the Parish Register, and what you used was the Bishop's Transcript.

For awhile I was bothered by the names of Tybot Witheridge and Tyball Witheridge, though I assumed they must be the same person. Then I looked in a dictionary and found the masculine name Tybalt, so I know the others were just variant spellings of that.

So now we have your Witheridge ancestry back to William the younger. I have a similar group of family sheets going back to William the elder, but the dates are so early--before the start of the parish register--that it will be difficult to tie them together.

Before I close, I'll tell you a little about our family. My wife and I were both born in Michigan, and I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer before deciding to become a minister. I attended seminary in Rochester, N.Y., then became an assistant minister in a Baptist church on the campus of the University of Chicago while I was doing graduate work there. After a few years as minister of a church in an Illinois town, I became the executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, which position I held for nearly thirty years before retiring over two years ago.

Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher before we were married, and more recently she has been the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons: Jim, 35, who lives in Minneapolis andis unmarried; and Tom, 34, who lives in Chicago and was just married in June.

Elizabeth and I have had two wonderful trips to England, Scotland, and Wales--one for nearly three months in 1976, and the other for two months in 1980. We met many lovely friends and relatives there, and now we maintain quite an active correspondence with many of them. My father was born in Wales and came to this country as a child with his parents. They were English, however, as his father's family was from Devon and his mother's from Cornwall. Elizabeth's ancestors all came to America in Colonial days, so we have located only one branch of her family in England--the Plumes in Essex. Fortunately, however, we have found and visited three houses where her ancestors once lived, and a library in Maldon that was founded and endowed in 1704 by one of her distant relatives, Dr. Thomas Plume.

Once again, let me thank you for writing in the first place and for your genealogical assistance. Best wishes to you in your continued searching.

Yours sincerely,

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Dec. 3, 1981

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Dear Bill, Roberts

There's something you could do for me in connection with my father's birthplace. I think I mentioned to you that he always said he was born in Porth, but the birth certificate I got from Somerset House some years ago gave his birthplace as "Eirw Road, Llantrisaint, Ystradyfodwg, U.S.D."

Could you call some government office and find out if there was or is an Eirw Road in Porth, as well as in Llantrisaint, and whether anyone in Porth would have given Llantrisaint as part of his address?

There's no hurry, of course, but some day I'd like to have this matter clarified, so that my records will be correct - Thanks!

Dave

W 95(b)
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W 95(b)
Log 235

2th September 1982

Dear David,

I have at long last managed to get some details about EIRW ROAD! After several false starts I got to the Glamorgan Record Office at Cardiff and I found the staff there very helpful. The following points will I think be of interest to you. ——.

Firstly YSTRADYFODWG is the name of an old parish area which included the Rhondda valley

The following details are taken from KELLY'S DIRECTORY OF SOUTH WALES for the year 1914.

1. Ystryfodwg, Llandaff and Llantrisaint were combined for the then Joint Burial Committee.
2. CYMMER and PORTH were linked on 2nd February 1894 to form a new ecclesiastical parish from Llantrisaint and the Rhondda.
3. Several people and businesses are listed with addresses in EIRW ROAD, BRITANNIA in 1914. It would appear that Britannia was a very small district of Porth (only a few streets are mentioned). The Britannia Post Office in Eirw Road is said to be half a mile from the main post office at Porth. The Ynyshir and Wattstown Cooperative Society Ltd occupied numbers 53 and 54 Eirw Road and these are the highest numbers mentioned in the entries

So it would appear that the copy of the Birth Certificate is correct (if a little cryptic) and supports your father's claim to have been born in Porth.

He was presumably born in EIRW ROAD, BRITANNIA, PORTH and the birth was registered at LLANTRISAINT OR LLANTRISSAINT (OR as it is now spelt LLANTRISANT.) as taking place in the YSTRADYFODWG, URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

It seems more than likely that the Registrar of Births and Deaths would have his office at Llantrisaint in the 1880's — it's only six miles from Porth to Llantrisant.

Sincerely,
Bill

P.S. Tom and Virginia certainly look a happy couple

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Not me

37 Kings Head Lane
Bristol BS13 7DB.
20. Sept. '82.

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Dear David,

How kind of you to send such a lot of information, thank you very much. I agree it would be hard to prove a relationship that far back. but Littleham + Landcross + Northam are all very close. as you may already know.

About the fact that Fanny was baptised at Littleham, at the moment, it, Landcross, Monkleigh, + Weare Giffard are all four covered by one vicar, so that may have always been as you thought.

We had a trip to Littleham some weeks ago just for the day + I took some photos. I am enclosing copies of them for you just in case you've not been there. If you have you'll know it's difficult to get a good view of this beautiful church.

We shall no doubt be going to Exeter again sometime this year + will look out for John Witheridge. I am still trying to find where

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some of my Tawstons + Sloley's originated.

Whilst looking in the 1860 Lloyds Register to-day I found the following:—
- Causey, master of Mary (Brigantine) built in Bideford 1832 + she was a Bideford coaster.

Unfortunately there was no initial or other name, but I thought you might know of a Causey who was a mariner, + Bideford is in your area. Also did you know there is a place called Witheridge about 22 miles from Bideford? My husband, Reg stayed there many years ago.

It was interesting to read of your family + I am curious to know where in Wales your father was born. I too have roots in Wales, possibly Carmarthen on my mother's side, + Reg's family come from South Devon around Kingsbridge.

Reg retired 3 yrs ago when he was 57, the opportunity arose + he felt it could be the right thing to do + this has proved correct. We both worked at W.D.+H.O. Wills the cigarette people, Reg was a buyer for packaging + I was in the wages office until I left 28 yrs ago. We have one son Richard who is 27 + he lives in Scotland. I don't know if you got to the North coast to Thurso, (near John O'Groats) but that is where he has his home. He is getting married next July + we have the problem of sorting out the best way to get every one there. We have been back a week now from our last visit + still aren't sure of the easiest route.

On our way back (by road) this time we got talking to two Americans who came from Los ~~Angeles~~ Angeles. They asked if we would take a photo of them (father + son) together + offered to do the same for us.

I will let you know if we turn up

anything else of interest to you, thank you very much once more, I was so pleased to have your letter + notes.

Yours sincerely.
Barbara. (Popplestone)

P.S. I have also enclosed a snap of an old barn at Littleham. In the 1851 census return a farm called Furlong at Littleham employed a William Gregory of Northam. I made a note of this + when we went to Littleham found a farm house called East Furlong, but the barn looked very old to me + I felt sure must have been there when my Gregory's lived there in the 1700's. The house was old but not like the barn. I had to take it from the car as it was difficult to stop, but it gives you some idea of the

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I. G. I. Cornwall [as of Mar. 1981]

Witheridge, Dorathy, d. Ezekiell Witheridge/Ann, Bapt. 29 Dec. 1641,
St. Mellion

Witheridge, Elizabeth, d. Thomas Witheridge/Mary, Bapt. 17 Apr. 1763,
Morwenstow

Witheridge, George, s. Thomas Witheridge/Mary, Bapt. 12 Apr. 1761,
Morwenstow

Witheridge, Grace, mar. William Eliot, 24 July 1774, Kilkhampton

Witheridge, James, s. Thomas Witheridge/Mary, Bapt. 18 Dec. 1757,
Morwenstow

Wetheredge, Jo., s. Bowden Wetheredge, Bapt. 14 Dec. 1600, Gwinear

Wetheridge, Mary, mar. John Elliot, 24 Nov. 1761, Maker

Witheridge, Mary, d. John Witheridge/Eleanor, Bapt. 28 Aug. 1763,
St. Stephens by Saltash

Witheridge, Priscilla, mar. Benjamin Eliot, 26 Aug. 1744, Poughill

Witheridge, Richard, s. Thomas Witheridge/Mary, Bapt. 21 Nov. 1766,
Kilkhampton

Witheridge, Susannah, mar. William Smith, 17 Mar. 1778, Maker

Witheridge, Thomas, mar. Susanna Hayman, 9 Aug 1771, Maker

Witheridge, William, s. Thomas Witheridge/Mary, Bapt. 25 Mar. 1759
Morwenstow

Witheridge, William, s. Thomas Witheridge/Susanna, Bapt. 9 Sept. 1772,
Maker

Elliot, William, s. Benjamin Elliot/Priscilla, Bapt. 29 Nov. 1747, Kilkhampton

Elliot, Mary, d. Benjamin Elliot/Priscilla, Bapt. 14 Sept. 1746, Kilkhampton

Elliot, Grace, d. Benjamin Elliot/Priscilla, Bapt. --- 1745, Kilkhampton

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: Minn. Hist. Soc. 3/14/83

George Sherwood, American Colonists in English Records, First series, ~~#~~ 1932

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*In the Principal Probate Registry, London.*

P.C.C. 78 SKYNNER.

1627, April 3.

MIDDLETON, Robert, who died in Virginia a bachelor, his will names William M., "my brother of Hamton in Yorkshire."

LANE, Edward, pulley maker, dwelling in Shadwell.

NORMANS, Alexander, of St. Katherine's, cooper, a debtor.

ANDREWES, Master Peter, his plantation.

BABB, Thomas, and

LOWTHER, Richard, overseers.

BLACKLER William, witness.

Admon., 18 July, 1627, to Thomas BABS.

*In the Principal Probate Registry, London.*

P.C.C. 45 BARRINGTON.

1627, April 11.

BURGES, John, the elder, of Westley "lyinge sicke in my bed in Richman's Iland in New England," his will gives "to Robert, John and William my sonnes my barke called The Annes with all her tackling, boate and provision and what she hath gained this summer. . . . My wife Joan whole executrix."

WITHERIDGE, John,

FORDE, James, and

NOTT, Edward, witnesses.

Proved at London 24 May, 1628, by Joan BURGES *alias* BRAY, the relict.

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Witheridge - IGI, London (1981)

Witheridge, Alice Ann, d. Arthur Witheridge + Florence Ann, Bapt. 24 Nov. 1861,
Shoreditch, St. John the Bapt., Batch C040372, Sh. 7220

Whitridg, ______ s. Robert Witridg, born 31 Dec. 1607, London, St. Mary
Batch C032101, Sh. 1269 [Died as infant]

Witheridge, Andrew, mar. Ann King, 3 Aug. 1777, Shoreditch, St. Leonards,
Batch M040811 Sh. 9883

Witheridge, Ann, d. Andrew Witheridge + Ann, bapt. 24 Aug. 1794, Shoreditch,
St. Leonards, Batch C040801, Sh. 13661

Whitrych, Anne, d. James Whitrych, bapt. 14 Aug. 1586, Bermondsey, St. Mary
Magdalene, Batch P001581, Sh. 1306

Whitrige, Anne, d. Robert Whitrige, bapt. 28 Oct. 1611, London, St. Mary at Hill,
Batch C032101, Sh. 1384

Withritch, Anne, d. Andrew Withritch + Anne, bapt. 5 Nov. 1780, Stepney Spitalfields
Christ Church, [Infant] Batch C069692, Sh. 6218

Whytrygge, Denys, d. Thomas Whytrygge, bapt. 2 Aug. 1570, Westminster, St. Margaret,
Batch P001601, Sh. 4843

Witheredge, Edward, s. Edward Witheredge + Rachel, bapt. 27 Nov. 1656,
Stepney, St. Dunstan, [Infant] Batch C055768, Sh. 3220

Witheridge, Eliza, mar. Richard Ward, 10 June 1851, ~~Westminster, St. Margaret~~,
London, St. Mary Somerset, Batch M001491, Sh. 2770

Whittridg, Elizabeth, mar. Robert Batt, 19 Jan. 1595, Westminster, St. Margaret,
Batch M001601, Sh. 4373

Witheridge, Elizabeth Insolah, d. Romanuel Witheridge + Ann, bapt. 5 Feb. 1815,
London, St. Giles Cripplegate, Batch C025781, Sh. 1445

Whitterydge, Ellen, d. Thomas Whitterydge, bapt. 25 Apr. 1573, Westminster,
St. Margaret, Batch P001601, Sh. 5311

Witheridge, Ellen, mar. Jonathan Wills, 5 Feb. 1662, Stepney, St. Dunstan,
Batch M055762, Sh. 5814

Witheridge, Emily Florence, d. Arthur Witheridge + Florence Ann Roby, bapt. 30 Aug. 1857, Shoreditch,
St. John the Bapt., Batch C040372, Sh. 3400

Withridge, George, mar. Ann Payne, 14 May 1825, Shoreditch, St. Leonards,
Batch M040803, Sh. 8424

Witheridge, Harriet Roby, d. Arthur Witheridge + Florence Ann Roby, bapt.
24 Sept. 1854, Finsbury, St. Luke Old Street, Batch C020694,
Sh. 14048

Whitridge, Hellen, d. Edward Whitridge, bapt. 17 Feb. 1593, London,
St. Giles Cripplegate, [Infant], Batch C022432, Sh. 1541

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Witheridge, IGI - London

Whitredge, Hewgh, s. Thomas Whitredge, bapt. 1 Sept. 1578, Westminster,
St. Margaret, Batch P001601, Sh. 6361

Wetharidg, Isabella, d. Aaron Wetharidg + Hannah, bapt. 13 Sept. 1724,
London, St. Katharine by the Tower, Batch C001443, Sh. 10799

Withridge, Jacob, s. Andrew Withridge + Ann, bapt. 13 July 1800, London,
St. Giles Cripplegate, Batch C025778, Sh. 6956

Withredge, John, s. Edward Withredge + Rachel, bapt. 9 Aug. 1659,
Stepney, Bull Lane Independant, Batch C097881, Sh. 0158

Whitridge, John, mar. Mary Clarke, 1 June 1783, Westminster, St. Clement Danes,
Batch M041601, Sh. 4891

Witheridge, John Andrew, s. Andrew Witheridge + Ann, bapt. 2 Apr. 1788,
Shoreditch, St. Leonards, Batch C040801, Sh. 5116

Witheredge, Judith, mar. John Francis, 3 May 1660, Stepney, St. Dunstan,
Batch M055762, Sh. 5141

Watheridge, Maria, d. Richardi Watheridge + Mariae, bapt. 18 Dec. 1664,
Westminster, St. Martin in the Fields, Batch C001452, Sh. 13312

Wetheridge, Martha, d. Mary Wetheridge, bapt. 12 Dec., 1850, St. Pancras,
Old Church, Batch C047935, Sh. 11284

Witheridge, Mary, d. William Witheridge + Elizabeth, bapt. 25 Sept. 1640, Stepney,
St. Dunstan, Batch C055166, Sh. 15454

Whytheridge, Mary, mar. John Morris, 2 Mar. 1724, London, St. Benet
Pauls Wharf, Batch M001361, Sh. 10150

Witheridge, Mary, mar. Thomas Townsend, 4 Sept. 1785, London, St. Botolph
Bishopsgate, Batch M001611, 14923 (Sh.)

Weatheridge, Mary, mar. Joseph James, 7 Nov. 1789, Shoreditch, St. Leonards,
Batch M040801, Sh. 3633

Whitridge, Mary, d. Matthew Whitridge + Susanna, bapt. 27 Feb. 1812, London,
All Hallows Bread Street, Batch P015481, Sh. 3420

Wetheridge, Mary, mar. Hugh Thomson, 19 Apr. 1840, Westminster, St. Anne Soho,
Batch M062361, Sh. 14739

Witheridge, Mary Ann, d. Andrew Witheridge + Ann, bapt. 10 June 1792, London,
St. Botolph Bishopsgate, Batch C001617 Sh. 3948

Witheridge, Mary Ann, d. Robert Inwood Witheridge + Elisabeth, bapt. 14 June 1801,
Shoreditch, St. Leonards, Batch C040802, Sh. 3443

Weatheredge, Mary Ann, d. Mary Ann Weatheredge, bapt. 16 Nov. 1844, St. Pancras,
Old Church, Batch C047934, Sh. 11908

Witheridge, Mary Emma, d. Arthur Witheridge + Florance Ann Roby, bapt. 16 Oct. 1859,
Shoreditch, St. John the Bapt., Batch C040372, Sh. 5256

Witheridge - IGI - London    LDS 4/12/83

Wetherridge, Moses mar. Elizabeth Reynolds, 3 Aug. 1738, London, St. Andrew
by the Wardrobe, Batch M022322, Sh. 0781

Wetheridge, Nicholas, s. Nicholas Wetheridge + Katharine, bapt. 17 Mar. 1705,
Westminster, St. Martin in the Fields, Batch C001455, Sh. 6388

Witheridge, Noah, s. Andrew Witheridge + Ann, bapt. 4 Dec. 1785, Shoreditch,
St. Leonards, Batch C040801, Sh. 2316

Witheridge, Phillis, d. Andrew Witheridge + Anne, bapt. 28 Nov. 1790,
Finsbury, St. Luke Old Street, Batch C020692, Sh. 10541

Witheridge, Phillis, mar. John Biddle, 28 Dec. 1818, Finsbury, St. Luke
Old Street, Batch M020692, Sh. 2705

Whyttrege, Robert, s. Thomas Whyttrege, bapt. 18 Dec. 1579, Westminster,
St. Margaret, ~~Sh~~ Batch P001601, Sh. 6655

Witheridge, Roberte, s. ________, bapt. 8 July 1571, London, St. Mary at
Hill, Batch C032101, Sh. 0325

Witheridge, Samuel King, s. Andrew Witheridge + Ann, Shoreditch, St. Leonards,
Batch C040801, Sh. 17328

Witheridge, Sarah, d. Andrew Witheridge + Ann, bapt. 7 Mar. 1784, London,
All Hallows London Wall, Batch P000852, Sh. 2869

Witheridge, Susanna, d. Aron Witheridge + Mary, bapt. 30 Apr. 1727, London,
St. Katherine by the Tower, Batch C001443, Sh. 9073

Whitridge, Susannah, d. Matthew Whitridge + Susannah, bapt. 7 Nov. 1810,
Camberwell, St. Giles, Batch P006261, Sh. 2149

Whytrege, Thomas, mar. Elsabethe Watson, 11 Nov. 1560, Westminster,
St. Margaret, Batch M001601, Sh. 1586

Wotheridge, Thomas, s. Thomas Wotheridge + Mary, bapt. 7 Aug. 1640, Stepney,
St. Dunstan, Batch C055766, Sh. 15303

Witheridge, Thomas, s. Thomas Witheridge, bapt. 3 Apr. 1669, Stepney, St. Dunstan,
Batch C055768, Sh. 15187

Wetheridg, Thomas, s. William Wetheridg + Margaret, bapt. _ Oct. 1702, London,
St. Botolph without Aldgate, Batch C025555, Sh. 5361

Witheridge, William, mar. Hannah Dennis, 5 Dec. 1785, Chelsea, St. Luke,
Batch M067052, Sh. 1825

Wetheridge, William, mar. Susanna Apdler, 26 Sept. 1790, Shoreditch, St. Leonards,
Batch M040801, Sh. 4409

Witheridge, William, s. Robert Inwood Witheridge + Elizabeth, bapt. 30 Oct. 1803,
Westminster, St. Clement Danes, Batch C041603, Sh. 12549

Witheridge, William, mar. Hannah Lee, 22 July 1850, London, St. Olave Old
Jewry, Batch M024051, Sh. 0595

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Wetheridge, William, s. William Wetheridge + Ellen, bapt. 8 Oct. 1854, Bermondsey, St. Mary Magdalene, Batch P001582, Sh. 33232

Witheridge, William Thomas, s. James Witheridge + Sarah, bapt. 1 Jan, 1805, Holborn, St. Andrew, Batch P010516, Sh. 26303

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✓ Osborn, Mary, d. Tho. Osborn, bapt. 16 Apr. 1674 Bradworthy,
Batch C064191, Sh. 1026

✓ Termeer, Mary, d. John Termeer, bapt. 22 Jan. 1726 Bradworthy,
Batch C064191, Sh. 1624

✓ Tremeere, Sapience, d. John Tremeere, bapt. 12 Feb. 1695, Bradworthy,
Batch C064191, Sh. 1313

✓ Termeer, Eliz., d. John Termeer, bapt. 15 Apr. 1723, Bradworthy,
Batch C064191, Sh. 1585

✓ Termeer, Grace, d. John Termeer, bapt. 27 Nov. 1724, Bradworthy,
Batch C064191, Sh. 1596

✓ Termeer, James, s. John Termeer, bapt. 28 Feb. 1730, Bradworthy,
Batch C064191, Sh. 1680

✓ Termeer, John, s. John Termeer, bapt. 22 Mar. 1729, Bradworthy
Batch ~~#~~ C064191, Sh. 1667

✓ Heal, George, s. John Heal + Susanna, bapt. Nov. 29, 1725, Burrington,
Batch C050081, Sh. 1478

Oke, Jane, d. Walter Oke + Jane, bapt. 21 May 1758, Bradworthy,
Batch C064191, Sh. 1998

✓ Oke, Jane, d. Walter Oke + Jane, bapt. 26 Apr. 1761, Bradworthy
Batch C064191, Sh. 2037

→ Grills, Grace, d. Thomas Grills + Ann, bapt. 2 Mar. 1794, Bradworthy
Batch C064191, Sh. 2683

→ Grills, Thomas, mar. Ann Allen, 17 Jan. 1772, Bradworthy
Batch 7128611, Sh. 86

→ Moor, Ann, d. James Moor + Jane, bapt. 17 Mar. 1816, Bradworthy
Batch C064191, Sh 3305

→ Moor, James, mar. Jane Stanbury, 27 Mar. 1805, Bradworthy
Batch M064191, Sh. 0783

→ Sanders, Peter, s. James Sanders + Mary, bapt. 24 Feb. 1790, Bradworthy
Batch C064191, Sh. 2591

→ Saunders, Mary, d. Peter Saunders + Jane, bapt. 12 Feb. 1815 Bradworthy
Batch C064191, Sh. 3260

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19. Melton Wk
Hemlington
Middlesbrough
Cleveland
England
TS8 9NB

Dear Sir,

I have recently joined the Devon FHS. and they have notified me that you are researching Witheridge, is this the place or the surname?.

My family came from Witheridge and I have managed to trace them back to Robert Thomas born 1752, I have also been trying to discover the local history of the village. but without much success, If you have been tracing the history of the village I would appreciate any help you may be able to offer.

Yours Faithfully
J Thomas (miss)

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
April 24, 1983

Miss J. Thomas
19, Melton Wk
Hemlington
Middlesbrough
Cleveland
England TS8 9NB

Dear Miss Thomas,

I appreciated receiving your letter, and I wish I could be of more help to you than I can be. My interest is in the surname Witheridge, rather than the Town, and I keep track of every Witheridge I can find, any place, any time!

When I first began my research, I wrote to the vicar or rector at Witheridge, and he checked the registers but couldn't find any Witheridge baptized, married, or buried there since the start of the registers. All the books say our name comes from the place name, but obviously all the Witheridges left Witheridge before the registers began.

If, in your study of the early history of Witheridge, you come across any persons by that name, I'd be very happy to hear from you.

Have you seen the Devon Lay Subsidy Rolls, 1524-7, Ed. by T. L. Stoate, 1979? By that time there were already Witheridges in a half dozen parishes in Devon, but none in the parish of Witheridge. There were Thomases in over 30 parishes of Devon at that time, one of whom, John Thomas, lived in Witheridge.

Good Luck in your further search for your earlier Thomas ancestors!

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

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[The registrar's reply, document W104, logged by DEW on June 16, was missing from the file. The marriage certificate requested by DEW is document W105.]

U.S.A.

June 7, 1983

Superintendent Registrar
Barnstaple Registration District
Civic Center
Barnstaple
Devon EX31 1ED
England

Dear Sir:

The marriage of George Witheridge and Fanny Parkhurst is listed in the Combe Martin Parish Register as February 19, 1860. Please send me a copy of their marriage certificate.

In the 1861 Census of Combe Martin they have two sons: William, aged 4, and John, aged 7 mos. Please send me their birth certificates.

I'm assuming that William may be the one indexed at St. Catherine's House as Barnstaple 5b 443 in the 4th Quarter of 1856. He may have been George's son by a previous marriage. However, he may have been the illegitimate son of Fanny and registered under the name of William Parkhurst.

I do not have the Witheridge birth records of St. Catherine's House for 1861, but I assume John's birth will be easy to locate.

Enclosed is £15.00 to pay for the certificates and airmail postage. If there is any balance, you may remit in British stamps, which I use for return postage from England.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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## CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE
## Pursuant to the Marriage Act 1949

Registration District Barnstaple

1860. Marriage solemnized at the Combe Martin Parish Church in the District of Barnstaple in the County of Devon

| Columns:— 1<br>No. | 1<br>When married | 2<br>Name and surname | 3<br>Age | 4<br>Condition | 5<br>Rank or profession | 6<br>Residence at the time of marriage | 7<br>Father's name and surname | 8<br>Rank or profession of father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 218 | February 19th 1860 | George Witheridge | 24 | Bachelor | Labourer | Combe Martin | John Witheridge | Mariner |
| | | Fanny Parkhouse | 27 | Spinster | / | Combe Martin | Robert Parkhouse | Tailor |

Married in the Parish Church according to the rites and ceremonies of the Established Church ~~by~~ after Banns by me,

This marriage was solemnized between us,
X the mark of George Witheridge
X the mark of Fanny Parkhouse

in the presence of us,
John Lovering
George Rook

H. W. Toms
Rector

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody,

Superintendent Registrar

16. June. 1983 Date

CAUTION:—It is an offence to falsify a certificate or to make or knowingly use a false certificate or a copy of a false certificate intending it to be accepted as genuine to the prejudice of any person, or to possess a certificate knowing it to be false without lawful authority.

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[Printed by authority of the Registrar General.]

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH
Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 19

Registration District Barnstaple

1861. Birth in the Sub-district of Combe Martin in the County of Devon

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered |
| 431 | Thirtieth December 1860. Combe. Martin | John | Boy | George Witheridge | Fanny Witheridge formerly Parkhouse | Lead Miner | X The mark of Fanny Witheridge Mother Combe Martin | Second February 1861 |

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

E W Daw

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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH
Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

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S.R.

on District Barnstaple

ct of Combe Martin in the County of Devon

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| ex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| oy | George Witheridge | Fanny Witheridge formerly Parkhouse | Lead Miner | X The mark of Fanny Witheridge Mother Combe Martin | Second February 1861 | James Richards Registrar. | / |

*See note overleaf.

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E W Daw Superintendent Registrar

16 June 1983 Date

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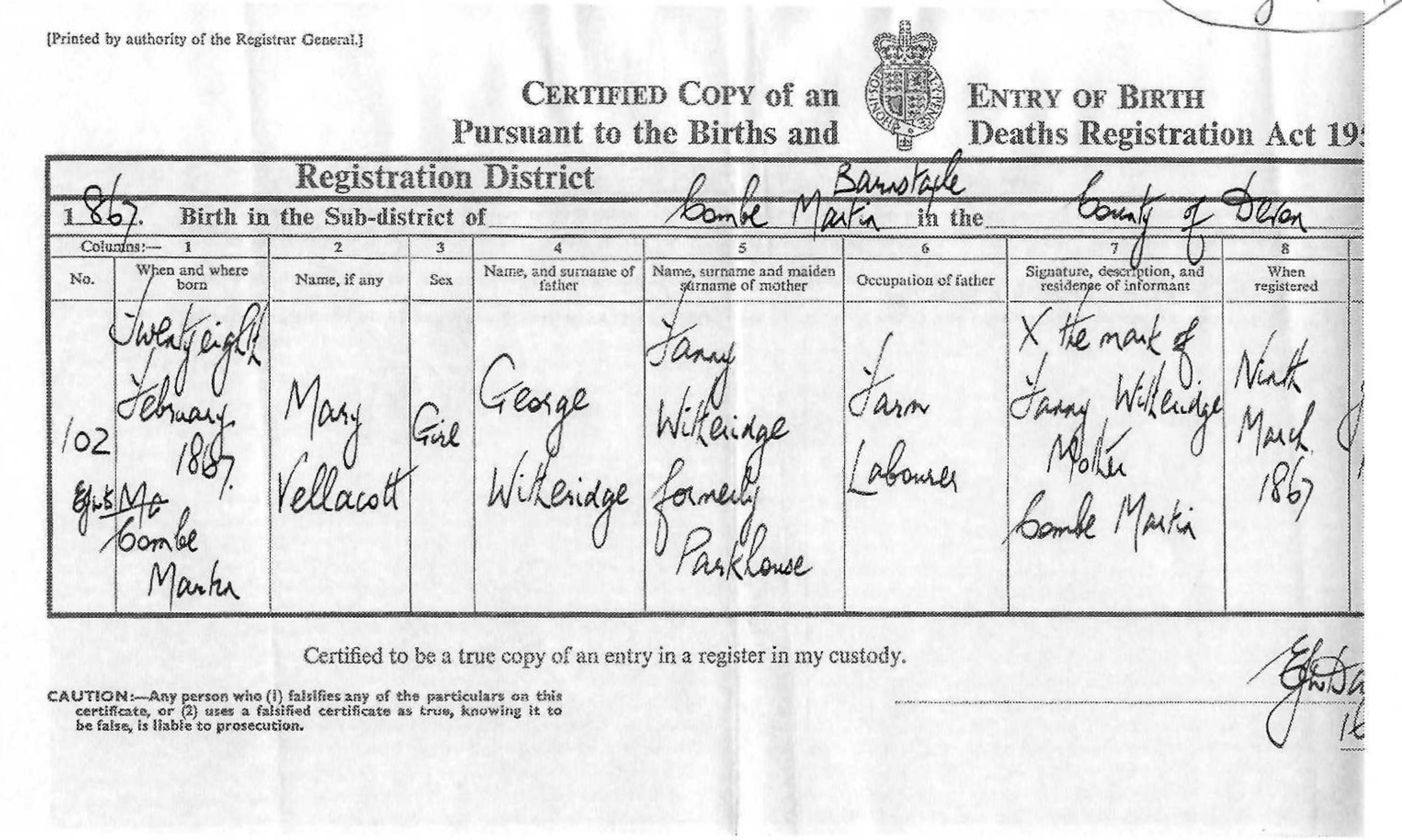

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**CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH**
**Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 19**

**Registration District** Barnstaple

1867. Birth in the Sub-district of Combe Martin in the County of Devon

| Columns:— 1<br>No. | 1<br>When and where born | 2<br>Name, if any | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Name, and surname of father | 5<br>Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6<br>Occupation of father | 7<br>Signature, description, and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 102<br>Eg.5 Mo | Twentyeighth February 1867. Combe Martin | Mary Vellacott | Girl | George Witheridge | Fanny Witheridge formerly Parkhouse | Farm Labourer | X the mark of Fanny Witheridge Mother Combe Martin | Ninth March 1867 |

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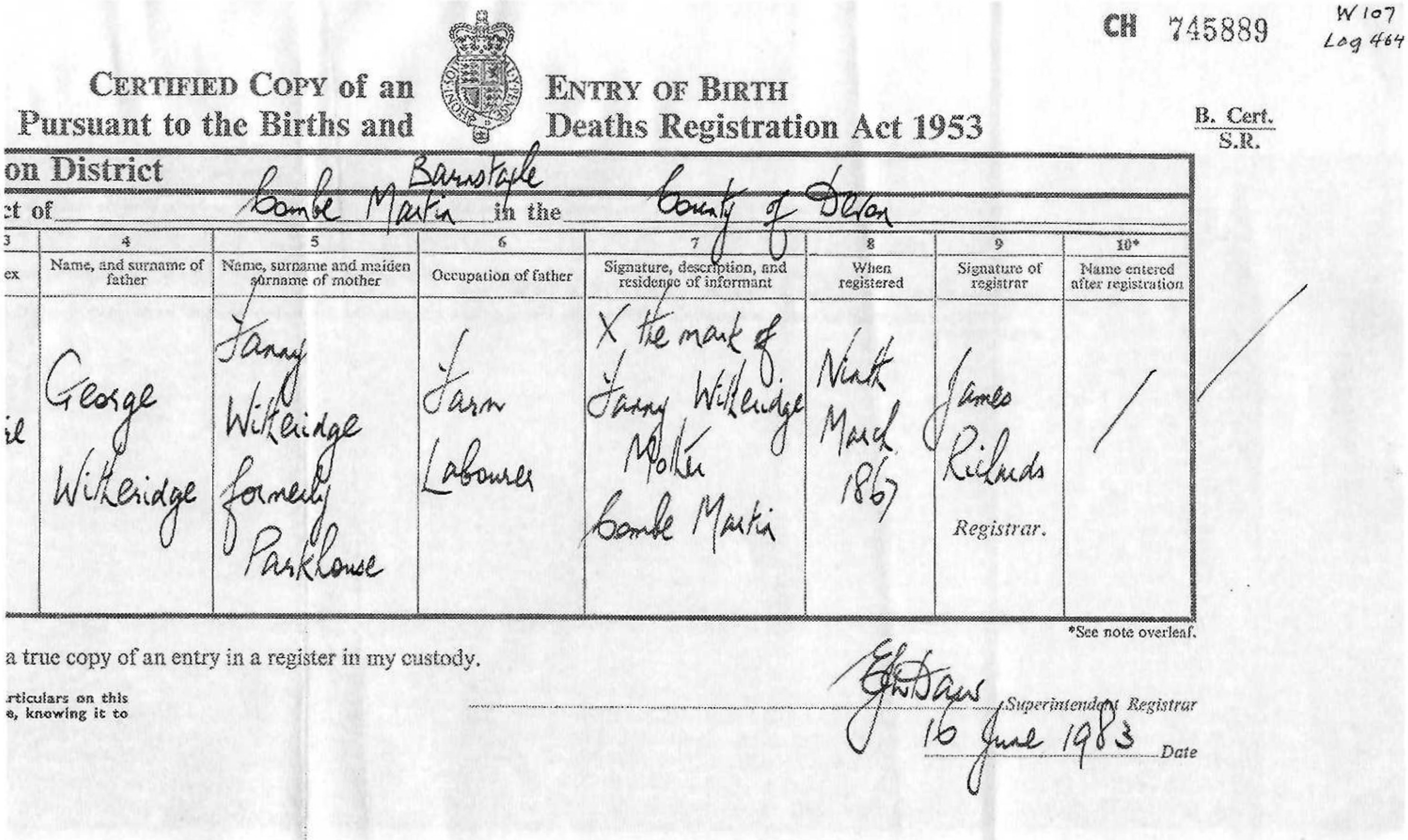

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**Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953**

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on District Barnstaple

ct of Combe Martin in the County of Devon

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E. Dawe Superintendent Registrar
16 June 1983 Date

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
August 31, 1983

Dear Miss June Thomas:

I was greatly intrigued by the notation after your name in the July, 1983, issue of *The Devon Family Historian* indicating that your interest was "Seeking Thomas Witheridge".

For many years I have been tracing my father's family, and I have the record back to Combe Martin and from there to Berrynarbor to a Thomas Witheridge, baptized Feb. 12, 1554/5.

I have been in touch with another Witheridge descendant in England, Mrs Roy Cook, 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF, whose mother's maiden name was Witheridge. In fact my wife Elizabeth and I stayed with Mrs. Cook (Kim) and her family several days in 1976 and again in 1980 when we visited England. Her Witheridge family comes from Wembury in the far south of Devon, and we haven't figured out the connection between our two branches.

Between the two of us we have been trying to pull together the information on all the Witheridges, which is a massive undertaking. I may have more on the Witheridges from North Devon, but she certainly has more than I do on the Witheridges from South Devon.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and learning all you know about your

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.

Miss June Thomas
19 Melton Walk
Hemlington
Middlesborough
Cleveland TS8 9NO
England

Witheridge connection. From there it may be possible to tie our two lines together, at least some day in the future. I know Mrs Cook would love to hear from you, too, and help in any way she can.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge
(Memb. No. 1168)

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19 Melton WK
Hemlington.
Middlesbrough.
Cleveland
England.

15 Sept. 1983

Dear Rev Witheridge,

Thank you for your letter, unfortunately, I cannot be of any assistance to you as I am tracing the Thomas Family from Witheridge and not Thomas Witheridge.

Sorry I cannot be of any help but wish you good 'hunting'

Yours Sincerely
J Thomas (Miss)

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6276 Yukon St
Vancouver B.C. V5y-3S8

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Apr 30/83

Dear David & Elizabeth,

I hope you are keeping well and enjoying a lovely spring as we are. It's a lovely time of the year. The garden gets ahead of me a little bit however.

I've just had a note from an acquaintance in S. Australia who, during some research in the archives in Adelaide, came across the following entry.

Number 5294 Embarkation #3019
Shipping Agent Samuel Gilbert Date 24/6/1839.
Emma Witheridge 19 years.
Occupation House Servant.
Address 27 Love St
Plymouth.

I thought this information might be of interest to you – "the Witheridge Expert". It will be interesting to know if you can fit it in.

Pat & I are as busy as ever. Giving some thought at present to the B.C. Conference of the United Church which is being held in our church this year. Pat is busy with Committee work in connection with it.

v/ Her immediate comment after some meetings is 'Ministers are a strange breed (no reflection — present company excepted!) I think she is struck with the varying degrees of expertise, skills, gifts intellect etc. She took the committee work as a part of being chairlady of our Official Board.

We have been assigned our various duties with respect to the World Council of Churches meetings at the University this summer. We have volunteered as receptionists and hosting. We are acting in the receptionist-tent and hosting a delegate from Australia. A young man of 22. We don't have to provide accomodation, only show him around, meet the plane and generally be helpful. We will offer accomodation if he wishes to stay for a few days after the meetings. All of the delegates stay at UBC. We are also singing in the choir at the opening Service.

I mentioned to our three girls, 20, 21, 22, with a sly grin that a good looking Australian may be visiting — No response? They aren't generally in to the 'church type' whatever that means. I told them he might be a 'Greek God' type but still no response.

3/ In connection with my interest in worship I subscribe to 'Worship' which was originally a Lutheran publication but now is, I believe a joint Lutheran and R.C. publication. I recently wrote the editor commending her on one of her articles and commented that there are few Worship Conferences in the west. She wrote back with information on a large conference in Minneapolis this summer. Are you familiar with it and do you plan to attend. I'm not sure of your denomination & perhaps you aren't too interested in the Liturgical Movement. There are excellent speakers. Martin Marty for one.

St. AW where we attend has a somewhat formal Service but not what I would call extremely liturgical. Some confuse formality with liturgical.

I prepared a service for Maundy Thursday this year (Communion Service) and included 'The Way of the Cross' by Clarence Enzler. Do you know it. It's a lovely set of readings and an extremely sensitive work. I only used ten of the fourteen sections. and interpolated a congregational response following each section. We extinguished a candle ~~of~~ following each reading ending with the Christ candle.

Our new organist arranged the music. — no organ only one cello. even for the one hymn. The cellist played a Bach Partita. It added much to the Service and complimented it well. The Way of the Cross would perhaps have been more suitable for Good Friday but it addressed itself well to the season.

How I do rattle on when wound up but then how often does one find a ministerial / genealogical / distant relation / correspondent.

We have just booked for a cruise in the Mediterranean in late September. — a week in London to begin with. We travel from Athens to Lisbon with various stops along the way. How fortunate we are.

I'll close now. Drop a line if you have a minute. Hope the Australian info is of interest.

John. + Pat

NB

Thought you might enjoy a couple
of my calligraphy handouts which we
give out with our monthly, chapel communion.

# †Wellsprings.

God only asks that we
take the coin of his gifts
and turn it into a token
of Love to give back to
him. And His scales,
insensitive to size, only
measure Love

'Let us be what we are'
C. Enzler.

# Wellsprings

On the east wall of St Andrew's-Wesley there looks down on worshipers a huge compellingly beautiful window of Christ. Each piece in the window is different, ordered to contribute a certain colour, shape or background to the whole design.

So with each of us. We are to react to the light of God's grace so as to reflect Christ, to reflect him not only to the world to the sight of God himself.

C. Enzler.
Adapted.

# †Wellsprings

There are ordinary periods of joy and consolation together with periods of darkness and boredom.

There are also flashes of insight or illumination when one comes to understand some words of scripture or of revelation, times of momentous change when conversion is likely to occur. There are crossroads when the human psyche demands conversion in it's process of growth.

What about breakdown?

What about counter conversion?

One aspect of breakdown is simply refusal to grow. the refusal to allow the true personality to emerge, the refusal to be born.

To some extent this is the fate of us all; we shrink from the suffering entailed in conversion; we run away from the hound of heaven and so we are never fully born; we never realize our full potential.

"The Inner Eye of Love."
Wm. Johnston.

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
February 10, 1984

Mr. Charles White
43 Torr Lane
Hartley
Plymouth PL3 5PR
England

Dear Mr. White:

I see from The Devon Family Historian that you are in charge of the "strays" entries that have been reported from other counties.

For some years I have been trying to locate and tie together all the Witheridges, as they all appear to have originated in Devon.

I should be very grateful if you would send me the information on any stray Witheridges (or Wetheridges) that may appear in your file. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Memb. No. 1168

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**DEVON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY** **STRAY'S INDEX.**

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REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE
MEMBER No. 1168
2425 IRVING AVE. S
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. 55405

Date 16 FEBRUARY 1984.

Dear Member,

I thank you for your enquiry. of 10th. February, received today

I have pleasure in offering you the following from the index.

1851. CENSUS : COWBRIDGE HILL, MALMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
RICHARD WITHYBRIDGE, MARRIED, AGE 50, A SERVANT, born STOURCROSSE.
No. COUNTY OF BIRTH GIVEN. THERE IS NO READILY IDENTIFIABLE STOURCROSSE IN ENGLAND THOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL PLACE NAMES THROUGHOUT ENGLAND ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIVER STOUR but STARCROSS a PARISH NEAR DAWLISH, DEVON SEEMS A VERY REASONABLE POSSIBILITY

~~I regret there is nothing in the index to date.~~

WITHYBRIDGE/WITHERIDGE is a not unlikely dialect alliteration. my search has included a seperate index of COAST GUARDS who are DEVON "STRAYS"

Yours sincerely,

C. White.

CHARLES R.J. WHITE.
~~PHYLIS WITWICKA~~ ~~MRS.~~
~~Membership Secretary~~/Stray's Co-ordinator.
VICE-CHAIRMAN

Not in IGI in Devon or Wiltshire

[DEW left no stone unturned!]

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✓ Witmeridge, Chorls mar. Jaone Hosbana or Hosaand, 1 Apr. 1700,
Hartland, Batch 7316403 Sh. 73

✓ Witteridge, Mary mar. John Norman 17 July 1766, Berrynarbor,
Batch A457778, Sh. 1395

✓ Witeridge, Nicholas mar. Margaret Ley 5 Nov. 1721, Bideford
Batch 6930455, Sh. 82

✓ Widridge, Gerison mar. Eme Davie 3 Feb. 1595, Roborough by Torrington
Batch M051561, Sh. 0091

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| WETHERIDGE, EMOTT | JOHN HUSBAND | | M | 05JUL1626 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C052621 | 0290 |
| WETHERIDGE, FAITH | HENRY WETHERIDGE/BETSY | | C | 17OCT1841 | FREMINGTON | | | 03MAY1978AZ | M052621 | 0199 |
| WETHERIDGE, [illegible] | THOMAS [illegible] | | M | 28NOV1612 | PLYMOUTH, SAINT ANDREW | 26APR1974AZ | 03MAY1974AZ | [illegible] | C050891 | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, [illegible] | THOMAS [illegible] | | M | 28NOV1612 | PLYMOUTH, SAINT ANDREW | | | [illegible] | M050891 | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, GRACE | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | | C | [illegible] | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, GRACE | MOSES WETHERIDGE/AGNES | | C | [illegible] | WEMBURY | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | [illegible] | C052621 | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, GRACE | THO. WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 17DEC1666 | WEMBURY | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | C052361 | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, HENRY | HENRY WETHERIDGE/BETSY | | C | [illegible] | FREMINGTON | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | C052361 | 0733 |
| WETHERIDGE, JAMES | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | C | [illegible] | BARNSTAPLE | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | C064191 | 1589 |
| WETHERIDGE, JAMES | JAMES WETHERIDGE/JOAN | | C | [illegible] | FREMINGTON | 07MAY1958 | 07MAY1959LA | [illegible] | C050891 | 1893 |
| WETHERIDGE, JANE | JOHN WETHERIDGE/JANE | | C | [illegible] | DEVONPORT, MORRICE ST. WESLEYAN | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, JANE | HENRY WETHERIDGE/BETSY | | C | 11FEB1844 | FREMINGTON | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, JOAN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | C | [illegible] | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, JOAN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | C | [illegible] | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 23OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, JOAN | DAVID COATES/ | | M | 21SEP1581 | BERRYNARBOR | [illegible] | [illegible] | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0144 |
| | | | | | | | | [illegible] | C052621 | 0131 |
| | | | | | | | | 06APR1978SG | M050301 | 0110 |

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| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | DAVID [illegible]/ | | C | 21SEP1581 | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 14MAY1598 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050301 | 0258 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JAMES KNILL/ | | M | 04DEC1620 | FREMINGTON | 21JAN1956 | 24MAR1956LG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0532 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JANET KNILL | | M | 04DEC1620 | FREMINGTON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050591 | 0183 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 22SEP1544 | BRAUNTON | | | 01DEC1978SL | M050591 | 0150 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 31JUL1591 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 15JUN1974LA | 26OCT1974LA | 09NOV1974LA | C050615 | 0106 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | C | [illegible] | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0098 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ALICE HANCOCK/ | | M | 24NOV1597 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0140 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ALICE HANCOCK/ | | M | 25NOV1597 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 06APR1978SG | M050301 | 0094 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | CHRISTIAN WILLMORE/ | | M | 15JUL1584 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050301 | 0098 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | CHRISTIAN WILLMORE | | M | 15JUL1584 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050301 | 0131 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | KATHERINE/ | | M | 13JUL1570 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 06APR1978SG | M050301 | 0072 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | KATHERIN | | M | 13JUL1570 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050301 | 0117 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 03JAN1586 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 03NOV1975NZ | 06APR1978SG | M050301 | 0092 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | AGNES MILL/ | | M | 17AUG1601 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | 12JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0370 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | AGNES MILL | | M | 17AUG1601 | BERRYNARBOR | | | UNCLEARED | E050301 | 0454 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | AGNES COCKHILL/ | | M | 03JUN1632 | FREMINGTON | CLEARED | CLEARED | 06APR1978SG | M050301 | 0293 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | AGNES COCKHILL | | M | 03JUN1632 | FREMINGTON | | | UNCLEARED | E050591 | 0104 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 18NOV1605 | FREMINGTON | | | 01DEC1978SL | M050591 | 0078 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ROBERTE WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 26OCT1614 | BARNSTAPLE | 12FEB1974PV | 01APR1974PV | 12MAY1974PV | C050591 | 0075 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | BARTHRID PALMER/ | | M | 26NOV1618 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 07MAY1958 | 07MAY1959LA | 19AUG1960IT | P005761 | 0879 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | BARTHRID PALMER/ | | M | 27NOV1618 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | 02MAY1978SL | M052621 | 0130 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ARTHUR WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 31MAR1623 | FREMINGTON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C052621 | 0220 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | WILLMOT TOWERMAN/ | | M | 10OCT1632 | SOUTH HUISH | 13APR1974AZ | 13APR1974AZ | 06MAY1974AZ | C050891 | 0454 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | WILLMOT TOWERMAN | | M | 16OCT1632 | SOUTH HUISH | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | [illegible] | 0424 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | MOSES WETHERIDGE/AGNES | | C | 10OCT1674 | WEMBURY | | | 29NOV1978SL | M052011 | 0221 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 03JAN1717 | [illegible] | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 08MAY1975PV | C052361 | 0831 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOAN ELLSWORTH | | M | 15JUN1726 | BIDEFORD | INFANT | INFANT | 08FEB1978OG | C064191 | 1937 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ANNE | | C | 07MAY1700 | BIDEFORD | | | 13MAY1959[illegible] | A170711 | 3753 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ANN LEE | | M | 31JAN1791 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 05MAR1974SL | 13APR1974SL | 07JUN1974SL | C050321 | 1497 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOSEPH | ELIZABETH WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 11JUN1797 | SOUTH HUISH | | | 03MAY1974AZ | M052621 | 0574 |
| | | M | C | 23AUG1788 | WEMBURY | 27SEP1974LG | 14NOV1974SL | UNCLEARED | C052011 | 1245 |
| | RICHARD WETHERIDGE/PHILLIS | | | | | [illegible] | 14FEB1975PV | 15MAR1975PV | C052361 | 1961 |
| WETHERIDGE, JULIAN | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 27OCT1633 | PLYMPTON SAINT MARY | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, JULIAN | JOHN MOULE/ | | M | 05JUN1585 | BERRYNARBOR | 19DEC1974SG | 25MAR1975SG | 25MAR1975SG | [illegible] | 0603 |
| WETHERIDGE, JULIAN | JOHN MOULE | | M | 05JUN1585 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 06APR1978SG | M050301 | 0136 |
| WETHERIDGE, KATHERIN | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 17OCT1582 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050301 | 0156 |
| WETHERIDGE, KATHERIN | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 20AUG1581 | BERRYNARBOR | INFANT | INFANT | 25OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0136 |
| WETHERIDGE, KATHERIN | JOHN SOMER/ | | M | 04AUG1589 | BERRYNARBOR | 07JAN1956 | 12JAN1956LG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0511 |
| WETHERIDGE, KATHERIN | JOHN SOMER | | M | 04AUG1589 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050301 | 0352 |
| WETHERIDGE, [illegible] | ROBERT WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 22SEP1591 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | 06APR1978SG | M050301 | 0186 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARIE | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 24MAR1575 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 20OCT1975NZ | 24JAN1976NZ | 25OCT1975NZ | C052621 | 0312 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARIE | NICHOLAS SOMER/ | | M | 18NOV1594 | BERRYNARBOR | 15SEP1975NZ | 20OCT1975NZ | UNCLEARED | C052621 | 0416 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARIE | NICHOLAS SOMER | | M | 18NOV1594 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050301 | 0536 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARIAN | TOBIAS NICOLAS/ | | M | 07JUN1613 | PLYMPTON SAINT MARY | | | 07MAR1978SL | M051911 | 0183 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARION | TOBIAS NICHOLAS/ | | M | 07JUN1613 | PLYMPTON SAINT MARY | CLEARED | CLEARED | 07MAR1978SL | M051911 | 0145 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | NICHOLAS SOMER | | M | 1594 | BERRYNARBOR | | | UNCLEARED | E050591 | 0106 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 25SEP1595 | BERRYNARBOR | | | [illegible] | A184771 | 3560 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | THOMAS KNIGHT/ | | M | 28MAY1676 | [illegible] AND NEWTON ABBOT | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 04APR1974OG | C050301 | 0405 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ANN | | C | 15MAR1702 | WEMBURY | | | 28OCT1974SL | M051881 | 1394 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ANN | | C | 09DEC1739 | BIDEFORD | 05SEP1974PV | 10OCT1974PV | 30OCT1974PV | [illegible] | 1675 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN GRIFFEN/ | | M | 02FEB1756 | BIDEFORD | 26MAR1974OG | 04APR1974OG | 16JUN1974SL | M050321 | 1410 |
| WETHERIDGE, [illegible] | EMETT WETHERIDGE/ | | C | [illegible] | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 27SEP1974SL | [illegible] | 26SEP1974SL | M050321 | 1446 |
| WETHERIDGE, MOSES | MOSES WETHERIDGE/MARGARET | | C | 15JUN1648 | WEMBURY | 13DEC1974PV | 15FEB1975PV | [illegible] | C052621 | 0253 |
| WETHERIDGE, MOSES | AGNES [illegible] | | M | [illegible] | WEMBURY | | | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, RICHARD | MOSES WETHERIDGE/AGNES | | C | 23OCT1683 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, RICHARD | MARYE SOMER/ | | M | 04OCT1583 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | [illegible] | C052591 | 0780 |
| WETHERIDGE, RICHARD | MARYE SOMER | | M | 04OCT1583 | BERRYNARBOR | | | UNCLEARED | E050301 | 0046 |
| WETHERIDGE, RICHARD | ROBERT WETHERIDGE/AGNES | | C | 27JAN1678 | WEMBURY | | | 06APR1978SG | [illegible] | 0446 |
| WETHERIDGE, [illegible] | TOBIAS WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 27JUN1632 | PLYMOUTH, SAINT ANDREW | 27DEC1974PV | 13FEB1975PV | 26MAR1975PV | C052361 | 0881 |
| | | | | | | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

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| WETHERIDGE, PHILIP | ELIZABETH WETHERIDGE/ | | C | [illegible] | SOUTH HUISH | 27SEP1974SL | 15NOV1974SL | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, PHILIP | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 17JUN1582 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 21OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | UNCLEARED | C050301 | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, PHILIP | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | C | 16OCT1547 | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | 25OCT1975NZ | 08NOV1975NZ | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | 0028 |
| WETHERIDGE, RALPH | SIMON SOMER/ | | M | 1596 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 15JAN1976NZ | C052621 | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, RALPH | SIMON SOMER/ | | S | 1596 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 06APR1978SG | M050301 | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, REBECCA | MOSES WETHERIDGE/AGNES | | C | 05MAY1678 | WEMBURY | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, [illegible] | [illegible] WETHERIDGE/ | | C | [illegible] | WEMBURY | INFANT | INFANT | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHERIDGE, [illegible] | [illegible] WETHERIDGE/ | | C | [illegible] | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

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| WETHERIDGE, PHILIP | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, PHILIP | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, PHILIP | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | M | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, PHILIP | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | M | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, RALPH | | | | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, RALPH | | | | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, RICHARD | | | | WEMBURY | CLEARED INFANT | CLEARED INFANT | UNCLEARED | | |
| WETHERIDGE, ROBERT | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | INFANT | INFANT | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, SAMUEL | | | | BRADWORTHY | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, SARAH | | | | BRADWORTHY | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, SARAH | | | | WEMBURY | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, SUSIE | WALTER WETHERIDGE/ELIZABETH | | | YEALMPTON | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, SYLVESTER | | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | | | MODBURY | | | UNCLEARED | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | | | | BRADWORTHY | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | | | | BRADWORTHY | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | | | | BRADWORTHY | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | | | | BRADWORTHY | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, THOMAS | RICHARD WETHERIDGE/ | | | WEMBURY | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | | LITTLEHAM BY BIDEFORD | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | THOMAS WETHERIDGE/ | | | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERIDGE/ | | | BARNSTAPLE | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | | | | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | | | | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLIAM | | | | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, -- SEE WETHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERIGER | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERIGER, JOHN | THOMAS WETHERIGER/MARY | M | | BRADWORTHY | | | | | |
| WETHERILL, -- SEE WETHERELL | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERILL, MARY ANN | HENRY HARRY | | | STOKE DAMEREL | | | | | |
| WETHERILL, -- SEE WETHERELL | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERILL, CHARLOTTE | WILLIAM WETHERILL/ANN | F | | DEVONPORT, MORRICE ST. WESLEYAN | | | | | |
| WETHERILL, SARAH | ROBERT WETHERILL/MARY | F | | PLYMOUTH, BATTER STREET PRESBYTERIAN | | | | | |
| WETHERILL, THOMAS | JOHN WETHERILL/ | M | | STOKE DAMEREL | | | | | |
| WETHERILL, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERILL/ANN | M | | DEVONPORT, MORRICE ST. WESLEYAN | | | | | |
| WETHERILL, WILLIAM PASCO | ROBERT WETHERILL/MARY | M | | PLYMOUTH, BATTER STREET PRESBYTERIAN | | | | | |
| WETHERING, -- SEE WETHERING | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERLAKE, JANE | JOHN WETHERLAKE/ | F | | BERRY POMEROY | | | | | |
| WETHERLAKE, JOHN | JOHN WETHERLAKE/ | M | | BERRY POMEROY | | | | | |
| WETHERLAKE, MARY ANN | THOMAS | | | BERRY POMEROY | | | | | |
| WETHERLY, -- SEE WETHERELL | | | | | | | | | |

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| WETHERLY, WILLIAM | WILLIAM WETHERLY/ELIZABETH | M | | NORTHAM | | | | | |
| WETHERN, -- SEE WETHERING | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERN | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERN, GILBERT | MARGARET | M | | HIGHWEEK | | | | | |
| WETHERN, GREGORY | MARY LANGE | M | | HIGHWEEK | | | | | |
| WETHERN, JOHN | WILLIAM WETHERN/JANE | | | ERMINGTON | | | | | |
| WETHERN, RACHEL | WILLIAM WETHERN/JANE | F | | ERMINGTON | | | | | |
| WETHERS, -- SEE WETHERS | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERS | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERS, ALICE | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERS, ALICE | GEORGE | M | | EXETER, SAINT MARTIN | | | | | |
| WETHERS, ANN | | | | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERS, GRACE | | | | GEORGEHAM | | | | | |
| WETHERS, JANE | | | | WEST TEIGNMOUTH | | | | | |
| WETHERS, JANE | | | | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERS, JANE | | | | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERS, JOHN | | | | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | | |
| WETHERS, JOHN | | | | BERRYNARBOR | | | | | |
| WETHERS, JOHN | | | | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | | |
| WETHERS, SAMUEL | | | | EXETER, SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE | | | | | |
| WETHERSPOON | | | | EXETER, SAINT LEONARD | | | | | |
| WETHERSPOON, ROBERT | | | | EXETER, SAINT SIDWELL | | | | | |
| WETHERSPOON, ROBERT | | | | STOKE DAMEREL | | | | | |
| WETHERTON | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, ANN | WILLIAM WETHERTON/JANE | | | ERMINGTON | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, DANIEL | | | | DEAN PRIOR | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, DANIEL | | | | DEAN PRIOR | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, ELIZABETH | | | | DEAN PRIOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | | |
| WETHERTON, ELIZABETH | CHARLES WETHERTON/JANE | | | DARTMOUTH, SAINT SAVIOUR | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, HENRY | | | | DEAN PRIOR | | | UNCLEARED | | |
| WETHERTON, HENRY | | | | DEAN PRIOR | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, HENRY | | | | DEAN PRIOR | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, HENRY | | | | DEAN PRIOR | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, JOHN | | | | DEAN PRIOR | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, MARY | | | | DEAN PRIOR | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, RICHARD | | | | DEAN PRIOR | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, RICHARD | | | | EXETER, SAINT SIDWELL | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | | |
| WETHERTON, -- SEE WETHERDEN | | | | EXETER, SAINT SIDWELL | | | | | |

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| [illegible] | GEORGE [illegible] | M | M | 03AUG1590 | EXETER,SAINT MARTIN | | | | | |
| [illegible] | ROBERT PARKER [illegible] | M | M | 15JUL1588 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 05JAN1978PV | M050183 | 0053 |
| WETHERALL, ANN | [illegible] | F | M | 27DEC1597 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 23DEC1977L | [illegible] | 35 |
| WETHERALL, JANE | JOHN WETHERIDGE | F | M | 16SEP1798 | WEST TEIGNMOUTH | | | 06APR1978SL | M050403 | 1553 |
| WETHERALL, JANE | ROGER GRIFFITH | F | M | 29OCT1590 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 12SEP1978SL | M052571 | 0768 |
| WETHERALL, JANE | WALTER SMITHE | F | M | 29OCT1590 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 22MAY1978SL | A457048 | 7451 |
| WETHERALL, JANE | WALTER SMITHE | F | S | 29OCT1590 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 06APR1978SL | M050301 | 0206 |
| WETHERALL, JANE | ROGER GRIFFITH | F | M | 26OCT1590 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050131 | 0387 |
| WETHERALL, JANE | ROGER GRIFFITH | F | S | 26OCT1590 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 06APR1978SL | M050301 | 0387 |
| WETHERS, JOHN | MARY WRIGHT | M | M | 30MAY1836 | EXETER,SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050301 | 0369 |
| WETHERS, SAMUEL | ELIZA MERRIFULL | M | M | 30NOV1835 | EXETER,SAINT LEONARD | | | 29AUG1978SL | M050351 | 5701 |
| WETHERSPOON | | | | | | | | 14APR1978PM | M050074 | 0813 |
| WETHERSPOON, ROBERT | MARTHA WISH | M | M | 02JUN1743 | EXETER,SAINT SIDWELL | | | 13DEC1978SL | M050518 | 4909 |
| WETHERSPOON, SAMUEL | JOHN WESTHERSPOON/ELIZABETH | M | C | 16APR1795 | STOKE DAMEREL | 04MAY1976SL | 08JUN1976SL | 22JUL1976SL | C051428 | 4999 |
| WETHERTON | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERTON, ANN | WILLIAM WETHERTON/JANE | F | C | 13DEC1812 | ERMINGTON | 17APR1976HA | 24APR1976HA | 18MAY1976HA | C050891 | 4408 |
| WETHERTON, DANIEL | ANNIES LAVERS | M | M | 17FEB1613 | DEAN PRIOR | | | 24FEB1978SL | M050811 | 0370 |
| WETHERTON, DANIEL | ANNIES LAVERS | M | S | 17FEB1613 | DEAN PRIOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050811 | 0407 |
| WETHERTON, ELIZABETH | JOHN PADDON | F | S | 24AUG1578 | KENN | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C051131 | 0412 |
| WETHERTON, ELIZABETH MATILDA | CHARLES WETHERTON/JANE | F | C | 11DEC1831 | DARTMOUTH,SAINT SAVIOUR | 14MAY1976HA | 27APR1976HA | 09JUN1976HA | C050891 | 3743 |
| WETHERTON, HENRY | JOANE WETHERTON | M | C | 02MAY1701 | DEAN PRIOR | 04OCT1976PV | 22NOV1976PV | UNCLEARED | C050811 | 1840 |
| WETHERTON, HENRY | JANE MAY | M | M | DEC1719 | DEAN PRIOR | | | 24FEB1978SL | M050811 | 0440 |
| WETHERTON, HENRY | MARGARET LEGRLEIGH | M | M | 15APR1725 | DEAN PRIOR | | | 24FEB1978SL | M050811 | 0458 |
| WETHERTON, JOHN | WILLIAM WETHERTON/ELIZABETH | M | C | 26APR1789 | DEAN PRIOR | 05OCT1976PV | 22NOV1976PV | 19DEC1976PV | C050811 | 3110 |
| WETHERTON, MARY | DANIEL WETHERTON/ | F | C | 02APR1613 | DEAN PRIOR | 05OCT1976PV | 22NOV1976PV | 19DEC1976PV | C050811 | 0610 |
| WETHERTON, RICHARD | SAMUEL STEPHENS OR STANNIS | M | M | 27MAY1693 | DEAN PRIOR | | | 24FEB1978SL | M050811 | 0560 |
| WETHERTON, RICHARD | MARGARETTE WATHAN | M | S | 27OCT1582 | EXETER,SAINT SIDWELL | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050319 | 0186 |
| WETHERTON, RICHARD | MARGARETTE WATHAN | M | M | 27OCT1582 | EXETER,SAINT SIDWELL | | | 09JAN1978SL | M050311 | 0126 |
| WETHERYDGE , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERSTONE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERSTONE, JOANE | SYLVESTER WHITWAY | F | M | 28APR1607 | STOKE IN TEIGNHEAD | | | 08MAY1978SH | M052761 | 0376 |
| WETHERUDGE , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ELIZABETH STEPHENS OR LOVER | M | S | 23JAN1566 | BARNSTAPLE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050741 | 0537 |
| WETHERIDGE, JOHN | ELIZABETH STEPHENS OR LOVER | M | M | 23JAN1566 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 10OCT1977SL | M050741 | 0453 |
| WETHERIDGE, MARY | JOHN WETHERIDGE/ | F | C | 08APR1564 | BARNSTAPLE | 11DEC1964 | 06MAR1965 | 15AUG1967 | P005741 | 3675 |
| WETHERYDE , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERYDGE, ARTHUR | ARTHURE WETHERYDGE/ | M | C | 25JAN1625 | ERMINGTON | | | | | |
| WETHERYDGE , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERYDGE, AGNES | ARTHURE WETHERYDGE/ | F | C | 30MAR1619 | ERMINGTON | 15APR1976HA | 17APR1976HA | 08MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0521 |
| WETHERYDGE, AGNES | WILLIAM COLSLOT | F | M | 17NOV1572 | BARNSTAPLE | 05APR1976HA | 14APR1976HA | 06MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0405 |
| WETHERYDGE, ELIZ | JOHN PEARSE | F | M | [illegible] | ERMINGTON | | | 15MAR1973SL | 7202942 | 53 |
| WETHERYDGE, JOHN | ARTHURE WETHERYDGE/JOAN | M | C | 12NOV1638 | ERMINGTON | | | 07FEB1978SL | M050891 | 0300 |
| WETHERYDGE, JOHN | ROBERT WETHERYDGE/ | M | C | 17FEB1612 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 17APR1976HA | 08MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0680 |
| WETHERYDGE, THOMAS | DOROTHIE ENDECOTT | M | M | 25MAR1637 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 16APR1976HA | 06MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0335 |
| WETHERYDGE, THOMAS | DOROTHIE ENDECOTT | M | M | 15MAR1637 | ERMINGTON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050891 | 0314 |
| | | | | | | | | 07FEB1978SL | M050891 | 0718 |

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| WETHERYDGE, THOMAS | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERYDGE, THOMAS | THOMAS WETHERYDGE/DOROTHIE | M | C | 01APR1638 | ERMINGTON | 14APR1976HA | 20APR1976HA | 08MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0874 |
| WETHERYDGE, WILLIAM | ARTHURE WETHERYDGE/ | M | C | 05JAN1616 | ERMINGTON | 13APR1976HA | 16APR1976HA | 08MAY1976HA | C050891 | 0351 |
| WETHERYG , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHERYG, JOHN | RICHARD WETHERYG/ | M | C | 26MAR1544 | BARNSTAPLE | 01DEC1964 | 27FEB1965 | 02AUG1965 | P005741 | 0373 |
| WETHIRIDGE , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHEY | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHEY, ANN LUCY | JOHN WETHEY/MARY ANN | F | C | 30APR1828 | EXETER,SAINT MARY MAJOR | | | | | |
| WETHEY, CHARLES ELLET | JOHN WETHEY/MARY ANNE | M | C | 13APR1831 | EXETER,SAINT MARY MAJOR | 25NOV1975PV | 03FEB1976PV | 18FEB1976PV | C051001 | 14283 |
| WETHEY, CRISPIN | JOHN WETHEY/M | M | C | 16DEC1562 | BERRYNARBOR | 25NOV1975PV | 23JAN1976PV | 20FEB1976PV | C051001 | 15085 |
| WETHEY, EDWARD | MARY ANN CANES | M | M | 22SEP1827 | EXETER,SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE | 30MAR1976SL | 23APR1976SL | 01MAY1976SL | C050301 | 0184 |
| WETHEY, EDWARD | ELIZABETH CANES | M | M | 19NOV1831 | EXETER,SAINT PETER CATHEDRAL | | | 29AUG1978SL | M050531 | 4670 |
| WETHEY, EDWARD CANES | EDWARD W THEY/MARY ANN | M | C | 05MAY1829 | EXETER,SAINT MARY MAJOR | | | 06FEB1977SL | M052451 | 4410 |
| WETHEY, ELIZABETH | GEORGE ROWSLE | F | M | 05NOV1737 | GRATTON FLEMING | 25NOV1975PV | 23JAN1976PV | 25MAR1976PV | C051001 | 15083 |
| WETHEY, ELIZABETH DAVEY | EDWARD WETHEY/ELIZABETH | F | C | 27JUL1831 | EXETER,SAINT MARY MAJOR | | | 17NOV1977LA | M050601 | 0140 |
| WETHEY, ANNA ELIZABETH | JOHN WETHEY/MARY ANNE | F | C | 03APR1832 | EXETER,SAINT MARY MAJOR | 25NOV1975PV | 03FEB1976PV | 02MAR1976PV | C051001 | 18793 |
| WETHEY, HARRIET JANE | EDWARD WETHEY/MARY ANNE | F | C | 31JAN1828 | EXETER,SAINT MARY MAJOR | 25NOV1975PV | 03FEB1976PV | 02MAR1976PV | C051001 | 13417 |
| WETHEY, HENRY GRIFFIN WINDEATT | HENRY WETHEY/LOUISA WARTON | M | C | 28JUL1836 | EXETER,SAINT DAVID | 25NOV1975PV | 03FEB1976PV | 18FEB1976PV | C051001 | 4055 |
| | | | | | | 03NOV1974PV | 26JAN1975PV | 06FEB1975PV | C050411 | 9524 |
| WETHEY, JANE GREEN | WILLIAM GODFREY | F | M | 03FEB1816 | EXETER,SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE | | | 30AUG1978SL | M050531 | 4263 |
| WETHEY, JOHN LAKE | JOHN WETHEY/MARY ANNE | M | C | 16DEC1830 | EXETER,SAINT MARY MAJOR | | | | | |
| WETHEY, LOUISA | HENRY WETHEY/LOUISA | F | C | 02AUG1830 | EXETER,SAINT DAVID | 25NOV1975PV | 22JAN1976PV | 03MAR1976PV | C051001 | 15788 |
| WETHEY, MARY SARAH | | F | C | 15JUL1829 | EXETER,SAINT DAVID | INFANT | INFANT | 04FEB1975PV | C050411 | 8888 |
| WETHEY, RICHARD JOHN BLACKMORE ELLETT | RICHARD WETHEY/THIRZA | M | C | | EXETER,SAINT PETROCK | 22AUG1974PV | 10OCT1974PV | 23NOV1974PV | C050501 | 2255 |
| WETHEY, WILLIAM | SARAH ELLETT | M | M | 03MAY1761 | EXETER,SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE | | | | | |
| WETHEY, WILLIAM | ELIZABETH RICHARDSON | M | M | 21OCT1821 | EXETER,SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE | | | 28OCT1978SL | M050531 | 3511 |
| WETHEY, WILLIAM HENRY | WILLIAM WETHEY/ELIZABETH | M | C | 22MAY1822 | EXETER,SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE | | | 01SEP1978SL | M050531 | 4653 |
| | | | | | | 21MAR1975SL | 03MAY1975SL | 24JUN1975SL | C050531 | 10215 |
| WETHNRIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHNRIDGE, BEST | RICHARD WETHNRIDGE/ | F | C | 16OCT1567 | SOUTH TAWTON | 21MAY1975SL | 25JUN1975SL | 12AUG1975SL | C052351 | 0367 |
| WETHNRIDGE, BARNABE | RICHARD WETHNRIDGE | M | C | 20FEB1560 | SOUTH TAWTON | 21MAY1975SL | 26JUN1975SL | 12AUG1975SL | C052351 | 0007 |
| WETHNRIDGE, BARTHOLOMEW | | M | C | 02SEP1543 | SOUTH TAWTON | 21MAY1975SL | 25JUN1975SL | 12AUG1975SL | C052351 | 0086 |
| WETHNRIDGE, DANIEL | HENRY WETHNRIDGE/<br>CATHERINE HOOD | M | M | 15MAY1692 | CREDITON | | | 12JAN1979SL | M050741 | 3536 |
| WETHNRIDGE, ELIZABETH | JOHN SAUNDERS/ | F | M | 23SEP1655 | CREDITON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050741 | 4136 |
| WETHNRIDGE, JOAN | GEORGE VESTCOMBE | F | M | 24NOV1565 | SOUTH TAWTON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C052351 | 0083 |
| WETHNRIDGE, JOHN | RICHARD WETHNRIDGE/ | M | C | 25JAN1568 | SOUTH TAWTON | 21MAY1975SL | 26JUN1975SL | 14AUG1975SL | C052351 | 0205 |
| WETHNRIDGE, MARGARET | WILLIAM WETHNRIDGE/ | F | C | 12JUN1631 | TOTNES | 10DEC1975SL | 10MAR1976SL | 17MAR1976SL | C051721 | 5286 |
| WETHNRIDGE, MARY | JOHN BEARE/ | F | M | 26SEP1581 | BELSTONE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050281 | 0073 |
| WETHNRIDGE, SUSANNA | ROGER LANDON | F | M | 12FEB1682 | SANDFORD | | | 19JAN1979SL | M050261 | 0024 |
| WETHNRIDGE, SUSANNA | WILLIAM WETHNRIDGE/SARA | F | C | 09OCT1636 | CREDITON | 16DEC1975SL | 17FEB1976SL | 13MAR1976SL | C050741 | 8461 |
| WETHNRIDGE, WILLIAM | SIBELL BOWDEN | M | M | 17JAN1586 | BELSTONE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050281 | [illegible] |
| WETHNRIDGE, WILLIAM | MARY WEST | M | M | 16AUG1693 | EXETER,SAINT SIDWELL | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050311 | 3575 |
| WETHNRIDGE , ** SEE WETHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHNRIDGE, CHRISTIAN | RICHARD TOVERS | F | S | 12MAY1575 | BELSTONE | | | | | |
| WETHNRIDGE, CHRISTIAN | RICHARD TOVERS | F | M | 12MAY1575 | BELSTONE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050281 | [illegible] |
| WETHNRIDGE, JOHN | JOHN BEARE | M | M | 26SEP1581 | BELSTONE | | | [illegible] | M050281 | [illegible] |
| WETHICUT , ** SEE WHICOMBE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHYCOM | | | | | | | | | | |
| WETHYCOM, ALICE | RICHARD WETHYCOM/ | F | C | 24FEB1616 | NORTH BOVEY | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | C051891 | [illegible] |
| WETHYCOM, ARTHUR | ** SEE WETHYCOMB | M | C | 15SEP1626 | NORTH BOVEY | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| WETHYCOM, JOHN | RICHARD WETHYCOM/ | M | C | [illegible] | NORTH BOVEY | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

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| WITHICOMBE , ** SEE [illegible] | | | | | | | | [illegible] | [illegible] | 1307 |
| WITHICOMBE, [illegible] | [illegible] WITHICOMBE/MARY | F | C | 1?SEP1728 | ILFRACOMBE | 26SEP1974AV | 16NOV1974AV | 03JAN1975AV | C051211 | 3783 |
| WITHICOMBE, [illegible] | [illegible] WITHICOMBE/MARY | M | C | [illegible]1733 | ILFRACOMBE | 27SEP1974AV | 16NOV1974AV | 18DEC1974AV | C051211 | 3288 |
| WITHICOMBE, DOROTHY | | F | C | [illegible]MAR1725 | ILFRACOMBE | 26SEP1974AV | 16NOV1974AV | 21DEC1974AV | C051211 | 4431 |
| | CHARLES WITHICOMBE/DOROTHY | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHICOMBE, DOROTHY | | F | C | 26 OCT1718 | ILFRACOMBE | 26SEP1974AV | 16NOV1974AV | 21DEC1974AV | C051211 | 3381 |
| | CHARLES WITHICOMBE/DOROTHY | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHICOMBE, MARY | CHARLES WITHICOMBE/MARY | F | C | [illegible]1715 | ILFRACOMBE | 25SEP1974AV | 16NOV1974AV | 03JAN1975AV | C051211 | 5390 |
| WITHIEMAN | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHIEMAN, SARAH | ROBERT WYOTT | F | M | 24NOV1736 | ILFRACOMBE | | | 15MAY1978AL | M051211 | 1448 |
| WITHINGTON , ** SEE WHITTINGTON | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHINGTON | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHINGTON, ELIZABETH | SAMUEL SHORT | F | M | 03FEB1718 | BIDEFORD | | | 27DEC1978SL | M051[illegible] | 3007 |
| WITHINGTON, SARAH | JOSEPH HOOPER | F | M | 13MAY1773 | EXETER,HOLY TRINITY | | | 28SEP1973SL | M052801 | 2443 |
| WITHINGTON, WILLIAM | JOHN WITHINGTON/ANN | M | C | 13FEB1787 | STOKE DAMEREL | 14APR1976AV | 10JUN1976AV | 21JUL1976AV | C052411 | 3431 |
| WITHINS | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHINS, JANE | HENRY HARDRES | F | M | 09DEC1593 | [illegible] | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050[illegible] | 0231 |
| WITHINTON , ** SEE WHITTINGTON | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHIRS , ** SEE WITHERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHIT , ** SEE WITHE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHLE , ** SEE WITHALL | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHLEY , ** SEE WHITLEY | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHLEY | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHLEY, MARY | JOHN SOUTHWOOD | F | M | 11MAY1638 | EXETER,SAINT PAUL | | | 12JUL1978SL | M00[illegible] | 1518 |
| WITHMAN | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHMAN, ANNE | WILLIAM WITHMAN/ANNE | F | C | 1?MAR1737 | EXETER,HOLY TRINITY | 27MAR1976AV | 06MAY1976AV | 09JUN1976AV | C050[illegible] | 2067 |
| WITHMAN, HENRY | CHRISTIAN SELLERS | M | M | 30NOV1613 | COLYTON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E00[illegible] | 1433 |
| WITHMAN, JOANE | JOHN WITHMAN/ | F | C | 21FEB1687 | TIVERTON | INFANT | INFANT | 06DEC1974LA | C051721 | 1541 |
| WITHNELL | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHNELL, JOANE | JOHN WITHNELL/ | F | C | 30FEB1610 | EXETER,SAINT MARY MAJOR | 13NOV1975AV | 29JAN1976AV | 26FEB1976AV | C051031 | 2213 |
| WITHNELL , ** SEE WITHNALL | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHORN , ** SEE WHITEHORN | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHORNE , ** SEE WHITEHORN | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHREDGE , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHRELL | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHRELL, ELIZABETH | WILLIAM PAVIE | F | M | 26JUN1634 | YARCOMBE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E052201 | 0819 |
| WITHRELL, ELIZABETH | WILLIAM PAVIE | F | M | 26JUN1635 | YARCOMBE | | | 26JAN1979SL | M052201 | 0644 |
| WITHRIDG , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHRIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHRIDGE, ANN | JOHN WITHRIDGE/ELIZABETH | F | C | 02DEC1689 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974AV | 15FEB1975AV | 31MAR1975AV | C052561 | 1020 |
| WITHRIDGE, JOHN | ELIZABETH ROWE | M | M | 05APR1688 | WEMBURY | | | 24JAN1979SL | M052561 | 0290 |
| WITHRIDGE, JOHN | JOHN WITHRIDGE/JOANE | M | C | 26JAN1726 | ABBOTSHAM | 20JUN1974SL | 19SEP1974SL | 18OCT1974SL | C050151 | 0899 |
| WITHRIDGE , ** SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHRIDGE, CHARLES | JOHN WITHRIDGE/MARY | M | C | 28MAR1683 | HARTLAND | 09MAY1963LA | 19OCT1963LA | 12FEB1964SL | P001761 | 4201 |
| WITHRIDGE, DEBORAH | JOHN KEANE | F | M | 25JAN1696 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 17JUL1976SL | 7660[illegible] | 0 |
| WITHRIDGE, ELIZABETH | SAMUEL JEWEL | F | M | 15APR1738 | HOLSWORTHY | | | 22MAR1975SL | A457169 | 1134 |
| WITHRIDGE, JOHN | ELIZABETH ROWE | M | M | 04APR1689 | WEMBURY | | | 25FEB1976SL | 7600718 | 90 |
| WITHRIDGE, MARGARETT | WILLIAM NIXMORE | F | M | 12JUN1699 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 31JAN1979SL | M001617 | 7422 |

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| WITHRIDGE, MARY | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHRIDGE, MARY | JOHN WITHRIDGE/ELIZABETH | F | C | 23FEB1691 | WEMBURY | 17DEC1974AV | 15FEB1975AV | 31MAR1975AV | C052561 | 1049 |
| WITHRIDGE, WILLIAM | DEBORAH ARUNDELL | M | M | 25DEC1683 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 30JAN1979SL | M001838 | 1187 |
| WITHROW | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHROW, JOAN | RICHARD WITHROW/ | F | C | 30MAR1630 | TIVERTON | 14SEP1974LA | 10DEC1974LA | 17JAN1975LA | C051721 | 0898 |
| WITHROWE, WALTER | THOMAS WITHROWE/ | M | C | 17JAN1635 | TIVERTON | 14SEP1974LA | 11DEC1974LA | 21JAN1975LA | C051721 | 1365 |
| WITHROWE , ** SEE WITHROW | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHROWE, ROBERT | THOMAS WITHROWE/ | M | C | 21NOV1630 | TIVERTON | 14SEP1974LA | 10DEC1974LA | 21JAN1975LA | C051721 | 1058 |
| WITHRY , ** SEE WITHERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHYNCOMBE , ** SEE WHITCOMBE | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHINERS , ** SEE WITHERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHY , ** SEE WITTY | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHY | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHY, ANN | JOHN WITHY/ | F | C | 24JUL1617 | EAST DOWN NEAR BARNSTAPLE | 23MAY1974SL | 24AUG1974SL | 17SEP1974SL | C050871 | 0434 |
| WITHY, CATHERINE | PAUL TATGE | F | M | 27MAY1765 | TEDBURN SAINT MARY | | | 25JAN1979SL | M052871 | 0562 |
| WITHY, EDWARD | JOAN LOCK | M | M | 25MAR1705 | EAST DOWN NEAR BARNSTAPLE | | | 14FEB1978LA | M050871 | 0523 |
| WITHY, EDWARD | EDWARD WITHY/JOAN | M | C | 17FEB1713 | BRATTON FLEMING | 23MAY1974OG | 14MAY1974OG | 07JUN1974OG | C050[illegible] | 0298 |
| WITHY, EDWARD | WILLIAM WITHY/SARAH | M | C | 30JUL1803 | EXETER,SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE | 21MAR1974SL | 02MAY1974SL | 26JUN1974SL | C050531 | 9638 |
| WITHY, ELIZABETH | JOHN HELE | F | M | 12APR1702 | BRATTON FLEMING | | | 16SEP1980SL | A457638 | 3420 |
| WITHY, HANNAH | RICHARD HERFORD | F | M | 07AUG1716 | ARLINGTON | | | 12JAN1974SL | M050191 | 0086 |
| WITHY, HENRY | WILLIAM WITHY/SARAH | M | C | 30SEP1807 | EXETER,SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE | 23MAR1974SL | 02MAY1974SL | 24JUN1974SL | C050531 | 9663 |
| WITHY, JAMES | | M | [illegible] | FEB1582 | HEANTON PUNCHARDON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C053051 | 0215 |
| WITHYE, JOAN | JOHN WITHYE | F | C | 22MAY1592 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | 19NOV1965SL | 19JAN1966SL | UNCLEARED | P001651 | 1814 |
| WITHY, JOHN | EDWARD WITHY/JOAN | M | C | 15JUN1708 | BRATTON FLEMING | 24FEB1974OG | 28MAR1974OG | 12APR1974OG | C050431 | 0276 |
| WITHY, JOHN | EDWARD FRY | M | M | 15DEC1753 | BRATTON FLEMING | | | 17NOV1977LA | M050431 | 0128 |
| WITHIE, JOHN | JOHANE JUELL | M | M | 24SEP1568 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050301 | 0955 |
| WITHY, MARY | SOLOMON ARNOLD | F | M | 30DEC1680 | PLYMPTON SAINT MARY | | | 19MAR1978SL | M051871 | 1067 |
| WITHYE, MARY | JAMES PERRY | F | M | 1754 | EXETER,ST. PETROCK | | | 20NOV1951SL | A456573 | 0149 |
| WITHY, NICHOLAS | SARAH RICHARDS | M | M | 11NOV1838 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 15AUG1978SL | 7660002 | 0 |
| WITHYBROOKE , ** SEE WITHINBROOK | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHYBROOKE , ** SEE WITHINBROOK | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHYCOM , ** SEE WHITCOMB | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHYCOM | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHYCOM, MARILLA | THOMAS WITHYCOM/ | F | C | 28MAR1804 | EXETER,SAINT PAUL | 27DEC1968LA | 18FEB1969LA | 19FEB1969SL | P004681 | 1803 |
| WITHYCOM, MICHAEL | RICHARD WITHYCOM/ | M | C | 07JUL1617 | NORTH BOVEY | 04FEB1975SW | 22FEB1975SW | 27MAR1975SW | C053421 | 0653 |
| WITHYCOM, RICHARD | PHILIP WITHYCOM/ | M | C | 05APR1685 | EXETER,SAINT EDMUNDS | 15AUG1975SL | 09JAN1975SL | 16JAN1976SL | C050821 | 2532 |
| WITHYCOM, [illegible] | [illegible] WITHYCOM/ | M | C | 09MAR1804 | EXETER,SAINT PAUL | 22DEC1968LA | 04FEB1969LA | 21MAR1969LA | P004681 | 1254 |
| WITHYCOM, WILLIAM | RUTH HAYDON | M | M | 13JAN1683 | EXETER,SAINT MARY STEPS | | | 07MAR1978SL | M050571 | 0907 |
| WITHYCOMB , ** SEE WHITCOMB | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHYCOMB, AGNES | FRANCES TERMAN | F | M | [illegible]DEC1664 | CREDITON | | | 23JAN1979SL | M050741 | 1477 |
| WITHYCOMB, AGNES | FRANCES TERMAN | F | M | 05DEC1664 | CREDITON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | C050741 | 1484 |
| WITHYCOMB, ANN | ROBERT WITHYCOMB/ANN | F | C | 20AUG1771 | BARNSTAPLE | 24FEB1968SL | 31MAR1968SL | 30JUL1968SL | P0057[illegible] | 2108 |
| WITHYCOMB, DAVID | JOHN WITHYCOMB/ | M | C | 03APR1677 | ASHBURTON | 07AUG1974SL | 13OCT1974SL | 24OCT1975SL | C050231 | 4534 |
| WITHYCOMB, DOROTHY | JOHN LAMPIN | F | M | 24AUG1660 | CREDITON | | | 15JAN1979SL | M050741 | 1042 |
| WITHYCOMB, EDWARD | JOHANNA ELLACOTT | M | M | 15SEP1661 | CREDITON | | | 25JAN1979SL | M050741 | 3130 |
| WITHYCOMB, ELIZABETH | ROBERT WITHYCOMB/ANN | F | C | 13DEC1763 | BARNSTAPLE | 24FEB1968SL | 31MAR1968SL | 30JUL1968SL | P0057[illegible] | 1449 |
| WITHYCOMB, ELIZABETH | JOHN WITHYCOMB/MARY | F | C | 13AUG1708 | HIGH BICKINGTON | 05JUN1974SL | 31AUG1974SL | 21OCT1974SL | C051381 | 1572 |
| WITHYCOMB, ELIZABETH | WILLIAM BAYLY | F | M | 18MAR1766 | WEST TEIGNMOUTH | | | 11SEP1978SL | M052571 | 0662 |
| WITHYCOMB, [illegible] | WILLIAM TUCKER | F | M | 1651 | EXETER,ST KERRIANS | | | 13MAR1980SL | A456[illegible] | 1132 |
| WITHYCOMB, FREDERICK WILLIAM | WILLIAM WITHYCOMB/[illegible] | M | C | 24OCT1818 | EAST TEIGNMOUTH | 14DEC1974AV | 07FEB1975AV | 06MAR1975AV | C052[illegible] | 1134 |
| WITHYCOMB, HESTER | ROBERT WITHYCOMB/HESTER | F | C | 08APR1708 | BRATTON FLEMING | 20FEB1974OG | 25MAR1974OG | 12APR1974OG | C050431 | 0357 |
| WITHYCOMB, JOHN | JOAN TRINDER | M | M | [illegible]FEB1683 | CREDITON | | | 15JAN1979SL | M050741 | 1094 |
| WITHYCOMB, JOHN | EDWARD WITHYCOMB/ | M | C | 21AUG1683 | CREDITON | 24JAN1974LA | 21FEB1974LA | 24MAR1974LA | C050741 | 1525 |
| WITHYCOMB, JOHN | MARY PENYCAR | M | M | 23MAY1764 | HIGH BICKINGTON | | | 15FEB1978SL | M051381 | 0301 |
| WITHYCOMB, JOHN SYMOND | ROBERT WITHYCOMB/ANN | M | C | 23NOV1765 | BARNSTAPLE | 23OCT1971LA | 22OCT1971LA | 05SEP1969SL | P0057[illegible] | 1810 |
| WITHYCOMB, JONATHAN | [illegible] WITHYCOMB/ | M | C | 06APR1791 | EXETER,SAINT SIDWELL | 28JUN1974LA | 26OCT1974LA | UNCLEARED | C050511 | 3603 |
| WITHYCOMB, MARY | JOHN WITHYCOMB/MARY | F | C | 21FEB1766 | HIGH BICKINGTON | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

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| [illegible] | [illegible] WITHER RIGH, WEST [illegible] | | | | | | | 17JAN1979SG | M05021? | 0217 |
| | | | | | | | | 11JUN1974PV | C051141 | 0122 |

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| NAME / FATHER MOTHER OR SPOUSE | SEX | E | EVENT DATE | TOWN, PARISH | B | E | S | SOURCE BATCH | SERIAL SHEET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERDGE , -- SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERDEN , -- SEE WITHERDON | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERDON | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERDON, DANIEL — JASPER WITHERDON/ | M | C | 22FEB1593 | DEAN PRIOR | 03OCT1974PV | 21NOV1974PV | 17DEC1974PV | C050811 | 0458 |
| WITHERDON, ELIZABETH — JOHN MADDON | W | M | 28JUL1578 | KENN | | | 14FEB1978SG | M057231 | 0211 |
| WITHERDON, ELIZABETH — JASPER WITHERDON/ | F | C | 27MAR1589 | DEAN PRIOR | INFANT | INFANT | 02JAN1975PV | C050811 | 0478 |
| WITHERDON, JASPER — WILMOTE PARNELL | H | M | 29JUL1588 | DEAN PRIOR | | | 23FEB1978IT | M050811 | 0085 |
| WITHERDON, JASPER — WILMOTE PARNELL/ | H | M | 29JUL1588 | DEAN PRIOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050811 | 0182 |
| WITHERDON, JOHN — JASPER WITHERDON/ | M | C | 20MAR1590 | DEAN PRIOR | INFANT | INFANT | 17DEC1974PV | C050811 | 0412 |
| WITHERDON, STEVEN — JASPER WITHERDON/ | M | C | 30MAR1596 | DEAN PRIOR | 03OCT1974PV | 21NOV1974PV | 18DEC1974PV | C050811 | 0488 |
| WITHERE , -- SEE WITHERS | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERS | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERS, ELIZABETH — WILLIAM MORGAN | W | M | 11JAN1558 | EAST DOWN NEAR BARNSTAPLE | | | 17FEB1978LA | M050877 | 0039 |
| WITHEREDGE , -- SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHEREDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHEREDGE, AGNES — WILLIAM WITHEREDGE/ | F | C | 08JAN1585 | BARNSTAPLE | 04DEC1964OK | 16JAN1965OK | 14AUG1969IF | P005761 | 3422 |
| WITHEREDGE, SUSAN — JOHN WITHEREDGE/ | F | C | 10SEP1606 | FREMINGTON | 15FEB1974PV | 19APR1974PV | 08MAY1974PV | C050591 | 0109 |
| WITHEREDGE, JOHN — JONE JONES | H | M | 13JUL1586 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 13OCT1973LG | M005761 | 0888 |
| WITHEREDGE, JOHN — JONE JONES/ | H | M | 13JUL1586 | BARNSTAPLE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E005761 | 1191 |
| WITHEREDGE, JOHN — JONE JONES | H | M | 13JUL1586 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 15MAR1973LG | 7257167 | 26 |
| WITHEREDGE, JOHN — GEORGE BAKER | W | M | 06AUG1571 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 10OCT1973LG | M005761 | 0390 |
| WITHEREDGE, JOHN — GEORGE BAKER/ | W | M | 06AUG1571 | BARNSTAPLE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E005761 | 0734 |
| WITHEREDGE, NICHOLAS — WILLIAM WITHEREDGE/ | M | C | 07MAY1583 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1959 | 07MAR1959LA | 07AUG1969IF | M005761 | 2241 |
| WITHEREDGE, RICHARD — MARYE FILDE/ | H | M | 29JAN1570 | BARNSTAPLE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E005761 | 0887 |
| WITHEREDGE, RICHARD — MARYE FILDE | H | M | 29JAN1570 | BARNSTAPLE | | | 13OCT1973LG | M005761 | 0985 |
| WITHEREDGE, THOMAS — JOHN WITHEREDGE/ | M | C | 11AUG1578 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1959 | 07MAR1959LA | 07AUG1969IF | P005761 | 2796 |
| WITHEREDGE, WILLIAM — JOHN WITHEREDGE/ | F | C | 10FEB1575 | BARNSTAPLE | 09DEC1964OK | 07JAN1965OK | 08AUG1969IF | P005761 | 2478 |
| WITHEREDGE , -- SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERIDGE , -- SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERIDGE, AGNES — MICHAELL ROWE | W | M | 23JAN1615 | DUNCHIDEOCK | | | 21FEB1978SL | M050861 | 0091 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANNE — EDWARD WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 21FEB1612 | GEORGEHAM | INFANT | INFANT | 19JUN1974SL | C050401 | 1225 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANTHONY — FAITH SAULE/ | H | M | 07MAY1603 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E001835 | 3489 |
| WITHERIDGE, ANTHONY — FAITH SAULE | H | M | 07MAY1603 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 27APR1973SL | M001835 | 2156 |
| WITHERIDGE, CHRISTIAN — JOHN WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 26MAR1611 | BERRYNARBOR | 21JAN1956 | 29MAR1956LG | 04APR1974SG | C050301 | 1031 |
| WITHERIDGE, EDWARD — ANNE SCANPE | H | M | 12JUL1600 | GEORGEHAM | | | 24AUG1954SL | 4456987 | 0373 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZ — WM WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03APR1719 | SOUTH MOLTON | INFANT | INFANT | 26FEB1975PV | C052021 | 3737 |
| WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH — WM WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03JUN1722 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 29JAN1975PV | 26FEB1975PV | C052021 | 3998 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE — PETER TILL/ | W | M | 26JAN1590 | UPOTTERY | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E052061 | 0326 |
| WITHERIDGE, JANE — PETER TILL | W | M | 26JAN1590 | UPOTTERY | | | 09MAR1978LA | M052061 | 0077 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN — EDWARD WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 30SEP1601 | GEORGEHAM | 22MAR1974SL | 07MAY1974SL | 13JUN1974SL | C050401 | 0953 |
| WITHERIDGE, JOHN — WM WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 06AUG1719 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 29JAN1975PV | 23FEB1975PV | C052021 | 8562 |
| WITHERIDGE, MABEL — JOHN ROGERS/ | F | C | 21SEP1639 | KINGSTON NEAR IVYBRIDGE | | | | | |
| WITHERIDGE, MABEL — JOHN ROGERS | W | M | 21SEP1639 | KINGSTON NEAR IVYBRIDGE | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E035897 | 0558 |
| | | | | | | | 23MAY1978SL | M035897 | 0030 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARIE — EDWARD WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 07JAN1603 | GEORGEHAM | 18MAR1974SL | 29APR1974SL | 12JUN1974SL | C050401 | 1000 |
| WITHERIDGE, MARINA — WM WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 17JAN1710 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 29JAN1975PV | 25FEB1975PV | C052021 | 8666 |
| WITHERIDGE, STEPHEN — EDWARD WITHERIDGE/ | M | C | 17AUG1605 | GEORGEHAM | 22MAR1974SL | 07MAY1974SL | 23JUN1974SL | C050401 | 1062 |
| WITHERIDGE, SUSANNA — WM WITHERIDGE/ | F | C | 03AUG1716 | SOUTH MOLTON | 29NOV1974PV | 29JAN1975PV | 25FEB1975PV | C052021 | 8553 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS — MARY ROGERS/ | H | M | 27JAN1621 | BISHOPS TAWTON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E053541 | 0518 |
| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS — MARY ROGERS | H | M | 27JAN1621 | BISHOPS TAWTON | | | 11NOV1977LA | M053541 | 0039 |
| WITHERS , -- SEE WITHERS | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERS | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERS, CYPRIAN — WILLMOTE PARKINGE/ | H | M | 17AUG1633 | BERRYNARBOR | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050301 | 0602 |
| WITHERS, CYPRIAN — WILLMOTE PARKINGE | H | M | 17AUG1633 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 14APR1978LG | M050301 | 0386 |
| WITHERS, THOMAS — ELIZ. MORETON | H | M | 13OCT1721 | SOUTH MOLTON | | | 11JAN1978SL | M052021 | 1165 |
| WITHERS, THOMAS — ELIZABETH HARRIS | H | M | 18DEC1712 | SOUTH MOLTON | | | 22JAN1957SL | 4459118 | 0388 |
| WITHERS, THOMAS — JOAN DOLBERY | H | M | 07JUN1722 | SOUTH MOLTON | | | 23JAN1979SL | M052021 | 1712 |
| WITHERTON , -- SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
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| NAME / SEX: M MALE F FEMALE H HUSBAND W WIFE / FATHER MOTHER OR SPOUSE | S | E | EVENT DATE | TOWN, PARISH | B | E | S | SOURCE BATCH | SERIAL SHEET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WYTHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHERIDGE, TAMSYN — JAMES YEO/ | F | C | 30OCT1591 | ALWINGTON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050181 | 0167 |
| WYTHERIDGE, TAMSYN — JAMES YEO | W | M | 30OCT1591 | ALWINGTON | | | 16MAY1978SG | M050181 | 0083 |
| WYTHERIDGE, WILLMOTE — DANIELL TOMLYN | W | M | 05MAY1587 | ALWINGTON | | | 16MAY1978SG | M050181 | 0067 |
| WYTHERIDGE, WILLMOTE — DANIELL TOMLYN/ | F | C | 05MAY1587 | ALWINGTON | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E050181 | 0118 |
| WYTHERIGE , -- SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHERYE, JOAN — RICHARD WYTHERYE/ | F | C | 29JUN1565 | BARNSTAPLE | 03DEC1964OK | 20FEB1965OK | 05AUG1969IF | P005761 | 0459 |
| WYTHICOMB , -- SEE WHITCOMB | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHICOMB | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHICOMB, MARIE — WALTER WYTHICOMBE/ | F | C | 09FEB1611 | ST. GILES-IN-THE-WOOD | 31MAY1974SL | 20AUG1974SL | 26SEP1974SL | C051401 | 0581 |
| WYTHICOMBE , -- SEE WHITCOMB | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHICOMBE, PETER — JANE RICH | H | M | 08APR1725 | [illegible] | | | 22MAY1978LA | M052371 | 0566 |
| WYTHICOMBE, ROBERT — MARGARETT COCKROFTE | H | M | 18JUN1590 | MALBOROUGH | | | 25OCT1973SL | M051341 | 0395 |
| WYTHICOMBE, ROBERT — MARGARETT COCKROFTE/ | H | M | 18JUN1590 | MALBOROUGH | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E051341 | 0786 |
| WYTHICOMBE , -- SEE WHITCOMBE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHICOMBE , -- SEE WYTHECOMBE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHICOMBE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHICOMBE, RICHARD — MARGERY CALLICOMBE | H | M | 18AUG1606 | NORTH BOVEY | | | 28OCT1978SL | M052031 | 0116 |
| WYTHING , -- SEE WITHING | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHING | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHING, ELIZABETH — ROBT. WINSTON | W | M | 30JUL1610 | MODBURY | | | 13SEP1978SL | M051461 | 0286 |
| WYTHING, ELIZABETH — ROBT. WINSTON/ | F | C | 30JUL1610 | MODBURY | CLEARED | CLEARED | UNCLEARED | E051461 | 0304 |
| WYTHING, CLARE — HENRY MARTIN | W | M | 30OCT1593 | [illegible] | | | 03FEB1978SG | M053771 | 0112 |
| WYTHING, MICHAEL — MICHAEL WYTHING/ | M | C | 26JAN1606 | MODBURY | 06SEP1974PV | 19OCT1974PV | 23NOV1974PV | C051461 | 0236 |
| WYTHERS , -- SEE WITHERDON | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHERDGE , -- SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHERIGE , -- SEE WITHERIDGE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHORN , -- SEE WITHERS | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHROPE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHROPE, HUGH — GRACE SOUTHCOMB | H | M | 15OCT1633 | CREDITON | | | 12JAN1979SL | M050761 | 1333 |
| WYTHYCOMB , -- SEE WHITCOMB | | | | | | | | | |
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| WYTHYCOMBE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHYCOMBE, JOANE — JOHN WYTHYCOMBE/ | F | C | 08JUL1617 | SANDFORD | 13NOV1975SG | 02DEC1975SG | 12DEC1975SG | C052451 | 0813 |
| WYTHYCOMBE, RICHARD OR RICHARD — GEORGE CAUNTER | H | M | 10NOV1637 | STAVERTON | | | 25JAN1979SL | M[illegible] | 0812 |
| WYTHYCOMBE , -- SEE WHITCOMBE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHYCOMBE , -- SEE WYTHECOMBE | | | | | | | | | |
| WYTHYCOMBE | | | | | | | | | |
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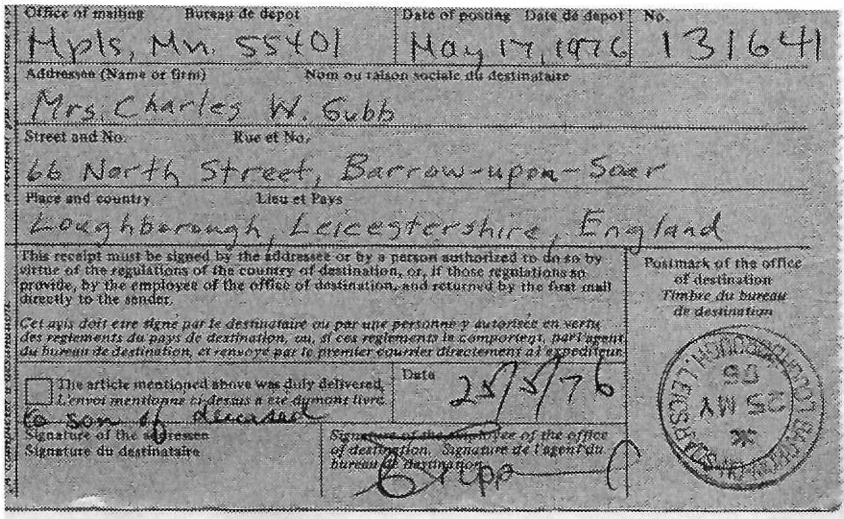
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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
May 16, 1976

Mrs. Charles W. Gubb
66 North Street
Barrow-upon-Soar
Loughborough
Leicestershire
England

[See W117]

Dear Mrs. Gubb:

You may remember that many years ago I wrote to your sister Susannah Argust trying to find out more about our Witheridge family background. At that time she said she sent my letter on to you for more information. I am a grandson of your Uncle William Witheridge, who married Mary Jane Allen.

The reason I am writing to you now is that my wife Elizabeth and I are coming to Britain this summer, and we certainly hope we can visit you. I have been the Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for twenty-five years, and I've been granted a 12-week study leave. I'll be spending several weeks in university libraries, but for about a month from July 8 to August 7 we'll be renting a car and traveling through England, Scotland, and Wales conferring with the leaders of local councils of churches. We also hope to meet as many relatives as possible.

I believe we could be in Staffordshire and Leicestershire between July 8 and 10, and we hope it will be possible to visit you some day during that period. Of course, we would not expect to stay with you, but would find other accommodations nearby.

Since we want to look up as many relatives as possible, I'd greatly appreciate your giving me the addresses of Gladwyn Adams and her children, especially her daughter Irene and her husband, Rev. Neville Birdsall.

Particularly since we'll be spending some time in Surrey, could you give us the names and addresses of your nieces and nephews, the children of Mary and John Norris? Perhaps some of them are still living near there.

Our address in England after June 16 will be in care of Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA. She will be able to forward our mail at all times. She is also a Witheridge descendant, but we haven't yet determined just how we are related.

Where do your sons live? If they are not near you, we might be near them on our travels and would like to look them up. We can hardly wait to come to England, and we do hope you'll be home in early July. If not, perhaps we could work it out at some other time.

Your cousin,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

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38 Poplar Rd,
Shelthorpe,
Loughborough,
Leicestershire.
15/6/1976.

Dear Cousin Elizabeth & David,

I am sorry to tell you that my Mother & Father, Lilly & Charlie Gubb have passed away, I am their elder son Kenneth.

My annual summer holiday starts on Friday July 2nd for two weeks ending on the 18th July, but on Friday 9th July we shall be spending a week at Lynmouth Somerset returning home July 17th.

My wife & I will be very pleased to see you both.

Your cousin

Kenneth John Adams Gubb.

# Editor's Note

The next three documents (W119, followed by two unnumbered documents) pertain to the Gubb family of Berrynarbor and Combe Martin, Devon, England, and their descendants in South Africa.

As you will see in the third document (a 1984 handwritten letter by DEW and its typed transcription), the Gubbs connected to the Witheridges through the marriage of William Gubb (bapt. 1778) and Mary Witheridge (bapt. 1777). This marriage is shown in the "Pedigree of Witheridge, Of Berry Narbor and Combe Martin in North Devon. [sic] Shewing descent of Gubb Family from the Same"; see document W135(a), folder ~~1.63d.~~ 1.63e.

Dad considered the discovery of the Gubb connection to be a breakthrough in his work, because it expanded his Witheridge focus to a whole new continent. I actually don't know how important his work on the Gubb connection was to the entire body of everyone's work on the Witheridge family. (That's for others to decide, and after all, once he had "found" the Gubbs, he relied on a pedigree compiled by someone else.) But I do know it was important to Dad.

The work summarized in his brief letter to "Harry, Toots, and Robert" must have taken hours of work over a period of weeks, even months — one more example of how damnably time consuming it was to search for ancestors and other relatives before the Internet was born and became routinely used as a genealogical tool.

Because of the semi-legible reproduction quality, I have transcribed DEW's letter on the page immediately following it. Yes, the quality was positively *SCARY*.

Happy Halloween!

Tom Witheridge

October 31, 2021

[The source for this death notice is explained on the next page.]

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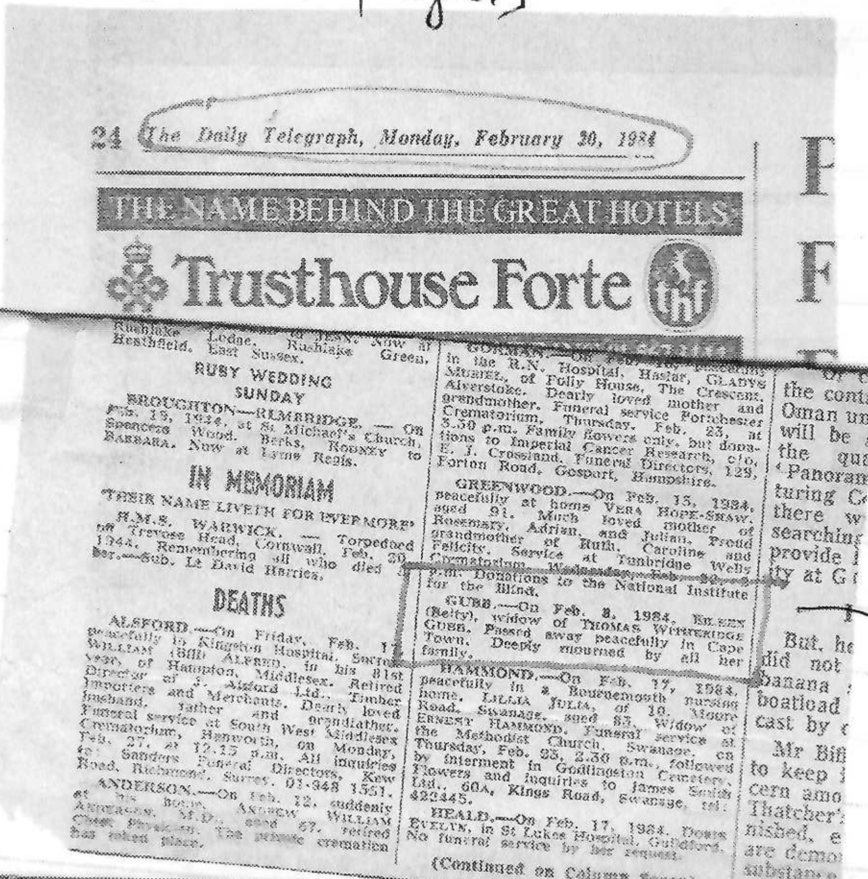

24 *The Daily Telegraph, Monday, February 20, 1984*

THE NAME BEHIND THE GREAT HOTELS
Trusthouse Forte

Irrelevant notices omitted

Rushlake Lodge, Rushlake Green, to JESS. Now at Heathfield, East Sussex.

RUBY WEDDING
SUNDAY

BROUGHTON—ELMBRIDGE. — On Feb. 19, 1944, at St Michael's Church, Spencers Wood, Berks, RODNEY to BARBARA. Now at Lyme Regis.

IN MEMORIAM

'THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE'

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DEATHS

ALSFORD.—On Friday, Feb. 17 peacefully in Kingston Hospital, Surrey, WILLIAM (Bill) ALFRED, in his 81st year, of Hampton, Middlesex. Retired Director of J. Alsford Ltd., Timber Importers and Merchants. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth, on Monday, Feb. 27, at 12.15 p.m. All inquiries to: Sanders Funeral Directors, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey. 01-948 1551.

ANDERSON.—On Feb. 12, suddenly at his home, ANDREW WILLIAM ANDERSON, M.D., aged 67, retired Chief Physician. The private cremation has taken place.

GORMAN.—On Feb. ..., peacefully in the R.N. Hospital, Haslar, GLADYS MURIEL, of Folly House, The Crescent, Alverstoke. Dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service Portchester Crematorium, Thursday, Feb. 23, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations to Imperial Cancer Research, c/o. E. J. Crossland, Funeral Directors, 129, Forton Road, Gosport, Hampshire.

GREENWOOD.—On Feb. 15, 1984, peacefully at home VERA HOPE-SHAW, aged 91. Much loved mother of Rosemary, Adrian, and Julian. Proud grandmother of Ruth, Caroline and Felicity. Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, Wednesday, Feb. 22, ... p.m. Donations to the National Institute for the Blind.

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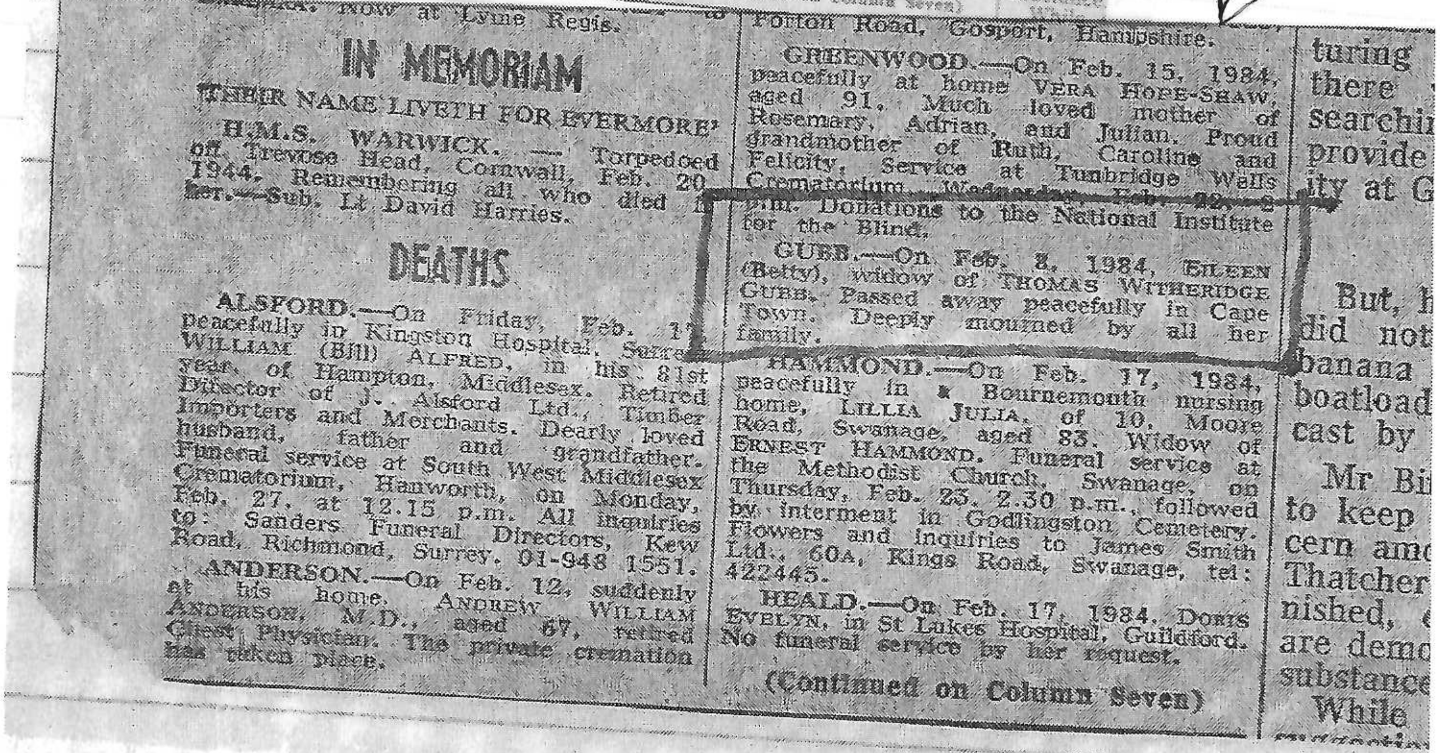

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T.F.W, Oct. 30, 2021

St. Andrews
Gorse Hill Road
Virginia Water
Surrey. U.K.

22nd Feb. 1984.

Dear Elizabeth and David,

We were delighted to receive your Christmas greetings, with so much news about yourselves and the family. We hope that Elizabeth's sciatica is less bothersome and that, except for that, you are both fit and well.

Toots, who has quite an eagle eye for spotting bits of information, noticed this obituary notice in our daily newspaper a couple of days ago. A Thomas Witheridge Grubb, who presumably lived in Cape Town. As it was his second "given" name, it might have been his mother's maiden name. Have you any trace of Witheridges in South Africa?

P.T.O. (to save paper)

I think I told you I also am now retired - so all 4 brothers are now pensioners. As Robert, my son, said, of the 4 of us I was the first to go out to work and the last to finish. How lucky I have been to have been able to do that - how fortunate we all have been.

I am really enjoying my retirement. I feel a sense of freedom, and it is a pleasure to do what I want to do, and when I want to do it. The greatest pleasure, however, is to be more at home with Toots, and to do more things together.

I don't think John has officially taken up his position of Curate to the Archbishop yet, but we saw him in the procession with the Arch. on a recent visit to Uganda. Anthony is still in Lisbon. His eldest son, Simon, has just started school at Harrow, the much loved school of Winston Churchill. Either George or I have him home on his Sunday Exeats. Our love to you both and all your family.

Sincerely Yours,
Harry, Toots and Robert.

Dec. 8 1984

Dear Harry, Toots, & Robert,

You must have wondered why you never heard from me after you sent the clipping about the death of the widow of Thomas Witheridge Gubb in South Africa. The truth is, I have had great success in tracking down the family and finding that they are indeed distant relatives who stem back to Combe Martin where my family originated.

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So, you see, I am very grateful to you for passing on this death notice to me and enabling me to find this new part of our family.

We have had a good year and hope you have had, too. Best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Love,
David + Elizabeth

See transcript on next page

**Transcription of DEW's letter to Harry, Toots, and Robert Witheridge, Dec. 8, 1984 (no document number), necessary because the content is important but the faintness of the original (a carbon copy) makes it difficult to read when digitized.**

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Love,

David & Elizabeth

[Transcribed from a carbon copy of DEW's original on Oct. 30, 2021, by Thomas F. Witheridge]

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
March 20, 1984

Cape Town City Libraries
Old Drill Hall, Darling Street
POB 4728
Cape Town 80000
South Africa

Dear Sirs:

A relative in London, England, sent me the following death notice from a London paper:

"GUBB. - On Feb. 8, 1984, Eileen (Betty), widow of THOMAS WITHERIDGE GUBB. Passed away peacefully in Cape Town. Deeply mourned by all her family."

I should be very grateful if you would look for an obituary of Mrs. Gubb in a Cape Town newspaper and send me a copy.

If surviving relatives are named, could you find the address of one or more for me in your city directory or telephone directory? What I really want to do is to correspond with one of Mrs. Gubb's relatives.

If this information does not appear in an obituary, would you please tell me where to write for civil death records in Cape Town?

Thank you very much for your help. Enclosed is a check for $5.00, which I hope will cover your costs.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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Darling St.
POB 4728
Cape Town 8000
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March 21, 1984

Dear Kenneth,

You remember that Elizabeth and I had hoped to visit you on our trip to Britain in 1976, but our dates didn't work out because of your holiday. Perhaps you heard that we did get a chance to meet Irene and Neville Birdsall, as well as Pearline and Sidney Fryer and Jean August.

Now an interesting discovery has turned up. A distant relative of mine in Surrey, Harry Witheridge, sent me a copy of a death notice in the London *Daily Telegraph* for February 20, 1984:

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I'm wondering if this is perhaps some relative of yours (and mine). Do you know any Gubb relative of yours who married a Witheridge? These are both North Devon names, so there could be a connection. Could you give me your Gubb ancestry back a few generations into Devon?

I have written to the Cape Town City Library asking if they can identify any surviving relatives through an obituary in a Cape Town newspaper. If so, I'll write to them and see what they know of their ancestry and family.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

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10 APR 1984

City of Cape Town
Stad Kaapstad

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OU DRILSAAL
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KAAPSTAD

Reference / Verwysing: 1/18 CJMO/lec

Mr D Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.

Dear Sir

Enclosed are the death notices for Mrs Gubb which appeared in the local newspapers.

There are three Gubbs listed in our local telephone directory:

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| GUBB, B. | 426 Ecklenburg, Rondebosch 7700. |
| GUBB, N. | 103 Clairwood, Kenilworth 7700. |
| GUBB, N. | 12 Lincuden, Wynberg 7700. |

I would assume that one of the N. Gubbs is the Nick referred to in the death notice.

I hope this information will satisfy your request but if you need anything further we will be happy to assist you.

Enclosed please find your cheque value $5.00.

Yours faithfully

CITY LIBRARIAN

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**)SE** — Formerly Baker Volkwyn). Elizabeth ietta, my dear mother, ed away peacefully uary 7th 1984 aged 76.
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ngly remembered by her Ralph, daughter-in-law a and children Beverley, queline and Sandra.

**)SE** — (nee Baker). Elizan Maria, aged 75 years, ed away peacefully Feb Deeply mourned by her ng daughter, sons, son-in-. daughter-in-law, grandchildren and family. Service Christ The Mediator, Port-ds, on Sat Feb 11 at 10 . thence to Maitland metery, Gate 9. Arrangements Goodall and Williams, sserfall and Hardick. one 47-1150.

**IDSE** — Johanna (Joan), d 53 years, passed away cefully on Feb 9. Fondly nembered by her loving sband John and family. rvice at Kingdom Hall of ova Witness, Cor 30th St d 30th Ave, Elsies River, Sat 11 at 10 am, thence Maitland Cemetery, Gate .. Arrangements Goodall d Williams, Wasserfall and rdick, Elsies River, 98-25.

**NDSE** — Elizabeth Henrietta rmerly Baker), passed ay peacefully on February 1984.
It's not the words, they are but few,
It's the loving memory we have of you.
dly missed and remem-red by Basil, Bessie and ildren.

**.EY** — Olive (nee Pescott-ay) passed away on Tuesy February 7. Will always remembered by the Loreta ast Pupils' Association.

**PHY** — John Will always e remembered with deep ffection. From Bill and oyce Segers

dear priest and friend, passed away suddenly Feb 8 1984. Very deeply mourned by the Davids family.
Let perpetual light shine upon him.

**GARLICK** — Father John, passed away peacefully on 7th February 1984. Sadly missed by the Camilleri family.

**GUBB** — Eileen (Betty). Dearly loved mother of Ann and Jane and stepmother of Nick passed away peacefully in Cape Town on the 8 February 1984. Deeply mourned by all the family. Service at the Crematorium Chapel, Maitland, on Monday February 13 at 11 20 am. No flowers by request Donations to Formosa Coloured Bursary Fund, P O Box 122, Plettenberg Bay. Arrangements Human & Pitt, phone 77-1101.

**HARLEY**—Peter, aged 63 years, of 60 First Street, Bishop Lavis, passed away peacefully February 7. Deeply mourned and sadly missed by his loving wife Mary and family. Service on Saturday, commencing at 10 am, at the Apostolic Faith Mission Church, Commercial Street, Matroosfontein, thence to Maitland, 4th Gate. Phone 931-7406.

**HARLEY** — Peter, our beloved father, passed away peacefully February 7 1984.
We did not see you close your eyes,
We did not see you die,
We only heard that you had gone,
Without a last goodbye.
Deeply mourned by your daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren Dolores and Henry, Joan and Brian, Dawn and Desmond, Priscilla and Henry.

**HARLEY** — Peter Donald, my beloved husband and my daddy, passed away peacefully February 7 1984.
A lonely house, an empty chair,
Someone missing everywhere,
Life goes on I know it's true,
But it's not the same since I've lost you.
Very deeply mourned by his heartbroken wife Mary and son Donald.

West.

**MURRAY** — Caroline Kathleen passed away peacefully at Palmiet River Farm, Elgin, on Thursday 9th February, 1984. Cremation service will take place St Saviour's Church, Claremont, on Saturday 11th February at 10.00 am. Followed by a private cremation. Arrangements Goodall & Williams, Wasserfall & Hardick; phone 25845 Somerset West.

**NOVEMBER**—Henry, my darling dad, passed away February 7 1984.
Heartaches in the world are many,
But losing you, Daddy, is worse than any.
The gates of memory will never close,
We miss you more than anyone knows.
Fondly remembered by his daughter Myra, son-in-law Richmond, grandchildren Garth, Althea, Delecia and Llewellyn.

**NOVEMBER** — Henry, our loving father, passed away on February 7.
Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent the voice we loved to hear,
Never selfish, always kind,
What a beautiful memory he left behind.
Fondly remembered by his son Ronald, daughter-in-law Agnes and his grandchildren Neil, Wendy-Anne, Mark and Robin.

**NOVEMBER** — Henry, age 89, of 12 Dirk Adams Road, Newfields (previously of 36 Gray St, Cape Town), passed away peacefully on 7 February. Fondly remembered by his loving wife Elizabeth, sons Leslie, Bertram, Ronald and Melvyn, daughters Myra and Joan, sons-in-law Richmond and Charleton, daughter-in-law Agnes and grandchildren. Viewing and prayers at residence at 9 15 am; service at the Volks Kerk van Afrika, Belgravia at 10.30 am on Saturday 11 February. Thence to Maitland Cemetry No 2 gate 6.
I need Thee every hour, most Gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

## IN MEMORIAM/ YAHRTZEIT

**ALCHIN**

DORIS 10 Feb 1935, Sonny.

**BARENDS** — In loving memory of my dear husband and our father who passed away suddenly on February 10th 1983.
Gone are the days we used to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.
In God's care you rest above,
In our hearts you rest with love.
Heartaches in this world are many,
But loosing you was worst than any.
Deeply missed and always remembered by your wife Florence, children, children-in-law and grandchildren.

**CARD** — Treasured are our memories of Beverley who passed away 11 years ago today.
A time to remember, so sad to recall
We wish your absence was only a dream.
Always remembered by Mommy and sister Daylene.

**CARTER** — Doris, our mother, passed away February 10 1982.
Our greatest wish would be today
To have you back the same old way
To hear your voice, to see your smile
To look at you for just a while
Behind our smile there is a tear
For one we've lost and loved so dear.
Sadly missed by Barbara and Fred Lourens
RIP.

**CARTER** — Doris. In loving memory of a very dear mother.
Although we are apart, the gates of memory will never close.
Will always be remembered by your loving son Malcolm, and Joy.

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## 1 Births

**GIBSON.** — To Nico and Denise (nee Shearer), a lovely daughter, born on February 5, 1984. Thanks to wonderful gynaecologist and staff at The Mowbray.

**LABIA.** — To Sylvia and Natale (Luccio) a son, and brother for Antonia, born on February 8, 1984, at the Mowbray Maternity Hospital. Thanks to doctors and staff.

**OETTLE.**— To Theo and Pat (nee Lawson) a daughter, and sister for Robert, born February 9, 1984 at The Kingsbury. Special thanks to gynaecologist and staff.

**RAKOFF.** — To Eugene and Lyane (nee Sidis), a daughter born on February 9, 1984 at The Somerset Hospital. Both well. Thanks to gynaecologist, doctors and staff.

**RODGERS.** — To Andy and Jacqui (nee Meskin), a daughter and sister to Shawn and Mark, born on February 8, at City Park. All well. Thanks to gynaecologist and staff.

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**JENKINS.** — Thomas Arnot, passed away peacefully on February 8. 1984. Deeply mourned by Marjorie Jenkins. Funeral service on Friday, February 10, at Christ Church, Constantia, at 2.30pm. Private cremation. Arrangements Goodall & Williams, Wasserfall & Hardick. Phone 47 1150.

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**MATTHEWS.** — Hymy, passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 7. Deeply mourned by his loving wife Lily, daughters Eunice, Roslyn and Marcia, sons-in-law Len, Richard and

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| Letter to N. Gubb, 103 Clairwood, Kenilworth 7700, Cape Town, So. Africa, on Thos. Witheridge Gubb | | Log 625<br>7/18/84 | W130 | Gubb + [illegible] |
| Letter to N. Gubb, 12 Lincuden, Wynberg 7700, Cape Town, So. Africa, on Thos. Witheridge Gubb | | Log 625<br>7/18/84 | W131 | " |
| Letter 7/28/84 from Margaret Gubb, Cape Town, So. Africa, replying to my letter [W131] to N. Gubb | | Log 631<br>7/28/84 | W132 | " |
| Letter 8/8/84 to Margaret Gubb about my Witheridge ancestry + her husband's Witheridge-Gubb pedigree [See W132] | | Log 632<br>8/8/84 | W133 | " |
| Letter 8/27/84 from Margaret Gubb about Thos. W. Gubb family + enclosing pedigree chart | | Log 637<br>8/27/84 | W134 | " |
| Pedigree of Witheridge of Berry Narbor + Combe Martin and descent of Gubb Family (Margaret Gubb) | | Log 637<br>8/27/84 | W135 (a) + (b) | " |
| Letter from Donald W. Couch, Victoria, B.C., about his ancestor, Agnes Witheridge (m. Wm. Baker, Feb. 11, 1710) | | Log 683<br>12/5/84 | W136 | [illegible] |
| Preliminary Witheridge Pedigree of Berrynarbor + Combe Martin | | Log 732<br>5/1/85 | W137 | |

# Editor's Note

The first Witheridge-related documents in this folder, including some numbers in the "De" (Devon) series and one in the "W" (Witheridge) series, pertain to Anne and David Stratton. After document De31(b) there are three one-family records made by DEW, followed by document W285. (Note that there is an additional W285 elsewhere in the Witheridge documents, pertaining to the New Jersey Witheridge branch. This use of the same number twice appears to have been an error by DEW — the only time I have run across an error of this particular type.)

After the Stratton material, the regularly numbered documents in the "W" (Witheridge) series resume, starting with W122.

Tom Witheridge
Nov. 11, 2021

De31(a)
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Hill Farm
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[DE32(a)]

19-7-1982

Dear Mr Witheridge,

One of the most rewarding occupations, I, find, is re-reading old family history magazines after a successful sleuthing holiday.

I came back from Devon with several new names added to my family tree, & on re-reading the October 1980 edition of the Devon Family Historian, five of your family names fairly leaped from the page at me.

My mother's maiden name was Kidwell, & after a lengthy search I found her grandfather's family in Shirwell, N. Devon. I have been tracing all the lines back, where I could find them, and they now include the names Witheridge (or Woothridg) Muggeridge, Ley, Blackmore & Symons.

As you will see from my enclosed family tree they are "early" names, the Witheridges coming from Hartland, the Ley's from East Devon, the Blackmore's from Kentisbury (& 'my' branch migrated to Shirwell) and the Symons & Muggeridges were in Shirwell.

I have added the dates of the earliest marriage in each line as a guide — and as a convenience the months are numbered from January in spite of the fact that all the dates given are before the calendar change in 1751.

Coming up to date, David & I were married in Rugby in 1960, & our children Cynthia (Cindy) & Chris are 20 years & 18 years respectively.

I enclose international reply coupons & an addressed envelope, & hope in due course to hear from you. I do hope that at least one of the lines of my family will coincide with one of yours. If we do happen to be cousins, and it would interest you, I will let you have the tree in greater detail.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

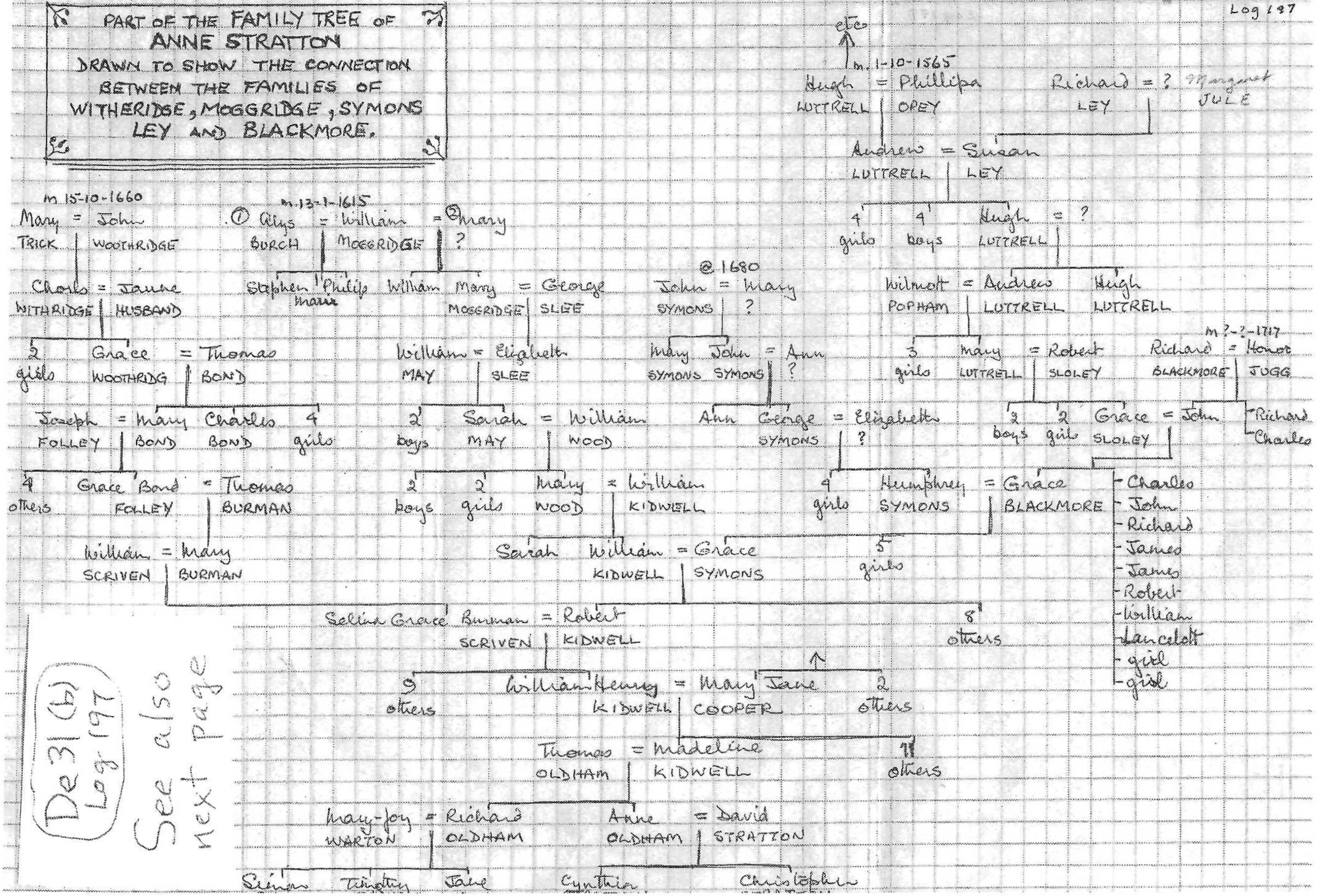
Anne Stratton.

(Mrs. David P.)

DE 31(b)
Log 197

# PART OF THE FAMILY TREE OF ANNE STRATTON

DRAWN TO SHOW THE CONNECTION
BETWEEN THE FAMILIES OF
WITHERIDGE, MOGGRIDGE, SYMONS
LEY AND BLACKMORE.


etc
m. 1-10-1565
Hugh = Phillipa
LUTTRELL | OPEY
Richard = ? Margaret
LEY
JULE
Andrew = Susan
LUTTRELL | LEY
4 girls
4 boys
Hugh = ?
LUTTRELL
Wilmott = Andrew
POPHAM | LUTTRELL
Hugh
LUTTRELL
3 girls
Mary = Robert
LUTTRELL | SLOLEY
m ?-?-1717
Richard = Honor
BLACKMORE | JUGG
2 boys
2 girls
Grace = John
SLOLEY
Richard
Charles
Charles
John
Richard
James
James
Robert
William
Lancelott
girl
girl
m 15-10-1660
Mary = John
TRICK | WOOTHRIDGE
Charles = Jaune
WITHRIDGE | HUSBAND
2 girls
Grace = Thomas
WOOTHRIDG | BOND
Joseph = Mary
FOLLEY | BOND
Charles
BOND
4 girls
4 others
Grace Bond = Thomas
FOLLEY | BURMAN
William = Mary
SCRIVEN | BURMAN
m. 13-1-1615
① Alys = William = ② Mary
BURCH | MOGGRIDGE | ?
Stephen
Philip
Mary
William
Mary = George
MOGGRIDGE | SLEE
William = Elizabeth
MAY | SLEE
2 boys
Sarah = William
MAY | WOOD
2 boys
2 girls
Mary = William
WOOD | KIDWELL
Sarah
William = Grace
KIDWELL | SYMONS
5 girls
@ 1680
John = Mary
SYMONS | ?
Mary
SYMONS
John = Ann
SYMONS | ?
Ann
George = Elizabeth
SYMONS | ?
9 girls
Humphrey = Grace
SYMONS | BLACKMORE
Selina Grace Burman = Robert
SCRIVEN | KIDWELL
8 others
9 others
William Henry = Mary Jane
KIDWELL | COOPER
2 others
Thomas = Madeline
OLDHAM | KIDWELL
11 others
Mary-Joy = Richard
WARTON | OLDHAM
Anne = David
OLDHAM | STRATTON
Simon
Timothy
Jane
Cynthia
Christopher

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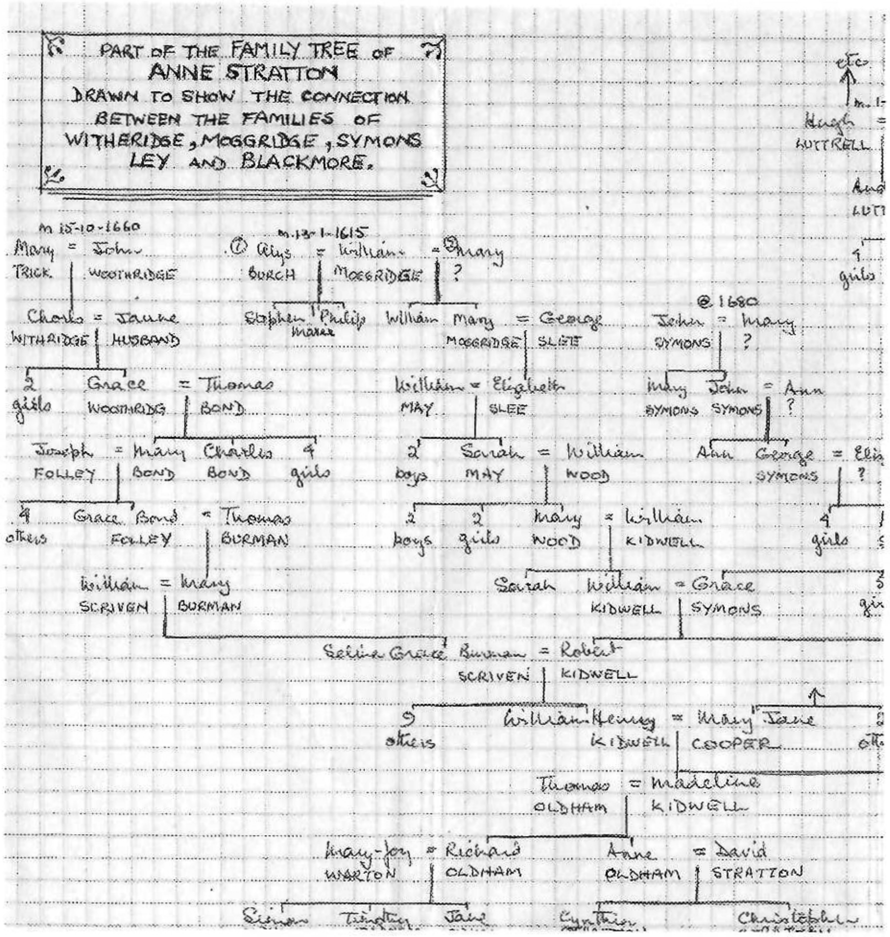
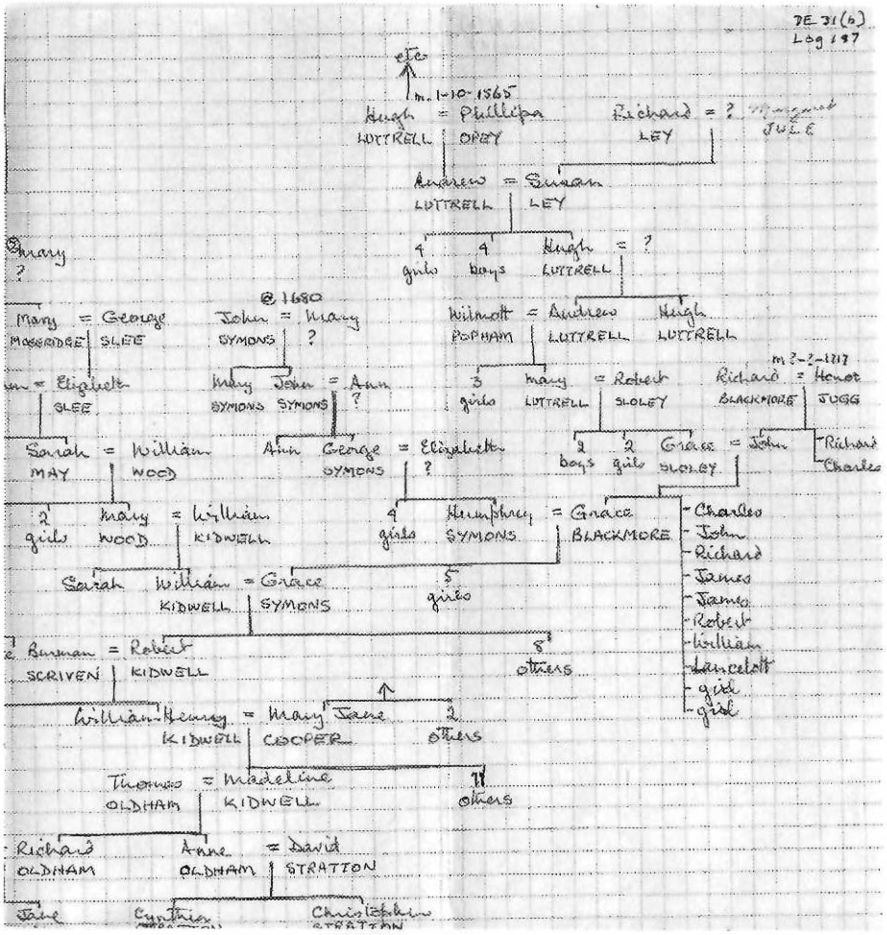

PART OF THE FAMILY TREE OF
ANNE STRATTON
DRAWN TO SHOW THE CONNECTION
BETWEEN THE FAMILIES OF
WITHERIDGE, MOGGRIDGE, SYMONS
LEY AND BLACKMORE.

m 15-10-1660
Mary TRICK = John WOOTHRIDGE
m.13-1-1615
① Alys BURCH = William MOGGRIDGE = ② Mary ?
Charles WITHRIDGE = Jaune HUSBAND
Stephen
Philip maker
William
Mary MOGGRIDGE = George SLEE
@ 1680
John SYMONS = Mary ?
2 girls
Grace WOOTHRIDG = Thomas BOND
William MAY = Elizabeth SLEE
Mary SYMONS
John SYMONS = Ann ?
Joseph FOLLEY = Mary BOND
Charles BOND
4 girls
2 boys
Sarah MAY = William WOOD
Ann
George SYMONS = Eli
4 others
Grace Bond FOLLEY = Thomas BURMAN
2 boys
2 girls
Mary WOOD = William KIDWELL
4 girls
William SCRIVEN = Mary BURMAN
Sarah
William KIDWELL = Grace SYMONS
Selina Grace Burman SCRIVEN = Robert KIDWELL
9 others
William Henry KIDWELL = Mary Jane COOPER
Thomas OLDHAM = Madeline KIDWELL
Mary-Joy WARTON = Richard OLDHAM
Anne OLDHAM = David STRATTON
Simon
Timothy
Jane
Cynthia
Christopher
etc
m. 1-
Hugh LUTTRELL
4 girls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etc
m. 1-10-1565
Hugh LUTTRELL = Phillipa OPEY
Richard LEY = ? Margaret JULE
Andrew LUTTRELL = Susan LEY
4 girls
4 boys
Hugh LUTTRELL = ?
② Mary ?
@ 1680
Mary MOGGRIDGE = George SLEE
John SYMONS = Mary ?
Willmott POPHAM = Andrew LUTTRELL
Hugh LUTTRELL
= Elizabeth SLEE
Mary SYMONS
John SYMONS = Ann ?
3 girls
Mary LUTTRELL = Robert SLOLEY
m 3-2-1717
Richard BLACKMORE = Honor JUGG
Sarah MAY = William WOOD
Ann
George SYMONS = Elizabeth ?
2 boys
2 girls
Grace SLOLEY = John
Richard
Charles
2 girls
Mary WOOD = William KIDWELL
4 girls
Humphrey SYMONS = Grace BLACKMORE
Charles
John
Richard
James
James
Robert
William
Lancelott
girl
girl
Sarah
William KIDWELL = Grace SYMONS
5 girls
Burman SCRIVEN = Robert KIDWELL
8 others
William Henry KIDWELL = Mary Jane COOPER
2 others
Thomas OLDHAM = Madeline KIDWELL
11 others
Richard OLDHAM
Anne OLDHAM = David STRATTON
Jane
Cynthia STRATTON
Christopher STRATTON

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname BOND Family No.

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**
Thomas BOND(a)(b)(c)
Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:
Date Place
Birth
Marriage Sept. 21, 1727 - Hartland, Devon (a)
Death
Other Places of Residence:
Other Wives:

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**
Grace WITHERIDGE(b)(c)(d)
Father's Name:
Charles WITHERIDGE(b)(d)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Jane HUSBAND(b)(d)
Date Place
Birth [Bapt. Jan. 23, 1700 - Hartland, Devon] (d)
Death
Other Places of Residence:
Other Husbands:

order ?
**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**
Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Mary(b)(c)
Married to
Joseph FOLLEY(b)(c)
Birth
Marriage 1766 (c)
Death

Anne Stratton
Philip Nicholas

2 Charles (b)
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

3 [Dau.] (b)
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

4 [Dau.] (b)
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

5 [Dau.] (b)
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

6 [Dau.] (b)
Married to
Birth
Marriage

7
Married to

From other side:
(a) Int. Gen. Index; Doc. W92 - Log 198
(b) Inf. from Anne Stratton; Doc. 31 (B) - Log 197
(c) Inf. from Philip J. Nicholas; Doc. W123 - Log 606
(d) Hartland Parish Reg. (LDS Archive Record); Doc. W36 - Log 29

8
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

9
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

10
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname WITHERIDGE Family No.

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**

Charles WITHERIDGE (a)[1]

Father's Name:
John WITHERIDGE (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Mary TRICK (a)

Date Place
Birth [Bapt. Mar. 29, 1663 - Hartland, Devon] (a)
Marriage Apr. 15, 1700 - Hartland, Devon (a)(c)[2]
Death
Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**

Jane HUSBAND (a)[3]

Father's Name:
John

Mother's Maiden Name:
Grace Hamlin

Date Place
Birth June 4, 1667
Death

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Grace (a)[4]
Married to Thomas BOND (b)(c)
Birth [Bapt. Jan. 23, 1700 - Hartland] (a)[2]
Marriage Sept. 21, 1727 - Hartland (c) age 27
Death

2 Sarah (a)[5]
Married to Thomas RENDLE (a)[6]
Birth [Bapt. Feb. 16, 1703 - Hartland] (a)[5]
Marriage Sept. 17, 1729 - Hartland (a)(c) age 26
Death

3 Mary (a)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Oct. 22, 1706 - Hartland] (a)
Marriage
Death

4
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

5
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

6
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

7
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

8
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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9
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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(a) Hartland Parish Reg. (LDS Archive Record); Doc. W36-Log 29

(b) Inf. from Anne Stratton; Doc. DE 31(b)-Log 197

(c) Int. Gen. Index (LDS-Salt Lk. City); Doc. W92-Log 198

1- Labourer (a); given as Charls Withridge by (b) and Charles Withridge by (c)

2- Note discrepancy; possibly Jan. 23, 1700/1 (D.E.W.)

3- Given as Janne Husband by (b)

4- Given as Grace Woothridg by (b)

5- Given as Sarah, dau. of Charles Weotheridg, bapt. Feb. 16, 1704, by (c)

6- Listed twice in (c), once as Reyndle and once as Rendle; also listed in (c), apparently with wrong date, as marriage of Sarah Witheridge to Thomas Randle on Sept. 17, 1749, in Hartland.

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname WITHERIDGE Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
John WITHERIDGE (a)(b)[1]
Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Mary TRICK (a)(b)(c)
Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Marriage | Oct. 15, 1660 | Hartland, Devon (a)(b) |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Charles (a)[2] | Birth | [Bapt. Mar. 29, 1663 - Hartland] (a) | |
| | Married to Jane HUSBAND (a)[3] | Marriage | Apr. 15, 1700 - Hartland (a)(b)[4] | age 37 |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 5 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 6 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 7 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | See also next page → |
| | | Death | | |
| 8 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 9 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 10 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |

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(a) Hartland Parish Reg. (LDS Archive Record); Doc. W35 - Log 29

(b) Int. Geneal. Index (LDS, Salt Lk. City); Doc. W92 - Log 198; Doc. W114 - Log 574

(c) Inf. from Anne Stratton; Doc. DE 31(b) - Log 197

1 - Given as John Woothridge by (c)

2 - Given as Charls Withridge by (c)

3 - Given as Janne Husband by (c)

4 - Entry in I.G.I.: "Witmeridge, Charls mar. Jaone Hosbana or Hosaand, 1 Apr. 1700, Hartland." [Doc. W114] (b)

Note: This document number was also used by DEW elsewhere in the Witheridge documents, See the editor's note at the beginning of folder 1.63d.

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Witheridge Witherydge

Husband

Bond Trick

Rendle

Folley

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## Hartland - Marriages

1660 15 Oct. Withtheridge [sic], John + Marie Trick

1700 15 Apr. Wootheridg, Chorls, labourer, + Jaune Husband

1727 21 Sept. Bond, Thomas + Grace Witheridge

1729 17 Sept. Reyndle, Thomas + Sarah Witheridge

## Baptisms

1663 29 Mar. Withridge, Charles, s. of John + Mary

1700/01 23 Jan. Wootheridg, Grace, d. of Chorls, labourer

1703/4 16 Feb. Wootheridg, Sarath, d. of Chorls, labourer

1706 22 Oct. Wootheridg, Mary, d. of Chorls

## Burials

1687 24 Sept. Witheridge, Mary
1692 18 Sept. Whithridge, John
1723 8 Dec. Wotheridg, Jann

1744 6 Nov. Witheridge, alias Budd, Charles

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Mary Trick: 153, 156, 166, 205, 226, 232, 238
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Baptisms

1629 12 Apr. Tricke, Marye, d. of Peter
1632 22 Apr. Tricke, Agnes, d. of Peter of Galsam
1632 3 July Tricke, Mary, d. of Peter of Hollowford

? 1641 21 Nov. Tricke, Mary, d. of John

Marriages

1658 21 Nov. Bonde, Abraham + Mary Trick (b. 1629?) age 29?
1660 15 Oct. Withtheridge [sic.], John + Marie Trick (b. 1632?) age 28?

1666 13 Jan. Deyman, William + Mary Trick (b. 1641?) age 24?

1678 6 June Galsworthy, John, + Mary Tricke

1731 7 June Harvey, William + Mary Trick

Burials

1736 26 Oct. Trick, John, s. of Abraham + Mary

Marriages (only one Peter Trick)

1617 21 July Trick, Peter + Annes Bariman

Baptisms

1618 25 Mar. William, s. of Peter
1620 19 Nov. Nicholas, s. of Peter + Annes
1623 30 Mar. Lawrence, s. of Peter
1626 25 June, ———, s. of Peter

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## Baptisms (cont.)

1628 (? 5mos.) 22 Nov. Tricke, William, s. of Peter

1629 12 Apr. Tricke, Marge, d. of Peter

1632 22 Apr. Tricke, Agnes, d. of Peter of Galsam

1632 3 July. Tricke, Mary, d. of Peter of Hollowford

1633 28 July Tricke, Rossacleere, s. of Peter

1636/7 5 Mar. Tricke, Willmett, d. of Peter de Hollaverd (see Mar. p. 37)

1640 1 Nov. Trick, Anne, d. of Peter

1641 21 Nov. Tricke, Mary, d. of John

1643 22 Oct. Tricke, Grace, d. of Peter de Thorne

## Marriages

1680/1 2 Feb Bockler, William + Wilmott Trick (age 44)

Jane (Jana, Jaune) Husband: 42✓, 172, 141, 170, 179✓, 180✓,
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1656/7 7 Mar. Hugband, Jane, d. of Daniell + Grace
1667 4 June Husband, Jane, d. of John

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Burials

1664 2 Oct. Huzband, Richard, s. of John
1664 8 Oct. Huzband, Jane, w. of John

Marriages

1665 24 July Husband, John + Grace Hamlinne

1652/3 17 Feb Husband, John + Jane Bate

194, 215, 217, 219, 221, 225*, 228, 239
Thomas Bond: 42, 49, 54 - -- - 241, 243*, 245, 246, 249,
251, 255 - -- 437, 439, 446, 449* - - -
Grace Bond: 408, 437*, 453

Baptisms

1729 17 Aug. Bond, Charles, s. of Thomas + Grace
1731/2 3 Mar. Bond, Jane, d. of Thomas + Grace
1733/4 8 Feb. Bond, Grace, d. of Thomas + Grace
1735/6 22 Mar. Bond, Jane, d. of Thomas + Grace
1738 12 May Bond, Grace, d. of Thomas + Grace
1740/1 29 Jan. Bond, Mary, d. of Thomas + Grace

Burials

1734/5 30 Jan. Bond, Grace, d. of Thomas + Grace
1734/5 21 Feb. Bond, Grace, d. of Thomas + Grace

Probably one of these was Jane

1763 19 Apr. Bond, Grace
1750 19 Oct. Bond, Thomas, gardiner
1755 18 May Bond, Thomas
1756 15 June Bond, Thomas de Harton
1775 5 July Bond, Thomas

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Joseph Folley: 59 ✓, 63 ✓, 272 ✓, 274 ✓, 277 ✓, 282 ✓, 284* ✓, 285 ✓,
289 ✓, 319 ✓, 459 ✓, 483 ✓

## Marriages

1766 2 Dec. Folley, Joseph + Mary Bond
1780 24 July Folley, Joseph + Mary Berriman

## Baptisms

1767 3 May Folley, Grace, d. of Joseph + Mary
1770 18 Mar. Folly, Mary, d. of Joseph + Mary
1772 5 Apr. Folly, John, s. of Joseph + Mary
1777 9 Mar. Folly, Richard, s. of Joseph + Mary
1779 13 June Folly, Joseph, s. of Joseph + Mary
1779 18 July Folly, William, s. of William + Judith
1780 30 Jan. Folly, Joseph, s. of William + Susanna
1783 12 Sept. Elizabeth, Folly, d. of Joseph + Elizabeth
1809 8 Oct. Folly, Joseph, s. of Peter + Grace

## Burials

1780 11 Apr. Folly, Mary
1781 1 June Folly, Joseph
1831 24 July Folley, Joseph, aged 87

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323,, 326, 335, 338*

Sarah Randle: – – – – 438, 445, 463, 479

## Marriages

1811 21 Sept. Randal, Thomas + Ann Collins

?

## Baptisms

1729/30 1 Jan. Randle, Mary, d. of Thomas + Sarah
1732/3 22 Mar. Rayndole, Thomas, s. of Thomas + Sarah
1738/9 1 Jan. Randle, Sarah, d. of Thomas + Sarah
1743 29 May Randle, William, s. of Thomas + Sarah
1786/7 22 Jan. Randal, Thomas, s. of James + Elizabeth

Thomas Burman: ✓241, 322, ✓436
Grace Burman: ✓60, ✓69, 455
Grace Folley: ✓267, 272, 295, 310, 312, 316, 319, 323, 324, 472

## Marriages

1771 1 Apr. Pearse, John + Grace Burman
1802 2 Mar. Folley, Peter + Grace Burman

## Baptisms

1732 27 Mar. Burman, Thomas, s. of Abraham + Elizabeth
1762 26 Feb. Folley, Jane + Grace, twins of Willm. + Eliz.

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Burials

1734 26 Apr. Burman, Thomas
1767 3 Dec. Burman, Grace
1815 18 July Folley, Grace, w. of Peter

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Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
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August 12, 1982

Mrs. D. P. Stratton
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Brinklow, Nr. Rugby
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[DE 31(a)]
[DE 32(b)]

Dear "Cousin" Anne:

I was greatly intrigued to receive your letter with all its information about your ancestry and the family lines through which we might be connected.

Your letter arrived while we were away on a 3½-week trip, so I have just now had time to consider it. So far my investigation has turned up only one of the lines — Lay — where we seem quite likely to be related.

As you see, I am sending you copies of my family group sheets that show where I think your Lay ancestry and mine tie together. Suzanna Lay, b. Sept 10, 1578, seems to be the Susan, daughter of Richard of East Down, you show on your chart. Do you agree?

My own line back to this Richard Lay is somewhat ambiguous, but I think that eventually I'll be able to establish it. My 5-great grandfather, William Withridge, married Rebecca Lay in Combe Martin on July 20, 1723. Rebecca was baptized July 2, 1696, in Combe Martin and was the daughter of William and Joan Lay.

The Combe Martin Parish Registers are missing from 1636 to 1667, so I am going to have to hunt elsewhere for evidence, but I believe this William Lay was the 2-great grandson of Richard and Margaret (Jule) Lay of East Down. If my assumptions are correct, you are the 10th cousin of my father and my 10th cousin once removed.

As I said, there doesn't seem to be an obvious connection between us in any of the other lines, but further work by both of us may uncover such a tie.

My Witheridge ancestry goes back to Thomas Witheridge, who was baptized in Berrynarbor on Feb. 12, 1555. He was probably the son of Nicholas and Mary (Gover) Witheridge. On Oct. 8, 1580, in Berrynarbor Thomas married Johan Mogridge, but I have no further information about her parentage.

My 4-great grandparents were William and Mary (Symons) Witheridge. They were married July 10, 1749, in Combe Martin. Mary, the daughter of George and Eleanor Symons, was baptized in Combe Martin July 19, 1727.

Another of my 4-great grandfathers was Robert Blackmore, who was baptized in Combe Martin on Aug. 21, 1715. His father, Robert, however, was baptized in East Down Aug 27, 1675, and he was the son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Blackmore. It's possible, of course, that Nicholas was related in some way to your Blackmore family in Kentisbury.

I can't take the time now to give you more information about my own family tree, but perhaps some time in the future I can do so. I am a Baptist minister, but before my retirement 2½ years ago, I was the full-time executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for 29 years. My wife Elizabeth was a teacher before our marriage, but more recently has been the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons: Jim, 35, and Tom, 34. Elizabeth and I have had two wonderful trips to Britain — the first for nearly three months in 1976 and the second for two months in 1980.

Thank you for writing. I hope to hear from you again.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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[see Christine Shields, 833 + 845] Kentisbury

Hill Farm
Brinklow
nr. Rugby
Warwicks

[DE32(a)]
[DE62]

25-9-1982.

Dear Cousin David,

Thank you very much for your letter, and for the family charts you so kindly enclosed with it. The delay in my reply is due in part to my summer holiday, and to the fact that I rather wished the world would stop & let me get off for a bit. The annual summer chaos of having our children & their friends coming & going throughout the school holidays, (they were both at boarding school), & our friends visiting from far & near, as well as my part time job as an Occupational Therapist having banished all thoughts of genealogy until now.

Regarding the Ley family; your Susanna, daughter of Richard & Margaret sounds like my Susan, her fathers will of 1628, & the date of your Richards death in 1629/30 sounds about right. The discovery of my Susan came with a ready made pedigree chart of the Luttrell family. I had worked my way back through the Kentisbury regs. & B.Ts and got stuck with the Andrew Luttrell who married Wilmott Popham; the earliest register of Kentisbury having been lost, & the B.T's very fragmentary. A member of the Exeter R.O. staff noticing the name Luttrell in my note book helpfully told me that it was the name of the Dunster Castle people. I was able to look them up in Burkes Landed Gentry once I got home, and noted a "younger son" who was described as being the "ancestor of the Kentisbury branch of the family." This I chased, & I enclose a copy of the relevant sheet showing the Luttrell/Ley marriage & descent to my Andrew in the Kentisbury marriage register.

I am hoping to establish an annual one weeks holiday in Devon with frequent visits to the R.O. However my genealogical progress is slow, the Luttrell pedigree being in the nature of a bonanza, most of my family revealing themselves reluctantly, & after much effort on my part! You have made so much progress with your family & I wonder if you have had incredible luck, or whether it was through dogged single-minded dedication? Also, you having arrived well back into the C16, I would be interested to know if you have managed to do your research solely by using parish registers or if you have tackled the more obscure records, such as the Manor Court Rolls, & the various tax returns, it is an area that I am approaching, with much trepidation, I might say.

I agree that the Wittridge lines are probably unconnected, but it is possible that there might be links with the Blackmores & Symons, & even the Mogridges — they were not in Shirwell for long, & must have come from somewhere in the area. You may have noticed that Combe Martin, Berrynarbo, Kentisbury, East Down & Shirwell are all on — or only just off — the same road.

My Blackmores — (Richard) Robert & Honour had their children baptised in Kentisbury, but their marriage was not in the register — nor either of their baptisms. By sheer chance I looked through some old notes I took about a couple of years ago in the Society of Genealogists in London & found their marriage in East Down in 1717. The date is wrong for your Robert, whose son was baptised in 1715 — which is a pity — but they may have been cousins. I had spent some time copying Blackmore entries in any N. Devon parishes I came across, & wondered at the time if I would ever make use of them; it obviously was worth while.

The Symons were a very prolific family thorought (thats the second time I've misspelt that word!) throughout N. Devon, & I shall look for links between our families there too. A pattern is emerging in my family of a drift south over the years, and the locations of your family in Berrynarbo & Combe Martin gives me a clue as to where to continue my search.

My family has been Church of England on all lines except perhaps one. I have had abysmal luck tracing one branch of my fathers family in South Wales, & hope to look at the chaple records on my next visit. I met the minister there on the last day of my last holiday in the area, & he remembers a family who could be the one I am looking for.

Please give my salutations to Elizabeth, and to my eleventh cousins Jim & Tom. I note that you haven't been to England for 2 years, & wonder if you are planning another visit, if so, there will be a welcome for you & Elizabeth if you would care to spend a few days with us.

10th cousin twice removed

With best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

Anne Stratton.

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U. S. A.
May 25, 1984

[DE32(6)]
[DE63]

Dear Anne, STRATTON

I have just discovered a fifth cousin of yours, Philip J. Nicholas of West Glamorgan. As you see from his letter and chart enclosed, he is a descendant of Thomas Bond and Grace Witheridge. He wrote me asking if I knew anything about Grace's family, so I assume he has not been in touch with you. I sent him your address and a copy of the chart you sent me, so he will probably write to you.

As his address is on his letter, perhaps you will want to write to him and tell him what you know about the family. I would imagine that each of you knows much that the other would like to know.

I notice that I never answered your second letter of September, 1982. Apparently, I had nothing more to add at that time, and then I got involved in the many other lines I am working on — both mine and my wife's.

There are several items in your letter I'd like to refer to. You mention the 1628 will of Richard Fry, Susan's father. It is also mentioned in the page you sent of Luttrell information from the Visitations of Devon. Have you ever tried to get a copy of that will? I'd very much like to see it if it is still in existence.

Regarding the Blackmores of Kentisbury, I had a letter last November from Mrs. Christine Vialls, whose husband has an ancestor, Sally Blackmore, born in Kentisbury in 1811. Her parents were Robert and Betty (Fry) Blackmore. Mrs. Vialls has done a great deal of work on the Blackmores of Kentisbury and nearby towns, and she might know how her husband's family ties into yours. Her address is 30 Red Post Hill, London SE24 9JQ.

My main good fortune in tracing my ancestry back so far is that my father's family lived for 300 years in the neighboring towns of Berrynarbor and Combe Martin. I began some twenty years ago with information from the Combe Martin Parish Register through correspondence with the rector. Then on each of our two trips to England we spent several days at the Devon Record Office using primarily the Combe Martin and Berrynarbor Bishop's Transcripts. More recently I've been able to use the Mormon microfilm copies of the Berrynarbor, East Down, and other Parish Registers, as well as the International Genealogical Index of the Mormons.

Over the years I've used many other kinds of records and have been lucky to find a few relatives here and there, like you, who could add important bits of information. I now have identified 19 family lines in that small part of Devon from which I am descended. Those 19 families married into 113 other families in that vicinity, with whom I am thus related in some way or another.

I would love to be able to use the Manor Court Rolls, but I understand they are hard to locate, and I am too far away anyway. If you can give me any advice on this, I'd be very grateful. Devon wills also seem to be few and far between because of the bombing of Exeter in the war. And I don't seem to know how to find and use land records as we can over here. So I keep hoping that more and more records will come to light and be made available for genealogists.

Now I must close, and I hope to hear from you again.

Yours sincerely,

David

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Hill Farm
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[DE62]

12-6-84

Dear David,

It was nice to hear from you again, thank you for your letter, and for sending on Philip Nicholas' letter & family tree. His letter to me arrived hot-foot the day after I got yours.

I've written to him with the tree as I envisage it & passed on the problems too, together with the information I have gleaned so far. It will be interesting to hear his comments.

It is encouraging to find a cousin who is interested in the family - most of my parents cousins are a little on the secretive side & cannot understand why I want to rake up the past - it makes me wonder what there is to hide!

Please don't apologise for not answering my last letter. I know only too well how one can become side tracked & swept full Tilt into another branch of the family. I have to admit that I've quite neglected my N. Devon family recently - & haven't chased up Richard Ley's will. I will write to the Devon R.O. & if it is in existence, or if they have recorded the main facts, I'll let you have a copy.

My husband, David, & I have both corresponded with Christine Vialls, David about his family of Viall, & I about the Blackmores — & we have established a link, and have also found a mutual cousin who lives in Bristol & whom David & I have met on several occasions — a real bonus to our hobby in this instance.

Having ancestors who stayed put is undoubtedly an advantage as David appreciates. Mine had itchy feet, & moved about quite irratically with no concideration at all for their descendant who is trying to locate them.

When Davids Aunt died 6 years ago as the last remaining child of her generation, the house was cleared & we were given a big box of documents that were found at the last minute in the hay loft over the stables. They were nearly thrown away but rescued as perhaps being of interest to us. They consisted of over 200 parchment sheets of tenants copies of the local Manor Court Roll, dated from the 1640's to 1850's! mostly the transfer of copyhold land, either by inheritance or sale. In the case of inheritance the will of the defceaced tenant was quoted & some genealogical details appended. The land concerned was minutely identified. i.e. "that meadow bounded on the north by land tenanted by Joe Bloggs, the South by Little Brook, & East by the meadow called long furlong owned by A.N. Other esq, & on the west by High Wood." etc. They all concerned the family, often coming down through the women on their marriage. We extracted the information, & have deposited, all but 2 small documents in the Aylesbury RO on permanent loan. We had the two we kept framed & they are on the wall in the morning room; they mention a Robert Stratton & are both dated in the 1640's.

Generally, Manor Court Rolls are in private hands, but some are gradually being deposited in R.Os. One of my "source" books quotes the "Register of Manorial Records in public & private hands," kept at the National Register of Archives, Quality House, Quality Court, Chancery Lane, ~~W~~ London W.C.2. If you know which manors are concerned in the areas where your ancestors lived it might be worth an enquiry there.

I'm a bit out of my depth with land records. The Manor Court Rolls seem an obvious source, tho difficult, but there were regular land taxes from 1692-1831 which list the houses, owners & tenants & the tax paid. They should be in the RO's, or one of the London repositories, but I imagine that many of them may have been lost. I believe the only extant records of Devon wills are the extracts which were published before the war. Lets hope Richard Leigh was amongst them.

I don't know if they are available in American genealogical societies or libraries, but the "Victoria County Histories" are a good source for historical details, including local aristocracy & gentry, though they are pretty wordy — Warwickshire's are contained in 6 big volumes! I'm sure you will be familiar with the other records, probably you know much more about them than I do, I've only been at it in anything more than a casual way for about 7 or 8 years.

With my best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
Anne.

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[see DE81]

July 7, 1984

Dear Anne, STRATTON

Just a note to acknowledge your letter, so this time it won't be a year and a half before I answer it.

How wonderful it was for you and David to receive those documents going back to the 1640's! That's the kind of discovery we all dream of but hardly ever achieve.

Thank you for the name of the "Register of Manorial Records in Public and Private Hands" at the National Register of Archives. It so happens that at this point there is a specific manor, the records of which I want to investigate if they are extant.

One of my ancestors was Mary Pine, who married Nicholas Gear in Combe Martin in 1767, but I haven't located Mary's baptismal record. The main seat of the Pine/Pyne family at that time was the Manor of East Down, and I'm hoping that the manorial records might turn up some information about the parents of my Mary. At least it's worth a try.

Yes, I have read the Victoria County Histories and found the Essex history especially helpful regarding one of my wife Elizabeth's family lines: Plume/Plumb. My recollection is that the Victoria history of Devon at the University of Minnesota Library did not include all the volumes or for some other reason was not very useful. I'll have to check this again.

I hope you're lucky with the 1628 will of Richard Ley, but I guess I shouldn't hold out much hope for Devon wills.

Best wishes in your ancestor hunting!

Sincerely,

David

I owe you a letter & will write in the new year. We meet Philip Nicholas regularly & enjoy his company very much. Do hope you both keep well.

De 81
Log 832

1985

With

Best Wishes for Christmas

and the New Year

from Anne Stratton.

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Hill Farm,
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Apr. 22, 1987

Mr & Mrs D.P.Stratton
Hill Farm
Brinklow
Rugby

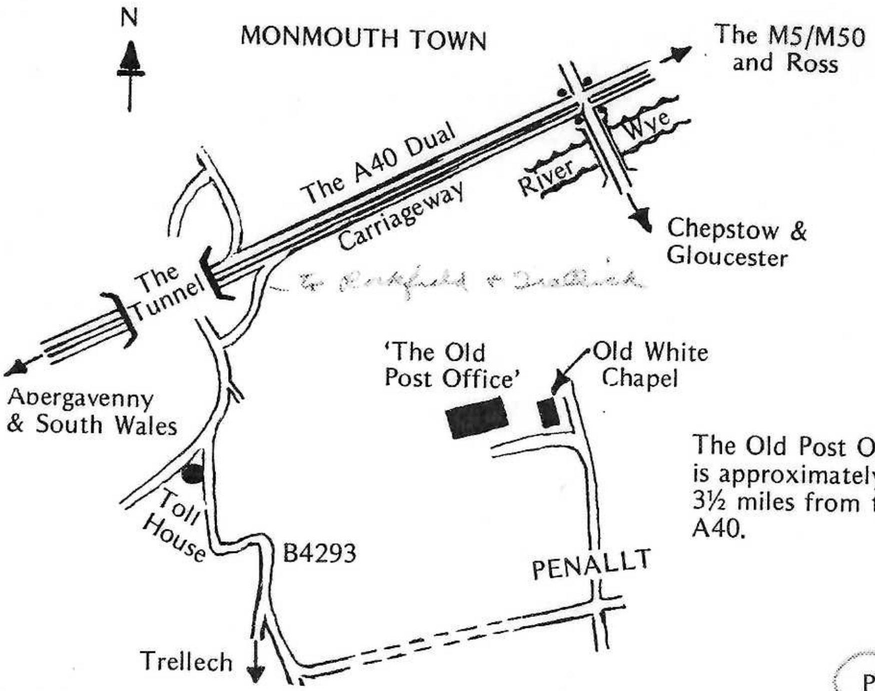
10th cousin once removed ?

Please make a note that our address after 12th May will be:-

THE OLD POST OFFICE
PENALLT
NEAR MONMOUTH
GWENT NP5 4AH
Telephone 0600-5931

Will write later, at the moment we're tripping over packing cases! Best wishes Anne.

PTO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The Old Post Office is approximately 3½ miles from the A40.

PTO

← April 1987 (reverse side)

Please excuse the long silence - we have moved from Brinklow as David was made redundant. We are now enjoying (early) retirement in the beautiful Gwent countryside. I shall always be grateful to you for putting me in touch with Philip Nicholas. He visits us often & we get on very well together. he may only be a 5th cousin, but he's now "one of the family"! Hope all goes well with you & yours, & that you will all have a very happy Christmas. Our daughter Cindy made us grandparents in September - she has a son, Thomas Gary named after 2 grandfathers - hers & her husbands & her husband (Gary.)

Anne.

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With Best Wishes

for Christmas

and the New Year

from Anne Stratton

↑ Dec. 1987

Phone
(Monmouth) 0600-5931

February 9, 1988

Dear Anne and David, Stratton

I think I told you at Christmas time that we are planning a trip to Britain starting about the middle of May. Things are coming together now, and we expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. After about a week in the London area, we'll be hiring a car for three weeks and driving through England, Wales, and Scotland.

First, we'll go to Essex for about three days, where Elizabeth has her Plumb roots. Then we'll visit some Witheridge relatives near Guildford and arrive in Exeter on Wednesday, May 25. On Thursday we'll go to the Record Office and visit the cathedral. On Friday we plan to go to the North Devon Athenaeum at Barnstaple. I understand many North Devon records are being transferred from Exeter to a new building in Barnstaple, but I don't know whether this has actually been accomplished or not. Then, we'll be in the Combe Martin area on Saturday and Sunday.

On Monday, May 30 (the Bank Holiday), we plan to drive to Swindon to stay overnight with my third cousin in the Blackmore line, Marjorie Parker, and her husband Ted. On our way there we might be able to see our friend Dr. Colin Chapman (a genealogist and scientist) at Dursley, about 20 miles north of Bristol.

On Tuesday, May 31, we are driving to Wales to be with my third cousin, Bill Roberts. I don't know yet whether we'll be staying with him in Ynysybwl (near Pontypridd) or in a hotel in Cardiff. We'd like to drop in to see you on the way, if you can arrange to be home that day. We'd probably arrive about 10:30 a.m., and we should leave by about 1:30. We know this is a short visit, but you can see that we are on a very tight schedule to include so many stops in a three-week drive around the country.

Tel. call 2/15/88 - The date of May 31 is OK.
They would like us to stay overnight with them if we can't be with Bill Roberts on May 31.
Turn left at cross roads in Penallt. At war mem. cross & angle in road keep to left. At Old White Chapel turn left.

Please let us know if May 31 will work out all right for you. If it won't, we can try to adjust our itinerary in some way, as we'd certainly like to meet you.

Yours very sincerely,
David & Elizabeth

March 5, 1988

Dear Anne + David,

It was a surprise and a delight to have you telephone us to confirm the date of our visit to Penallt on Tuesday, May 31. We appreciate your prompt response and the warm welcome you conveyed.

Now I want to give you a minor change in our schedule — not in the day, but in the time of our arrival. Due to some other changes I won't go into, we won't be going to Swindon on Monday, May 30, but will be continuing on to Ruthin in North Wales. There we'll spend the night in Ruthin Castle, which has been converted into a hotel. They also have medieval banquets every evening most of the year. One of Elizabeth's ancestors was the Lord Grey of Ruthin, so we'll enjoy the overnight stay.

Unfortunately, the connection to Ruthin Castle turned out to be unfounded.
T.F.W.
Nov. 13, 2021

On Tuesday, May 31, we'll leave Ruthin about 9:00 a.m. and arrive at Penallt about noon. At 2:30 or 3:00 o'clock we'll leave for Cardiff, where we have a reservation at Churchills Hotel. Bill Roberts writes that he expects to have a serious operation shortly, and he is not sure how he will be at the end of May. So we decided to stay in Cardiff where we'll be close and able to visit him without any strain on him.

On Wednesday we'll visit some Witheridge relatives in Llanelli, west of Swansea, then back to Nuneaton, (Hampton Magna) east of Birmingham, for the night. And so our whole trip goes, visiting many relatives and friends and ancestral localities.

Just so I won't forget to tell you, Kim Cook (Mrs. Roy) and her husband will be picking us up at the airport and also returning us there as they did in 1976 and 1980. Her mother was a Witheridge, and Kim is an expert genealogist. We'll be staying with the Cooks a couple of days at the beginning and at the end of our stay, and they will always know where we are in case you need to reach us while we're in Britain. Their address is 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF; Ph. 01-777 6072.

Best wishes,
David + Elizabeth

The Old Post Office Penallt, Monmouth 12-4-88

0600 - 5931

Dear Elizabeth & David,

Thank you so much for your letter & the revised time of arrival. I shall have a light lunch ready for you both, & Philip is arranging to come for the day. Coming from Ruthin, whether you come via Abergavenny or Hereford you will have to use/cross the A40. If via Abergavenny, take the A40 to Monmouth & leave it immediately after the tunnel (signpost Monmouth, Rockfield, Trelleck.) Turn L at the garage & go over the top of the tunnel you've just gone under. If from Hereford get on to the A40 at Dixton roundabout (SE of Monmouth) just & turn R to S. Wales ~~signpost~~ go straight on at the traffic lights (in 700 yards approx) & leave the A40 just before the tunnel which will be in view, signpost Rockfield & Trelleck. From then on the 2 routes merge.

follow signpost to Trelleck until you've climbed the hill and passed the Z bend - carry on climbing & you'll see a small lay-by beside the road on your L, & immediately after take a L fork which is signposted to Penallt, but the post isn't very obvious, follow the road, still climbing, & take the steep bend to the L in a few 100 yards. You are now on what we call the causeway. Continue until you pass the village sign (on the L of the road) which nevertheless is in the middle of the country - you'll see no houses yet. Take the next L turn opposite Whitehouse Farm & follow the narrow lane until it doubles in width. You will then see in about 50 yards a green painted house on the L which is the old P.O. We look forward very much to meeting you both.

I hope you both had a happy Easter. Were your family with you? We had both our children here, plus Cindy's husband Gary & their 6 month old Thomas. It was a great joy to us tho' a bit of a squash & poor Christopher had to sleep on a camp bed downstairs. I'm in the Church choir & we sang a hymn as an anthem - very simple as most of the choir are children - but we coopted a bass, a male tenor & his daughter who sang tenor also, & with 3 altos & the children we felt we'd achieved our aim. We also acquired a new member of the family on Easter Sunday - a small springer spaniel cross, who had been abandoned but dumped in the garden of a couple who run an animal shelter. She's gorgeous & was so good with Thomas, they both lay on the floor & looked at each other! We've called her Sark, & she is already one of the family & most anxious to please us.

We've had such a mild winter this year, & all the hedges & plants are coming into leaf very early & without checks. The birds are nesting & our new nest box is occupied by a couple of very active blue-tits. I have about half my seeds planted, but the other half must be got in fairly soon. Visitors at Easter & last weekend, plus a bad cold don't help much, but the visitors have gone & the cold is going!

(David has just told me to tell you that the "A40" is a dual carriage-way road, but I expect that you will already know that & will be quite familiar with English motoring terminology!)

It just remains to say that we hope you will have a good flight from the U.S.A. & that England (& Wales) will put on a show of really good weather for you. I've noted the address & phone number of the Cooks in Kent so we will contact you there if there is any necessity.

With all good wishes until we meet.

David & Anne

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September 1, 1988

Dear Anne & David,

You're probably wondering why you haven't heard from us since our trip to Britain. The truth is, we're far behind in everything. We arrived home with very bad colds, which lasted several weeks. Then we found they were in the midst of a severe drought and heat wave here, and that continued until very recently. So with our colds and the excessive heat our energy level has been very low. As a result we still haven't finished everything needing to be done after our trip, including a great many letters.

We had a most wonderful time in Britain and accomplished almost everything we had planned. We drove 3,000 miles without a bit of car trouble, and we enjoyed seeing our many relatives and friends. Thank you again for the lovely time we had at your home, including the delicious lunch. We only wish we could have stayed longer. It was especially nice to be able to meet Philip at the same time. We hope these pictures will serve as a pleasant reminder of our visit. I'm sending copies to Philip also.

We hope you are in good health and have had a relaxing summer. We are both fine, now that we are over our colds.

Most sincerely,
David & Elizabeth

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25, SARNFAN,
BAGLAN,
PORT TALBOT,
WEST GLAMORGAN,
U.K.

May 16, 1984

Dear Sir,

I read in the Devon F.H.S. Members' Interests' Index that you are interested in researching the surname WITHERIDGE in the Devonshire area.

My 5x great grandmother was a Grace Witheridge before her marriage in 1727 to Thomas Bond at HARTLAND, in the north of the county.

I was wondering whether in your research you may have come across a family by the same name in the parishes of Hartland or Clovelly? As yet, I have no record of Grace's parents or even of her baptism, but any information you would care to impart would be most warmly welcomed.

Please find enclosed a skeleton outline of my pedigree and an International Coupon for your kind reply.

Yours sincerely,

Philip J. Nicholas.

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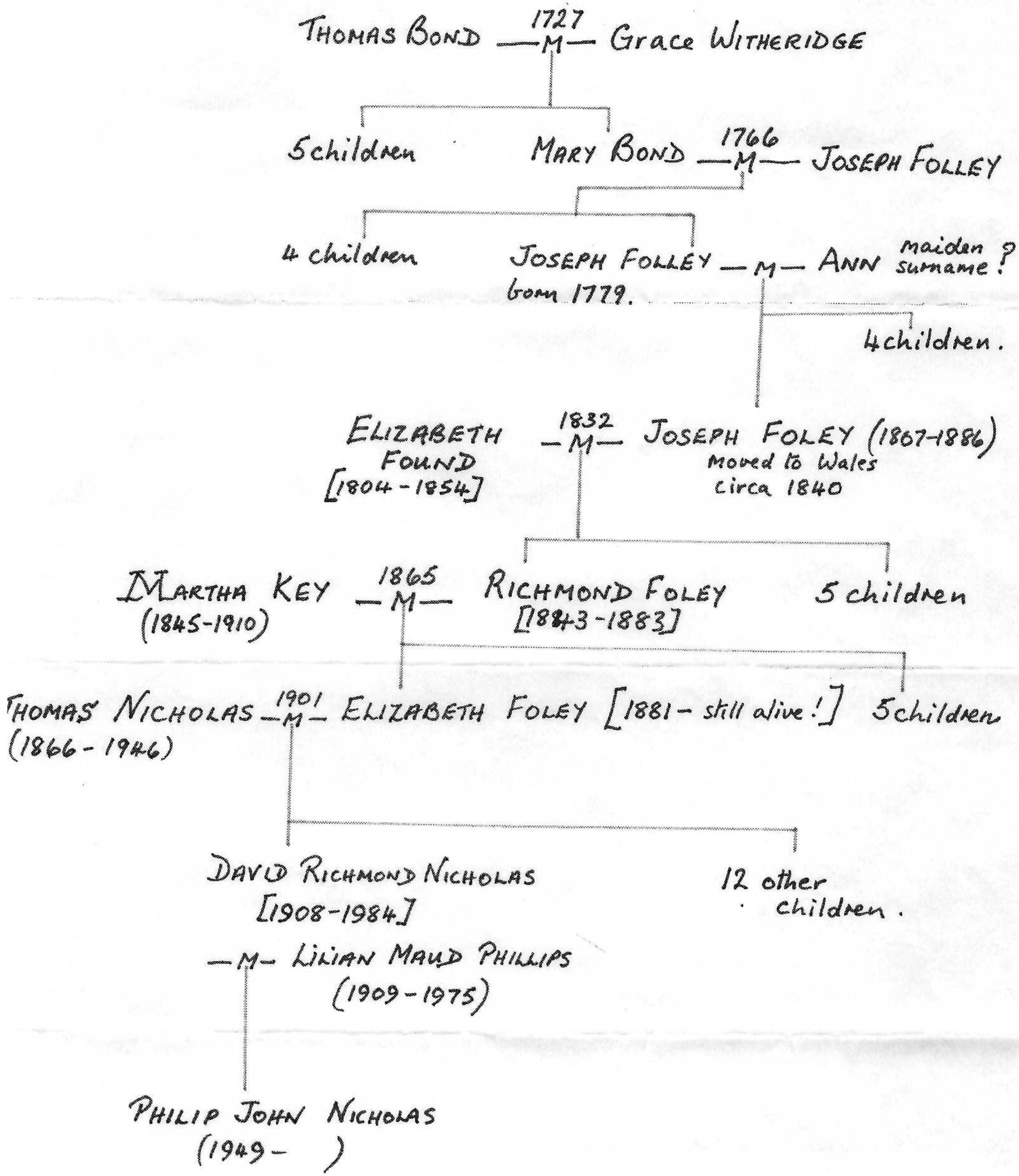
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1727
M
Grace WITHERIDGE
5 children
MARY BOND
1766
M
JOSEPH FOLLEY
4 children
JOSEPH FOLLEY
born 1779.
M
ANN
maiden surname?
4 children.
ELIZABETH FOUND
[1804-1854]
1832
M
JOSEPH FOLEY (1807-1886)
moved to Wales circa 1840
MARTHA KEY
(1845-1910)
1865
M
RICHMOND FOLEY
[1843-1883]
5 children
THOMAS NICHOLAS
(1866-1946)
1901
M
ELIZABETH FOLEY [1881 - still alive!]
5 children
DAVID RICHMOND NICHOLAS
[1908-1984]
12 other children.
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LILIAN MAUD PHILLIPS
(1909-1975)
PHILIP JOHN NICHOLAS
(1949- )

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
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U. S. A.
May 24, 1984

Mr. Philip J. Nicholas
25, Sarnfan
Baglan
Port Talbot
West Glamorgan
U. K.

Dear Mr. Nicholas,

When your interesting letter arrived, I looked in my Witheridge genealogical materials and was delighted to find that I have just what you are looking for.

You will see on the enclosed family record sheets that I have both the parents and the paternal grandparents of your Grace Witheridge of Hartland.

I had come across the Witheridge family of Hartland through the Mormon records, which I am able to get on loan at our L.D.S. branch library. I have not been able to tie this family in with my Witheridge ancestors in Berrynarbor and Combe Martin, though I have no doubt they are related farther back than we have the records.

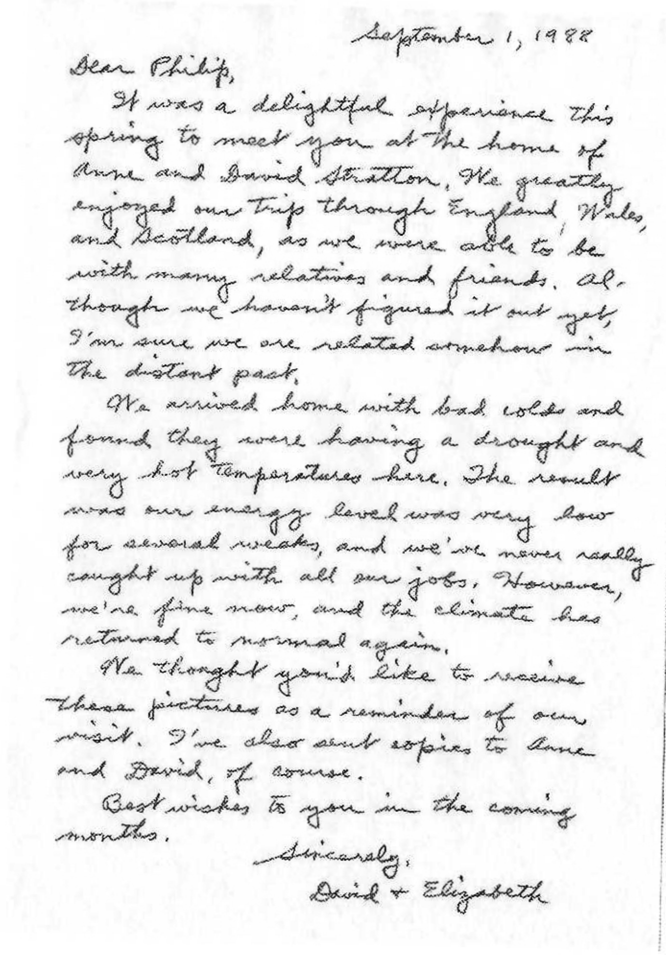
Then a couple of years ago I got a letter from Anne Stratton of Warwickshire, who is a descendant of the Hartland Witheridges, and thus a relative of yours (5th cousin). She sent the enclosed chart showing how her line goes back to Thomas Bond and Grace Witheridge, as yours does. She was trying to see if she and I are related through either the Witheridge, Mogridge, Symons, Tey, or Blackmore lines. So far, the only connection we have found is through the Tey family.

I believe you will want to correspond with Anne. Her address is Mrs. David P. Stratton, Hill Farm, Brinklow, Nr. Rugby, Warwickshire CV23 0LB.

I am happy to have been able to help you, and I hope some day we may be able to discover how you and I are related.

Yours sincerely,

David E Witheridge



September 1, 1988

Dear Philip,

It was a delightful experience this spring to meet you at the home of Anne and David Stratton. We greatly enjoyed our trip through England, Wales, and Scotland, as we were able to be with many relatives and friends. Although we haven't figured it out yet, I'm sure we are related somehow in the distant past.

We arrived home with bad colds and found they were having a drought and very hot temperatures here. The result was our energy level was very low for several weeks, and we've never really caught up with all our jobs. However, we're fine now, and the climate has returned to normal again.

We thought you'd like to receive these pictures as a reminder of our visit. I've also sent copies to Anne and David, of course.

Best wishes to you in the coming months.

Sincerely,
David + Elizabeth

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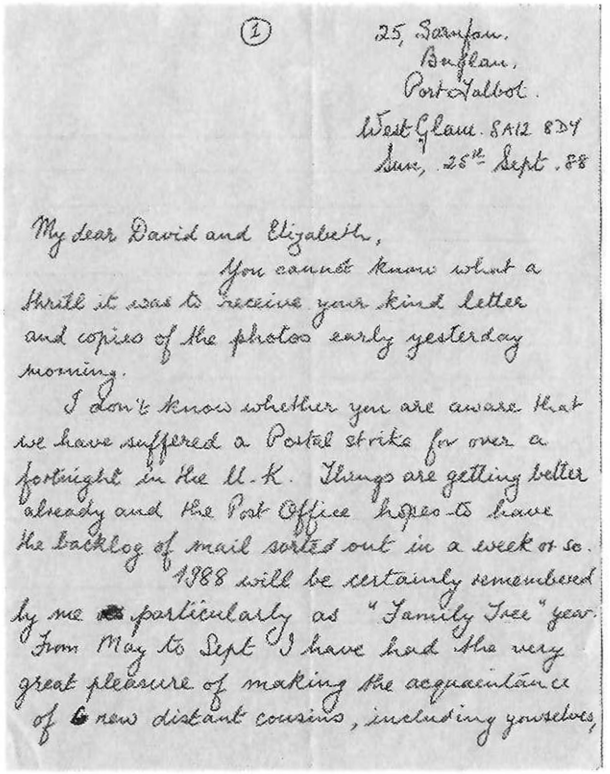

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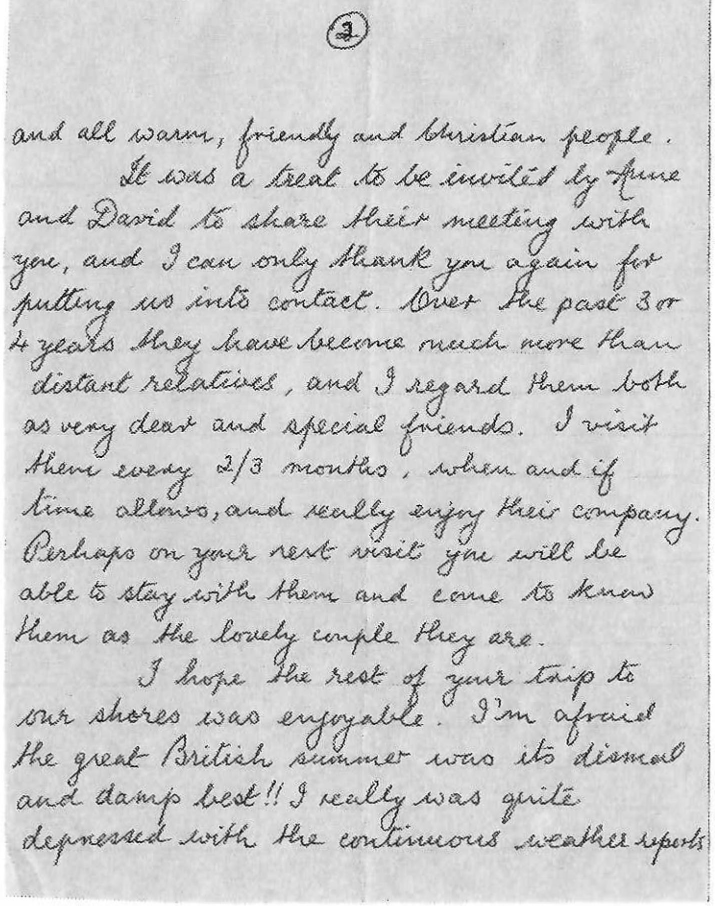
25, Sarnfan.
Baglan.
Port Talbot.
West Glam. SA12 8DY
Sun, 25th Sept. 88

My dear David and Elizabeth,

You cannot know what a thrill it was to receive your kind letter and copies of the photos early yesterday morning.

I don't know whether you are aware that we have suffered a Postal strike for over a fortnight in the U.K. Things are getting better already and the Post Office hopes to have the backlog of mail sorted out in a week or so.

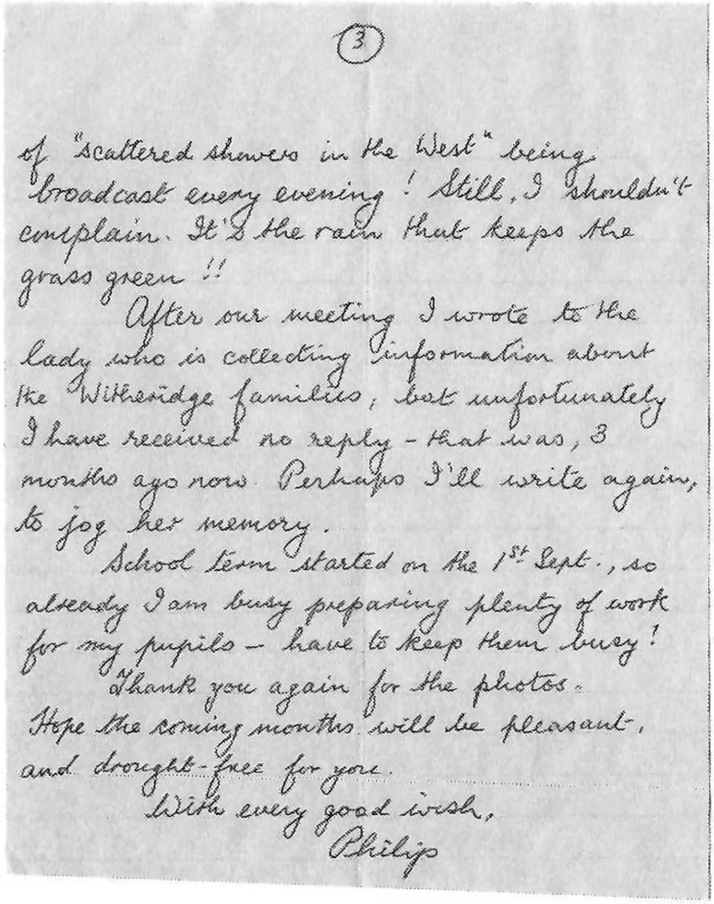
1988 will be certainly remembered by me particularly as "Family Tree" year. From May to Sept I have had the very great pleasure of making the acquaintance of 6 new distant cousins, including yourselves,



and all warm, friendly and Christian people.

It was a treat to be invited by Anne and David to share their meeting with you, and I can only thank you again for putting us into contact. Over the past 3 or 4 years they have become much more than distant relatives, and I regard them both as very dear and special friends. I visit them every 2/3 months, when and if time allows, and really enjoy their company. Perhaps on your next visit you will be able to stay with them and come to know them as the lovely couple they are.

I hope the rest of your trip to our shores was enjoyable. I'm afraid the great British summer was its dismal and damp best!! I really was quite depressed with the continuous weather reports



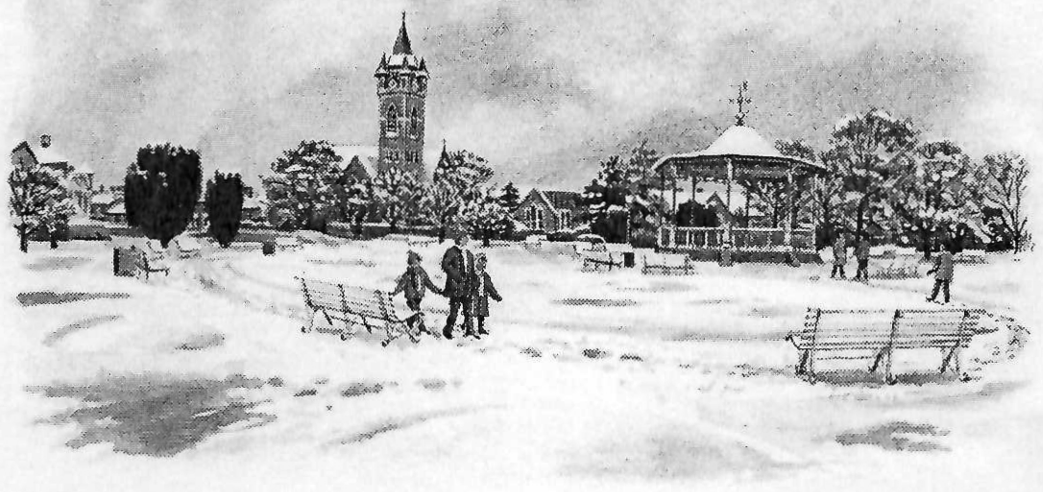
of "scattered showers in the West" being broadcast every evening! Still, I shouldn't complain. It's the rain that keeps the grass green!!

After our meeting I wrote to the lady who is collecting information about the Witheridge families, but unfortunately I have received no reply - that was, 3 months ago now. Perhaps I'll write again, to jog her memory.

School term started on the 1st Sept., so already I am busy preparing plenty of work for my pupils - have to keep them busy!

Thank you again for the photos.
Hope the coming months will be pleasant, and drought-free for you.

With every good wish,
Philip



*Victoria Gardens, Neath*

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To David, Elizabeth
and family

1988

*With Best Wishes for Christmas*

*and the New Year*

Philip Nicholas

P.S.
This is the Church where I worship.

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1988

With

Best Wishes for

Christmas and the

New Year

and our love to you both,

David & Anne.

We did enjoy your visit in the summer — I will write more fully in the new year, to thank you for your letter. A.

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# THE STRATTON NEWSLETTER. 1988 EDITION.

Cindy and Gary are still at the Dragon school and finding life very enjoyable with young Thomas Gary who grows apace and finds life one long adventure. Cindy is a registered child minder and started her business with Thomas and two others on a regular basis. She has now branched out and employs a YTS girl full time and has expanded to 5 children including Thomas. The stimulation of other youngsters has been very good for Thomas who walks and talks (Well, Dad-dy and Mum-my is talking, isn't it?) and plays well with the others, sharing his toys and probably his dinner. In the wider family, Thomas has a new third cousin, Jason Obermeyer in South Africa.

Christopher, having finished college during the summer of 1987, took up an appointment with Howkins & Harrison, the Land Agents and Auctioneers, in Rugby. He rented a house in Bilton where he looked after himself. His efforts did not altogether earn his parents' approval as the house tended to become reminiscent of his bedroom in Brinklow - untidy. Anyway, the experience that he was getting in Rugby did not contain the variety that he needed for his career and in October this year he moved to Strutt & Parker's office in Lewes, Sussex. After a mammoth upheavel he settled in at No 2, New Cottages, Cooksbridge, Lewes.

Anne and David have come to roost in Penallt very comfortably and have made many new friends. Much time has been spent decorating and in the garden. Big plans are afoot to reduce the present kitchen garden, which is immediately outside the french doors, to lawn and shrubs. At the same time we have acquired an extra piece of land behind the house which we have partly rotovated and manured. It is already growing fruit trees, fruit bushes and raspberry canes. Next year it should be in full production and we hope we shall have sufficient to give away to placate our neighbours who had to suffer the presence of two tons of manure! We took our caravan to Norfolk and had almost two weeks in it although we had a break in the middle when Cindy and Gary (+Thomas) had it for a week. Very wet, Norfolk. In October we had a full fortnight in West Glamorgan. Very windy, Glamorgan. We had a dog staying with us for the summer. She arrived from an Animal Shelter on Easter Day and was to be a permenant member of the family. However, she had boundless energy and an irrepressible desire to play which together made her increasingly frustrated with two old people's inability to romp continuously. A mixture of Springer Spaniel and Whippet (?) was highly explosive and could, in no degree, be de-fused with 2 hours walking each day. So, in November, the Shelter found her a new home where there was another young dog wanting a playmate.

David's distant cousins, Robert and Barbara (Stratton) Flynn, from North Carolina came for a stimulating couple of days. Anne's distant cousins, David and Elizabeth Witheridge, from Minneapolis called in for lunch one day. Anne's 5th cousin, Philip Nicholas, who was introduced to us by the Witheridges some years ago and who lives just down the road in Port Talbot visited several times, and while we were in Gower (Glamogan) we renewed acquaintance with more of Anne's cousins - Averil and Ernie Grove, Averil's brother William and his wife, and cousin Rene Beynon.

It just remains for us to wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 1989.

From the Strattons.

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The Old Post Office
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Dear David & Elizabeth,

Thank you so much for your nice letter - oh, so long ago, in September, with the two photos, you included. You are not the only ones to be behind with letters - and you both have very good reasons, I have none, & yet my correspondance is, as you see, all behind. I'm now trying hard to catch up, but it is still a daunting task, tho' enjoyable as I'm writing to good friends! We remember your visit with great pleasure, & hope to see you again on your next visit, hopefully for a little longer if you can spare us the time, tho' I know how hard it is to get everything in.

We have just said goodbye to Philip, this morning as he has been here for 2 days during his ½ term holiday. Our genealogy is no further forward, but we've enjoyed talking it over, & he has accompanied us on one long walk while we delivered notes round the village asking the residents to protest about the re'opening of an old quarry. We hear the man applying wants to use it as a dump because he operates a skip-hire, & has no where to put the rubbish!

You seem to have had extraordinary weather - a heat-wave - when you wrote - we are having the most odd winter. The weather has until the last 2 days been more like April than February! All the snowdrops are out - as usual, but at the same time all the primroses, crocus & even daffodils are coming out, I'm afraid they might be in for a nasty shock if it turns cold, or even snows now. I've managed to get right round the garden & expect any day to find the summer flowers coming up. I've decided that one or two of the rather elderly & battered trees need a face lift, so I plan to buy some climbing roses — the old fashioned kind — to climb up into the branches & change the old trees' image. We have already in the last fortnight planted 150 beech bushes (sprigs) to make a hedge round our new vegetable garden.

David sends his kindest regards, and we both hope that, having got over the 'flu you are both quite fit & looking forward to next spring & summer.

With best wishes to you both,
Yours very sincerely,
David & Anne.

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Dear Lyn, Prust

It's over a year since our correspondence about my North Devon ancestry and the Blackmore information you had turned up in your research. I appreciated your ideas and your interest in my background and genealogical efforts.

You were very kind to say you would try to help me some day with a problem that might be answered at the North Devon Atheneum. It so happens that I do have such a problem, and I'd like to have you visit the Atheneum on my behalf.

This is what I have found. Way back in 1622 John Witheridge, a mariner from Barnstaple, sailed a ship to Maine in America. As far as I can tell, he never settled here permanently, but he returned at least in 1623, 1624, and 1625. This is a quotation from a book, Pioneers on Maine Rivers, by Wilbur D. Spencer, 1973:

"In 1624, John Witheridge, master of the Eagle, a Barnstaple ship owned by Melchard Bennett, had established himself at Pemaquid Harbor. . . While forbidden by the council to truck with the Indians, he had been licensed to fish on the coast. . . Witheridge was then so popular with the Indians that they reserved their furs and traveled long distances to seek his trade. Their preference for him was manifest as far west as Casco Bay, although other shipmasters in the vicinity were as well supplied with attractive commodities." p. 310

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"Some credit was allowed, but in 1625 Edward Nevell, as agent for Weston, refused to deliver a consignment of tobacco to Thomas Crisp, a merchant from Virginia, unless Captain Witheridge, the Dorchester factor, would assume the responsibility for deferred payments. The merchandise had reached Damariscove in the Swan, of which Nevell was master, and the fact that Witheridge returned to England at the end of the season without undertaking the obligation, proves conclusively the (seasonal) nature of his business." pp. 312-3.

Would it be possible for you to go to the Atheneum and see if they have any record of a John Witheridge from Barnstaple who was master of a ship at that time? Perhaps they would have some information that would identify him and distinguish him from a few other John Witheridges then living in North Devon, such as his wife, children, or abode.

In particular there was a John Witheridge who was baptized Dec. 29, 1572, in Barnstaple and seems to have had eight children there between 1606 and 1619. I wonder if he was the one.

I know it may be difficult to find a record of this mariner John Witheridge, but I'd be very grateful if you would discuss this with the staff at the Atheneum. If you have to pay a daily registration fee to work there, please let me know, and I'll reimburse you. Enclosed is some postage.

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# PIONEERS ON MAINE RIVERS

## WITH LISTS TO 1651

*COMPILED FROM THE*
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> *"The English in their severall patents are planted along the sea coast and have their habitations nere adjoyning to Rivers navigable ffor shippinge."*
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> —ANONYMOUS, 1635

BY
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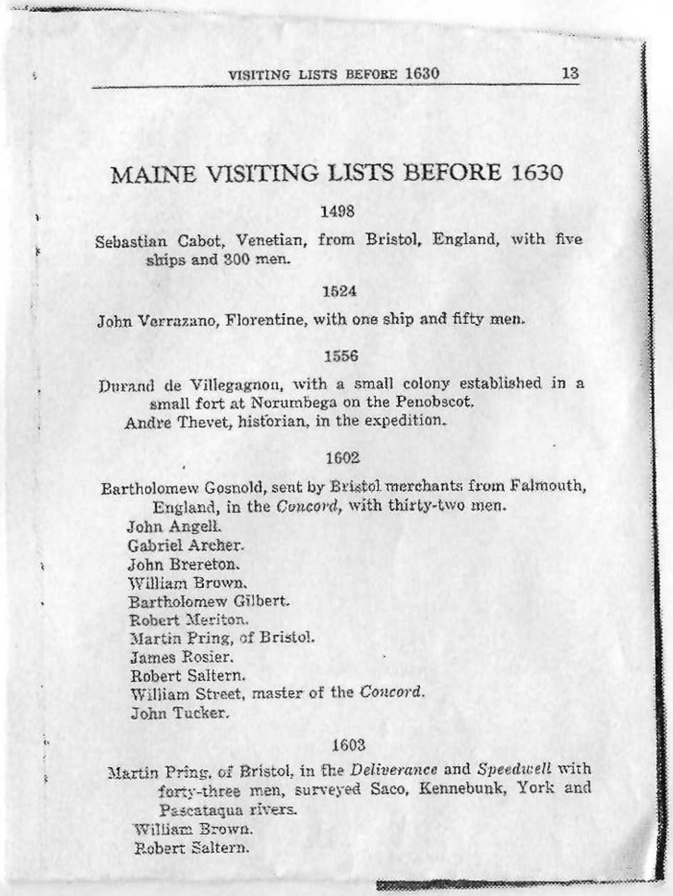


# MAINE VISITING LISTS BEFORE 1630

## 1498

Sebastian Cabot, Venetian, from Bristol, England, with five ships and 300 men.

## 1524

John Verrazano, Florentine, with one ship and fifty men.

## 1556

Durand de Villegagnon, with a small colony established in a small fort at Norumbega on the Penobscot.

Andre Thevet, historian, in the expedition.

## 1602

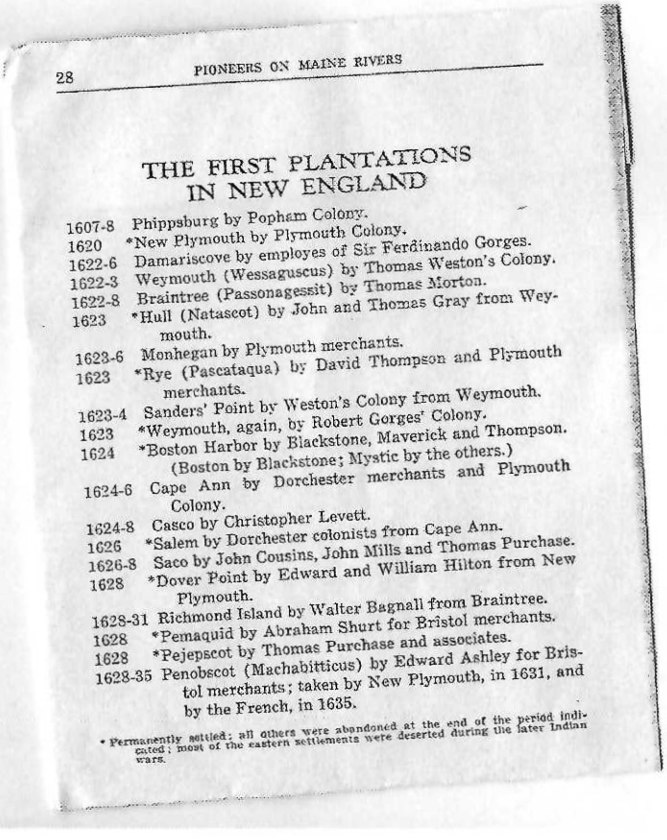
Bartholomew Gosnold, sent by Bristol merchants from Falmouth, England, in the *Concord*, with thirty-two men.

John Angell.
Gabriel Archer.
John Brereton.
William Brown.
Bartholomew Gilbert.
Robert Meriton.
Martin Pring, of Bristol.
James Rosier.
Robert Saltern.
William Street, master of the *Concord*.
John Tucker.

## 1603

Martin Pring, of Bristol, in the *Deliverance* and *Speedwell* with forty-three men, surveyed Saco, Kennebunk, York and Pascataqua rivers.

William Brown.
Robert Saltern.



# THE FIRST PLANTATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND

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| 1607-8 | Phippsburg by Popham Colony. |
| 1620 | *New Plymouth by Plymouth Colony. |
| 1622-6 | Damariscove by employes of Sir Ferdinando Gorges. |
| 1622-3 | Weymouth (Wessaguscus) by Thomas Weston's Colony. |
| 1622-8 | Braintree (Passonagessit) by Thomas Morton. |
| 1623 | *Hull (Natascot) by John and Thomas Gray from Weymouth. |
| 1623-6 | Monhegan by Plymouth merchants. |
| 1623 | *Rye (Pascataqua) by David Thompson and Plymouth merchants. |
| 1623-4 | Sanders' Point by Weston's Colony from Weymouth. |
| 1623 | *Weymouth, again, by Robert Gorges' Colony. |
| 1624 | *Boston Harbor by Blackstone, Maverick and Thompson. (Boston by Blackstone; Mystic by the others.) |
| 1624-6 | Cape Ann by Dorchester merchants and Plymouth Colony. |
| 1624-8 | Casco by Christopher Levett. |
| 1626 | *Salem by Dorchester colonists from Cape Ann. |
| 1626-8 | Saco by John Cousins, John Mills and Thomas Purchase. |
| 1628 | *Dover Point by Edward and William Hilton from New Plymouth. |
| 1628-31 | Richmond Island by Walter Bagnall from Braintree. |
| 1628 | *Pemaquid by Abraham Shurt for Bristol merchants. |
| 1628 | *Pejepscot by Thomas Purchase and associates. |
| 1628-35 | Penobscot (Machabitticus) by Edward Ashley for Bristol merchants; taken by New Plymouth, in 1631, and by the French, in 1635. |

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* Permanently settled; all others were abandoned at the end of the period indicated; most of the eastern settlements were deserted during the later Indian wars.

land were assigned by agreement to proprietors of the Grand Patent. The names of the patentees were engrossed on the earliest reproduction of Smith's map to indicate the respective divisions. Council records do not mention Damariscove nor Pemaquid during this year, but two large islands near the mouth of Sagadahoc River, corresponding to Arrowsic and Georgetown, had been reserved for a public plantation.

In 1624, John Witheridge, master of the *Eagle*, a Barnstable ship owned by Melchard Bennett, had established himself at Pemaquid Harbor, where he was located by Levett. While forbidden by the council to truck with the Indians, he had been licensed to fish on the coast. According to the pioneer at Quacke, Witheridge was then so popular with the Indians that they reserved their furs and traveled long distances to seek his trade. Their preference for him was manifest as far west as Casco Bay although other shipmasters in the vicinity were as well supplied with attractive commodities.

At that time the statement of Levett, that he had heard that Pemaquid, Cape Newagen and Monhegan had been granted previously to others, must have referred to the proprietorship of the Earl of Arundel. No settlement by Europeans in any locality from Pascataqua to Cape Newagen was mentioned by him during his sojourn.‡

About the first of March, 1624, Plymouth Colony dispatched the new English pinnace, called the *Little James* and commanded by John Bridges, to a station near Damariscove, in which it was "well harbored" at "a place wher ships used to ride." Posterity is indebted to Levett for a definite location of this ship at Pemaquid instead of Damariscove. The latter place was better known to Bradford as the site of the third plantation in New England, although later in his history he alluded to the former several times by name.§

When the *Little James* arrived at its destination there were other vessels in the vicinity which had just come from England, and previous customary usage of Pemaquid Harbor must have included its occupation by ships of Sir Francis Popham, John Witheridge and other Barnstable fishermen.

Not long after its arrival a violent storm arose and "broak over such places in ye harbor as was never seene before," and

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‡ Me. Hist. Col., 2-88.
§ Me. Hist. Col., 2-99.

drove the *Little James* upon great rocks where it sank with its cargo of provisions and salt. The account, which follows, indicated that the pinnace had been anchored beside the shore ledges and not near any wharf or fishing stage. The narrative is that of Altham.

"Upon the 10th of Aprill, 1624, hapned a greate storme and some of our cables that we were mored withall gave way and slip of on the place they were made fast to ashore and soe the winde and sea being very high drave our ship a shore upon rockes where she beate. In the mean time being night the master and Company arose and every man shifted for them selves to save life, but the master going in to his cabin to fetch his whishell could not get in to any boate aboute the ship the sea brake soe over the ship and soe by that meanes before a boat could come the ship overset and drowned him and the other two and the rest that were got into our shallops that hung about the ship had much a doe to recover the shore your cosin for one for the ship oversettinge pich her maineyard in to one boate where were 6 or 7 of our men and soe sunke her for thoes that could then swim got to the shore with much hurt the rest that could not swim were drowned, and soe before the next morninge our ship was quite under water sunke and nothing to be sene save only the tops of her masts some times for the sea did rake her to and fro upon the rocks."

In this casualty the master and two of his crew, Peter Morrett and John Vow, went down with their ship. The ship's boat and four shallops or fishing dories, one of which had been borrowed, were destroyed, and the season's catch was reduced to 1000 fish.

Later in the summer, at the expense of the colony, Emanuel Altham, Captain Cook of Barnstable and the masters of English fishing vessels in the vicinity salvaged the hull and rebuilt the pinnace, but it was then too late to accomplish anything at the Eastward. The *Little James* returned to England where it was libelled for debts.*

If, as claimed by Levett, Witheridge enjoyed a monopoly of the Indian trade at Pemaquid as early as 1624, he appears to have supplanted Captain Williams, the agent of Popham, in the esteem of the natives, for he had no local competition as far as Sagadahoc.

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* Bradford, 2-198, 129; Mass. Hist. Proc., 11-182.

As for Richard Williams, alias Cornish, then captain of the *Ambrose*, his fate was sealed in Virginia, late that year, when he was tried and executed by local authorities. The following spring the captain's brother "Jeffery" Cornish boarded the *Swan* at Damariscove to ascertain the particulars from members of that vessel's crew who had been present at the trial and execution. For disclosures made to him on that occasion Edward Nevell and another seaman later lost their ears before the southern tribunal.

Cornish declared that he would be the death of the governor of Virginia "yf ever he came for England." The presence of this sailor at the Eastward at that early date, and within sight of Pemaquid Harbor, warrants the belief that he had visited the locality in company with his brother on previous voyages. Ten years later this same individual was put ashore at Milford Haven, where he had been engaged in a quarrel with other seamen.†

For a long period after its discovery all of Northern New England was known by such names as Norumbega, Virginia, Canada, Muscongus and Pemaquid. Captain Smith claimed the credit for restoring a large part of Canada to his sovereign and suggesting its present name. He asserted that visitors had "obscured it, and shadowed it, with the title of Canada; till at my humble suit, it pleased our most Royall King Charles * * * then Prince of Wales, to confirme it with my map and booke, by the title of New England."‡

March 27, 1625, when Charles First was crowned, the new name had been approved for nine years, but Virginians still continued to regard the coast of Maine and its outlying islands as a part of Canada. Since all early mariners were traders, their fishing stages on the islands were summer marts for the storage of English and Indian commodities, which in turn were exchanged for southern tobacco.

Some credit was allowed, but in 1625 Edward Nevell, as agent for Weston, refused to deliver a consignment of tobacco to Thomas Crisp, a merchant from Virginia, unless Captain Witheridge, the Dorchester factor at Pemaquid, would assume the responsibility for deferred payments. The merchandise had reached Damariscove in the *Swan*, of which Nevell was master,

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† Young's Mass. Chron., 457.
‡ Smith's Trav. & Works, 2-891.

and the fact, that Witheridge returned to England at the end of the season without undertaking the obligation, proves conclusively the seasonable nature of his business.

Thomas Morton claimed that, during the years 1626 and 1627, he had "spoiled" the Kennebec trade for New Plymouth, which pretended to have a monopoly of that district by discovery. Bradford admitted the claim and complained that employes of the colony "had like to have been cut off by the Indians, after the fishermen were gone." Neither Pemaquid nor any other eastern plantation presented any grievance.

In the spring of the latter year the plantations at Damariscove and Monhegan were discontinued and the goods sold on the premises. David Thompson, formerly of Pascataqua, and Plymouth Colony were the only bidders at the auction and they combined and purchased the whole rather than compete with each other. Such a combination would have been futile if there had been other buyers.

These two islands may be regarded as the outposts of Pemaquid during that decade, but such a conclusion does not warrant the belief that the mainland was occupied throughout each year. Shurt, the pioneer of Pemaquid, took prior possession at Monhegan, for Thomas Jenner, a contemporary of veracity, declared that the first places occupied by the English, in that vicinity, were the islands.

In June, 1628, all plantations "wher any English were seated" combined to deport Morton. Since none of these was located east of Pascataqua River, such a statement implied that there were no English settlers in Maine on that exact date. The explanation is that Saco and Casco had been deserted, and Richmond Island and Castine had not been occupied by Bagnall and Ashley until later in the season.

During that year Plymouth Colony forwarded furs to Bristol in the *Marmaduke*, *Pleasure* and *White Angel*, of which the masters were John Gibbs, William Peters and Christopher Burkett, respectively. The last ship belonged to Aldworth and Elbridge, the merchants of Bristol who had acquired Monhegan the previous year; the latter collected freight and port fees from the colony.§

The Aldworth family, to which Elbridge was related, had

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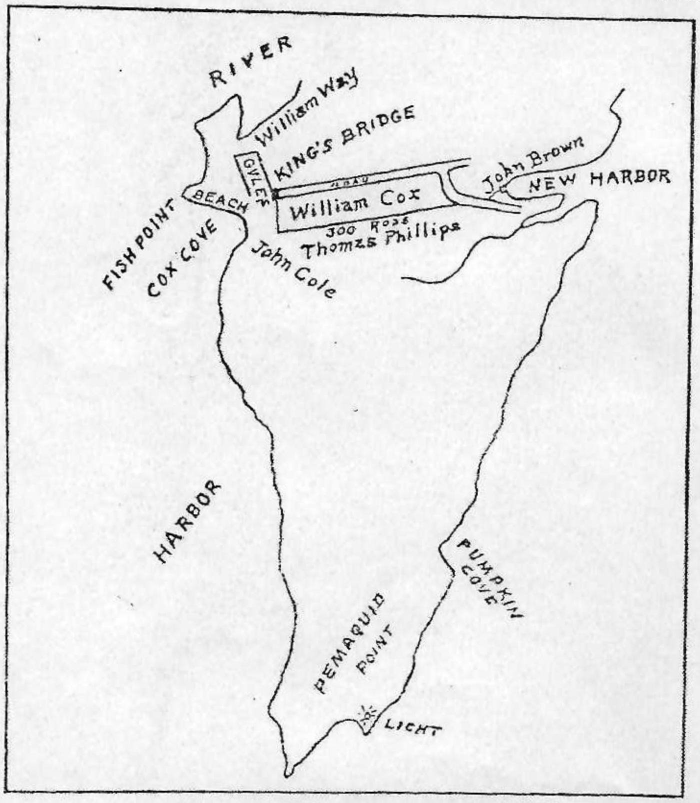
§ 3 Mass. Hist. Col., 1-199.

York government in 1665 was Thomas Elbridge; he was joined by Edmund Arrowsmith and Henry Champney, of Winnegance, and George Buckland, of Corbin's Sound, all proprietors of large farms on Damariscotta River.

In 1672, Elbridge removed from Pemaquid to Marblehead, Massachusetts, and three years later to Barbadoes, leaving his family, consisting of five children, in the custody of the eldest daughter at Marblehead.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300 RODS
Thomas Phillips
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COX COVE
John Cole
HARBOR
PUMPKIN COVE
PEMAQUID POINT
LIGHT

SKETCH MAP OF PEMAQUID

He died in Spring Plantation, Barbadoes, in 1682.

At the beginning of the Indian Wars of 1675, a contemporary writer remarked that "There have been for a long Time seven or eight considerable Dwellings about Pemmaquid, which is well accomodated with Pasture Land about the Haven for feeding Cattel, and some Fields also for Tillage."*

* Hubbard's Wars, 2-7.

to Casco and built his fortified house on the island in Portland Harbor.

Gorges, however, returned to Massachusetts before spring and restored the *Swan* to Weston with compensation for its detention. With reference to the settlement at Wessaguscus Bradford said, "This was in effect ye end of a 2. plantation in that place"; some of the colonists returned to England with Gorges, by way of Virginia, some settled in the South and a few remained for a time at Wessaguscus, where they were supplied subsequently by the Southern Colony.

In the parliamentary debate relating to free fishery, southern planters argued that their colony could not survive without the exercise of that privilege within the limits of the Northern Colony. There was no fishing south of Cape Cod, and when all other resources failed the early shipmasters relied upon the "catch" at Monhegan to ensure a profitable western voyage.

Consequently, lists of ships sent to the Southern Colony in 1623 and 1624 include many that, either on the outward or return passage, or both, fished upon the Maine coast. In this way some of the thirty vessels, which were reported to have been harbored at or near Monhegan during the former year, may be accounted for.§

While Levett was living at Casco, in the early part of 1624, Pemaquid Harbor was occupied by John Witheridge from Barnstable and Emanuel Altham from New Plymouth. Both were engaged in fishing and trading. During the same season other English fishermen were stationed at Sagadahoc, Cape Newagen and Damariscove.

At Monhegan a trading mart was maintained for the sale or exchange of commodities proffered by fishing masters. The deposition of Thomas Piddock, taken in an admiralty case, affords a glimpse of the nature and extent of the principal business at the island. The statement was made in 1628, when the witness was only twenty-seven years of age.

The testimony in these cases consists of questions and answers, but in the case of Piddock, who hailed from London, the statement has been reduced to the following abstract:

"In June and July, 1624, he and Edmund Dockett and William Pomfrett being then at Menhegen in New England as factors of

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§ Rec. Va. Co., 2-496.

Abraham Jennings of Plymouth and Ambrose Jennings and William Crosse of London, merchants, did lade at Mendhegen, in the ship called the *Jacob* of (Nore)kham in Freezeland, whereof one Thomas Neeson was then master, from the ship *Prosperous*, Robert Bennett, master, 39,600 of dry fish containing 615 quintalls, from the *Golden Catt*, Mr. John Corben (master) 51,800 of the like fish weighing 893 quintalls, and from one William Vengam, *who was planted upon that island*, 82,300 of the like fish containing 1534 quintalls, which makes in all 173,700 weighing 3042 quintalls; one third of which fish did belong to the company of fishermen, for which one third the said Edmund Dockett gave the said Robert Bennett, John Corbyn and William Vangham bills of exchange on the said Abraham Jennings & Company; which fish when it was laden was all dry and well conditioned, and was consigned by the said Edmund Dockett to George Backlar then a merchant at Bordeaux."

More than half of the 150 tons of freight furnished for the lading of the *Jacob* was provided by Vengham who had been fishing on the island during the preceding winter. The name of Dockett, who later was interested in Virginia and made subsequent voyages with Vengham, was spelled "Doggett" in other connections.*

The disastrous sequel to this season's toil and hardships was disclosed by the same witness. He said that "after he came to England he met the steersman of the ship *Jacob* at Plymouth who told him that a Turkes man of war meeting with that ship about 30 leagues from the Polehead of Bordeaux, boarded and took that ship and the fish in her which they carried to the 'barr of Sally,' but the ship being of such draught that she could not go over that bar then the said Turkes took out of her what fish they pleased and gave the rest to the skipper for his freight."†

Salli is a seaport of Morrocco. At Bordeaux the cargo of the *Jacob* would have sold for more than $10,000.

In 1627, Jennings and Company who had acquired title to Monhegan, probably from the Earl of Arundel, sold the island and their entire stock in trade. The premises were bought by Abraham Shurt for Aldworth and Elbridge, all merchants of Bristol. Since funds were not available in this country to meet

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* Putnam's Gen. Mag., 3-142.

† Putnam's Gen. Mag. Vol. 4, No. 1, 4.

Patent. In 1630, which was the year when the grant was made, Roger Conant, Anthony Dike, Francis Johnson and Peter Palfrey formed a partnership at Salem for the purpose of "trading to the Eastward." Johnson was chosen manager and Dike master of their vessel.

SAINT GEORGE'S RIVER ABOVE PORT CLYDE

A plantation was begun on the west side of the river at Saquid Point, where Johnson was engaged in fishing, planting and trading with the Indians and English fishermen. An account of their property specified a "house with the debts due from the Indians" and "swine, boat, skiff, canoe, housall stuff and trading goods."‡

In 1632, according to the narrative of Roger Clap, the vessel of Anthony Dike and its master were captured by Dixie Bull and his confederates at the Eastward, after they had pillaged Pemaquid. The pirates insisted upon transportation to Virginia, but Dike declined to undertake the voyage on the ground that he was not familiar with the southern coast.§

April 15, 1633, Richard Foxwell, who had lived formerly at Dorchester, Massachusetts, returned to Pascataqua from Plymouth, England, in the fishing vessel of John Corbin, and July 16, following, acquired the plantation at Saint George's River.

‡ Essex Rec., 2-22.
§ Young's Mass. Chron., 362.

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He complained subsequently that when he bought the premises at Saquid Point he had been guaranteed a confirmation of title from the Massachusetts government.

At the time of Waymouth's voyage to Saint George, Rosier had reported that among other commodities on the islands about Pentecost Harbor he found "spruce trees of excellent timber and height, able to mast ships of great burthen." Oak was mentioned as one of the products, but not pine, and it is still a fir country, where annual harvests of Christmas trees supply western market. Upon the hills on the mainland he observed "notable high timber trees, masts for ships of 400 tun."

The first allusion to the mast industry at the Eastward was made by Winthrop who mentioned a ship of Barnstable and the *Hercules* of Dover, which in the summer of 1634 "returned by St. George's to cut masts to carry to England."*

This statement disclosed that the English navy was being supplied with masts from Central Maine two years before shipbuilding was contemplated at Richmond Island or Saco. The timber may have been cut by the crews of the vessels or by some of the planters who were then occupying the trading house at Saquid Point.

The French seized the Plymouth trading post at Machabitticus about the first of August, 1635. The nearest English settlement was the house of Foxwell at Saquid Point, which was situated "about three score myles" westward.†

Saint George's Harbor was not molested by the enemy that year because it was occupied by English fishing vessels. Winthrop asserted that during the great storm of August 15, 1635, when the *Angel Gabriel* was destroyed at Pemaquid, John Witheridge, of Barnstable, and ships from Dartmouth were forced to cut their masts at Saint George's River. After the fishing vessels were gone Foxwell was at the mercy of the French and withdrew to Saco. The next year he visited Castine to confer with them in relation to future occupation of his premises at Saquid Point.‡

In 1701, Sylvanus Davis asserted that Foxwell had been a settler at Saquid Point as early as 1641. John Brown, of Pemaquid, also claimed "Lands at a place called Sawk Head" (Saquid)

* Winthrop, 1-134.
† Ford's Bradford, 2-108.
‡ 4 Mass. Hist. Col., 6-578.

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7th May 84

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

I'm sure you will be wondering what the enclosed invitation is all about so let me explain!

Firstly I will introduce myself - I am the daughter-in-law of Ken & May Gubb, married to their eldest son Vernon. I know you were in England a couple of years ago tracing your ancestry and unfortunately didn't meet my in-laws as they were away on holiday. We saw your latest correspondence and Ken is still looking

into it. Now the enclosed invitation is for a party the children of Ken & May are arranging to celebrate 40 years of Marriage (Ruby). As you will see from the wording they know nothing about it - it is a surprise party.

As it is in July we thought we would let you know about it just in case you were planning on visiting England this summer, and it would give you the chance of meeting a few more Gubbs!

Also could you tell us anything about the "Thomas" you mentioned in your last letter to Ken - is he related to the Gubbs? If so we would be pleased to have his address.

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July 14, 1984

Dear Pat,

That was so thoughtful of you to send us a copy of the invitation to Ken and May's 40th anniversary surprise party. Elizabeth and I would enjoy being there and meeting all of you, but alas! we are not coming to England this year. We hope to return some day, but on my retirement income it takes quite a while to save up enough money for such a trip.

I'm sure you had figured out that we wouldn't be coming from the fact that I hadn't answered your letter. I must apologize for being so slow in doing so. It came at a time when we were entertaining house guests on two separate occasions, and I had gathered up all my correspondence and genealogical materials and put them out of sight. So they promptly went out of mind for several weeks.

Now, about the Thomas I mentioned in my last letter to Ken. His name was Thomas Witheridge Lobb, and he lived in Cape Town, South Africa. However, he died some time ago, since last February there was an obituary in the London Daily Telegraph saying that his widow, Eileen (Betty) had just died in Cape Town.

Since Lobb and Witheridge are both common names in North Devon, and since Ken is descended from both family lines, wondered whether he had any clue as to who this Thomas Witheridge Lobb was.

I have now heard from the Cape Town Library with the address of an N. Gubb who is possibly the son of Thomas, I expect to write and find out what he knows about his ancestry.

Enclosed is a card for you to give to Ken and Mary on July 28th. We wish you all the grandest of celebrations on that day, and we wish we could be there, too.

Yours sincerely,
David Witheridge

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
July 18, 1984

Mr. N. Gubb
103 Clairwood
Kenilworth 7700
Cape Town
South Africa

Dear Mr. Gubb:

I am writing to you as a result of the notice that appeared February 20, 1984, in the London (England) Daily Telegraph reporting the death of Eileen (Betty) Gubb, widow of Thomas Witheridge Gubb, on February 8th in Cape Town.

This was sent to me by a distant relative of mine who lives in the London area. We are naturally interested in knowing how Thomas Witheridge Gubb was related to the Witheridge family. This is not a very common name, and it is likely that all the Witheridges stem back to the town of Witheridge in Devon. I have been working for some years on how the various branches of the family tie together.

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I'd be very happy if you would write and let me know if you are in fact related to the late Thomas Witheridge Gubb. I'd like to know as much as you know about the ancestry of Thomas Witheridge Gubb--both Witheridge and Gubb.

It so happens that my grandfather, William Witheridge, had a sister, Susanna Witheridge, who married John Adams, and one of their daughters, Lily Beatrice, married Charles William Gubb. So, you see, I have a number of second cousins by the name of Gubb, who also have Witheridge ancestry. I do not know, however, the background of Charles William Gubb.

My grandfather was born in 1856 in Combe Martin, Devon. His family had lived in that vicinity for over 300 years. I have an idea that the Witheridge ancestors of Thomas Witheridge Gubb came originally from Devon. Perhaps his Gubb ancestors also did, and I'd like to know what you know about that. There were many Gubbs in Combe Martin and other parts of Devon.

I look forward to hearing from you in the coming weeks. Enclosed are a self-addressed envelope and two postal coupons for your reply. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

P.S. I have written this same letter to the N. Gubb who lives at 12 Lincuden.

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
July 18, 1984

[See W132]

Mr. N. Gubb
12 ~~Lineuden~~ Lincluden
Wynberg ~~7700~~ ~~7800~~ Belper Rd.
7800 Cape Town
South Africa

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Will be advising more details shortly
Sincerely Margaret Gubb

28th July, 1984

My dear Rev. Witheridge,

Your letter received here on the 23rd July and could not be better timed as I returned from a visit to Britain on the 21st. Now you have really started a long story which I shall endeavour to answer in some degree here - just to let you know that you have arrived at the right source of information on Gubb's & Witheridge but I will use your stamp coupons to send you the more explicit details.

My husband was Noel Gubb who died on the 24th February and whose ashes I have just taken over for interment in the churchyard of Combe Martin. The notice you saw was of Betty Gubb second wife of Thomas Gubb who was my husband's cousin. He had only a son Nicholas by his first wife (incidently American, whom I think he met serving in Europe during War II) The other names mentioned in the notice as children were Betty Gubb's children (2 girls) by her previous marriage & not Gubbs. Practically every Gubb is a "Witheridge Gubb" stemming back to 1586. The Witheridges did not come from the village of Witheridge but Berrynabor - a small village about 2½ miles from Combe Martin. A family tree titled "Pedigree of Witheridge of Berrynabor & Combe Martin in North Devon showing descent of Gubb Family from the same" is in our possession & as my husband had had a negative of it made for each of our children, I will in due course get it developed & printed & send you a copy.

As far as I can see you may stem from "William Witheridge - living Combe Martin 1791 Died July 1792 - miller" who had also a son William Witheridge who beyond being mentioned in his grandfather's will - John Witheridge Buried 1740 at Berrynabor - As our line is traced directly down - yours may thus disappear as a side issue for this branch.

As my husband and I did go back Combe Martin yearly (now as a widow my finances are a bit shaky) we were well versed in the history. The actual

South African branch started here by Thomas Witheridge Gubb, second son of William Gubb & Mary Witheridge born ± 1809 When you receive the Pedigree you will see William Witheridge married Abigail Clogg so Cloggs somewhere became cousins & my husband stayed with the Cloggs in the house Eastcotts in Combe Martin when released from the Russian border after the defeat of Germany, and it is in Richard Cloggs grave he is buried as the line of Clogg & Gubb in Combe Martin is now extinct. Old Mrs Clogg told my husband that the Gubbs still there were no relations but I have a sneaking feeling they may all be 45th cousins. I should be eager to learn of any facts you have at your disposal as it is so interesting. I had no luck in tracing any Witheridge in Berrynarbor of Combe Martin. 103 Clairwood is also an address so dont expect a reply there.

SEAL THE TWO SIDE FLAPS FIRST, THEN THIS ONE — VERSEËL EERS DIE TWEE SYKLAPPE, DAN HIERDIE EEN

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
NAAM EN ADRES VAN AFSENDER

Mrs M. Gubb
12 Lincluden,
Belper Rd.
Wynberg
7800 Cape Town
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Mrs. Margaret Gubb
12 Lincluden
Belper Rd.
Wynberg
7800 Cape Town
South Africa

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
August 8, 1984

Dear Margaret,

Receiving your letter was a great thrill, and I know I am somehow related to your husband, though I can't tell exactly how until I see the pedigree you will be sending. The only person I can identify whose name you mentioned is the William Witheridge who married Abigail Clogg in 1779. He was the brother of my great-great-grandfather, George Witheridge. They were the sons of William Witheridge and Mary Symons.

I mentioned in my first letter that my grandfather, William Witheridge, was born in 1856 in Combe Martin. He was the son of John Witheridge and Clara Blackmore. John was the son of Edward Witheridge and Mary Gear, and Edward was the son of George Witheridge and Mary Norcott.

Over many years I have been working on genealogy--both my own and my wife's--and I have traced my ancestry back to Thomas Witheridge, who was baptized Feb. 12, 1554/5 in Berrynarbor and married Johan Logridge Oct. 8, 1580, also in Berrynarbor. I'm anxious to see how my records compare with your pedigree.

My wife Elizabeth and I have had two lovely visits to Britain--the first for nearly three months in 1976, and the second for two months in 1980. Each time we hired a car and drove 4,000 miles through England, Scotland, and Wales visiting relatives and friends, as well as sight seeing and doing genealogical research in libraries.

My father was born in Wales and came to this country with his family at the age of seven. His father had gone to Wales from Devon to work in the mines, and when he came to America, he left many relatives in England and Wales. So I have second and third cousins there whom we met and still correspond with.

Elizabeth's ancestors all came to this country from England way back in Colonial days. So, although we have located some of her ancestral family homes, we haven't actually met or identified any of her living relatives in Britain.

We liked Combe Martin and Berrynarbor very much. In 1980 we stayed several nights at The Lodge in Berrynarbor, and it was one of our favorite inns. We also met several relatives in Combe Martin--none by the name of Witheridge, but at least three who are Witheridge descendants: Una Parsons and her father, Herbert Parsons (his mother was a Witheridge); and Douglas Stock (his great-great-grandmother was a Witheridge). We did meet a John Witheridge and his son George on a farm not too far away at West Buckland. John is my father's second cousin.

As I said, I have worked a great deal on the genealogy of my ancestors in Berrynarbor and Combe Martin and have identified 19 family lines in that area from which I am descended. I have also found 113 other families (like Gubb and Clogg) into which these 19 families married over 300 years time. So I suppose I am related to almost everyone whose family lived there over a long period of time.

I can hardly wait until I get the Witheridge-Gubb pedigree, and I want you to know that I expect to pay you for the cost of making my copy, as well as the postage. Please let me know what this is, either in your currency or in American dollars.

We were fascinated by the fact that you and Noel went back to Combe Martin every year. How long did you stay? Probably some of the people you know there are relatives of mine. The next time you go you should look up Una Parsons and her parents in their lovely old home, Marine Cottage. (Douglas Stock has died since we were there.)

I think that's about enough for now. Later I'll give you more information about our family, and I'll want to know more about yours. Thank you very much for responding as you did.

Yours sincerely,

David S. Witheridge

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12 Lineludes,
Belper Road,
Wynberg.
7800 Cape Town.
24th August, 1984.

My dear David and Elizabeth

'Well I suppose it is exciting finding more and more relatives'. I wish I had known earlier as my younger daughter Margaret and her husband Andre are at present travelling around America with their 2 children but will be due back next week, otherwise, who knows, they might have called on you.

I am afraid you have done a great deal of delving into records whereas we merely inherited a family pedigree somehow or other. The original is held now by one of Noel's sisters. I also know that there is a family Bible somewhere here in existence but which mysteriously disappeared, when after his parents deaths, Noel showed interest and desire in acquiring it. As he was the youngest, he truly came off very sadly as far as inheritance was concerned and throughout the years maintained that as

a matter of pride, he would not ask
for anything again.
To give you a short account of the
most direct line concerning us.
Thomas Witheridge Gubb B. 1852
married Mary Kitchingham 1874
" Florence Barry 1894
was a real character. The Thomas
Witheridge Gubb - his father - was
the owner of a fleet of ships plying
between England and South Africa
Hence his son was far from poor
and he in his turn became a
millionaire on 3 occasions. I am
not sure how he lost each one in
turn but he lived in grand style.
He also set up the "Gubb wool
washing industry" in Uitenhage - on
his death became Gubb & Inggs and
of recent years bought over by
an American Company and lastly by
the South African Government. He had
only 2 sons but left his estate to the
9 grandchildren — that is what was
left of it as his second marriage
to Florence Barry was a real disaster

She had two failings, a fast good social life and plenty of liquor. The fast life meant a home in South Africa a villa in Switzerland and another in Sweden, a child - Kate Witheridge Gubb who was believed to be the child of a Swedish Count acquaintance. Kate in turn resembled her mother and equally grew up to maintain a profligate lifestyle and successfully killed herself in a car crash whilst inebriated. In the meanwhile Florence Barry when liquor was not available found methylated spirits a good substitute and eventually burnt the home down and destroyed herself but in the process reduced the Gubb fortunes and silver, antiques etc to a shadow of its former glory. I think the decline set in there and we are no longer affluent. I doubt if any of this generation will make their mark in the world market. My son Andrew has chosen a field which may make him well-known but is probably the poorest paying in the country. He has a doctorate in Botany, writes articles, books

4/ etc and is the botanist for the North Western Cape. stationed at Kimberley. In fact all the Gubb men have gone in for strange means of livelihoods.

By now I am digressing badly. I do not know of any Witheridge relations as such for the Gubbs have seemed to keep up a steady friendship with the Cloggs only in Combe Martin as they appeared to consider the Gubb side had died out there and it is an embarrassment to say that any Gubbs in Combe Martin were not considered relatives.

On our trips to Combe Martin, my husband and I always had a feeling that a lot was being withheld as they are very "clannish" in their own way. I think there are a few flamboyant characters whose idiosyncrasies we are not being told about.

The Clogg home is Easticotts, a lovely place now sadly neglected, beyond the Roman Catholic Church. The Gubbs owned several homes and farms and at one stage a good deal of the village. Richard Clogg was the Squire of the village I am told. I wonder if you have a source of information in Combe Martin. We have a very good friend whose parents were retainers in the Clogg and Gubb homes and he is a tremendous source of information on the tribes of Combe Martin etc. His son Gerald has an interest in tracing family trees and I will send a copy of your two letters to them to see what else we can glean but it gets very complicated.

Unfortunately I will not be returning to Combe Martin until May 1985 when I hope to stay 3 months. Noel and I had planned to spend 6 months there this year when he retired but he died without achieving the pleasure of a very long stay. As I have just come home after a long trip "educating" two of my grandsons, I only managed 12 days there this visit. Unfortunately my own future is now in some jeopardy as on my return, I decided to have a physical checkup and the specialists have discovered I have cancer and start intensive radium treatment in two days time and after six weeks will have an operation. They tell me it is in early stages - I trust so because I have never had any illnesses in my life and would have considered myself a hundred percent healthy - but then so did Noel - who only complained of a backache. Anyway I am determined to be positive thinking - will have to bear with the next 3 months - and will then return to my most active life

Before I end - I must warn you that the Gubb and Clogg families are all characters - extroverts, determined, dogged, adventurous, have their own set of rules, probably eccentric, flamboyant and tremendous fun, born leaders to victory & disaster etc etc.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Gubb

[This family record was clipped to document W134.]

8th cousin of DEW?

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname GUBB Family No.

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**
Noel GUBB (a)(b)
**Father's Name:**
Joseph Gauntlett GUBB (a)(b)
**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Maria GREWAR (a)(b)
**Date** **Place**
**Birth** Dec. 17, 1920 (a)(b)
**Marriage**
**Death** Feb. 24, 1984 - Cape Town, So. Africa (c)¹
**Other Places of Residence:**

**Other Wives:**

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**
Margaret Dyer SMITH (b)
**Father's Name:**
**Mother's Maiden Name:**
**Date** **Place**
**Birth** May 27, 1919 (b)
**Death** Dec. __, 1984 - Cape Town (d)¹
**Other Places of Residence:**

**Other Husbands:**

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)** **Date** **Place (Town, County, State, Country)**

1 Jennifer (b)
**Married to** ——— KRUGER (d)
**Birth**
**Marriage**
**Death**

2 Margaret (b)(c)
**Married to** Andre ——— (c)
**Birth**
**Marriage**
**Death**
2 children (c)

3 Andrew (b)²
**Married to**
**Birth**
**Marriage**
**Death**

4
**Married to**
**Birth**
**Marriage**
**Death**

5
**Married**

From opposite side of page:

(a) "Pedigree of Witheridge --- Shewing descent of Gubb Family"; Doc. W135(a) - Log 637
(b) Descendants of Rev. Friedrich Kayser + Christiana Boehre; Doc. W135(b) - Log 637
(c) Inf. from Margaret Gubb; Doc. W134 - Log 637; Doc. W132 - Log 631
(d) Inf. from Una Parsons; Doc. W164 - Log 919; Doc. W138 - Log 733

1- Ashes buried in churchyard, Combe Martin, Devon (c)(d)
2- Has a doctorate in botany, writes articles and books, and is the botanist for the North Western Cape, stationed at Kimberly (c).

**Birth**
**Marriage**
**Death**

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**This document is a transcription made Nov. 6, 2021, by the editor (TFW) of the faint carbon copies of two Christmas letters from DEW to Witheridge/Ley descendant Una Parsons (q.v.).**

**The first letter is addressed to Una, her mother, Esther (Daisy), and her father, Herbert (Bert). Starting in paragraph 3, DEW recounts the story of Margaret Gubb in South Africa.**

Dec. 14, 1984

Dear Una, Daisy, and Bert,

I know I've been remiss in not writing to you this year, so I'll just write a little extra with this [Christmas] card. We have both been fairly healthy, but exceedingly busy. I won't try to go into everything, but will just mention church, genealogy, work around the house and yard, house guests, and a long trip to the East Coast in the spring.

We've had two house guests from England this fall. The first was an expert genealogist, Colin R. Chapman, who was speaking in several U.S. and Canadian cities. He prefers to stay in homes rather than hotels, and we were delighted to have him for two days and nights. The second was the Rev. Eric Allen, who visited us in 1976, and with whom we stayed in Leeds in 1976 and also in 1980. He has moved to a church in an interracial area in London. He was with us for Thanksgiving dinner, when Tom and Virginia were with us from Chicago and Jim was with us, of course. A great time of reunion!

A distant relative in Surrey, [Henry] Harry Witheridge [q.v.], sent us a death notice from a London newspaper that told of the death of the widow of a Thomas Witheridge Gubb [q.v.] in Cape Town, South Africa. Through an address given to me by the Cape Town public library I was able to contact a Mrs. Margaret Gubb [q.v.], widow of a Noel Gubb, who was a cousin of this Thomas Witheridge Gubb, the third one by that name. She told me a most fascinating story about that story.

The first Thomas Witheridge Gubb had a fleet of ships that traveled between England South Africa. He was born in Combe Martin in 1809, the son of William Gubb (a mariner) and Mary How Witheridge. The second Thomas Witheridge Gubb became a millionaire three times and lost his fortune each time through extravagance and wild living.

Margaret Gubb sent me a photocopy of a "Pedigree of Witheridge of Berry Narbor and Combe Martin in North Devon, Shewing Descent of Gubb Family from the Same." This ties right into our Witheridge line. If you are interested I can send you a copy of this pedigree.

Margaret and her husband Noel made trips to Combe Martin every few years, and she expects to visit there for three months starting in May, 1985. Their main tie there has been to the Clogg family [q.v.], who are some kind of relatives by marriage. She said "The Clogg home is Easticotts, a lovely place now sadly neglected, beyond the Roman Catholic church. Richard Clogg was the Squire of the village I am told. I must warn you that the Gubb and Clogg families are all characters — extroverts, determined, dogged, adventurous."

I have much more to find out about this family connection, but I thought you'd be fascinated by this discovery this year.

Now I must close and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We do hope your health is reasonably good and that all is going well.

All our love,
David & Elizabeth

**This second Christmas letter, addressed just to Una, follows up on the Margaret Gubb story. It was even more difficult to decipher than the previous faint carbon copy, and some educated guesswork was needed, especially in the second half. Fortunately, my first of two cataract operations last week made it easier than expected to slog through!**

Dec. 12, 1985

Dear Una,

We were so glad to get your Christmas greeting and letter, and we wish you a memorable Christmas season and a pleasant year ahead. Our health has been generally good, and we keep very busy with many activities at home, at church, and in the community.

It was interesting to hear about your mother's participation in the exhibition of Combe Martin memorabilia. Yes, we would greatly have enjoyed being there.

As you see, I am enclosing a copy of my letter of May 3rd. I had forgotten what I had said, and so I looked it up. What I want most are the names and addresses of Margaret Gubb's son and daughter, so I can write to them. Margaret's letters were so friendly and interesting that I want to continue my contact with her family. I [assume?] Gerald Walters [q.v.] can give you their addresses.

Speaking of Gerald, I wonder if he has my letter and the pedigree charts I enclosed. When Norah [Gregory, q.v.] wrote in September, she said, "I saw your Witheridge chart with the Gubb connections, and I believe it is now with the family with whom Mr. and Mrs. Gubb stayed when they visited Combe Martin." I assume she meant Gerald and [Eva? Eve?] Walters.

We are looking forward to a delightful time at Christmas. Jim lives in Minneapolis and will be with us, of course. Tom and Virginia are in Chicago, and this is their year to come here for Christmas. (In alternate years they go to her parents in [downstate?] Illinois and come here for Thanksgiving in November.) In April, if all goes well, Tom and Virginia will be presenting us with a grandchild, and we are all very happy about that. [Alas, it didn't go well, because of a miscarriage.]

The weather here has been very cold — right now it's below zero Fahrenheit — and we've had 33 in. of snow, which is more than we've ever had this early in the season. The city is very beautiful, especially around the fourteen lakes we have within the city limits of Minneapolis.

Our warmest love to you all!
David & Elizabeth

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| ancestry chart of Philip J. Nicholas back to Grace Witheridge + Thomas Bond, 1727, Hartland | | Log 606<br>5/16/84 | W123 | " |
| Letter to Philip J. Nicholas with inf. on parents + grandparents of Grace Witheridge + inf from Anne Stratton | | Log 607<br>5/24/84 | W124 | " |
| Letter to Lyn Prust [B 26(a)] for help at No. Devon Athenaeum on John Witheridge, Barnstaple (Maine, 1622) | | Log 621<br>7/10/84 | W125 | [illegible] |
| References to John Witheridge, Maine, 1622-25, from Filby Passenger + Immigration Lists Index (Milford Pub. Lib.) | | Log 622<br>7/27/82 | W126 | [illegible] |
| John Witheridge references from Pioneers on Maine Rivers, by Wilbur D. Spencer (N.E. Hist. + Gen. Soc.) | | Log 212<br>7/29/82 | W127 | |
| Letter from Pat Gubb (Mrs. Vernon) about 40th Anniv. celebr. of Ken + Mary Gubb + about Thomas Gubb, Cape Town | | Log 623<br>5/7/84 | W128 | [illegible] |
| Letter to Pat Gubb about Ken + Mary's 40th Anniv. + Thomas Witheridge Gubb in Cape Town | | Log 624<br>7/14/84 | W129 | " |
| Letter to N. Gubb, 103 Clairwood, Kenilworth 7700, Cape Town, So. Africa, on Thos. Witheridge Gubb | | Log 625<br>7/18/84 | W130 | [illegible] |
| Letter to N. Gubb, 12 Lincuden, Wynberg 7700, Cape Town, So. Africa, on Thos. Witheridge Gubb | | Log 625<br>7/18/84 | W131 | " |
| Letter 7/28/84 from Margaret Gubb, Cape Town, So. Africa, replying to my letter [W131] to N. Gubb | | Log 631<br>7/28/84 | W132 | " |
| Letter 8/8/84 to Margaret Gubb about my Witheridge ancestry + her husband's Witheridge-Gubb pedigree [See W132] | | Log 632<br>8/8/84 | W133 | " |
| Letter 8/27/84 from Margaret Gubb about Thos. W. Gubb family + enclosing pedigree chart | | Log 637<br>8/27/84 | W134 | " |
| Pedigree of Witheridge of Berry Narbor + Combe Martin and descent of Gubb Family (Margaret Gubb) | | Log 637<br>8/27/84 | W135 (a) + (b) | * |
| Letter from Donald W. Couch, Victoria, B.C., about his ancestor, Agnes Witheridge (m. Wm. Baker, Feb. 11, 1710) | | Log 683<br>12/5/84 | W136 | [illegible] |
| Preliminary Witheridge Pedigree of Berrynarbor + Combe Martin | | Log 732<br>5/1/85 | W137 | |

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| Letter to Una Parsons about Witheridge pedigree from Cape Town Gubbs + my prelim. Witheridge pedigree | | Log 734<br>5/3/85 | W139 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Redburn Aldrich, East Lansing, Mich., asking for inf. about her Witheridge ancestry | | Log 768<br>7/30/85 | W140 | Joyce Aldrich file |
| Letter to Joyce Aldrich about her Witheridge ancestry + mine + enclosing Witheridge ancestry charts + fam. g. sh. | | Log 790<br>9/18/85 | W142 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich suggesting I might want to tape information for her | | Log 791<br>8/19/85 | W141 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich about Witheridge ancestor charts + fam. gr. sheets I sent | | Log 797<br>9/25/85 | W143 | " |
| Computer printout of Joyce Aldrich's Redburn family siblings + their children | | Log 797<br>9/25/85 | W144 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich about her family + enclosing corrected fam. group sheets | | Log 798<br>10/3/85 | W145 | " |
| Family group sheets of Joyce Redburn Aldrich's family | | Log 798<br>10/3/85 | W146 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich with obituaries of her parents + other family information | | Log 813<br>10/9/85 | W147 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich enclosing Witheridge entries from Saginaw City Directories | | Log 814<br>10/17/85 | W148 | " |
| Witheridge entries from Saginaw City Directories copied at Mich. State Lib. by Joyce Aldrich | | Log 814<br>10/17/85 | W149 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich about Sarah Grey Stoppel, Rowena Grey, + pheasant hunting | | Log 815<br>10/20/85 | W150 | " |
| Letter to Joyce Aldrich answering her last ~~four~~ five letters (W143, 145, 147, 148, 150) + sending numbering system | | Log 816<br>10/23/85 | W151 | " |
| Letter from Norah Gregory with tombstone inscription about Thos. Witheridge Gubb in Combe Martin churchyard | | Log 831<br>11/28/85 | W152 | out |
| Letter 12/31/85 from Jo Aldrich on genealogy + family matters, including pictures + enclosures | | Log 835<br>12/31/85 | W153 | Joyce Aldrich file |

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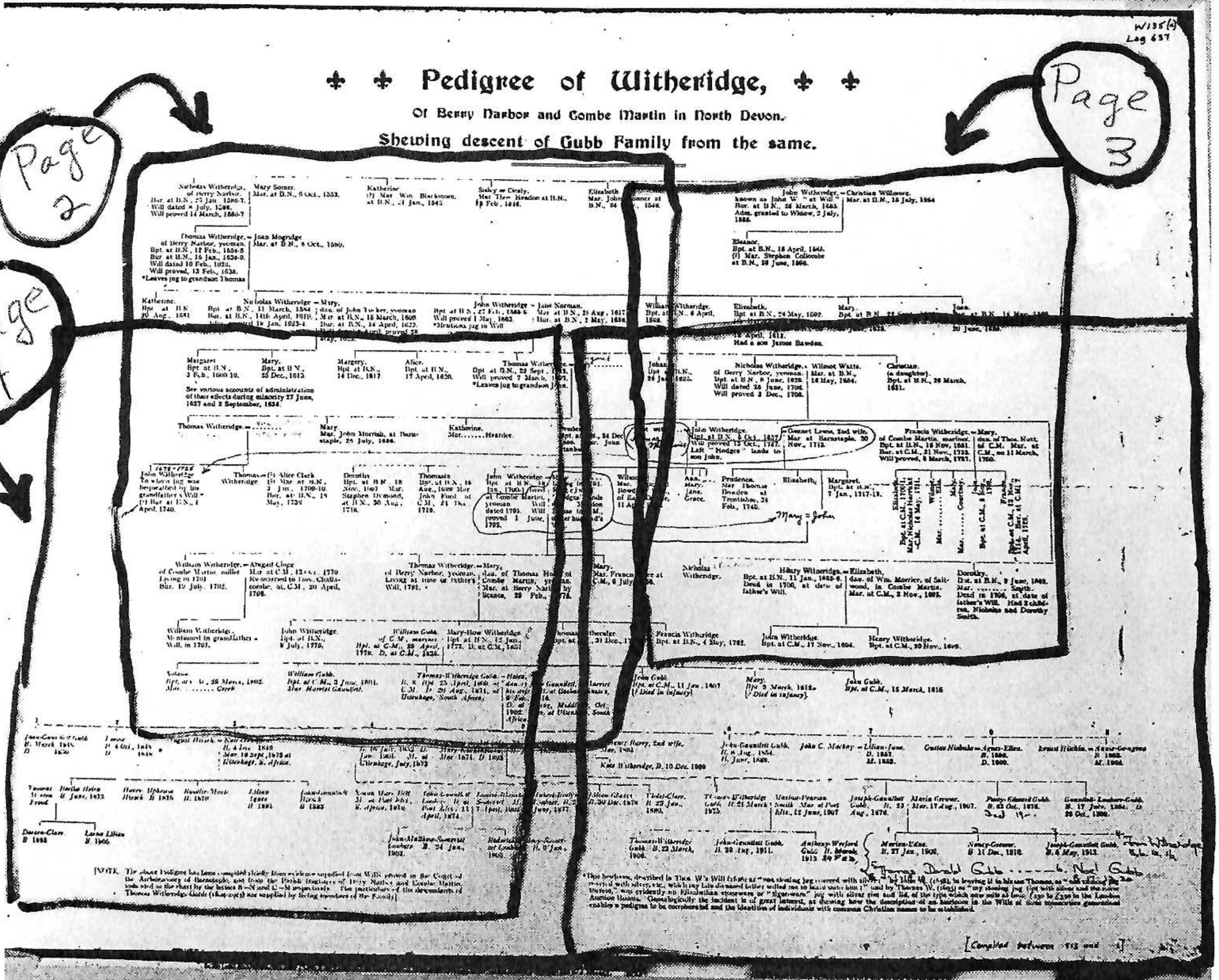

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# Pedigree of Witheridge,

Of Berry Narbor and Combe Martin in North Devon.

## Shewing descent of Gubb Family from the same.

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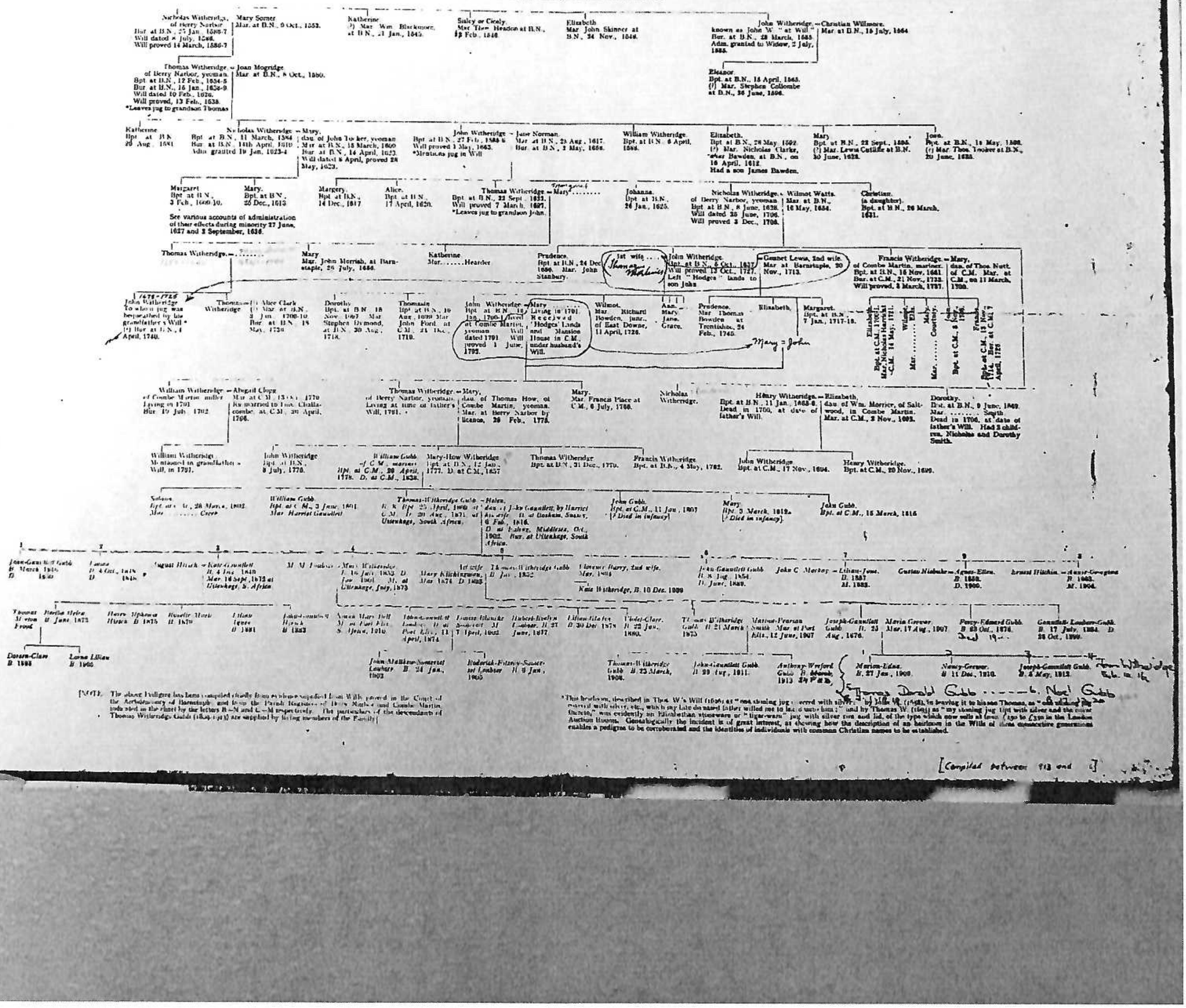
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Elizabeth. Mar. John Skinner at B.N., 24 Nov., 1546.
John Witheridge, known as John W. "at Will." Bur. at B.N., 28 March, 1585. Adm. granted to Widow, 2 July, 1585.
Christian Willmore. Mar. at B.N., 15 July, 1564
Thomas Witheridge, of Berry Narbor, yeoman. Bpt. at B.N., 12 Feb., 1554-5. Bur. at B.N., 16 Jan., 1638-9. Will dated 10 Feb., 1626. Will proved, 13 Feb., 1638. *Leaves jug to grandson Thomas
Joan Mogridge. Mar. at B.N., 8 Oct., 1580.
Eleanor. Bpt. at B.N., 15 April, 1565. (?) Mar. Stephen Collombe at B.N., 30 June, 1596.
Katherine. Bpt. at B.N. 20 Aug., 1581
Nicholas Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 11 March, 1584. Bur. at B.N., 14th April, 1610. Adm. granted 19 Jan., 1623-4
Mary, dau. of John Tucker, yeoman. Mar. at B.N., 15 March, 1600. Bur. at B.N., 14 April, 1623. Will dated 6 April, proved 28 May, 1623.
John Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 27 Feb., 1586-6. Will proved 1 May, 1665. *Mentions jug in Will
Jane Norman. Mar. at B.N., 23 Aug., 1617. Bur. at B.N., 2 May, 1668.
William Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N. 6 April, 1588.
Elizabeth. Bpt. at B.N., 28 May, 1592. (?) Mar. Nicholas Clarke, alias Bawden, at B.N., on 16 April, 1612. Had a son James Bawden.
Mary. Bpt. at B.N., 22 Sept., 1595. (?) Mar. Lewis Cutliffe at B.N. 30 June, 1628.
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Margaret. Bpt. at B.N., 3 Feb., 1609-10.
Mary. Bpt. at B.N., 26 Dec., 1613
See various accounts of administration of their effects during minority 27 June, 1627 and 2 September, 1636.
Margery. Bpt. at B.N., 14 Dec., 1617
Alice. Bpt. at B.N., 17 April, 1620.
Thomas Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 22 Sept., 1622. Will proved 7 March, 1697. *Leaves jug to grandson John.
Mary . . . . . . . .
Johanna. Bpt. at B.N., 26 Jan., 1625.
Nicholas Witheridge, of Berry Narbor, yeoman. Bpt. at B.N., 8 June, 1628. Will dated 25 June, 1706. Will proved 3 Dec., 1706.
Wilmot Watts. Mar. at B.N., 16 May, 1654.
Christian. (a daughter). Bpt. at B.N., 26 March, 1631.
Thomas Witheridge. = . . . . . . .
Mary. Mar. John Morrish, at Barnstaple, 26 July, 1666.
Katherine. Mar. . . . . . Hearder
Prudence. Bpt. at B.N., 24 Dec., 1656. Mar. John Stanbury.
1st wife . . . . Thomas Mathews
John Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 6 Oct., 1657. Will proved 13 Oct., 1727. Left "Hodges" lands to son John
Gennet Lewis, 2nd wife. Mar. at Barnstaple, 20 Nov., 1713.
Francis Witheridge, of Combe Martin, mariner. Bpt. at B.N., 16 Nov., 1661. Bur. at C.M., 21 Nov., 1733. Will proved, 8 March, 1737.
Mary, dau. of Thos. Nutt, of C.M. Mar. at C.M., on 11 March, 1700.
1675-1725
John Witheridge. To whom jug was bequeathed by his grandfather's Will.* (?) Bur. at B.N., 4 April, 1740.
Thomas Witheridge
(1) Alice Clark. (1) Mar. at B.N., 3 Jan., 1709-10. Bur. at B.N., 18 May, 1730
Dorothy. Bpt. at B.N., 18 Nov., 1687. Mar. Stephen Dymond, at B.N., 20 Aug., 1718.
Thomasin. Bpt. at B.N., 10 Aug., 1690. Mar. John Ford at C.M., 21 Dec., 1710.
John Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 18 Jan., 1700-1. lived at Combe Martin, yeoman. Will dated 1791. Will proved 1 June, 1792.
Mary . . . . . . Living in 1791. Received 'Hodges' Lands and Mansion House in C.M., under husband's Will.
Wilmot. Mar. Richard Bowden, junr., of East Downe, 11 April, 1726.
Ann. Mary. Jane. Grace.
Prudence. Mar. Thomas Bowden at Trentishoe, 24 Feb., 1745.
Elizabeth.
Margaret. Bpt. at B.N., 7 Jan., 1717-18.
Mary = John
Elizabeth. Bpt. at C.M., 1700-1. Mar. Nicholas Harris at C.M. 14 May, 1721.
Wilmot. Mar. . . . . . . Ellis.
Mary. Mar. . . . . . . Courtney.
Joan. Bpt. at C.M., 8 Nov., 1706.
Francis. Bpt. at C.M., 15 Nov., 1714. Bur. at C.M., 7 April, 1725
William Witheridge, of Combe Martin, miller. Living in 1791. Bur. 19 July, 1792
Abigail Clogg. Mar. at C.M., 13 Oct., 1770. Re-married to Thos. Challacombe, at C.M., 20 April, 1796.
Thomas Witheridge, of Berry Narbor, yeoman. Living at time of father's Will, 1791.
Mary, dau. of Thomas How, of Combe Martin, yeoman. Mar. at Berry Narbor by licence, 20 Feb., 1775.
Mary. Mar. Francis Place at C.M., 6 July, 1760.
Nicholas Witheridge.
Henry Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 11 Jan., 1665-6. Dead in 1700, at date of father's Will.
Elizabeth, dau. of Wm. Morrier, of Saltwood, in Combe Martin. Mar. at C.M., 2 Nov., 1693.
Dorothy. Bpt. at B.N., 9 June, 1669. Mar. . . . . . . . Smith. Dead in 1706, at date of father's Will. Had 2 children, Nicholas and Dorothy Smith.
William Witheridge. Mentioned in grandfather's Will, in 1791.
John Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 8 July, 1770.
William Gubb, of C.M., mariner. Bpt. at C.M., 20 April, 1775. D. at C.M., 1838.
Mary-How Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 12 Jan., 1777. D. at C.M., 1857
Thomas Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 31 Dec., 1779.
Francis Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 4 May, 1782.
John Witheridge. Bpt. at C.M., 17 Nov., 1694.
Henry Witheridge. Bpt. at C.M., 20 Nov., 1699.
Salome. Bpt. at C.M., 28 March, 1802. Mar. . . . . . . . Crerr
William Gubb. Bpt. at C.M., 3 June, 1804. Mar. Harriet Gauntlett
Thomas-Witheridge Gubb. B. & Bpt. 25 April, 1809 at C.M. D. 20 Aug., 1871, at Uitenhage, South Africa.
Helen, dau. of John Gauntlett, by Harriet his wife. B. at Bosham, Sussex, 6 Feb., 1816. D. at Ealing, Middlesex, Oct., 1902. Bur. at Uitenhage, South Africa.
John Gubb. Bpt. at C.M., 11 Jan., 1807. [? Died in infancy]
Mary. Bpt. 5 March, 1812. [? Died in infancy].
John Gubb. Bpt. at C.M., 16 March, 1815
1
John-Gauntlett Gubb. B. March 1846. D. 1846.
2
Louisa. B. 4 Oct., 1848. D. 1848.
August Hirsch = Kate Gauntlett. B. 4 Dec., 1849. Mar. 16 Sept., 1872 at Uitenhage, S. Africa
3
M. M. Loubser = Mary Witheridge. B. 16 Jan., 1853. D. Jan. 1901. M. at Uitenhage, July, 1873
4
1st wife Mary Kitchingman, Mar. 1874. D. 1883.
Thomas-Witheridge Gubb. B. Jan., 1852
Florence Harry, 2nd wife. Mar. 1884
Kate Witheridge, B. 10 Dec. 1889
5
6
John Gauntlett Gubb. B. 8 Aug., 1854. D. June, 1889.
John C. Mackay = Lilian-Jane. B. 1857. M. 1883.
7
Gustav Niebuhr = Agnes-Ellen. B. 1858. D. 1900.
9
Ernest Hitchin = Annie-Georgina. B. 1862. M. 1904.
8
Thomas Merton Frood
Bertha Helen. B. June 1873
Henry Upham Hirsch. B. 1875
Rosalie Mark. B. 1879
Lilian Agnes. B. 1881
John Gauntlett Hirsch. B. 1883
Doreen-Clare. B. 1903
Lorna Lilian. B. 1905
Susan Mary Bell. M. at Port Eliz. 8 June, 1910
John Gauntlett Loubser. B. at Port Eliz., 11 April, 1874
Louisa Blanche Somerset. M. 7 April, 1902
Hubert-Evelyn Loubser. B. 27 June, 1877
Lilian Gladys. B. 30 Dec. 1878
Violet-Clare. B. 22 Jan., 1880.
Thomas Witheridge Gubb. B. 21 March 1875
Marion-Pearson Smith. Mar. at Port Eliz., 12 June, 1907
Joseph-Gauntlett Gubb. B. 25 Aug., 1876.
Maria Grewar. Mar. 17 Aug., 1907
Percy-Edward Gubb. B. 23 Oct., 1878. Dead 19--
Gauntlett-Loubser-Gubb. B. 17 July, 1884. D. 28 Oct., 1890.
John-Matthew-Somerset Loubser. B. 24 Jan., 1903
Roderick-Fitzroy-Somerset Loubser. B. 9 Jan., 1905
Thomas-Witheridge Gubb. B. 23 March, 1908.
John-Gauntlett Gubb. B. 29 Aug., 1911.
Anthony-Wreford Gubb. B. March, 1913 24th Feb.
5 Thomas Donald Gubb ------ 6. Noel Gubb
1
Marion-Edna. B. 27 Jan., 1909.
2
Nancy-Grewar. B. 11 Dec., 1910.
3
Joseph-Gauntlett Gubb. B. 4 May, 1912.
4
Thomas Witheridge Gubb in the

[NOTE. The above Pedigree has been compiled chiefly from evidence supplied from Wills proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple and from the Parish Registers of Berry Narbor and Combe Martin, indicated in the chart by the letters B.-N and C.-M respectively. The particulars of the descendants of Thomas Witheridge Gubb (1809-1871) are supplied by living members of the Family.]

*This heirloom, described in Thos. W.'s Will (1626) as "one stoning jug covered with silver;" by John W. (1665), in leaving it to his son Thomas, as "one stoning jug covered with silver, etc., which my late deceased father willed me to leave unto him;" and by Thomas W. (1697) as "my stoning jug tipt with silver and the cover thereto," was evidently an Elizabethan stoneware or "tiger-ware" jug with silver rim and lid, of the type which now sells at from £30 to £350 in the London Auction Rooms. Genealogically the incident is of great interest, as showing how the description of an heirloom in the Wills of three consecutive generations enables a pedigree to be corroborated and the identities of individuals with common Christian names to be established.

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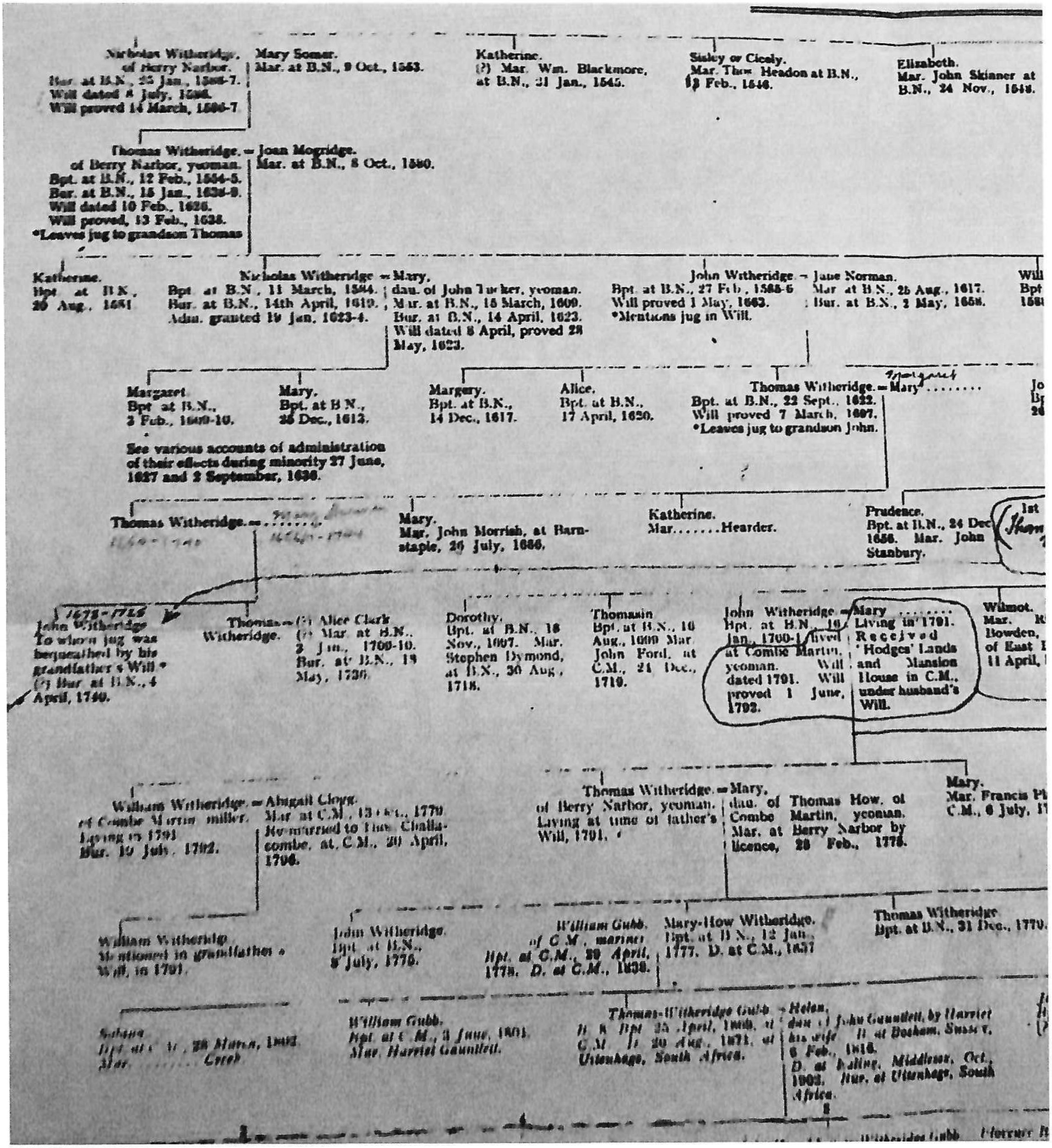

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**Will** Bpt 158

**Margaret** Bpt. at B.N., 3 Feb., 1609-10.

**Mary.** Bpt. at B.N., 26 Dec., 1613.

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**Margery.** Bpt. at B.N., 14 Dec., 1617.

**Alice.** Bpt. at B.N., 17 April, 1620.

**Thomas Witheridge.** Bpt. at B.N., 22 Sept., 1622. Will proved 7 March, 1697. *Leaves jug to grandson John. = Margaret ~~Mary~~ ........

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**Thomas Witheridge.** = ........ [illegible] [illegible]

**Mary.** Mar. John Morrish, at Barnstaple, 26 July, 1686.

**Katherine.** Mar.......Hearder.

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***Susana*** *Bpt. at C.M., 28 March, 1802. Mar. ........ Creek*

***William Gubb.*** *Bpt. at C.M., 3 June, 1803. Mar. Harriet Gauntlett.*

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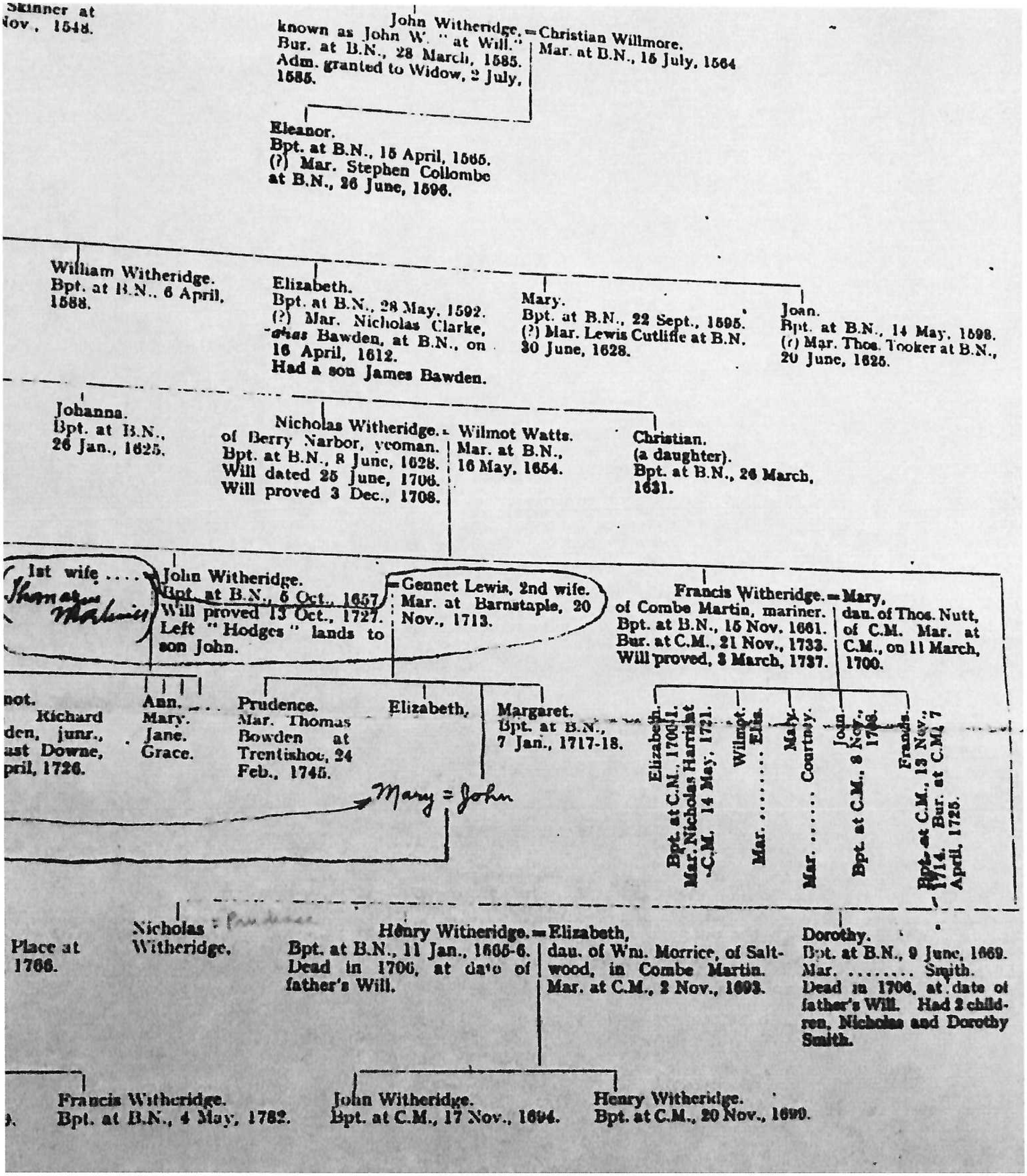

Skinner at
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known as John W. "at Will."
Bur. at B.N., 28 March, 1585.
Adm. granted to Widow, 2 July, 1585.

Christian Willmore.
Mar. at B.N., 15 July, 1564

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(?) Mar. Thos. Tooker at B.N., 20 June, 1625.

Johanna.
Bpt. at B.N., 26 Jan., 1625.

Nicholas Witheridge. = Wilmot Watts.
of Berry Narbor, yeoman.
Bpt. at B.N., 8 June, 1628.
Will dated 25 June, 1706.
Will proved 3 Dec., 1708.

Wilmot Watts.
Mar. at B.N., 16 May, 1654.

Christian.
(a daughter).
Bpt. at B.N., 26 March, 1631.

1st wife .... = John Witheridge.
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John Witheridge.
~~Bpt. at B.N., 6 Oct., 1657.~~
Will proved 13 Oct., 1727.
Left "Hodges" lands to son John.

= Gennet Lewis, 2nd wife.
Mar. at Barnstaple, 20 Nov., 1713.

Francis Witheridge. = Mary,
of Combe Martin, mariner.
Bpt. at B.N., 15 Nov. 1661.
Bur. at C.M., 21 Nov., 1733.
Will proved, 3 March, 1737.

Mary,
dau. of Thos. Nutt, of C.M. Mar. at C.M., on 11 March, 1700.

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Richard
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Ann.
Mary.
Jane.
Grace.

Prudence.
Mar. Thomas Bowden at Trentishoe, 24 Feb., 1745.

Elizabeth,

Margaret.
Bpt. at B.N., 7 Jan., 1717-18.

Mary = John

Elizabeth.
Bpt. at C.M., 1700-1.
Mar. Nicholas Harris at C.M. 14 May, 1721.

Wilmot.
Mar. ........ Ellis.

Mary.
Mar. ........ Courtney.

John.
Bpt. at C.M., 8 Nov., 1708.

Francis.
Bpt. at C.M., 13 Nov., 1714. Bur. at C.M., 7 April, 1725.

Nicholas Witheridge. = Prudence

Place at
1766.

Henry Witheridge. = Elizabeth,
Bpt. at B.N., 11 Jan., 1665-6.
Dead in 1706, at date of father's Will.

Elizabeth,
dau. of Wm. Morrice, of Saltwood, in Combe Martin.
Mar. at C.M., 2 Nov., 1693.

Dorothy.
Bpt. at B.N., 9 June, 1669.
Mar. ........ Smith.
Dead in 1706, at date of father's Will. Had 2 children, Nicholas and Dorothy Smith.

Francis Witheridge.
Bpt. at B.N., 4 May, 1782.

John Witheridge.
Bpt. at C.M., 17 Nov., 1694.

Henry Witheridge.
Bpt. at C.M., 20 Nov., 1699.

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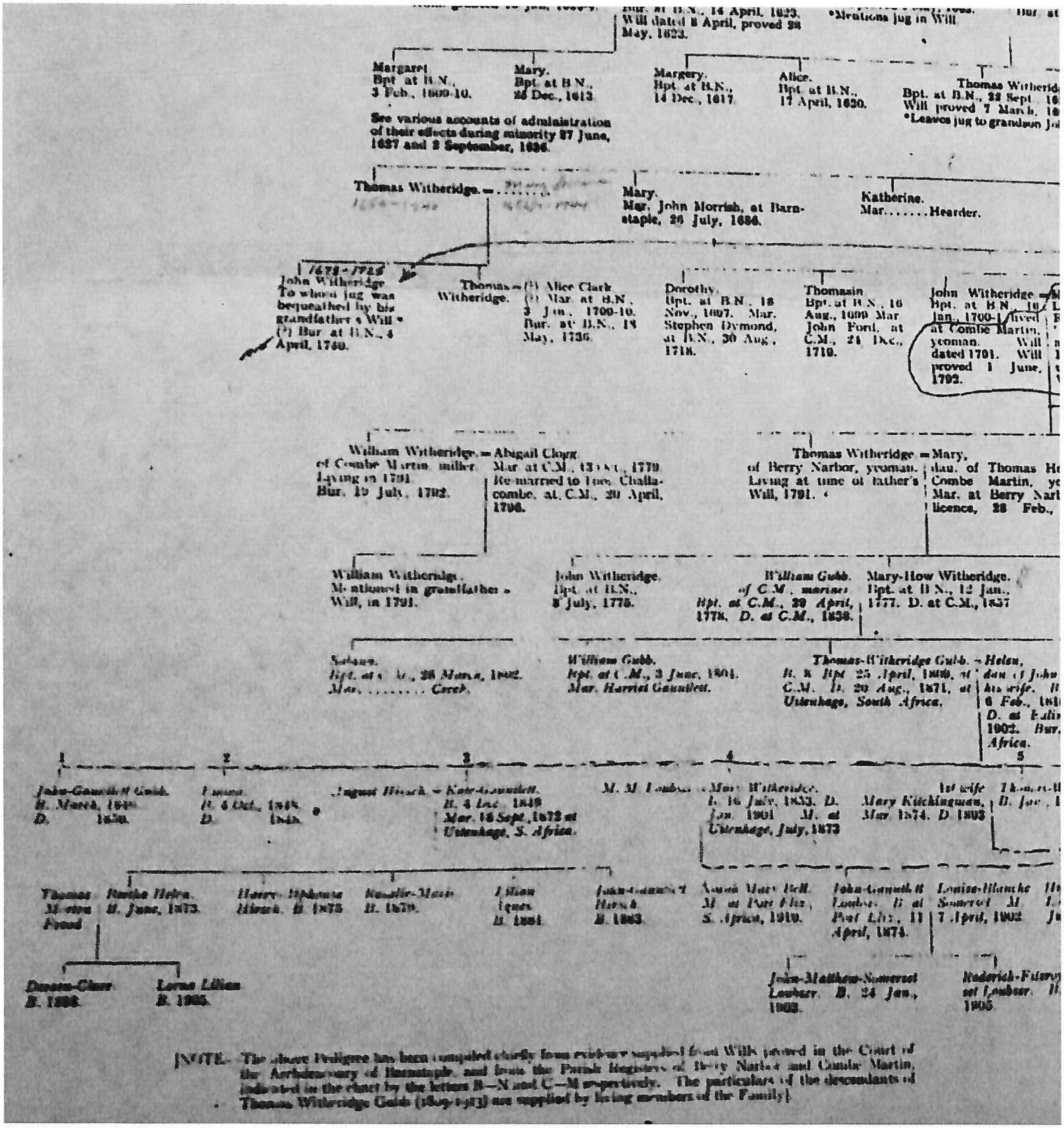

Bur. at B.N., 14 April, 1623. Will dated 8 April, proved 28 May, 1623.

*Mentions jug in Will

Margaret
Bpt. at B.N., 3 Feb., 1609-10.

Mary.
Bpt. at B.N., 25 Dec., 1613

See various accounts of administration of their effects during minority 27 June, 1627 and 2 September, 1636.

Margery.
Bpt. at B.N., 14 Dec., 1617.

Alice.
Bpt. at B.N., 17 April, 1620.

Thomas Witherid
Bpt. at B.N., 22 Sept. 16
Will proved 7 March, 16
*Leaves jug to grandson Jo

Thomas Witherldge. = .......
1654-1740 [illegible]

Mary.
Mar. John Morrish, at Barnstaple, 26 July, 1686.

Katherine.
Mar.......Hearder.

1678-1728
John Witheridge
To whom jug was bequeathed by his grandfather's Will.*
(¹) Bur. at B.N., 4 April, 1740.

Thomas Witheridge. = (¹) Alice Clark
(²) Mar. at B.N., 3 Jan., 1709-10. Bur. at B.N., 18 May, 1736.

Dorothy.
Bpt. at B.N., 18 Nov., 1697. Mar. Stephen Dymond, at B.N., 30 Aug., 1718.

Thomasin
Bpt. at B.N., 16 Aug., 1699 Mar. John Ford, at C.M., 24 Dec., 1719.

John Witheridge =
Bpt. at B.N., 10 Jan., 1700-1 lived at Combe Martin, yeoman. Will dated 1701. Will proved 1 June, 1792.

William Witheridge. = Abigail Clogg
of Combe Martin, miller. Living in 1791. Bur. 19 July, 1792.
Mar. at C.M., 13 Oct., 1779. Re-married to Jos. Challacombe, at C.M., 20 April, 1796.

Thomas Witheridge = Mary,
of Berry Narbor, yeoman. Living at time of father's Will, 1791.
dau. of Thomas H
Combe Martin, y
Mar. at Berry Narb
licence, 28 Feb.,

William Witheridge.
Mentioned in grandfather's Will, in 1791.

John Witheridge.
Bpt. at B.N., 8 July, 1775.

*William Gubb.*
*of C.M., mariner*
*Bpt. at C.M., 29 April, 1778. D. at C.M., 1838.*

Mary-How Witheridge.
Bpt. at B.N., 12 Jan., 1777. D. at C.M., 1857

*Susan.*
*Bpt. at C.M., 28 March, 1802.*
*Mar. ........ Creek.*

*William Gubb.*
*Bpt. at C.M., 3 June, 1804.*
*Mar. Harriet Gauntlett.*

*Thomas-Witheridge Gubb.* = *Helen,*
*B. & Bpt. 25 April, 1809, at C.M. D. 20 Aug., 1871, at Uitenhage, South Africa.*
*dau. of John*
*his wife. B*
*6 Feb., 181*
*D. at Eliz*
*1902. Bur.*
*Africa.*

1

*John-Gauntlett Gubb.*
*B. March, 1846*
*D. 1850.*

2

*Emma.*
*B. 4 Oct., 1848.*
*D. 1848.*

3

*August Hirsch* = *Kate-Gauntlett.*
*B. 4 Dec. 1849*
*Mar. 18 Sept. 1872 at Uitenhage, S. Africa.*

4

*M. M. Loubser* = *Mary Witheridge.*
*B. 16 July, 1853. D. Jan. 1901 M. at Uitenhage, July, 1873*

5

*1st wife*
*Mary Kitchingman,*
*Mar. 1874. D. 1893*

*Thomas-W*
*B. Jan., 1*

*Thomas Morton Proud*

*Bertha Helen.*
*B. June, 1873.*

*Harry Alphonse Hirsch. B. 1875*

*Rosalie-Marie*
*B. 1879.*

*Lilian Agnes*
*B. 1881*

*John-Gauntlett Hirsch*
*B. 1883.*

*Anna Mary Bell.*
*M. at Port Eliz., S. Africa, 1910.*

*John-Gauntlett Loubser. B. at Port Eliz., 11 April, 1874.*

*Louise-Blanche Somerset M. 7 April, 1902.*

*Doreen-Clare*
*B. 1898.*

*Lorna Lilian*
*B. 1905.*

*John-Matthew-Somerset Loubser. B. 24 Jan., 1903.*

*Roderick-Fitzroy-*
*set Loubser. B.*
*1905.*

[NOTE.—The above Pedigree has been compiled chiefly from evidence supplied from Wills proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, and from the Parish Registers of Berry Narbor and Combe Martin, indicated in the chart by the letters B—N and C—M respectively. The particulars of the descendants of Thomas Witheridge Gubb (1809-1871) are supplied by living members of the Family.]

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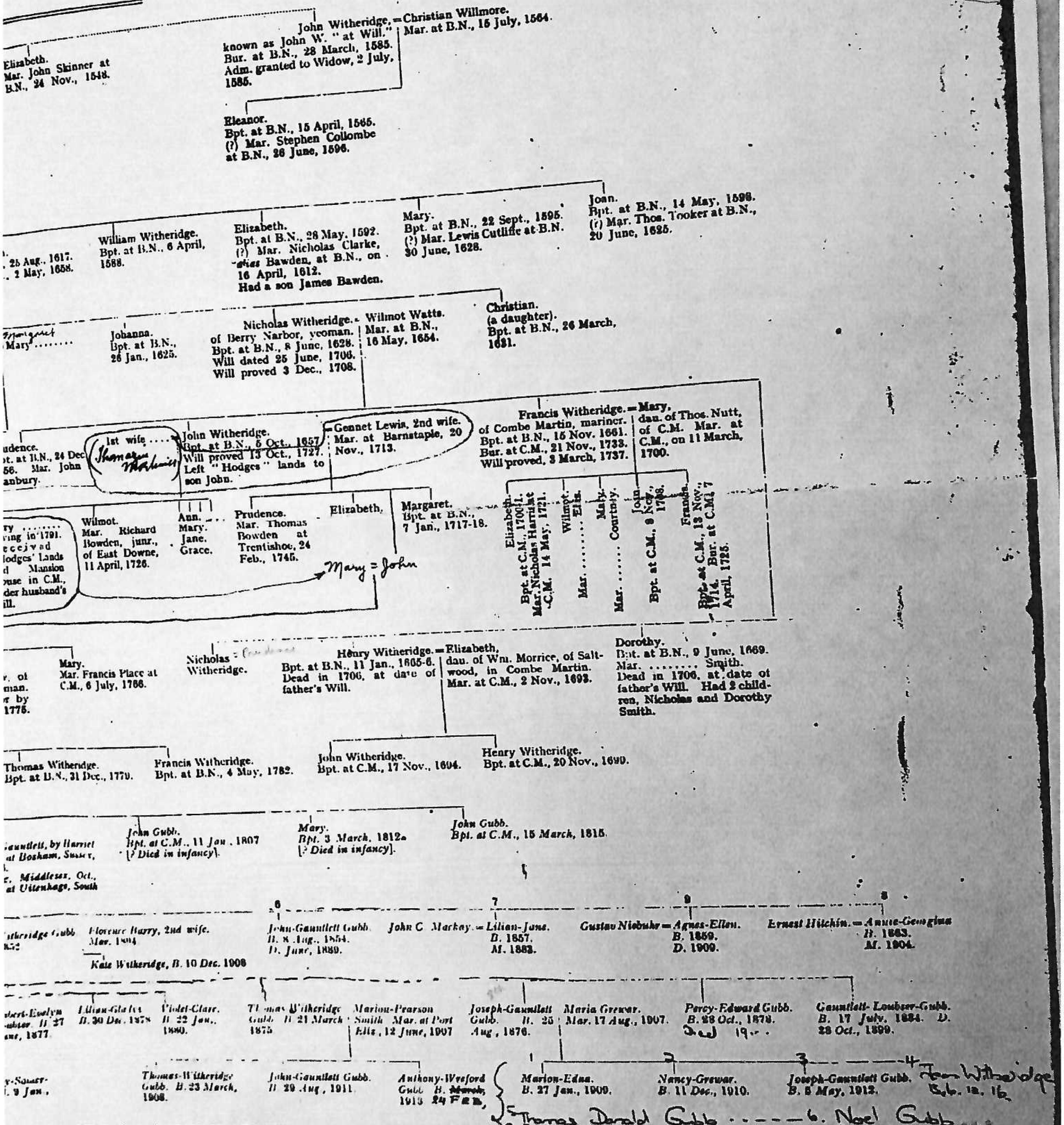

John Witheridge, = Christian Willmore.
known as John W. "at Will." Bur. at B.N., 28 March, 1585. Adm. granted to Widow, 2 July, 1585.
Mar. at B.N., 15 July, 1564.

Elizabeth. Mar. John Skinner at B.N., 24 Nov., 1548.

Eleanor. Bpt. at B.N., 15 April, 1565. (?) Mar. Stephen Collombe at B.N., 26 June, 1596.

., 25 Aug., 1617. ., 2 May, 1658.

William Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 6 April, 1588.

Elizabeth. Bpt. at B.N., 28 May, 1592. (?) Mar. Nicholas Clarke, *alias* Bawden, at B.N., on 16 April, 1612. Had a son James Bawden.

Mary. Bpt. at B.N., 22 Sept., 1595. (?) Mar. Lewis Cutliffe at B.N. 30 June, 1628.

Joan. Bpt. at B.N., 14 May, 1598. (?) Mar. Thos. Tooker at B.N., 20 June, 1625.

Margaret
Mary ........

Johanna. Bpt. at B.N., 26 Jan., 1625.

Nicholas Witheridge. = Wilmot Watts.
of Berry Narbor, yeoman. Bpt. at B.N., 8 June, 1628. Will dated 25 June, 1706. Will proved 3 Dec., 1708.
Mar. at B.N., 16 May, 1654.

Christian. (a daughter). Bpt. at B.N., 26 March, 1631.

udence. t. at B.N., 24 Dec 56. Mar. John anbury.

1st wife .... Thomazin Watkins

John Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 5 Oct., 1657. Will proved 13 Oct., 1727. Left "Hodges" lands to son John.

Gennet Lewis, 2nd wife. Mar. at Barnstaple, 20 Nov., 1713.

Francis Witheridge. = Mary,
of Combe Martin, mariner. Bpt. at B.N., 15 Nov. 1661. Bur. at C.M., 21 Nov., 1733. Will proved, 3 March, 1737.
dau. of Thos. Nutt, of C.M. Mar. at C.M., on 11 March, 1700.

ry ........ ving in 1791. eceived Hodges' Lands d Mansion ouse in C.M., der husband's ill.

Wilmot. Mar. Richard Bowden, junr., of East Downe, 11 April, 1726.

Ann. Mary. Jane. Grace.

Prudence. Mar. Thomas Bowden at Trentishoe, 24 Feb., 1745.

Elizabeth.

Margaret. Bpt. at B.N., 7 Jan., 1717-18.

Mary = John

Elizabeth. Bpt. at C.M., 1700-1. Mar. Nicholas Harris at C.M. 14 May, 1721.

Wilmot. Mar. ........ Ellis.

Mary. Mar. ........ Courtney.

John. Bpt. at C.M., 8 Nov., 1708.

Francis. Bpt. at C.M., 13 Nov., 1714. Bur. at C.M., 7 April, 1725.

r. of man. r by 1775.

Mary. Mar. Francis Place at C.M., 6 July, 1766.

Nicholas = Prudence
Witheridge.

Henry Witheridge. = Elizabeth,
Bpt. at B.N., 11 Jan., 1665-6. Dead in 1706, at date of father's Will.
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Francis Witheridge. Bpt. at B.N., 4 May, 1782.

John Witheridge. Bpt. at C.M., 17 Nov., 1694.

Henry Witheridge. Bpt. at C.M., 20 Nov., 1699.

*auntlett, by Harriet at Bosham, Sussex,*
*c. Middlesex, Oct., at Uitenhage, South*

*John Gubb. Bpt. at C.M., 11 Jan., 1807 [? Died in infancy].*

*Mary. Bpt. 3 March, 1812. [? Died in infancy].*

*John Gubb. Bpt. at C.M., 15 March, 1815.*

*itheridge Gubb*

*Florence Harry, 2nd wife. Mar. 1894*

*Kate Witheridge, B. 10 Dec. 1908*

6 *John-Gauntlett Gubb. B. 8 Aug., 1854. D. June, 1889.*

7 *John C. Mackay. = Lilian-Jane. B. 1857. M. 1883.*

9 *Gustav Niebuhr = Agnes-Ellen. B. 1859. D. 1909.*

8 *Ernest Hitchin. = Annie-Georgina B. 1863. M. 1904.*

*bert-Evelyn ubser. B. 27 ne, 1877.*

*Lilian-Gladys B. 30 Dec. 1878*

*Violet-Clare. B. 22 Jan., 1880.*

*Thomas Witheridge Gubb. B. 21 March 1875*

*Marion-Pearson Smith. Mar. at Port Eliz., 12 June, 1907*

*Joseph-Gauntlett Gubb. B. 25 Aug., 1876.*

*Maria Grewar. Mar. 17 Aug., 1907.*

*Percy-Edward Gubb. B. 28 Oct., 1878.* Died 19..

*Gauntlett-Loubser-Gubb. B. 17 July, 1884. D. 28 Oct., 1899.*

*y-Sauer- . 9 Jan.,*

*Thomas-Witheridge Gubb. B. 23 March, 1908.*

*John-Gauntlett Gubb. B. 29 Aug., 1911.*

*Anthony-Wexford Gubb. B.* ~~*March,*~~ *1913* 24 Feb,

1 *Marion-Edna. B. 27 Jan., 1909.*

2 *Nancy-Grewar. B. 11 Dec., 1910.*

3 *Joseph-Gauntlett Gubb. B. 5 May, 1912.*

4 Jean Witheridge Feb. 12. 16

5 Thomas Donald Gubb 2/1/19 ----- 6. Noel Gubb 8/12/20

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* This heirloom, described in Thos. W.'s Will (1626) as "one stoning jug covered with silver;" by John W. (1658), in leaving it to his son Thomas, as "one stoning jug covered with silver, etc., which my late deceased father willed me to leave unto him;" and by Thomas W. (1695) as "my stoning jug tipt with silver and the cover thereto," was evidently an Elizabethan stoneware or "tiger-ware" jug with silver rim and lid, of the type which now sells at from £250 to £350 in the London Auction Rooms. Genealogically the incident is of great interest, as shewing how the description of an heirloom in the Wills of three consecutive generations enables a pedigree to be corroborated and the identities of individuals with common Christian names to be established.

[Compiled between 1913 and 16]

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1916

[DEW received this document from Margaret (Mrs. Noel) Gubb in 1984. There were only 2 pages. Tom Witheridge, Nov. 22, 2021.]

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Rev. Friedrich Gottlob Kayser 4.1.1800 - 13.5.1868.
m. 9.1.1827 in London

Christiana Maria Boehre 28.11.1795 - 21.7.1878.

- 1. Frederick Gottlob Gloubefest Kayser 28.1.1828 - 5.2.1896
  1st. m. 14.5.1855
  Sarah Margaret Bennie 5.4.1828 - 20.5.1885.
  (Six sons and seven daughters)
  2nd. m.
  Sarah Ann Cummings 17.6.1849 - 22.8.1926.
- 2. Charlotte Margaret Kayser 18.11.1829 - 20.7.1890.
  m. .8.1850
  Joseph Kitchingman 30.9.1823 - 28.6.1875
  (Six daughters)
- 3. Henry Christopher Kayser 22.8.1831 - 5.3.1900
  m. 22.6.1858
  Naomi Geard 7.5.1832 - 9.6.1911
  (Five sons and seven daughters)
- 4. Maximilian Knapp Charles Kayser 22.3.1833 - 13.3.1910.
  m. 25.11.1857
  Margaret Ann Tainton 28.10.1831 - 12.5.1923.
  (Two sons and eight daughters)
- 5. John Christian Kayser 13.4.1835 - 19.2.1911.
  1st. m. 29.5.1861
  Mary Bingham 27.9.1837 - 24.9.1877.
  (Six sons and two daughters)
  2nd. m. 27.11.1878
  Anne Suzanna Eliza Bennie 10.7.1835 - 4.7.1911.
  (One son)
- 6. Christiana Maria Kayser 3.12.1836 - 29.5.1838.

See details on following sheets.

↑
[See note above.]

Descendants of the elder daughter of Rev. F.C. Kayser.

Charlotte Margaret Kayser
18.11.1829 - 20.7.1890
m. .8.1850
Joseph KITCHINGMAN (Rev.)
30.9.1823 - 28.6.1875

- Marianne Kitchingman
  .1853-27.8.1893
  m.Thomas Witheridge GUBB
  9.1.1853-9.2.1920
  - Thomas Witheridge GUBB
    21.3.1875 - 10.10.1922
    m.Marion Pearson Smith
    23.12.1886-10.1.1926
    - Thomas Witheridge GUBB 23. 3.06- -Nicholas
      m1.Katharine Margaret Hillary 9. 7.09-
      m2.Elizabeth Parker
    - John Gauntlett GUBB 29. 8.11- -Elizabeth, Linette, Cynthia.
      m.Reay Lennox Mac Kay 27.12.12-
    - Anthony Wreyford GUBB 24. 2.13- -Geoffrey, Susan, Peter, Louise.
      m.Jeanne Louise Griffin 8. 3.15-
  - Joseph Gauntlett GUBB
    25.8.1876 - 15.7.1946
    m.Maria Grewar
    21.11.1883-28.6.1957
    - Marion Edna Gubb 27. 1.09- -Veryan, Joan, David
      m.Douglas Frederick BLANE 9. 8.03- 1. 5.65
    - Nancy Grewar Gubb 11.12.10- -Gillian, June, Lynette, Neal.
      m.Frank Edwin PARKER 23. 7.09- 2. 7.65
    - Joseph Gauntlett GUBB 5. 5.13-20.10.67 -Gayle, Barry.
      m.Joyce Gertrude Funnel
    - Jean Witheridge Gubb 6.12.16- -Heather, Sandra.
      m.Jacob R. DE JAGER
    - Thomas Donald GUBB 2. 1.19- -Anthony, Raymond, Thomas.
      m.Frances Magdalena Sophia Strydom 20. 9.20-
    - Noel GUBB 17.12.22- -Jennifer, Margaret, Andrew.
      m.Margaret Dyer Smith 27.5.19-
  - Percy Edward GUBB
    28.10.1878 - 1919
  - Gauntlett Loubser GUBB
    17.7.1884-28.10.1899
- Charlotte Sarah Kitchingman
  .1855 - 7.2.1936
  m.William GRAHAM
  - Bertie GRAHAM
    .1884 - 17.10.1918
    m.Gwendolyn C
    - Alan Leslie Bert GRAHAM
- Martha Kitchingman
  .1857 - 20.6.1951
  m.Robert Cumbleton LAMB --N.I.
  22.11.1845-29.10.1916
- Ellen Eliza Kitchingman
  30.11.1863 - 25.12.1909
  m.Sybrand Jacobus MOSTERT-N.I.
  .10.1851-21.4.1897
- Josephine Margaret Kitchingman
  .12.1868 - 15.7.1920
  m.Guy Temple MIDDLETON
  14.2.1868-8.8.1944
  - Mavis Middleton
    1900 - 1903
  - Lilian Beryl May Middleton
    27.9.1897-
    m1.Gerrit Hendrikus MEESTER
    25.10.1898-9.7.1947
    m2.Samuel Hill-Lewis
    12.3.1885-10.10.1954
    m3.Henry Wilson Prescott
    7.11.1891-
    - Paddy Temple Meester 26. 5.29- -John, Shona.
      m.Ian Donald MACKAY 25.12.20-
    - Elizabeth Temple Meester 12. 4.30- -Richard, Susan.
      m1.Peter John FRANKLIN 26.12.27-
      m2.Peter Black
  - Cora Henrietta Una Middleton
    29.3.1902-
    m.Charles Daniel LOCK
    24.7.1898-
    - Wendy Temple Lock 9. 1.25- -Donald, Son, Clive.
      m.Jack PORTER 9. 3.
    - Donald Wallace LOCK 26. 6.26- -Errol, Cheryl
      m1.Joyce Colleen Faber 18. 1.28-14. 2.53
      m2.Anna Cecilia Streak 9. 2.27-
    - Lorna Attrill Lock 29.11.37- -Shaula, Russell, Warren, Rae, Grant
      m.Raymond John TOPP 21. 3.35-
- Lydia Magdalene Kitchingman
  .12.1868 - 15.1.1893

# Editor's Note

The next chart, document W135(c), was in my father's Witheridge files, located among several other ancestor/descendant charts — W135(a), W135(b), and W137 — pertaining to the Witheridges, Gubbs, and related families hailing from Berrynarbor and Combe Martin, Devon, England, and later from South Africa. However, the provenance of document W135(c) remains a mystery, because it didn't have Dad's customary document and log numbers, nor was it included in any of Dad's document calendars; see also another issue in parentheses, two paragraphs down. I made up the number "W135(c)" myself, because it facilitates searching for the chart in the index and the document collection.

Entitled "The Combmartin and Berrynarbor Family Tree," the chart is mostly typed, by a person unknown; the compiler didn't sign it (but see the last paragraph here). The chart also includes three lines inserted by Dad in his own distinctive engineer's printing style.

On the righthand side of the chart, the descendants culminate with Dad and his siblings. I spent the better part of an afternoon trying to figure out why in the world he would draw a vertical line showing "Nicholas (b 1663) = Prudence" as the parents of the William Witheridge who married Rebecca Ley in 1723, when he knew perfectly well that William's parents were Thomas Witheridge (bapt. 1650) and Mary Sherman (bapt. 1656/7); see, for example, what Dad printed on p. 18 of his first ancestor chart in folder 1.1a. (This mistaken "begat" line is why I'm so skeptical that Dad was the chart's compiler.) Moreover, for the longest time I couldn't find a "Nicholas" paired with a "Prudence" anywhere in the "Pedigree of Witheridge, of Berry Narbor and Combe Martin [etc.]" (document W135[a], folder 1.63e), even though my eyes are practically brand new after double cataract surgery several weeks ago. That pedigree was Dad's main source for the Witheridge-Gubb link.

Then I happened to notice Dad's faintly printed note, "= Prudence," on an enlarged copy of W135(a) made at a copy shop; see the "Nicholas" to the left of "Henry Witheridge. = Elizabeth," just over halfway down the chart. That discovery made me realize two things: first, the unknown compiler of the pedigree had bent the line containing the offspring of "Nicholas Witheridge. = Wilmot Watts" like a pretzel, shoving the three youngest kids down two lines, where they were well hidden; and second, my beloved father had led me astray in the mystery chart (document W135[c]), by allowing the portrayal of Nicholas and Prudence as the parents of William Witheridge (bapt. 1690) to stand unchallenged.

So I made an executive decision to correct the error in document W135(c) by creating a new version of the document, which I'm calling "W135(d)" and placing directly after W135(c). In this new document, William (bapt. 1690) is moved to his correct position underneath his real parents, Thomas Witheridge and Mary Sherman, and to his correct birth order among his real siblings, with the descendants of William and his wife, Rebecca Ley, flowing properly downward to Dad and his sibs. Problem solved!

It so happens that today the same basic document (this version also having William [bapt. 1690] in his correct position) showed up again, this time in Kim Cook's (q.v.) article, "The Combmartin & Berrynarbor Family," in *The Witheridge Times* (q.v.), Vol. 2, No. 2, Summer 1988 (see document W264, folder 1.63h). The chart's provenance is still a bit of a mystery, although the fact that Kim used it in her article shortens the list of probable creators to Kim and Dad (I lean toward Kim). At least they must have collaborated on the issue of where William (bapt. 1690) belonged.

Tom Witheridge
January 2, 2022

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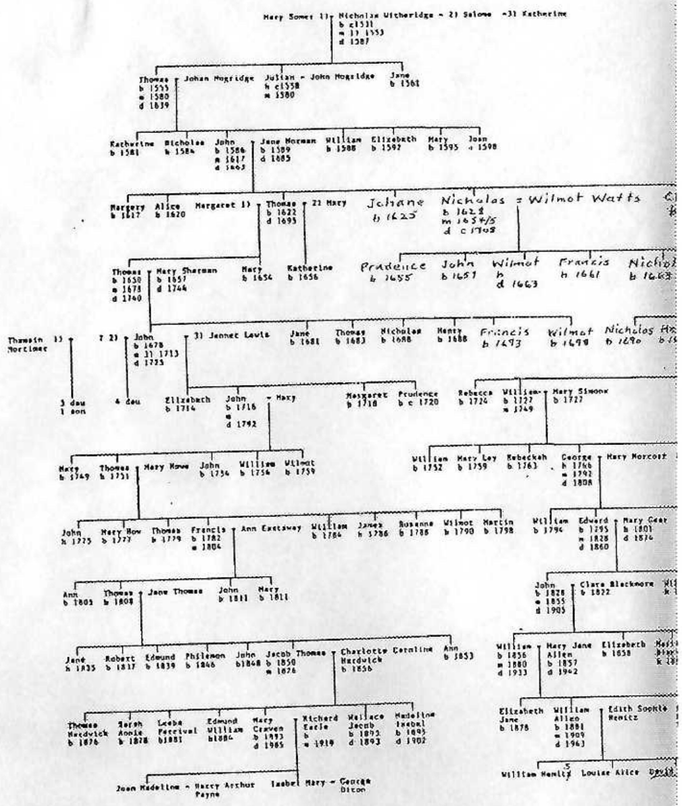
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d 1587
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Wilmot b d 1663
Francis b 1661
Thomasin 1) Mortimer
? 2)
John b 1678 m 1) 1713 d 1725
3) Jennet Lewis
Jane b 1681
Thomas b 1683
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Wilmot b 1698
Nicholas b 1690
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4 dau
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= Mary
Margaret b 1718
Prudence b c 1720
Rebecca b 1724
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Mary Simons b 1727
Mary b 1749
Thomas b 1751
Mary Howe
John b 1754
William b 1756
Wilmot b 1759
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Mary Ley b 1759
Rebeckah b 1763
George b 1766 m 1792 d 1808
Mary Morcott
John b 1775
Mary How b 1777
Thomas b 1779
Francis b 1782 m 1804
Ann Eastaway
William b 1784
James b 1786
Susanne b 1788
Wilmot b 1790
Martin b 1798
William b 1794
Edward b 1795 m 1828 d 1860
Mary Gear b 1801 d 1874
Ann b 1805
Thomas b 1808
Jane Thomas
John b 1811
Mary b 1811
John b 1828 m 1855 d 1905
Clara Blackmore b 1822
Jane b 1835
Robert b 1837
Edmund b 1839
Philemon b 1846
John b1848
Jacob Thomas b 1850 m 1876
Charlotte Caroline Hardwick b 1856
Ann b 1853
William b 1856 m 1880 d 1933
Mary Jane Allen b 1857 d 1942
Elizabeth b 1858
Thomas Hardwick b 1876
Sarah Annie b 1878
Leeba Percival b1881
Edmund William b1884
Mary Craven b 1893 d 1985
Richard Earle b m 1919
Wallace Jacob b 1893 d 1893
Madeline Isabel b 1895 d 1902
Elizabeth Jane b 1878
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William Hemitz
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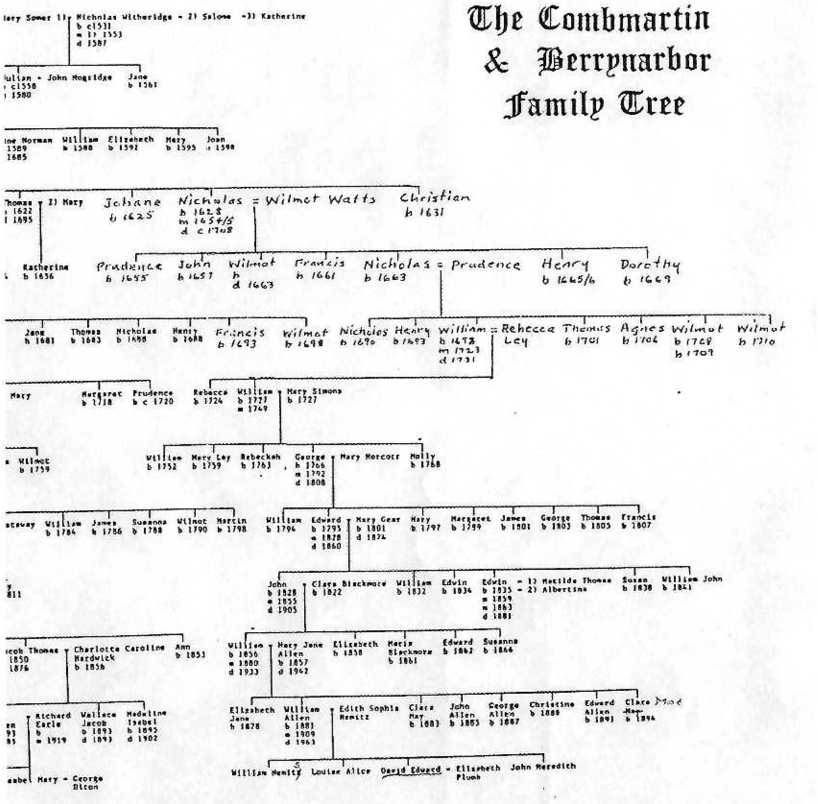
# The Combmartin & Berrynarbor Family Tree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Mary
Margaret b 1718
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William b 1752
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George b 1766 m 1792 d 1808
Mary Morcott
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Martin b 1798
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Margaret b 1799
James b 1801
George b 1803
Thomas b 1805
Francis b 1807
John b 1828 m 1855 d 1905
Clara Blackmore b 1822
William b 1832
Edwin b 1834
Edwin b 1835 m 1859 m 1863 d 1881
= 1) Matilda Thomas = 2) Albertina
Susan b 1838
William John b 1841
Jacob Thomas 1850 1876
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Susanna b 1866
Richard Earle b m 1919
Wallace Jacob b 1893 d 1893
Madeline Isabel b 1895 d 1902
Elizabeth Jane b 1878
William Allen b 1881 m 1909 d 1963
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Clara May b 1883
John Allen b 1885
George Allen b 1887
Christine b 1889
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David Edward = Elizabeth Plumb
John Meredith

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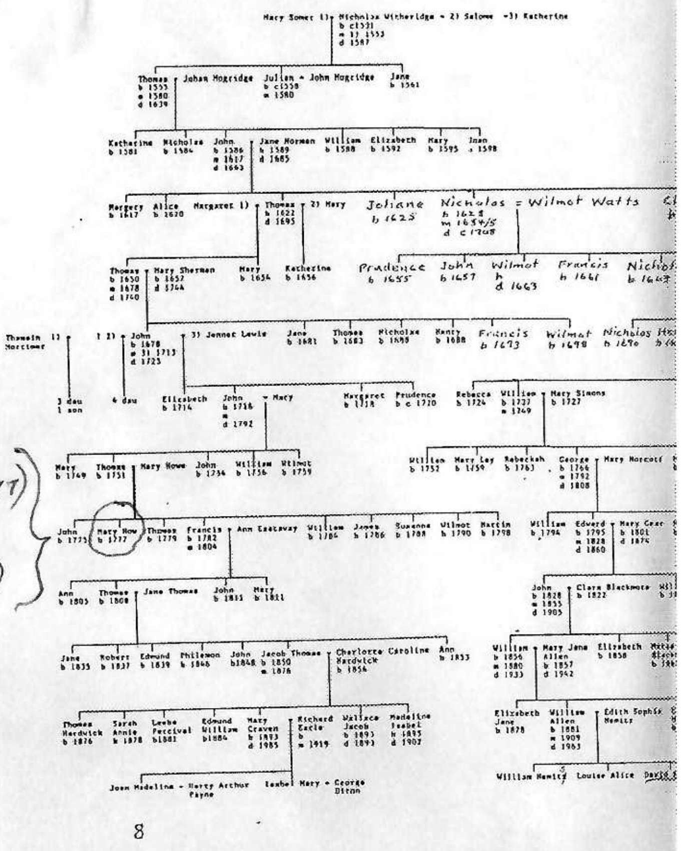
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Edward = Mary Gear
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m 1828
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Mary b 1811
John = Clara Blackmore
b 1828
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Robert b 1837
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Philemon b 1846
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Jacob Thomas = Charlotte Caroline Hardwick
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William = Mary Jane Allen
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d 1893
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b 1895
d 1902
Elizabeth Jane b 1878
William Allen = Edith Sophia Nemitz
b 1881
m 1909
d 1963
Joan Madeline = Harry Arthur Payne
Isabel Mary = George Dixon
William Nemitz
Louise Alice
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Mary How Witheridge (b.1777)
=
William Gubb (b.1778)

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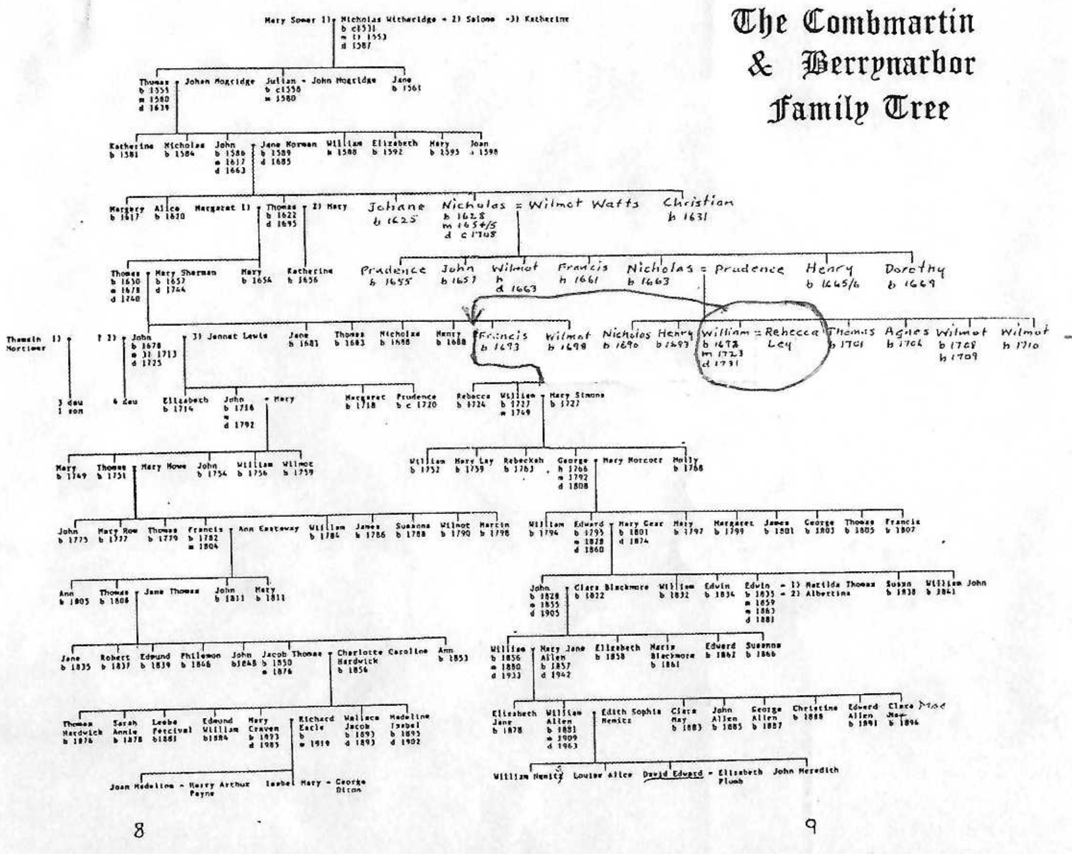
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b 1586
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Alice b 1620
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b 1622
d 1695
Johane b 1625
Nicholas = Wilmot Watts
b 1628
m 1654/5
d c1708
Christian b 1631
Thomas = Mary Sherman
b 1630
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d 1740
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d 1744
Mary b 1654
Katherine b 1656
Prudence b 1655
John b 1657
Wilmot
b
d 1663
Francis b 1661
Nicholas = Prudence
b 1663
Henry b 1645/6
Dorothy b 1669
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? 2) = John = 3) Jennet Lewis
b 1678
m 3) 1713
d 1725
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Henry b 1693
William = Rebecca Ley
b 1678
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Thomas b 1701
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Wilmot b 1708 b 1709
Wilmot b 1710
3 dau
1 son
4 dau
Elizabeth b 1714
John = Mary
b 1716
m
d 1792
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Prudence b c 1720
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William = Mary Simons
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George = Mary Norcott
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Thomas b 1805
Francis b 1807
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Thomas = Jane Thomas
b 1808
John b 1811
Mary b 1811
John = Clara Blackmore
b 1828
m 1855
d 1905
b 1822
William b 1832
Edwin b 1834
Edwin = 1) Matilda Thomas = 2) Albertina
b 1835
m 1859
m 1863
d 1881
Susan b 1838
William John b 1841
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Robert b 1837
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George Allen b 1887
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Edward Allen b 1891
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Isabel Mary = George Dixon
William Nemitz
Louise Alice
David Edward = Elizabeth Plumb
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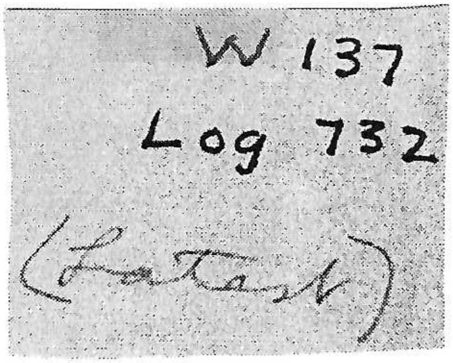
This is where William & Rebecca belong.

# Editor's Note

The descendant chart on the next four pages (document W137), entitled "Witheridge Pedigree — Berrynarbor and Combe Martin," was made by DEW on May 1, 1985. He added the label "Latest" in a penciled note under the document number (see below). DEW clearly benefited from his knowledge of the data on document W135(a), the first one in this folder, which he had received in August of 1984 from Margaret (Mrs. Noel) Gubb (q.v.).

Tom Witheridge
November 23, 2021



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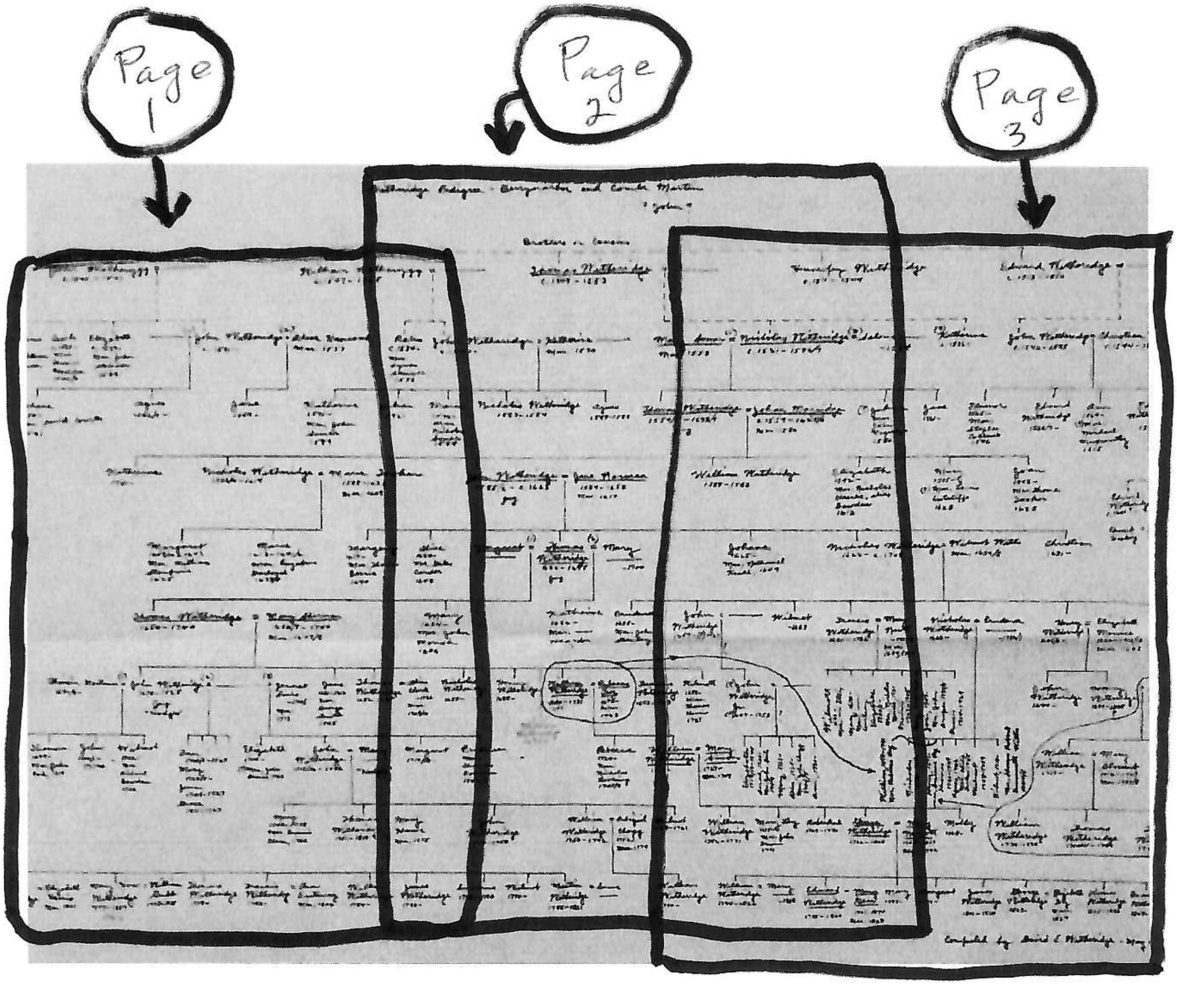
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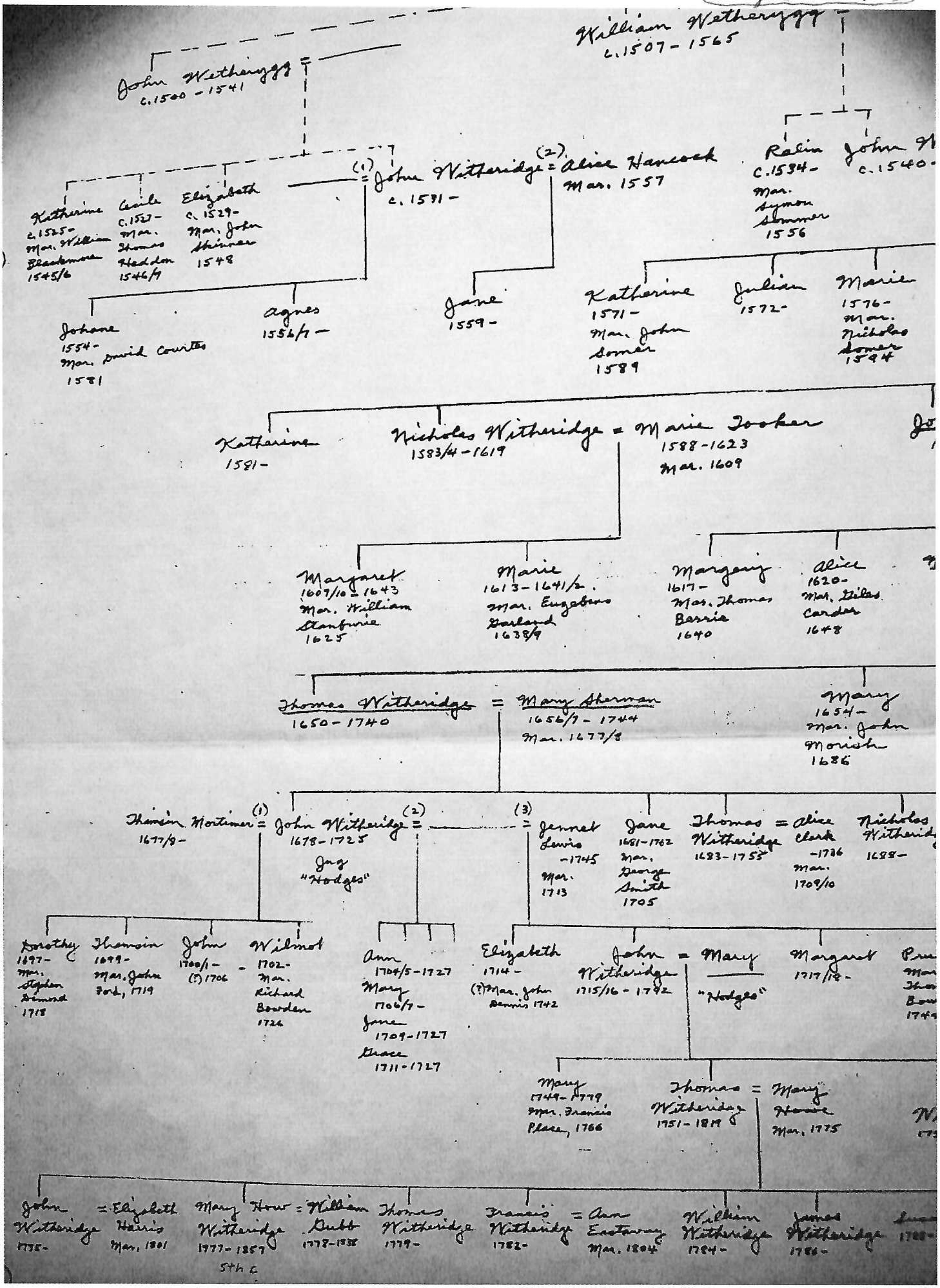
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John Wetherygg
c.1500 - 1541
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John Witheridge
c.1531 -
(2)
Alice Hancock
Mar. 1557
Ralin
c.1534 -
Mar.
Symon
Sommer
1556
John W
c.1540 -
Katherine
c.1525 -
Mar. William
Blackmore
1545/6
Cecile
c.1527 -
Mar.
Thomas
Heddon
1546/7
Elizabeth
c.1529 -
Mar. John
Skinner
1548
Johane
1554 -
Mar. David Courtes
1581
Agnes
1556/7 -
Jane
1559 -
Katherine
1571 -
Mar. John
Somer
1589
Julian
1572 -
Marie
1576 -
Mar.
Nicholas
Somer
1594
Katherine
1581 -
Nicholas Witheridge
1583/4 - 1619
Marie Tooker
1588 - 1623
Mar. 1609
Jo
Margaret
1609/10 - 1643
Mar. William
Stanburie
1625
Marie
1613 - 1641/2
Mar. Eugenius
Garland
1638/9
Margery
1617 -
Mar. Thomas
Berrie
1640
Alice
1620 -
Mar. Giles
Carder
1648
Thomas Witheridge
1650 - 1740
Mary Sherman
1656/7 - 1744
Mar. 1677/8
Mary
1654 -
Mar. John
Morish
1686
Thamsin Mortimer
1677/8 -
(1)
John Witheridge
1678 - 1725
Jug
"Hodges"
(2)
(3)
Jennet
Lewis
- 1745
Mar.
1713
Jane
1681 - 1762
Mar.
George
Smith
1705
Thomas
Witheridge
1683 - 1755
Alice
Clark
- 1736
Mar.
1709/10
Nicholas
Witherid
1688 -
Dorothy
1697 -
Mar.
Stephen
Dimond
1718
Thamsin
1699 -
Mar. John
Ford, 1719
John
1700/1 -
(?) 1706
Wilmot
1702 -
Mar.
Richard
Bowden
1726
Ann
1704/5 - 1727
Mary
1706/7 -
Jane
1709 - 1727
Grace
1711 - 1727
Elizabeth
1714 -
(?)Mar. John
Dennis 1742
John
Witheridge
1715/16 - 1792
Mary
"Hodges"
Margaret
1717/18 -
Pru
Mar
Tho
Bow
1744
Mary
1749 - 1779
Mar. Francis
Place, 1766
Thomas
Witheridge
1751 - 1819
Mary
Howe
Mar. 1775
W
John
Witheridge
1775 -
Elizabeth
Harris
Mar. 1801
Mary Howe
Witheridge
1777 - 1857
5th c
William
Dubb
1778 - 1838
Thomas
Witheridge
1779 -
Francis
Witheridge
1782 -
Ann
Eastaway
Mar. 1804
William
Witheridge
1784 -
James
Witheridge
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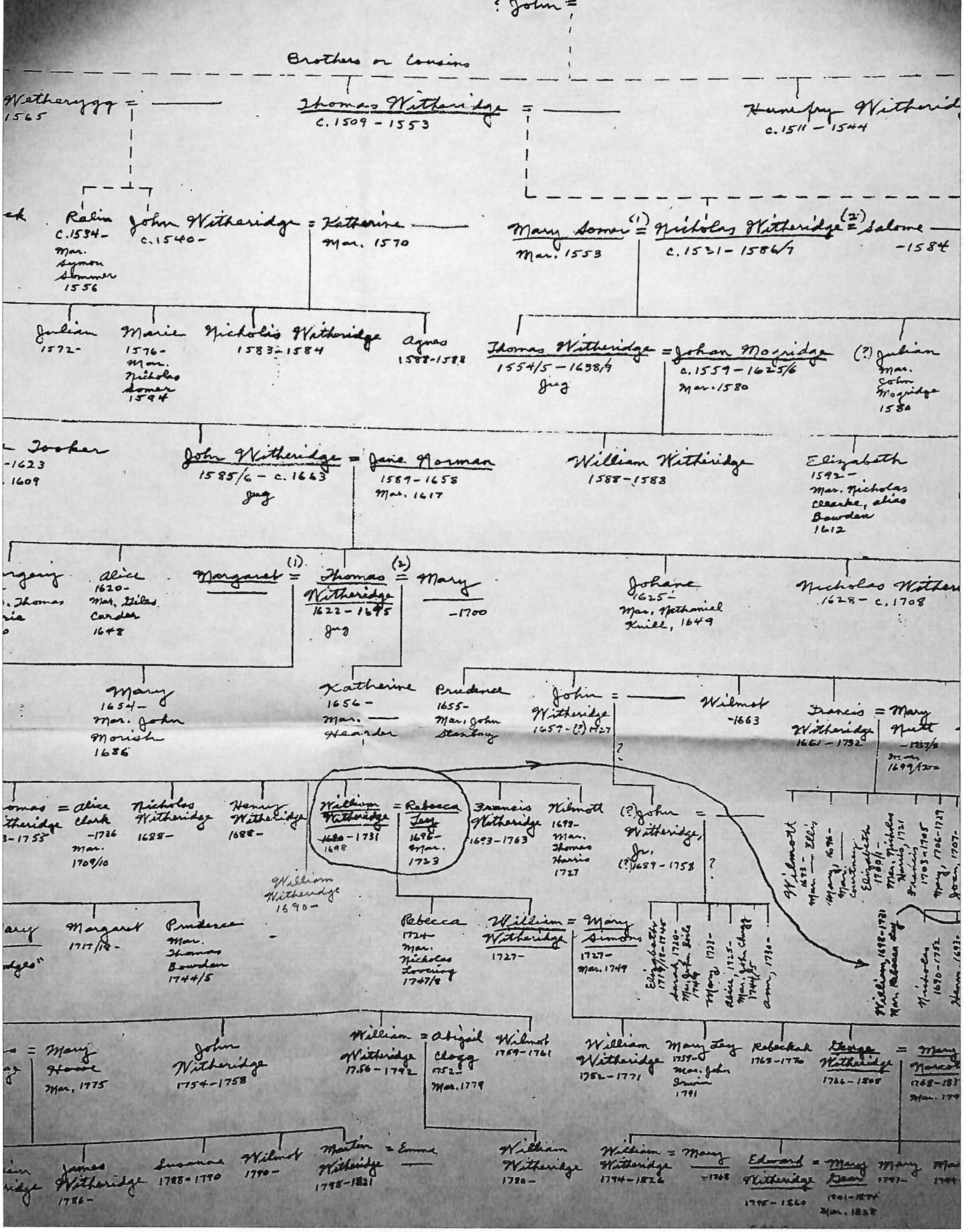
# Witheridge Pedigree - Berrynarbor and Combe Martin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Brothers or Cousins
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c.1509 - 1553
Humfry Witherid
c.1511 - 1544
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Ralin
c.1534-
Mar. Symon Sommer 1556
John Witheridge = Katherine
c.1540-
Mar. 1570
Mary Somer (1) = Nicholas Witheridge (2) = Salome
Mar. 1553
c.1531 - 1586/7
-1584
Julian
1572-
Marie
1576-
Mar. Nicholas Somer 1594
Nicholis Witheridge
1583-1584
Agnes
1588-1588
Thomas Witheridge = Johan Mogridge
1554/5 - 1638/9
Jug
c.1559 - 1625/6
Mar. 1580
(?) Julian
Mar. John Mogridge 1580
Tooker
-1623
1609
John Witheridge = Jane Norman
1585/6 - c.1663
Jug
1589-1658
Mar. 1617
William Witheridge
1588-1588
Elizabeth
1592-
Mar. Nicholas Clarke, alias Bowden
1612
rgery
. Thomas
ris
0
Alice
1620-
Mar. Giles Carder
1648
Margaret (1) = Thomas Witheridge (2) = Mary
1622 - 1695
Jug
-1700
Johane
1625-
Mar. Nathaniel Knill, 1649
Nicholas Wither
1628 - c.1708
Mary
1654-
Mar. John Morish
1686
Katherine
1656-
Mar. Heanden
Prudence
1655-
Mar. John Stanbury
John Witheridge = 
1657-(?) 1727
?
Wilmot
-1663
Francis Witheridge = Mary Nutt
1661 - 1732
-1737/8
Mar. 1699/1700
omas Witheridge = Alice Clark
3-1755
-1736
Mar. 1709/10
Nicholas Witheridge
1688-
Henry Witheridge
1688-
William Witheridge = Rebecca Ley
~~1680~~ - 1731
1698
1696-
Mar. 1723
William Witheridge
1690-
Francis Witheridge
1693-1763
Wilmott
1698-
Mar. Thomas Harris
1727
(?) John Witheridge, Jr. =
(?) 1689 - 1758
?
Wilmott
1693 - Mar. — Ellis
Mary 1696-
Mar. Courtney
Elizabeth
1700/1-
Mar. Nicholas Harris, 1721
Francis
1703-1705
Mary, 1706-1729
Joan, 1707-
William, 1698-1731
Mar. Rebecca Ley
Nicholas
1690-1752
Henry 1693-
Mary
dges"
Margaret
1717/18-
Prudence
Mar. Thomas Bowden
1744/5
Rebecca
1724-
Mar. Nicholas Loveing
1747/8
William Witheridge = Mary Simons
1727-
1727-
Mar. 1749
Elizabeth 1718/19-1746
Sarah 1720-
Mar. John Bale 1746
Mary 1723-
Alice 1725-
Mar. John Clogg 1744/5
Ann, 1730-
= Mary Hoare
Mar. 1775
John Witheridge
1754-1758
William Witheridge = Abigail Clogg
1756 - 1792
1752-
Mar. 1779
Wilmot
1759-1761
William Witheridge
1752 - 1771
Mary Ley
1757-
Mar. John Irwin
1791
Rebeckah
1763-1770
George Witheridge = Mary Narcot
1766 - 1808
1768-18
Mar. 17
iam
ridge
James Witheridge
1786-
Susanna
1788-1790
Wilmot
1790-
Martin Witheridge = Emma
1798-1831
William Witheridge
1780-
William Witheridge = Mary
1794-1826
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1795 - 1860
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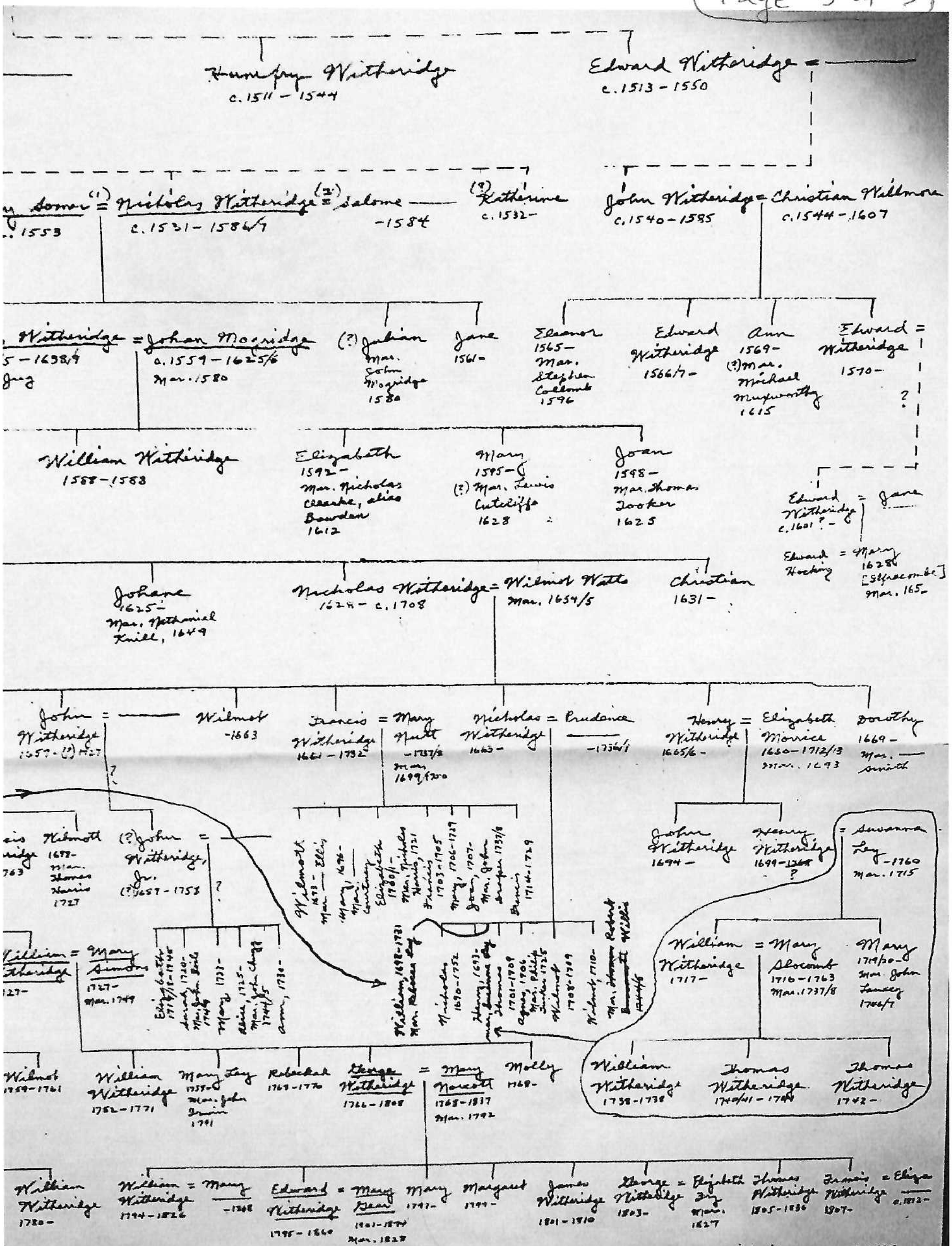
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Edward Witheridge =
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.1553
c.1531 – 1586/7
-1584
(?) Katherine
c.1532–
John Witheridge = Christian Willmore
c.1540 – 1585
c.1544 – 1607
Witheridge = Johan Mogridge
5 – 1638/9
c.1559 – 1625/6
Mar. 1580
(?) Julian
Mar. John Mogridge 1580
Jane
1561–
Eleanor
1565–
Mar. Stephen Collomb 1596
Edward Witheridge
1566/7–
Ann
1569–
(?) Mar. Michael Muxworthy 1615
Edward = Witheridge
1570–
?
William Witheridge
1588 – 1588
Elizabeth
1592–
Mar. Nicholas Clarke, alias Bowden 1612
Mary
1595–
(?) Mar. Lewis Cutcliffe 1628
Joan
1598–
Mar. Thomas Tooker 1625
Edward Witheridge = Jane
c.1601 ? –
Edward Hocking = Mary
1628 [Ilfracombe]
Mar. 165_
Johane
1625–
Mar. Nathaniel Knill, 1649
Nicholas Witheridge = Wilmot Watts
1628 – c.1708
Mar. 1654/5
Christian
1631–
John = Witheridge
1657 – (?) 1727
Wilmot
-1663
Francis = Mary
Witheridge
1661 – 1732
Nutt
-1737/8
Mar. 1699/1700
Nicholas = Prudence
Witheridge
1663–
-1734/5
Henry = Elizabeth
Witheridge
1665/6–
Monrice
1650 – 1712/13
Mar. 1693
Dorothy
1669–
Mar. Smith
?
cis
ridge
763
Wilmott
1692–
Mar. Thomas Harris 1727
(?) John = Witheridge, Jr.
(?) 1659 – 1758
?
Wilmott
1698–
Mar. — Ellis
Mary, 1696–
Mar. Courtney
Elizabeth
1700/1–
Mar. Nicholas Harris, 1721
Francis
1703–1705
Mary, 1706–1729
Joan, 1707–
Mar. John Draper 1737/8
Francis
1714–1729
John Witheridge
1694–
Henry Witheridge
1699 – 1768
?
= Susanna Ley
-1760
Mar. 1715
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Witheridge
1727–
Simons
1727–
Mar. 1749
Elizabeth 1714/15 – 1745
Sarah, 1720–
Mar. John Bale 1746
Mary 1723–
Alice, 1725–
Mar. John Chugg 1744/5
Ann, 1730–
William, 1698 – 1731
Mar. Rebecca Ley
Nicholas
1690 – 1752
Henry, 1693–
Mar. Susanna Ley
Thomas
1701 – 1709
Agnes, 1706
Mar. Philip Tucker 1725
Wilmot
1708 – 1709
Wilmot, 1710–
Mar. Robert Willis
William Witheridge
1717–
= Mary
Slocombe
1710 – 1763
Mar. 1737/8
Mary
1719/20–
Mar. John Lancey
1746/7
Wilmot
1759 – 1761
William Witheridge
1752 – 1771
Mary Ley
1755–
Mar. John Irwin
1791
Rebeckah
1763 – 1770
George = Witheridge
1766 – 1808
Mary Norcott
1768 – 1837
Mar. 1792
Molly
1768–
William Witheridge
1738 – 1738
Thomas Witheridge
1740/41 – 1744
Thomas Witheridge
1742–
William Witheridge
1780–
William = Mary
Witheridge
1794 – 1826
-1868
Edward = Mary
Witheridge
1795 – 1860
Bean
1801 – 1874
Mar. 1828
Mary
1797–
Margaret
1799–
James Witheridge
1801 – 1810
George = Elizabeth
Witheridge
1803–
Ley
Mar. 1827
Thomas Witheridge
1805 – 1836
Francis = Eliza
Witheridge
1807–
c.1812–
5th G

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Dear Elizabeth & David, 3.II.85

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We were all so pleased to receive your letter at Christmas – thank you for it, and all the family news & interesting information it contained! I do hope our Christmas card wasn't late – we've been VERY busy with work indoors & outside on the house, and until the 3rd week in December, the (reconstructed) kitchen was in a state of chaos – so Elizabeth will I'm sure understand that routine was somewhat disrupted!

With regard to the Cape Town Gubb family, it now transpires that we've been hearing about them for quite a long time, from our neighbours (also friends) Gerald* & Ena Walters. When visiting C. Martin, the Gubbs rented one of their flats (just a few yards from Marine Cottage). Mrs Gubb was planning to come again, as you mention in your letter, but according to Gerald & Ena, she died (cancer) just before Christmas; her daughter says she hopes to bring her ashes to C-Martin; there is a nice seat, with a plaque bearing the name & dates of birth & death of Noel Gubb, in the Parish Churchyard.

I can remember Mr. Richard Clogg, & of course, my parents remember him well. He was a bachelor, and employed a housekeeper who was a most elegant lady. He was not a 'squire', but a Justice of the Peace (lay magistrate), and was also chairman of the Parish Council for very many years. You will be interested to know that he attended the Baptist Church

We have at long last very nearly completed all the renovations etc to the house — from a new roof + outside redecoration, to major work inside it has been quite an undertaking, and at times I've been concerned that it would be too much for my parents — but we've tried to go at their pace, and I'm thankful to say that we've all survived, more or less unscathed. Having said that though, both of them are receiving medical attention, principally for fibrillation of the heart.

[* Gerald came to the Ambulance Room to meet you]

Mother was in hospital in August, and she has taken a long time to 'pick up', but she is much more her old self again now.

Our church life continues to deepen + develop, and the ecumenical movement in the village is growing strongly. On Dec 23rd the Parish Church overflowed for a united Carol Service — it was really thrilling.

Norah + Myrtle are both well + busy, and I've joined an Art Class at Ilfracombe on Tuesday ams. — am very much a novice, but enjoy trying to paint (pastel + watercolour). Keep well! Very best wishes for health + happiness in 1985, + love from us all, Una

An aerogramme should not contain any enclosure

Marine Cottage, Seaside,
Combe Martin, N. Devon,
England
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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
May 3, 1985

Dear Una and All,

Thank you for your wonderful letter with family and community news. We are especially glad to hear that, in spite of some serious health problems, things are somewhat better now. We hope the improvement continues. With all the renovation, your house must be even more charming than we remember it. How we would love to see you all again!

We are so happy to know that you have heard about the Cape Town Gubb family and that Gerald and Eva Walters know them. I do remember Gerald. I think he was the one who brought an old book of land tax records or assessments. I wonder if he is the person Margaret Gubb said was interested in Combe Martin family history.

Margaret wrote: "I wonder if you have a source of information in Combe Martin. We have a very good friend whose parents were retainers in the Clogg and Gubb homes, and he is a tremendous source of information on the tribes of Combe Martin, etc. His son Gerald has an interest in tracing family trees, and I will send a copy of your two letters to them to see what else we can glean, but it gets very complicated."

We were very sorry to hear of Margaret Gubb's death. She had told me of her cancer diagnosis, but was hopeful her treatment would be effective. She had told me a little about her son and her daughters, and I now want to establish contact with them and continue the correspondence begun with their mother.

I am writing this now and sending these pedigree charts in the hope that they might reach you before Margaret Gubb's daughter comes to Combe Martin. Margaret, I know, had intended to come there in May, but that may not be the date her daughter is able to come.

In recent weeks I have spent much time in carefully going over every entry on the "Pedigree of Witheridge. . ." that Margaret sent me and trying to reconcile everything with my information. I have found a great deal of valuable new material, especially from wills that the compiler of this pedigree had access to but were destroyed in the bombing of Exeter in World War II. On the other hand, I have also been able to add and correct other items on the basis of information I had found elsewhere, mainly in parish registers.

I have drawn my own preliminary version of the Witheridge pedigree, which differs in some ways from the one developed about 1914 and sent to me from South Africa. Because of the difficulty of finding corroborating evidence, there are still, no doubt, some errors; but this chart lays out my present view of the Witheridge connections in Berrynarbor and Combe Martin. (Those underlined in red are my direct ancestors.) I didn't want to take the time to include all my sources and details, so I'll have to send these later when it is all put together in complete shape.

I have a feeling that Norah and Gerald will want to go over this very carefully and will probably have some further information or at least questions.

If you do see the Gubb daughter, please give her a copy of my letter and of these two pedigree charts. I know you will want a copy of each chart in Combe Martin. Whether or not you see her, I hope Gerald will give me her name and address, as I want to write to her. If you aren't able to give her copies of these charts, I'll send them to her from here, and you can keep the extra set there.

Now I want to close, as I want to get this into the mail. Best wishes, as always.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

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sent card 8/7/85

[See W142]

BRUCE AND JOYCE ALDRICH
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July 20, 1985.

Dear Friend — and Relative —

Don't quite know what to call you! My sister, Winnie, gave me your name and address so I could ask you about our family.

I am the youngest child of George Reaburn and Elizabeth Mary Chivers. I believe you met my mother and talked to her, many years ago. It is my understanding you have done extensive research into the Witheridge Family, and I am extremely interested in tracing the lineage especially as it pertains to my mother. I assume your relationship is connected with my Grandmother Elizabeth Witheridge. Anything you could send me would be appreciated very much.

My husband and I have just recently revived our interest in genealogy (does this happen at a particular age ?!) Anyway, one of his ancestors was a Potter, and we have been fortunate enough to have information from the State Library here in Lansing that traces our line of the Potters back to the first one in the US, Nathaniel, landing in Rhode Island in 1638. This has given us a real boost (this was an accidental find) so we would like to pursue any/all of our lineage as much as possible. If you have to copy anything to send me I will be more than happy to re-pay you.

If I should chance to have any info that you would be interested in I will, of course, be happy to share! Doubtful, I know! My family consists of me - Joyce Virginia, my husband Bruce Duane Aldrich, our children dau 31 yrs Luanne Fellows, husband Robert, child Tara; my daughter Fadra Kennedy, 28 yrs husband James M., son Matthew B. and daughter Jennifer; son Eric 25 yrs Bruce (not married) and Ray 22 yrs Duane (not married). We live outside of East Lansing on 80 acres of land.

I will be anxiously awaiting a reply from you - I would like to know about you - as well as our common ancestors.

Thanking you in advance,

Joyce (Jo) Redburn Aldrich

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Dear David,

I have since lerned your name - my sister, Jean Tomlinson, wrote to me with your address as I had mentioned wanting to contact you. She also included a picture you gave her of Betsy Witheridge Chivers - and I intend to get some copies made for myself and my children. Another thing Jean told me was that you were formerly Executive Director of the Minneapolis Council of Churches. I have been office manager/administrative assistant here at the Disciple regional office (that is why I wrote to you on this stationary) for going on 12 years. Earle Van Slyck, regional minister here, is now in Russia under the sponsorship of the National Council of Churches. Where were you located and in what capacity before you were with the Council of Churches? I suspect you are an ordained minister - if so, what denomination?

To get on with the purpose of my letter - other than to thank you for your postcard and the message it conveyed. I was giving some thought to your dilemma as to how and in what form to send me information on the Witheridges. Would it be of any help for you to tape, in narrative form, the information and then I could transcribe it to paper and put it in the form that I want in our book? This is just a thought, but I could transcribe from any tape - micro, mini or regular cassette. It might be nice to have any of your "stories" on tape, too - especially those you must have in gleaning this information - and especially gathering it out of the U.S.! Of course I will be delighted with any information in whatever form you would choose, but taping it would be very acceptable to me.

The Redburns had a reunion last weekend - that is our family of Redburns. Of the 7 of us "children" there were 4 there with spouses, and many of the children and grandchildren of my parents - probably close to 50 of us. There was a picture taken and if it is any good at all I will send you a copy. One of the family had a wide angle lens on his camera and took a few shots. I have offered to get them reproduced and copies made for everyone. Incidently, I will be more than happy to pay you for any tapes you use, if you should decide to take that route.

Family histories are certainly fun, albeit time consuming! My husband and I are "working" on his family - which were located basically in the central Michigan area after about 1840. We are lucky to have the State Library close at hand and many of my lunch hours are spent there. I have recently uncovered an obituary of one of his great-grandfathers in one of the papers that was on micro film. And I also uncovered some information in a published book on the Potters which took the line, directly, back to Rhode Island in 1638 when Nathanial Potter landed there from Leicestershire, England. Interesting past time! I think that gives my grandchildren knowledge of their "great to the 13th power" grandparents! I only wish I could find something out about the ancestors of my father. I know his father's first name and that is about all. I know my father grew up in Hindly, England, and some day hope to visit there. Perhaps I could get a few pointers on how to go about that from you one day.

Thank you again, David, for whatever information in whatever form you can convey to me. I really appreciate it.

Fond regards from your cousin (?),

Joyce (or Jo, as some of my family call me)

Joyce Aldrich

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
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September 18, 1985

[See W140 + W141]

Dear Jo,

Here at last is the information about your Witheridge ancestry and mine. As I probably said on the postcard, I was delighted to hear from you and to find a relative who is also interested in genealogy. Elizabeth and I had a lovely visit with your mother many years ago, and we fell in love with her immediately. At the same time we also talked to your cousin Ada briefly, and later we enjoyed our contacts with Jean and Neal.

Over the last twenty years or so I have done a great deal of research and have arrived at the ancestral charts enclosed, which carry our Witheridge line back to 1553, as you can see, and other lines into the 1600's and 1700's. For over 300 years our ancestral families lived in the two parishes (or townships, as we would call them) of Berrynarbor and Combe Martin. The ancestral charts start with my grandfather, William Witheridge, but the ancestry would be identical for your grandmother, Betsy Chivers (as I always remember hearing her called by my family). I should have mentioned that Berrynarbor and Combe Martin are adjacent parishes in Devon.

In addition to the ancestral charts I am enclosing family group sheets starting with your family and going back to John Witheridge and Clara Blackmore. If you are getting into genealogy seriously, you have probably discovered that using these family group sheets is the most satisfactory way to record all the information you discover. I also strongly advise that you record the source of every single bit of information for future reference (and file the documents so you can find them!). I didn't do that meticulously at first, and I am still trying to back-track on that phase of my work.

If you can add to or correct any of my information, I'd appreciate your assistance. In particular, I know you can complete the sheets on your own family, and I hope you will return them to me at your convenience.

Now, let me tell you a little about our family. Elizabeth and I both grew up in Saginaw and were active in the First Baptist Church there. Elizabeth graduated from Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant and taught kindergarten in Saginaw for many years. I graduated from the University of Michigan in mechanical engineering and worked in Saginaw with my father for several years as a heating and ventilating engineer. Then I felt a call to enter the ministry and went to Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Elizabeth and I were married just before my final year there.

After graduating from seminary, I became assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Chicago and also completed an additional graduate degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. After a short pastorate in Marengo, Ill., I became the executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and continued in that position for 29 years until my retirement at the end of 1979.

Elizabeth and I have two sons. Jim, who is 38, lives in Minneapolis a few blocks from us and works in a furniture store. He is unmarried.

Ancestry charts: JPW 8, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 136, 137, 138, 2048, 2049
Family Group Sheets: JPW16, 16-2, 16-26, 16-267, 16-2671, 16-2672

Tom, who is 37, lives in Chicago and is married to Virginia Selleck, but they have no children as yet. They are both full-time psychiatric social workers and, in addition, are both working on their Ph.D.'s at Northwestern.

After both boys were in school, Elizabeth began another career as an author of books for children and young people. She has had seven published. She isn't writing at present, but she does a lot of volunteer speaking in schools about how to write books.

We were interested to see that you are employed by the Disciples regional office. We have many good friends in the Disciples denomination, and as Baptists feel very close to them. In fact, the one who succeeded me at the Council is a Disciple, Rev. Thomas H. Quigley. Perhaps Earle Van Slyck knows him.

That's about all for now. Enclosed is a picture of us taken last January. We look forward to hearing from you again after you have had a chance to go over the enclosed information.

Yours sincerely,

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25 September 1985

Dear David,

I am writing to you with the help of my computer (the office's computer, that is) simply because it is so much faster. Some seem to think it is not the way to do a personal letter; however sometimes time is too valuable for that opinion to worry me!

I really do not know how I can adequately thank you for what you have done for me and my family. To share the information you have shows a generosity that is very rare. I have some inkling of how much time and effort went in to the gathering of this information - and know that I will come to appreciate it even more if/as we continue with our search. I say "if" but with both Bruce and I having an interest in this I assume it will go on for some time. You have given us a real boost - and it means a lot to me. Thank you.

I am not sending, at this time, the papers you asked me to fill out as I do not have all of the information for one son-in-law. I will make copies and send the originals back to you. I have noted several ommissions (middle names etc) and a few mis-spellings (Laingsburg is where my mother died, not Lainsburgh). These are minor, but I think it is necessary to be as correct as possible. I will note all of these on your sheets. I think I had a cram course on record keeping just by studying your family record sheets and the geneological charts. We have not been doing this - we have been searching and compiling information, but not in an orderly way. We have changed our habits! Thank you for that help, too.

I am enclosing with this letter a print-out of Redburn family information that I have gathered over the past several months. When you have a family as large as we do it is hard to keep up with just the simplest of information. I started the whole thing as a simple address list and, like Topsey, it just grew. If you can glean any information from this I will be happy. As you can see it is just of myself and my siblings and their children. There is some info missing, but someone is always either on the move or something! At least the dates don't change! Some dates are missing, but when you ask for information and don't get it.....I put all of this in the computer but I cannot print it out all on one sheet as the information is too "wide" to fit on one sheet of paper - so part of the information is repeated. I have underlined myself and my siblings. When I listed under "children" I put the married names of the girls and then they also have a listing. I am sure you can figure it out - but it may be misleading to you. If it is, just ask if you need anything cleared up.

Again I want to say thank you for all of your help. I have so many things I want to ask you and talk about. For instance, I have had an order in to the local book store for any books by Elizabeth Witheridge. I had heard, well over a year ago that I had a relative that had authored some children's books. As my daughter, Luanne, is interested in writing children's stories I thought it would be nice if she had some "encouragement" from a "family" member. So it was a delightful surprise to know just who that author is! Luanne has had one short story published so far. I will send you a copy of it when I remember to bring one to the office. I know we will be communicating many times.

My fond regards to you and yours, Jo

[This printout was provided to DEW by Joyce Aldrich, who maintained the records.]

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| ✓ ALDRICH B/J | ALDRICH | ERIC B. | | |
| ALDRICH B/J | ALDRICH | ROY D. | | 16927 NEWTON ROAD |
| ✓ ALDRICH B/J | ALDRICH | JOYCE V. | BRUCE D. | 6555 COLEMAN ROAD |
| ✓ ALDRICH B/J | FELLOWS | LUANNE Joyce | ROBERT D. | 3671 CRIBBINS ROAD |
| ✓ ALDRICH B/J | KENNEDY | FADRA L. | JAMES M. | 1434 HASLETT ROAD |
| ✓ HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | TERRY L. | KERRIE | 4150 SPRINGDALE |
| ✓ HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | THOMAS | ELAINE | PSC BOX 4587 APO |
| ✓ HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | SHERRY | | 3333 MOORES RIVER DR, APT A402 |
| ✓ HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | D. ELAINE | CLARENCE | 136 ASPEN CIRCLE |
| ✓ HOFFNER C/E | MARINELLI | SHELLY | PAUL | 4712 PALMER |
| ✓ KARNES W/W | BURGESS | DIANE L. | R. STEPHEN | 6660 PENNINSULA WAY |
| ✓ KARNES W/W | COCCO | ANDRA L. | WILLARD L. | 4850 CHADWICK ROAD, RTE #2 |
| ✓ KARNES W/W | KARNES | WILLIAM L | ANNE E. | 6199 DOYLE ROAD |
| ✓ KARNES W/W | KARNES | STEVEN D. | REBECCA S. | 710 MARYLAND, RTE 2 |
| ✓ KARNES W/W | KARNES | WINIFRED R. | WILLIS L. | 3632 HUBBARD |
| ✓ REDBURN D/B | APPLE | JILL | TERRY | 243 E. GIER |
| ✓ REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | JACK | KATHY | 1535 BERKLEY |
| ✓ REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | TAMARA | | |
| ✓ REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | THOMAS | NANCY | 534 CLAY ST. |
| ✓ REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | DALE | BETTY | 1610 WELLINGTON |
| ✓ REDBURN G/D | REDBURN | KIM | SARAH | 136 E. COLUMBIA ROAD |
| ✓ REDBURN G/D | REDBURN | KENNETH | PATTI | 4919 HUDSON AVE. |
| ✓ REDBURN G/D | REDBURN | GEORGE | DORIS | 15761 PRETTY LAKE DR. |
| ✓ REDBURN R/R | CLARK | MARSHA | LUTHER | 15611 CHANDLER |
| ✓ REDBURN R/R | HUNDT | STEPHANIE | RICHARD | 2700 S. DEERFIELD |
| ✓ REDBURN R/R | MORRIS | MARY BETH | TERRY | 3322 W. JOLLY |
| ✓ REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | R. ROY | M. VERONICA | 118 TAMARISK WAY |
| ✓ REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | RANDY | BRENDA | 4852 E. STEIN ROAD |
| ✓ REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | MARK | | 1239 BLAKE |
| ✓ REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | ROBERT | | 125 E. DWIGHT |
| ✓ REDBURN R/R | THOMAS | KATHIE ANN | JOHN | 3435 CHRISTINE DRIVE |
| ✓ TOMLINSON N/J | JOHNSON | PATRICIA | GARY R. | 5745 TURTLE LAKE DRIVE |
| ✓ TOMLINSON N/J | TOMLINSON | JEAN | R. NEAL | #2 LONDON DRIVE |
| ✓ TOMLINSON N/J | TOMLINSON | DENNIS N. | DARLENE E. | 3865 GRAND AVE. |
| ✓ TOMLINSON N/J | TOMLINSON | MICHAEL A. | JANN S. | 1803 DEE ST. |

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| ✓ | ALDRICH B/J | ALDRICH | ERIC B. | | | | | 1960/07/19 | | |
| ✓ | ALDRICH B/J | ALDRICH | ROY D. | EAST LANSING | MI | 48823 | 517/339-1785 | 1962/11/11 | | |
| ✓ | ALDRICH B/J | ALDRICH | JOYCE V. | EAST LANSING | MI | 48823 | 517/337-0319 | 1932/03/26 | 1932/01/02 | 1953/08/01 |
| ✓ | ALDRICH B/J | FELLOWS | LUANNE Joyce | GOODELLS | MI | 48027 | 313/325-1711 | 1954/08/09 | 1940/02/12 | 1976/10/16 |
| ✓ | ALDRICH B/J | KENNEDY | FADRA L. | HASLETT | MI | 48840 | 517/339-1670 | 1957/05/06 | 1957/10/05 | 1978/07/04 |
| ✓ | HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | TERRY L. | MOBILE | AL | 36609 | 205/660-1452 | 1954/04/07 | | 1978/04/08 |
| ✓ | HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | THOMAS | SAN FRANCISCO | CA | 96519 | | 1946/10/03 | | 1970/08/22 |
| ✓ | HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | SHERRY | LANSING | MI | 48910 | 517/371-4847 | 1957/02/26 | | |
| ✓ | HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | D. ELAINE | LEESBURG | FL | 32748 | 904/787-2363 | 1922/10/01 | 1922/02/27 | 1944/04/19 |
| ✓ | HOFFNER C/E | MARINELLI | SHELLY | LANSING | MI | 48910 | 517/882-0523 | 1957/02/26 | | 1980/07/26 |
| ✓ | KARNES W/W | BURGESS | DIANE L. | LAINGSBURG | MI | 48848 | 517/651-5819 | 1955/07/26 | 1954/11/15 | 1977/04/22 |
| ✓ | KARNES W/W | COCCO | ANDRA L. | DE WITT | MI | 48820 | 517/669-3545 | 1949/10/24 | 1942/11/08 | 1968/05/04 |
| ✓ | KARNES W/W | KARNES | WILLIAM L | LAINGSBURG | MI | 48848 | | 1957/03/14 | 1955/12/12 | 1978/04/15 |
| ✓ | KARNES W/W | KARNES | STEVEN D. | ST CROIX FALLS | WI | 54024 | 715/483-9527 | 1951/04/14 | 1952/09/28 | 1973/09/08 |
| ✓ | KARNES W/W | KARNES | WINIFRED R. | LEESBURG | FL | 32748 | 904/787-3204 | 1928/04/15 | 1928/05/31 | 1948/07/31 |
| ✓ | REDBURN D/B | APPLE | JILL | LANSING | MI | 48906 | 517/482-9663 | 1946/06/08 | 1943/04/14 | 1965/05/22 |
| ✓ | REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | JACK | LANSING | MI | 48910 | 517/487-3401 | 1949/05/12 | 1954/07/01 | 1974/06/08 |
| ✓ | REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | TAMARA | | MI | | 517/339-9576 | 1958/12/22 | | |
| ✓ | REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | THOMAS | MANCHESTER | NH | 03103 | 603/668-1458 | 1949/11/28 | 1950/06/04 | 1970/10/23 |
| ✓ | REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | DALE | LANSING | MI | 48910 | 517/482-5017 | 1927/04/17 | 1927/03/19 | 1954/06/19 |
| ✓ | REDBURN G/D | REDBURN | KIM | MASON | MI | 48854 | 517/676-5516 | 1958/07/30 | | 1983/05/12 |
| ✓ | REDBURN G/D | REDBURN | KENNETH | DIMONDALE | MI | 48821 | 517/646-6853 | 1956/03/02 | | |
| ✓ | REDBURN G/D | REDBURN | GEORGE | MECOSTA | MI | 49332 | | 1924/06/01 | 1925/03/04 | 1945/06/28 |
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| ✓ | REDBURN R/R | HUNDT | STEPHANIE | LANSING | MI | 48910 | 517/394-4307 | 1950/02/19 | 1947/07/01 | 1980/10/24 |
| ✓ | REDBURN R/R | MORRIS | MARY BETH | LANSING | MI | 48910 | 517/882-2036 | 1958/06/09 | | |
| ✓ | REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | R. ROY | LEESBURG | FL | 32748 | 904/ | 1921/06/08 | 1922/02/09 | 1945/01/10 |
| ✓ | REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | RANDY | LASALLE | MI | 48145 | 313/242-6467 | 1947/07/07 | | |
| ✓ | REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | MARK | LANSING | MI | 48912 | 517/372-9197 | 1955/03/20 | | |
| ✓ | REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | ROBERT | LANSING | MI | 48906 | | 1953/11/30 | | |
| ✓ | REDBURN R/R | THOMAS | KATHIE ANN | LANSING | MI | 48910 | 517/882-0693 | 1945/10/13 | 1944/07/07 | 1964/08/08 |
| ✓ | TOMLINSON N/J | JOHNSON | PATRICIA | SHOREVIEW | MN | 55112 | 612/484-0338 | 1949/01/25 | 1948/02/04 | 1968/10-12 |
| ✓ | TOMLINSON N/J | TOMLINSON | JEAN | BELLA VISTA | AR | 72714 | 501/855-1887 | 1920/04/03 | 1922/11/06 | 1944/04/11 |
| ✓ | TOMLINSON N/J | TOMLINSON | DENNIS N. | WHITE BEAR LAKE | MN | 55110 | 612/429-6627 | 1945/08/18 | 1946/11/08 | 1965/11/13 |
| ✓ | TOMLINSON N/J | TOMLINSON | MICHAEL A. | SPRINGDALE | AR | 72764 | 501/751-6686 | 1955/07/26 | 1954/01/24 | 1982/03/13 |

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| ALDRICH B/J | ALDRICH | ERIC B. | | |
| ALDRICH B/J | ALDRICH | ROY D. | | |
| ALDRICH B/J | ALDRICH | JOYCE V. | BRUCE D. | LUANNE FELLOWS; FADRA KENNEDY; ERIC; ROY |
| ALDRICH B/J | FELLOWS | LUANNE | ROBERT D. | TARA BETH 6/6/80; STEPC-AL (LANNY) 11/11/61; LORI 7/11/67 |
| ALDRICH B/J | KENNEDY | FADRA L. | JAMES M. | MATTHEW B. 6/22/82; JENNIFER L. 5/24/84 |
| HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | TERRY L. | KERRIE | BENJAMIN 7/23/81; BETHANY 10/8/83 |
| HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | THOMAS | ELAINE | JON 2/19/73; KRISTEN 3/5/77 |
| HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | SHERRY | | |
| HOFFNER C/E | HOFFNER | D. ELAINE | CLARENCE | THOMAS; TERRY; SHERRY; SHELLY MARINELLI |
| HOFFNER C/E | MARINELLI | SHELLY | PAUL | NICOLE 2/15/83 |
| KARNES W/W | BURGESS | DIANE L. | R. STEPHEN | REBEKAH D. 4/27/81; ELIZABETH M. 6/26/85 |
| KARNES W/W | COCCO | ANDRA L. | WILLARD L. | PETER 11/22/69; BRADLEY 6/21/71;WENDY 9/1/73;CYNTHIA 8/13/77 |
| KARNES W/W | KARNES | WILLIAM L | ANNE E. | LAURA 1/7/83; ELIZABETH (BETSEY) 10/21/84 |
| KARNES W/W | KARNES | STEVEN D. | REBECCA S. | JONATHAN B. 9/11/79; NATHANAEL S. 4/24/82 |
| KARNES W/W | KARNES | WINIFRED R. | WILLIS L. | ANDY COCCO; STEVE; DIANE BURGESS; BILL |
| REDBURN D/B | APPLE | JILL | TERRY | TARA 9/14/67; TERRY (C.J.) 10/7/70; LARRY 1/24/69 |
| REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | JACK | KATHY | DANIELLE 10/13/78; KARLY JO 5/14/84 |
| REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | TAMARA | | |
| REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | THOMAS | NANCY | THOMAS E. 5/11/71; SHAWN 9/19/75 |
| REDBURN D/B | REDBURN | DALE | BETTY | JILL APPLE; JACK; TOM; TAMMY |
| REDBURN G/D | REDBURN | KIM | SARAH | |
| REDBURN G/D | REDBURN | KENNETH | PATTI | JAMIE; STEP-C KIM |
| REDBURN G/D | REDBURN | GEORGE | DORIS | KEN; KIM |
| REDBURN R/R | CLARK | MARSHA | LUTHER | STEPC-LUTHER; DALE |
| REDBURN R/R | HUNDT | STEPHANIE | RICHARD | ERIC 1/11/72 BRIAN 8/1/75 MULLEN; |
| REDBURN R/R | MORRIS | MARY BETH | TERRY | JABRON 1/3/80; TAMECA 11/26/77 |
| REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | R. ROY | M. VERONICA | KATHIE T; RANDY; STEPH H; MARK; ROB; MARSHA C; MARY BETH M. |
| REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | RANDY | BRENDA | RANDY JR. 7/5/65; VICKIE, LISA, KEVIN, AMY CLARK |
| REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | MARK | | MARK JR. |
| REDBURN R/R | REDBURN | ROBERT | | |
| REDBURN R/R | THOMAS | KATHIE ANN | JOHN | KEN 9/10/65; CHARLENE 10/1/67; LORI 6/25/70 |
| TOMLINSON N/J | JOHNSON | PATRICIA | GARY R. | WADE R. 10/27/74; DAWN M. 9/5/77 |
| TOMLINSON N/J | TOMLINSON | JEAN | R. NEAL | DENNY; PATTY JOHNSON; MIKE |
| TOMLINSON N/J | TOMLINSON | DENNIS N. | DARLENE E. | PETER 5/24/66; JOEL 10/29/68; LEA ELIZABETH 10/10/73 |
| TOMLINSON N/J | TOMLINSON | MICHAEL A. | JANN S. | PHILIP MOSS 12/6/84; STEPC-ARIN E. EVANS 2/9/76 |

TOTAL

Printed 35 of the 35 records.

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a note from
joyce

3 October 1985

Dear David,

Finally am getting around to mailing back these family record forms. It is surprising the info that you assume you know - and then don't really know when you go to put it to paper!

I made up a form, very much like the ones you sent, and have proceeded to make out approximately ten million (or so it seems!) of them - I guess it would be closer to a hundred or so. Anyway, I am having a great time - but now the problem comes to keep track of them, and for the life of me I cannot figure out a numbering system! At noon today I bought a book that may give me some clues - I am anxious to read it after choir practice tonight. Bruce and I are members of the People's Church of East Lansing, an Interdenominational Church serving the University and the surrounding towns. My mother was in on the very beginnings of that church.* She belonged, at that time and until her death, to the First Methodist Church of Lansing. Bruce and I were married in the First Methodist Church, but it moved its location to so far away that after we settled in East Lansing we joined the People's Church. We just installed a new minister - a Presbyterian - last weekend. We have about 1300 members, so the choir is a joy to belong to - a lot of talent from the University doesn't do any harm, either!

* - several denominations were in on it - mainly Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist & U.C.C.

To get back to my mailing...I am also sending you a copy of Luanne's article - published in a small magazine out of Omaha, Nebraska - written about a well-worn subject, but well done I think. I am also sending a picture of my two daughters and their children. I have searched for an appropriate picture to send to you of myself and of my husband and the other children, but they all seem to be not quite right, but I will work on it!

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I want to thank you again for all of your information on our families. It has given me a real boost in my search - and I surely would love to know how to go about it in the event that I could ever get going on the Chivers family and the Redburns. I did find, yesterday, in the State Library a very small obituary of my grandmother, Sophia Redburn who died in St. Charles 18 March 1927. The dates we had for her were different than the paper. I don't know if you are interested in any info on them (John and Sophia) or not. Let me know if you are and I will give you a copy. I can't go any further back than my grand parents on my dad's side. He still has one sister living in Lansing (Grand Ledge, actually) - Mabel - but she has no memory of anything now, nor did she several years ago. Oh, by the way, that obituary that I found yesterday was in the Saginaw News Courier. It mentioned, also, that John and Sophia came to America in 1907 and settled in Saginaw.

I don't believe that I ever thanked you for the picture of the two of you, either. It sits on my desk right now, but will find a place of prominence in my home as well as my heart. Thank you.

Did my sister, Jean, ever relay the story of my mother breaking her back about 1948? I will write you about it if she didn't - it might be of interest to you.

Anything else I can do for you I hope you will ask.

My fond regards to you both,

Jo

P.S. I wished to make a copy of the family record of John Redburn. As you can see it leaves much to be desired! But it's a start.

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname ALDRICH Family No. JPW16-267

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**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**
Bruce Duane ALDRICH (a)
**Father's Name:**
Harry J. ALDRICH (c)
**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Hazel Louisa Kemp

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| **Birth** | 2 JAN 1932 | Lansing, Michigan |
| **Marriage** | Aug. 1, 1953 - Lansing, Mich. (b) | |
| **Death** | | |

**Other Places of Residence:**

**Other Wives:**

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**
Joyce Virginia REDBURN (b)
**Father's Name:**
George REDBURN (b)
**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Elizabeth Mary CHIVERS (b)

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| **Birth** | Mar. ~~xx~~ 26, 1932 | Lansing (b) |
| **Death** | | |

**Other Places of Residence:**

**Other Husbands:**

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Luanne (a) (c) | Birth | Aug. 9, 1954 | Lansing (c) |
| | Married to Robert D FELLOWS (a) | Marriage | 16 OCT 1976 | East Lansing, Michigan |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | Fadra Lynn ~~Fadrd~~ (a) (c) | Birth | May 6, 1957 | Mt. Clemens, Michigan ~~Lansing~~ (c) |
| | Married to James MATTHEW KENNEDY (a) | Marriage | 4 July 1978 | Eagles Nest, Vail, Colorado |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | Eric Bruce (a) (c) | Birth | July 19, 1960 | Lansing (c) |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | Roy Duane (a) (c) | Birth | Nov. 11, 1962 | Lansing (c) |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 5 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |

(a) Inf. from Joyce Aldrich; Doc. W140 - Log 768
(b) Inf. from Elizabeth Redburn
(c) Inf. from Jean Tomlinson

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** **Surname** FELLOWS **Family No.** JPW16-267

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**

Robert/ Donald FELLOWS (a)

**Father's Name:**
Donald Roy FELLOWS

**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Opal Elizabeth SCHRAM

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| **Birth** | 12 FEB 1940 | Pontiac, MI |
| **Marriage** | 16 OCT 1976, E. Lansing, MI | |
| **Death** | | |

**Other Places of Residence:**
Goodells, MI

**Other Wives:**
Mary GIBBS

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**

Luanne ALDRICH (a)

**Father's Name:**
Bruce Duane ALDRICH (a)

**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Joyce Virginia REDBURN (a)

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| **Birth** | c. 1954 (a) | |
| **Death** | 9 AUG 1954 | Lansing, Michigan |

**Other Places of Residence:**
Goodells, MI

**Other Husbands:**

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

Bob's children by Mary GIBBS

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Tara Beth<br>Tara (a) | **Birth** | 6 JUNE 1980 | Port Huron, Michigan |
| | **Married to** | **Marriage** | | |
| | | **Death** | | |
| 2 | Robert Donald | **Birth** | 4 MAY 1960 | |
| | **Married to** | **Marriage** | | |
| | | **Death** | c. 1964 | |
| 3 | Alan Keith | **Birth** | 3 NOV 1961 | |
| | **Married to** | **Marriage** | | |
| | | **Death** | | |
| 4 | Lori Kathryn | **Birth** | 11 JULY 1967 | |
| | **Married to** | **Marriage** | | |
| | | **Death** | | |
| 5 | | **Birth** | | |
| | **Married to** | | | |

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(a) Inf. from Joyce Aldrich; Doc. W140-Log 768

**Birth**
**Marriage**
**Death**

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname KENNEDY Family No. JPW16-2672

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**

matthew
James M. KENNEDY (a)

**Father's Name:**
Robert Leroy KENNEDY

**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Delores Juanita KOPP

Date Place
Birth 5 OCT 1957, Ft. Belvoir, VA
Marriage 4 JULY 1978 Eagles Nest, Vail, CO
Death

**Other Places of Residence:**
Fairfax, Va, Haslett, MI

**Other Wives:**

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**

Fadra ALDRICH (a)

**Father's Name:**
Bruce Duane ALDRICH (a)

**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Joyce Virginia REDBURN (a)

Date Place
Birth c. 1957 (a) 6 MAY Mt Clemens, MI
Death

**Other Places of Residence:**
Haslett, MI

**Other Husbands:**

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Matthew B. (a) Bruce
Birth 22 JUNE 1982 Lansing, MI
Married to
Marriage
Death

2 Jennifer (a) Lynn
Birth 24 MAY 1984 Lansing, MI
Married to
Marriage
Death

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Married to
Marriage
Death

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ONE FAMILY RECORD    Surname REDBURN    Family No.

| | |
|---|---|
| HUSBAND (Name in Full) | WIFE (Maiden Name in Full) |
| John REDBURN (a) | Sophia HILL |
| Father's Name: | Father's Name: |
| Mother's Maiden Name: | Mother's Maiden Name: |
| Date Place | Date Place |
| Birth: 17 MAR 1858 London, Eng (b) | Birth: c.1854 London, Eng. (1) |
| Marriage: c.1876 (1) | |
| Death: 24 SEP 1932, Lansing; int. St Charles | Death: 18 MAR 1927, St Charles (1) |
| Other Places of Residence: Hindley, Lancashire, Eng. | Other Places of Residence: |
| Other Wives: | Other Husbands: |

CHILDREN (Full Given Name)    Date, Place, (Town, County, State, Country)

| | |
|---|---|
| (2) 1. [John] William (Will) | Birth 1875 |
| Married to: | Marriage |
| Margaret KORB | Death 17 FEB 1956 |
| (4) 2. Harriet | Birth |
| Married to: | Marriage |
| Robert SMITH | Death |
| (6) 3. Ralph | Birth 1877 |
| Married to: | Marriage |
| Caroline | Death SEP 1942 |
| (2) 4. Roland | Birth |
| Married to: | Marriage |
| | Death 29 OCT 1946 |
| (5) 5. Jane (Jenny) | Birth |
| Married to: | Marriage |
| Thomas PIGGOTT | Death |
| (6) 6. Flora | Birth 11 DEC. 1889 |
| Married to: | Marriage |
| Edward BEELEY | Death 11 MAY 1958, Lansing |
| (3) 7. George | Birth 22 NOV 1890, Hindley, Lancashire, Eng. |
| Married to: | Marriage 21 JUN 1919, Saginaw, Mi. |
| Elizabeth Mary CHIVERS | Death 5 APR 1973, E. Lansing, Mi. |
| (6) 8. James | Birth |
| Married to: | Marriage |
| | Death |
| (3) 9. Mabel | Birth 12 JUN 1895 |
| Married to: | Marriage 1 AUG 1918 |
| Edgar CHIVERS | Death |

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(a) siblings: Thomas (Cannon) Harrison
Edward
Harriet OLIVER
Annie SOUTHERN
Louise STEVENS

From note written by Elizabeth Redburn, given me by Winifred Karnes

(b) From obit in The Saginaw News Courier, Friday, Mar 18, 1927: "They came America in 1907 and settled in St. Charles."

1. From obit in THE Saginaw News Courier, Friday, March 18, 1927
2. Living in Saginaw at time of death of Sophia Hill — 18 MAR 1927
3. " " Lansing " " " " " " "
4. " " Cleveland, OH " " " " " " "
5. " " Detroit " " " " " " "
6. " " St Charles " " " " "

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9 October 1985

Dear David,

Was making a copy of my mother's and my father's obit for my daughter and thought I would make an extra for you. I am sure that you have all of the information they contain, but thought you might like a copy. Do I remember that I read that the info you have (some of it) came from an obit in the Mt. Pleasant paper? If possible, I would like a copy of that, too some time. No hurry.

Also, is it possible that you have anything on the Chivers family? That is probably for another time - my searching their history - but wondered if you have anything at all. I do have pertinent dates for some - probably what you have, but would like to double check. When I found the obituary in the State Journal for my grandfather, Albert Wm. Chivers, it mentioned a sister of whom I never remember hearing. It said he had one brother and one sister still in England.

Every day (almost) I go to the library in Lansing - today I was looking for some trace of Bruce's Great Grandfather Baker. We saw a copy of his marriage license and it mentioned a county in Ohio - so it started a whole new "chase". I do this on my lunch "hour".

I am so glad to get myself organized (somewhat) - and never would have been able to do it without your help. I will really be forever grateful to you. I stay up late every night making out the family record sheets. I really have made out hundreds in the past few weeks. Did you branch out to the siblings of any of the relatives you traced? If so, your book must be in 30 volumes! Bruce's mother is with us for a few more days - she lives the winters in Florida - and so I have been picking her memory for details of her ancestors. Bruce and I each have a 3 ring binder notebook - and they are getting packed full. Mother is 80 now, the last of our parents as Bruce's father died just a few weeks before my father passed away. She doesn't remember too well - not to any great extent. Let me tell you that my mother's memory was better than mine up to the day she died! She was a remarkable lady in many respects, and I am glad to say that she and I were "friends" and had many, many happy hours together - after she was confined to a wheelchair she really looked forward to visits from us all. At one time we had a schedule worked up so every hour of the day was pretty much taken care of. We thought it was good to do after my father had a few of the "little" strokes that preceded the larger ones. I would go in the morning before work, and most often take their supper to them at night. We had many opportunities to talk about many things - wish there was more family information included in those talks!

My very best to you and Elizabeth, Love, Jo

## Mrs. Elizabeth M. Redburn

9717 Jason Rd., Laingsburg

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, tho I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

*Psalm 23*

**BORN**

June 7, 1893
Ystrad, South Wales

**DIED**

November 26, 1977
Laingsburg, Michigan

**SERVICES HELD AT**

Gorsline Runciman East Chapel
Tuesday, November 29, 1977
1:00 P.M.

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Robert Prange
Steven Karnes, Assisting
Grove Bible Church

**MUSIC**

Mrs. Earl Erickson—Organist

**INTERMENT**

East Lawn Memory Gardens—Okemos

**CASKET BEARERS**

Eric Aldrich
Roy Aldrich
Bill Karnes
Ken Redburn

Jack Redburn
Kim Redburn
Mark Redburn
Robert Redburn

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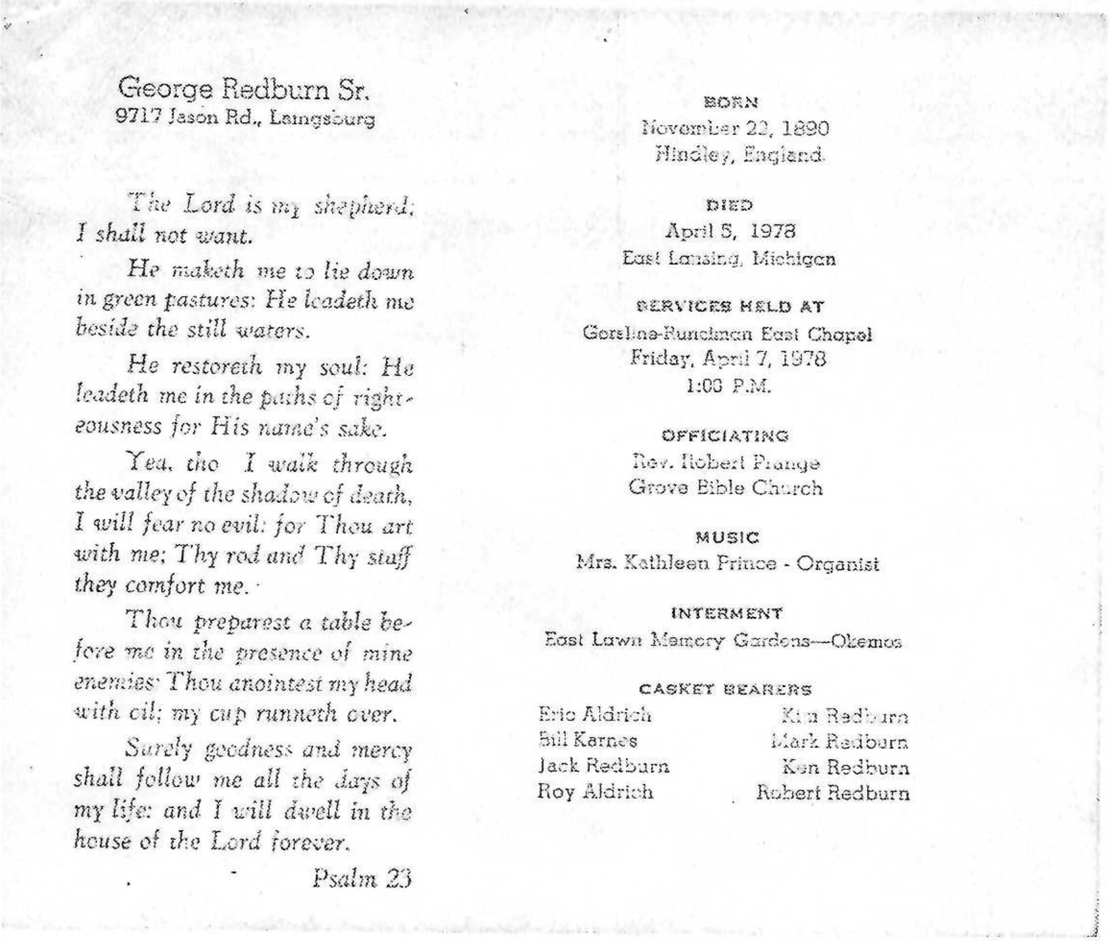
**REDBUEN, ELIZABETH M.**

9717 Jason Road

Laingsburg

Age 84, died Nov. 26, 1977. Born June 7, 1893 in Ystrad South Wales. Mrs. Reburn was a resident of Lansing for 30 years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Lansing. Surviving are her husband George Redburn Sr. 4 daughters, Mrs. Royal (Jean) Tomlinson of Bella Vista, Ark, Mrs. Clarence (Elaine) Hoffner of Okemos, Mrs. Willis (Winifred) Karnes of Laingsburg, Mrs. Bruce (Joyce) Aldrich of East Lansing, 3 sons, Roy Redburn, George Redburn Jr., and Dale Redburn all of Lansing, 1 brother, Edgar Chivers of Lansing, 23 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday 1 p.m. at the Gorstine-Runciman East Chapel, East Lansing with the Rev. Robert Prange, pastor of the Grove Bible Church officiating. Interment will be in East Lawn Memory Gardens. Pallbearers will be grandsons: Eric Aldrich, Roy Aldrich, Bill Karnes, Jack Redburn, Kim Redburn, Mark Redburn, Ken Redburn, Robert Redburn. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Monday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Friends desiring may make contributions to the Grove Bible Church.

Obit in Lansing State Journal



**George Redburn Sr.**
9717 Jason Rd., Laingsburg

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*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

*Psalm 23*

BORN
November 22, 1890
Hindley, England

DIED
April 5, 1978
East Lansing, Michigan

SERVICES HELD AT
Gorsline-Runciman East Chapel
Friday, April 7, 1978
1:00 P.M.

OFFICIATING
Rev. Robert Prange
Grove Bible Church

MUSIC
Mrs. Kathleen Prince - Organist

INTERMENT
East Lawn Memory Gardens—Okemos

CASKET BEARERS
Eric Aldrich
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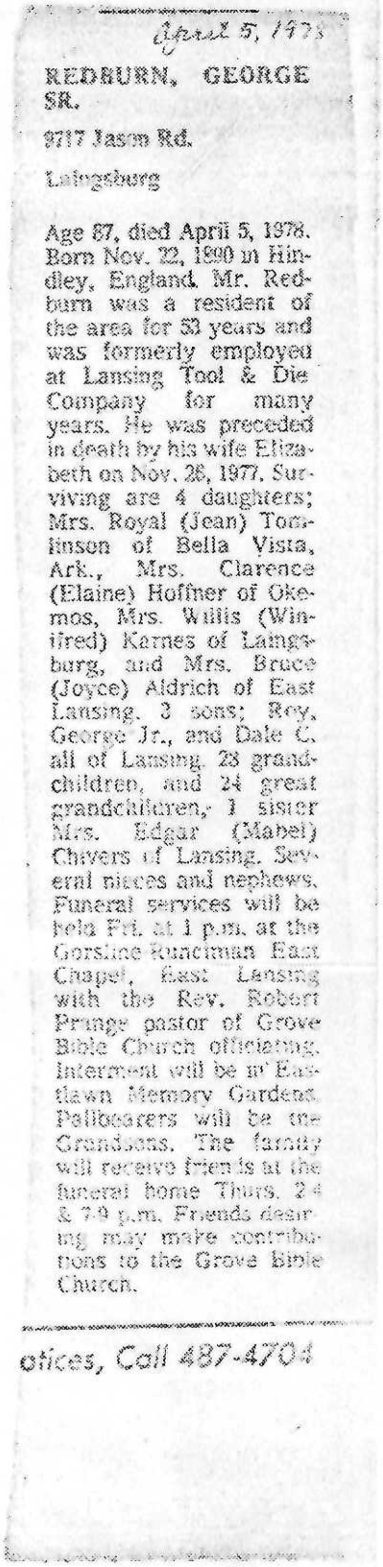

April 5, 1978

**REDBURN, GEORGE SR.**

9717 Jason Rd.

Laingsburg

Age 87, died April 5, 1978. Born Nov. 22, 1890 in Hindley, England. Mr. Redburn was a resident of the area for 53 years and was formerly employed at Lansing Tool & Die Company for many years. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth on Nov. 26, 1977. Surviving are 4 daughters; Mrs. Royal (Jean) Tomlinson of Bella Vista, Ark., Mrs. Clarence (Elaine) Hoffner of Okemos, Mrs. Willis (Winifred) Karnes of Laingsburg, and Mrs. Bruce (Joyce) Aldrich of East Lansing. 3 sons; Roy, George Jr., and Dale C. all of Lansing. 28 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren, 1 sister Mrs. Edgar (Mabel) Chivers of Lansing. Several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Fri. at 1 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman East Chapel, East Lansing with the Rev. Robert Prange pastor of Grove Bible Church officiating. Interment will be in Eastlawn Memory Gardens. Pallbearers will be the Grandsons. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thurs. 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Friends desiring may make contributions to the Grove Bible Church.

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Obit in Lansing State Journal

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17 October 1985

Dear David,

In one of my visits to the library last week I found a wealth of information - not sure of exactly what use! - in the City Directories of various cities. I went through the Saginaw Directory to glean any information about the Chivers, the Redburns and the Witheridges. I am sending you a copy of what I found on the Witheridges through 1941. Since the rest is current history anyway I did not bother to go further. They are available from before 1900 (I think the earliest was 1867) and they have most years up to 1983. There was no information on any Witheridge before 1906. I am not positive how this information was obtained and, like most published works, leave something to be desired as far as accuracy is concerned. But I copied [sic] away for a few days and have at least names and, with the addresses also, can put families in better groupings than I could before. We did not do a lot of visiting to Saginaw when I was young - and consequently all of my Redburn cousins are very unfamiliar to me. (I rather think that my mother was not too tolerant of my dad's brothers, if you want the truth!) In any case, I now have many names that I can slowly add to my growing file.

For what it is worth to you, the directory of 1906 and 1908 listed George W. Chivers (my mother's oldest brother) in Saginaw, boarding at 1111 Holland Ave. There are no more Chivers listed until 1932 when George's son, Frank, shows up and then in 1936 when Gladys apparently worked in Saginaw for awhile. Your record shows George going back to Wales and getting married and then, I suppose, they settled in Auburn and, unfortunately, there is no Directory for Auburn in the Lansing library. (Also, "bds" means, of course, boards)

Another interesting thing that turned up for us was the fact that in 1922 your father, (I assume) was employed at the J.D. Swarthout Co. Much earlier than this, in the late 1800's, one of Bruce's relatives by the name of Potter, was in business with a Mr. Swarthout in Ovid, Michigan. This partnership continued into the 1900's. The business was a dry goods store, I believe. Have not pursued this information yet to see if there is a connection with the two Swarthouts.

If there are any other bits of information that I could glean for you from any source that is available to me I hope you will ask. I would be so happy to be able to do something for you.

This morning had hints of winter in the air - I really love this time of the year, but not especially the really cold that is due us. I guess a person in Michigan should not talk about cold and snow to someone in Minnesota, should they!

Hope you are both staying well and enjoying life. My fond regards to you both.

Jo

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Copied at Michigan State Library
by Joyce Aldrich

info gathered 10/14/85

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Information taken from City Directories of Saginaw, Michigan

## WITHERIDGE FAMILY

### 1906

| | |
|---|---|
| Christianna, student, bds | 1111 Holland Ave. |
| Edward A., student, bds | 1111 Holland Ave. |
| George A., laborer, bds | 1111 Holland Ave. |
| John A., Miner, bds | 1111 Holland Ave. |
| William, miner, bds | 1111 Holland Ave. |
| William A., miner, bds | 1111 Holland Ave. |

### 1908

| | |
|---|---|
| Christianna, bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| Edward A., student, bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| Elizabeth J., bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| George A., sorter, bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| John A., bookkeeper, bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| William, Treasurer Caledonia Coal Co., ltd, res | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| William A., bookkeeper, United Supply Co. | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |

### 1909

| | |
|---|---|
| Edward A., student, bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| Elizabeth J., bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| George A., weightman Caledonia Coal Co., bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| John A., clerk, bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| William, Treasurer Caledonia Coal Co., ltd, res | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| William A., bookkeeper United Supply Co., bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |

### 1910

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|---|---|
| Clara M., student, bds | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| Edward A., clerk, United Supply Co. | 1516 S. Warren Ave. |
| Elizabeth J., bds | 1516 S. Warren AVe. |
| George A., weigher Caledonia Coal Co. res | 2098 Court |
| John A., clerk, bds | 1516 S. Warren |
| William, trackman Caledonia Coal Co., res | 1516 S. Warren |
| William A., Secretary United Supply Co., res | 811 Johnson |

### 1912

| | |
|---|---|
| Clara M., student, bds | 138 Pleasant |
| Edward A., shipping clerk Alert Pipe & Supply, bds | 138 Pleasant |
| Elizabeth J., boxmaker Am. Paper Box Co., bds | 138 Pleasant |
| George A., res | 723 Benjamin |
| William, foreman, res | 138 Pleasant |
| William A., bookkeeper Alert Pipe & Supply, res | 1516 S. Warren |

1913

| | |
|---|---|
| Clara, dressmaker, bds | 138 Pleasant |
| Edward A., shipping clerk Alert Pipt & Supply,bds | 138 Pleasant |
| Elizabeth J., dressmaker, bds | 138 Pleasant |
| George A., agent, res | 723 Benjamin |
| William, Treasurer Caledonia Coal Co. ltd, res | 138 Pleasant |
| William A., removed to Bay City | |

1915

| | |
|---|---|
| Edward A., cashier Alert Pipe & Supply, res | 1311 Tuscola |
| Elizabeth, bds | 138 Pleasant |
| Gard, laborer Hart Brothers, bds | 1618 S. Michigan |
| George A., bookkeeper J.B. Goetz Sons, res | 720 Cronk |
| William, miner, Caledonia Coal Co., res | 138 Pleasant |

1916

| | |
|---|---|
| Edward A., cashier Alert Pipe & Supply, res | 123 Pleasant |
| George A., bookkeeper J.B. Goetz Sons, res | 720 Cronk Ave. |
| William, miner, res | 138 Pleasant |

1917

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|---|---|
| Edward A., cashier Alert Pipe & Supply Co., res | 123 Pleasant |
| Elizabeth, bds | 138 Pleasant |
| George A., branch manager J.B. Goetz Sons, res | 720 Cronk Ave. |
| William, miner, res | 138 Pleasant |

1919

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|---|---|
| Edward A., cashier Alert Pipe & Supply, res | 1620 N. Woodbridge |
| Elizabeth, bds | 138 Pleasant |
| George A., bookkeeper J.B. Goetz Sons, res | 720 Cronk Ave. |
| William, laborer, res | 138 Pleasant |
| William A., Manager J.D. Swarthout Co., res | 1636 Genesee Ave. |

1921

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| George A. (Almeada; Sunschine Flowers) h. | 720 Cronk Ave. |
| William H. (Edith S.) clerk, h. | 940 S. 4th Ave. |

1922

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| William H. (Edith S.), office manager Jay D. Swarthout Co. h. | 940 S. 4th Ave. |

1923

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| William A. (Edith S.), office manager J.D. Swarthout Co. | 940 S. 4th Ave. |

### 1924

William A. (Edith S.), office manager
J. D. Swarthout Co., h. 940 S. 4th Ave.

### 1925

William A. (Edith S.), manager J.D. Swarthout Co. 940 S. 4th Ave.

### 1927

William A. (Edith S.) office manager
J.D. Swarthout Co., h. 940 S. 4th Ave.
William N., student 940 S. 4th Ave.

### 1928

William A. (Edith S.) office manager
J.D. Swarthout 940 S. 4th Ave.
William N., student r. 940 S. 4th Ave.

### 1929

William A. (Edith) office manager
J.D. Swarthout 940 S. 4th Ave.
William A., Jr., tool apprentice Saginaw
Crankshaft Works, r. 940 S. 4th Ave.

### 1930

Louise A., student r. 940 S. 4th Ave.
William A. (Edith S.), office manager
J.D. Swarthout 940 S. 4th Ave.
William N., student r. 940 S. 4th Ave.

### 1931

David E., student r 940 S. 4th Ave.
Louise A., student r 940 S. 4th Ave.
Willaim A. (Edith S.) office manager J.D.
Swarthout h 940 S. 4th Ave.
William N., student r 940 S. 4th Ave.

### 1932

David E., student r 940 S. 4th Ave.
Louise A., student r 940 S. 4th Ave.
WilliamA(Edith T.) office manager J.D.S. h 940 S. 4th Ave.
William N., Tool designer, r 940 S. 4th Ave.

1933

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| David E., student r | 940 S. 4th Ave. |
| Louise A., student r | 940 S. 4th Ave. |
| William A. (Edith S.) Sales agent h | 940 S. 4th Ave. |

1934

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| David E., student, r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| Louise A., student, r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| William A. (Edith S.) salesman h | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| William N., student r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |

1936

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| David E., mechanical engineer, r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| William A. (Edith S) manufacturers agent | 746 S. 4th Ave. |

1938

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| David E., r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| William A (Edith S) h | 746 S. 4th |

1939

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| David E. (W.A. Witheridge Co) r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| Edith S. Mrs. (W.A. Witheridge Co) r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| William A. (Edith:W.A. Witheridge Co) h | 746 S. 4th Ave. |

1940

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| David E. (W.A. Witheridge Co) r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| Edith S. Mrs. (W.A. Witheridge Co) r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| John M. student r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| William A. (Edith S) h | 746 S. 4th Ave. |

WITHERIDGE, W.A. Co. (Wm A., Edith S. & David E.) Heating, Ventilating, and Power Plant Equipment, Sales Engineers, 746 S. 4th Ave. tel 2-3364

1941

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| John M student r | 746 S. 4th Ave. |
| William A (Edith S) h | 746 S. rth Ave. |

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20 October 1985

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Dear David,

I hope you don't get tired of my writing to you! — but I just have to tell you what happened Saturday evening. Comes under the category of "Small World".

While at a party I was talking to Sarah Stoppel, a friend from People's Church. We have known each other for about 3 years. She and I are in a support group for women over 40 and we were at a party given for one of our members. Anyway, during the course of our conversation I mentioned my activities — spending lunch hours at the library — she asked why — one thing led to another and I mentioned the monumental generosity of one of my relatives - how I had first written to a D. E. Witheridge and she said, "David Witheridge who married Elizabeth"?

To make a long story even longer — she is one of the daughters of Donald Grey of Saginaw — the minister who married you and Elizabeth. She remembered it was at "Miss Plum's house". Today, after church, I had a chance to talk to Mrs. Grey and she is such a lovely lady. She said, "Elizabeth is a wonderful person," and she remembers you as a "real gentleman." She said, "We saw them through their courtship" — told me about your adopting a child and then having one of your own.

This genealogy search is slow, but exceedingly rewarding!

3/ Back to the genealogy — I would like any info you care to give me on your brothers/sisters — or the Witheridges from your grandfather forward — The details of this are mind boggling, aren't they? It's surely a case for one step at a time!

Lovely fall day today. My son, Roy, and his girl, wanted to do some pheasant hunting, so we walked about 20 acres — very refreshing! We have corn planted and the pheasants are very numerous this year. Saw many deer tracks, too.

Hope you are enjoying the autumn — or is it now winter in Minn?

Love and regards, Jo

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October 23, 1985

Dear Jo,

We have enjoyed your warm and friendly letters and feel we almost know you and Bruce, even though we haven't met. You will discover that my letters are always farther apart than yours. I'm working on so many family lines--both Elizabeth's and mine--that I'm usually far behind in answering my correspondence. It sounds as though your genealogical research has really taken a spurt forward, and I'm pleased to have had a part in this development.

Thank you very much for the helpful documents you have been sending. I have finally had time to record your information on my family group sheets, and many new names, dates, and places have appeared, as you can well imagine.

Let me immediately mention my numbering system, because I am enclosing a copy of my longhand description of it. I worked this out gradually in an effort to find a system by which I could assign a distinctive number to everyone of my ancestors and relatives. By starting the numbering with one of our sons, I was also able to include all of Elizabeth's ancestors and relatives.

I can't reconstruct what I may have read or heard that started me off, but I have since found that my system is essentially based on the Stradonitz numbering system. Somewhere I have a reference to where this is written up, and I should probably look it up and compare it with mine, but I haven't taken the time to do so, at least not in recent years.

As you can see, it all ties into the numbers on the ancestor charts I sent you. I decided that each person's number in my records should begin with the three initials of our older son, Jim (JPW), so the numbers could never be confused with anyone else's family numbers. If you adopted this system, for example, you could precede each number with the initials LA (unless Luanne has a middle initial). Your numbers, therefore, for the same ancestors or relatives would be different from mine. If Luanne eventually got interested in genealogy, she could have a numbering system beginning with TBF, that would include all of Robert's family, as well as your own.

Having used this system now for many years, I am well satisfied with it for my record-keeping purposes. Because of its complexity, however, it may not be the best system to use in a published family history. Unfortunately, I haven't had to face that problem yet, as I haven't begun to write or publish anything. I've added a few other features to the numbering system that I haven't written up yet--in particular, a way of numbering those who are not blood relatives, but only relatives by marriage. I'll leave the description of this to a later time if you are interested. One almost has to be a mathematician to understand it!

There are only a couple of problems I might point out. Every once in a while there will be a relationship that appears to be correct, but may not be well documented. In such a case I write the number down in pencil and add a question mark. At other times you will discover errors or new information requiring a change of numbers. Then there is nothing to do but correct the number and all the others affected by the change. It takes a little time, but it's important to keep the numbers accurate. By the way, I used to write my information in pencil on the family group sheets until I was sure of it. Now I write it in ink and make frequent corrections by using 1-line self-adhesive correction tape, as used in typing. I hand print all my information, as I find that more convenient than typing for the way I work.

Speaking of the ancestor charts, I designed the sheets I use after studying and trying a number of others I had seen. I began by using typed-in numbers going up to 31 on each sheet. To extend the information, I would start a new similar sheet, stating that #1 is the same as #16, for example, on the previous sheet. I soon gave this up and took the typed numbers off all the sheets except the first, so I could write in my own numbers, which continued on up in the pattern of the first sheet--namely, each person's number is doubled to get his or her father's number, and his mother's number is one more than his father's. Thus, the numbers only have to be filled in for the names that are known, and these numbers are very easy to determine. I am enclosing blank copies of each sheet, in case you want to Xerox some to try out. I'm also sending a sample blank copy of my family group sheet you might want to Xerox to try before you finally settle on one.

Next, I want to thank you for sending the copy of Luanne's article or story about Teddy Bears. Both Elizabeth and I enjoyed it, and we think she writes very well. We're delighted that she likes to write, and we know she will do more and more writing as time goes on. You didn't say much about this publication, but because of the last sentence of the article, we assume it was written for older young people or possibly adults. If it were a story for young children, it would probably have ended after about five paragraphs in the second column. It's a very interesting story with lots of action, and Luanne has written it beautifully.

We hope you'll be able to locate some of Elizabeth's books through your local library, possibly on interlibrary loan. Unfortunately, practically all of them are out of print. The only one you might be able to get on special order through a bookstore is Just One Indian Boy, published by Atheneum. One of the books, Never Younger, Jeannie, was based on Elizabeth's childhood on her grandfather's farm at the edge of Saginaw. That is, it's a fictionalized account of certain events, but the overall situation and story were made made up as a vehicle to carry these various episodes. The enclosed list will give the titles you can look for.

We were pleased to get the picturd of Fadra and Luanne and their children. The more we look at them, the more we love them. Now we're looking forward to more pictures when you can find the right ones. No, Jean didn't tell us about your mother breaking her back in 1948, so we'd like to hear the story.

Now, I'll go through your several letters and respond to some of the items and enclosures in them. Your print-out of the Redburn family is a remarkable and fascinating compilation, and it enabled me to fill out my records in short order. I'm glad you work with a computer and have one available. If I were younger, I would probably try to put all my genealogical material on a computer, but for several reasons I can't see myself starting out on that road now. The Minnesota Genealogical Society, of which I am a member, has a Computer Interest Group, and Elizabeth has a distant relative here who has put his information on a computer and recently transferred it to a new program after being dissatisfied with the first one he tried.

I was glad to get the information about John and Sophia Redburn and their children. Although I really can't undertake to expand my data on the Redburn ancestry, I can probably give you some suggestions on how to pursue your search in England. So I'll be glad to have reports from time to time on your efforts and results.

For example, I think your next step should be to write to The Rector, Church of England Parish, Hindley, Lancashire, England (each item on a separate line). Tell him your father was born there 22 Nov. 1890, the son of John Redburn and Sophia Hill. Ask if he would send you the full baptismal record from the parish register, as well as all the other Redburn baptisms, marriages, and burials for a period of time before and after that date. Enclose some money to cover his time plus return postage. Tell him to let you know if this requires a more extensive search, and you will send more money. You might send him a $10.00 bill; or preferably, if you have a local bank where you can get British pounds at a reasonable fee, you could send a £5.00 bill. (At one local bank here we can get British pounds at the current exchange rate with no additional fee.)

I'm sorry to say that I don't have anything further on the Chivers family, so I guess you'll just have to defer that to a later time. I can probably help with some ideas when you get around to it.

Concerning the information from Mt. Pleasant about your mother--it wasn't an obituary; it was just a notation in the "Centralite," the publication of Central Michigan University, reporting your mother's death. So I don't have anything about her that you wouldn't have.

I appreciated receiving the list of Witheridge entries from the Saginaw City Directories. It included many bits of information I had not known, such as addresses and places of employment. In regard to the Swartwouts, I don't know whether there was a connection with the family in Ovid or not. When we were children, I remember going out to a farm owned by J. D. Swartwout at Otisville (N.E. of Flint), but I don't know if his family had lived there a long time. You will notice that he spelled his name with a "w" after the "t", not the way the directory had it. J. D. Swartwout was a brother of a man in Cleveland who manufactured Swartwout ventilators, spelled the same way. The second "w" was not pronouncdd. We've since learned that in England the "w" in suchaa position is silent in most cases (as in Greenwich; also Norwich).

You wondered if I had branched out to the siblings of the ancestors I have traced. Yes, whenever possible, I fill in family group sheets for the ancestors I have identified, and I continue tracing their descendants and relatives as far as possible. As you can see, the whole thing gets bigger and bigger, and at this point I really can't keep up with it. How I wish I could miraculously copy everything I have relating to the Witheridge line and instantly transmit it all to you! But perhaps that would be just too much to absorb at one time. All I can promise is to keep sending you what I can from time to time.

In the same way that you are delighted to have found a relative who has been working on genealogy and can give you a boost now and then, I am delighted to have found one with whom I can share my work and who can help extend our knowledge both now and into the future. I know that I'll be calling on you for assistance many times in the coming days, though I don't have anything specific to ask at this time.

Elizabeth and I were quite intrigued to learn that you and Bruce are members of the People's Church in East Lansing. We have known about it since our days in Saginaw and have thought very highly of it. Elizabeth had a good friend, Ruth Perry, who was a member there for a while many years ago. Actually, she was a sister of Elizabeth's best friend and maid of honor at our wedding--Grace Perry. Ruth was an expert in child psychology and the education of young children, and she later was head of the nursery school and pre-school education at Riverside Church in New York City.

We are members of a very liberal Baptist church here--Trinity Community Church--and our church is in the process of merging with Grace Presbyterian Church to form Grace-Trinity Community Church. I am on the committee that is doing the planning for the merger. We have secured the By-Laws of about a dozen united churches that include both Baptists and Presbyterians, and the People's Church is one that we have been studying.

This has turned into quite a long epistle, but I'm really answering three letters. Once again I want to thank you for writing that first letter back in July and for opening up what promises to be a very enjoyable and fruitful relationship.

Much love to you and your family!

P.S. Your letter of October 20th just arrived, so I'll respond to it before mailing this. Elizabeth and I were amazed and thrilled to hear that you know Sarah Stoppel and suddenly discovered that she knows us. We haven't seen her for a long time, of course, but she and her sister Barbara were lovely young ladies, and great favorites of Elizabeth. In later years, though I remained in First Baptist, Elizabeth had joined Michigan Avenue Baptist where Donald Grey was minister, and became very close to the Greys. On the day of our wedding Mrs. Grey spent all morning at Elizabeth's house helping to make dozens of little open-faced sandwiches. When you see Mrs. Grey again, please give her our love and best wishes. She was an ideal minister's wife and was a beautiful role-model for Elizabeth as we were starting out in the ministry. And, of course, tell Sarah how pleased we were to hear about her through you.

Some day I'll give you the information about our family back to Grandfather Witheridge, but I can't go into that now, as I said earlier. Your mention of corn planting and pheasant hunting reminded me that we want to know more about your farm when you have time. Does Bruce just take care of the farm as a sideline, or is this a full-time endeavor for him? As I said, Elizabeth grew up on a farm, and still remembers those days fondly.

Love,

# Editor's Note

The next document, W152, is a transcription by DEW of a tombstone inscription in the churchyard at Combe Martin, Devon, England. The text was copied in person, either longhand or in a photograph, by Combe Martin resident Norah Gregory (q.v.), who assisted DEW in many ways over the years.

In document calendar 134, DEW summarizes the document thusly: "Letter from Norah Gregory with tombstone inscription about Thos. Witheridge Gubb in Combe Martin churchyard." The log number is 831, dated 11/28/85.

Unfortunately, the letter from Norah has been lost, but DEW's preliminary and final (typed) versions of the inscription are included here as document W152.

Tom Witheridge
November 30, 2021

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Log 831

Underneath
are deposited the remains of
William Gubb of this town, Marine
Who departed this life the XXII day of
(1838) (60)
Feb. MDCCCXXXVIII in the LX year of his age
Also in memory of John Gubb,
son of the above said William Gubb
and Mary his wife, who died the XI of May
(1808)
May MDCCCVIII aged one year
Also of Mary Gubb, daughter of
they above who departed this life on
the XV day of Feb. MDCCCXVI aged IV years
Also in memory of Henry Gubb
son of they above who died at sea of (sic)
the Cape Good Hope on the XVI day of
December MDCCCXXXVII aged XIX years

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Also of William Gubb son of William
and Mary Gubb above namd (sic), master of the
ship William Harris of London, who died at
in the Bay of Honduras West
Sept. 14, 1842, aged 39 years
Also of Mary Gubb the above
wife of William Gubb who died
——— day of June, 1857, aged 80 years
——— Thomas Witheridge Gubb
——— who died at Uitenhage, Cape of / ——— 1871, aged 62

Underneath
are deposited the remains of
William Gubb of this town, mariner
who departed this life the XXII day of
Feb. MDCCCXXXVIII in the LX year of his age.

Also in memory of John Gubb,
son of the above said William Gubb
and Mary his wife, who died the XI of
May MDCCCVIII aged one year.

Also of Mary Gubb, daughter of
they above who departed this life on
the XV day of Feb. MDCCCXVI aged IV years.

Also in memory of Henry Gubb
son of they above who died at sea of (sic)
the Cape Good Hope on the XVI day of
December MDCCCXXXVII aged XIX years.

Also of William Gubb son of William
and Mary Gubb above namd (sic), master of the
ship William Harris of London, who died at
[Trujillo]
Trujillo in the Bay of Honduras West
—— Sept. 14, 1842, aged 39 years.

Also of Mary Gubb the above
wife of William Gubb, who died
—— day of June, 1857, aged 80 years.

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—— Thomas Witheridge Gubb
—— who died at Uitenhage, Cape of
—— 1871, aged 62.

Underneath

ARE DEPOSITED THE REMAINS OF
WILLIAM GUBB OF THIS TOWN, MARINE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE XXII DAY OF
FEB. MDCCCXXXVIII IN THE LX YEAR OF HIS AGE.

ALSO IN MEMORY OF JOHN GUBB,
SON OF THE ABOVE SAID WILLIAM GUBB
AND MARY HIS WIFE, WHO DIED THE XI OF
MAY MDCCCVIII AGED ONE YEAR.

ALSO OF MARY GUBB, DAUGHTER OF
THEY ABOVE WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON
THE XV DAY OF FEB. MDCCCXVI AGED IV YEARS

ALSO IN MEMORY OF HENRY GUBB
SON OF THEY ABOVE WHO DIED AT SEA OF (sic)
THE CAPE GOOD HOPE ON THE XVI DAY OF
DECEMBER MDCCCXXXVII AGED XIX YEARS.

ALSO OF WILLIAM GUBB SON OF WILLIAM
AND MARY GUBB ABOVE NAMD (sic), MASTER OF THE
SHIP WILLIAM HARRIS OF LONDON, WHO DIED AT
TRUXILLO IN THE BAY OF HONDURAS WEST
------ SEPT. 14 1842, AGED 39 YEARS.

ALSO OF MARY GUBB THE ABOVE
WIFE OF WILLIAM GUBB, WHO DIED
----- DAY OF JUNE, 1857, AGED 80 YEARS.

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------ THOMAS WITHERIDGE GUBB
------- WHO DIED AT UITENHAGE, CAPE OF
--------- 1871, AGED 62.

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31 December 1985

Dear David and Elizabeth,

This is my third attempt at starting this letter. I find I have so much to say to you that I don't know where to begin. I want to tell you all of the details of my life - you are turning into that kind of people to me - and there is just not time to do so. I do want to thank you for your last letter and am determined to write to you this year!

Your letter and its inclusions were very helpful to me and I used your forms almost exactly. I did add "interred" to some of the forms as we are interested in where burial is in many instances. I have the numbering system all figured out and it was very helpful to me to know what to do in the cases of multiple marriages - we don't have many, but a few. I still have a small, surmountable I am sure, problem in that I have some double cousins. You probably are aware that my mother's brother Edgar married my father's sister Mable and hence have created some number problems for me. I don't know whether just to simply duplicate the pages or double number them and put them under my father's section. No biggie, as I said, but a defugalty nevertheless. I have over 100 family record sheets for my side of the family to say nothing of Bruce's side. Neither of us has done much work on this in several weeks.

One of the last, most informative and rewarding, things that we did was to contact my cousin Sidney Redburn in St. Charles and go up there for a visit. Sidney is the oldest son of my father's brother Ralph - 81 years old. I now have all of the information filled in as to the wives/husbands of all of the children of my grandfather Redburn (John). One interesting thing we learned is that my grandfather had a brother who changed his name to Abbott - for what exact reason nobody seems to remember - probably did not want to serve in Her Majesty's Navy! or something like that. In any event he is buried in St. Charles and one of his children became the wife of another of my father's brothers - and so on and so on. I was able to give a picture of my grandfather and grandmother Redburn to my cousin Sidney - for which he is very happy. We also went on to Saginaw and drove all around - seeing where you lived and where some of my relatives on my father's side grew up. We visited the cemetery there and tromped around in the snow one day - and in the rain another. Bruce drove my sister, Winnie, and I there and we made a day of it.

As far as the ancestor charts are concerned I am using yours exactly and although I started typing on the numbers I found, as did you, that it made more sense not to. Thank you.

I have located one of Elizabeth's books, "And What of You Josephine Charlotte" but was not able to check it out of the State Library as it is in the Michigan Collection. I will read it there one day when I have the time. I have given a copy of the bibliography to many people and told them to keep an eye out. One of the people I gave it to is Louise Sause - would you, by any chance, know of Louise? She was a professor at Michigan State University in the field of child development/education and has been all over the world, spending time in Australia, South America, etc. Very interesting lady that I met a year or so ago - lives now in East Lansing and still very active.

Let me mention a few changes on my family record sheet that I sent to you - the computer print-out. Luanne was given the name Joyce as a second name but it is not on her birth certificate for some reason and she does not use one. Also I have my sister Jean's birthdate as April 3 as it is on her birth certificate, but my mother said it was the 4th and I guess she should know! Jean set me straight on that one. And my sister-in-law Doris, wife of George, died on November 22 in Los Vegas, buried in Deepdale Cemetery in Lansing. They lived in Arizona but she had an anurism and simply did not get through the surgery. She is one of identical twins (Dorothy Paskvan is her twin) and it was very hard to get through that service. She is the first of my siblings' generation to pass away.

I must not forget your Christmas postcard and its fantastic news! I am so glad for you - grandparenthood cannot be duplicated by anything of which I am aware - there is a special bond there. I hope and pray that all will go well and you will soon enjoy that special blessing in your lives. Bruce and I are sitting with Matthew and Jennifer tonight. Fadra and Jim have a New Years Eve party to go to and so we will entertain them (or is it the other way around!).

I am enclosing a few items that may be of interest to you. First there is a picture of my mother and father taken many years ago - about the time of their 50th wedding anniversary in 1969. It is the way I remember my mother mostly - although before she died many years later she was very bent. The gesture of my father with his hands is a very familiar one! He was deaf and I think that was an "I can't hear you" message! Both of my parents were deaf and I smile at the time I took them both for a hearing test and the doctor told me that although my father's hearing loss was significant my mother's was much worse. When I said that she could hear much better than he, he let me know that it was because she wanted to hear and he was just as happy letting her hear for him. Isn't that interesting - and it does reflect much about my father. He simply lived for my mother - adored her - and when he knew she had died so did he. My mother died in November and my father and she lived with my sister, Winnie, at that time. His mind was rather vague and he did not really know that she died even though we talked about it and he was there after the funeral and saw all of the relatives. But in March, when Winnie and her husband removed the empty bed from his room and he was told once again that Elizabeth had passed away it sunk in. He died in early April.

I am also enclosing a copy (bad one) from the two State Journals that had the articles of my brother Roy's "death" and "revival", and a photocopy of the funeral remembrance of John and Clara Witheridge in the event that you do not have that. My cousin Ada sent me many things on our family and I copied them all - but mostly they are of the Redburn side.

I am including a couple of bulletins from People's Church just for your interest. One of them is not really a bulletin but something from our stewardship program. The bulletin is of the form that we now use with the inside schedule there for everyone and even a layout of the floorplan which for such a large church is almost a necessity! Give them a toss after you look at them.

I have down in my notes to send you a copy of the family record sheets for the families of Ada Martin and Alvina Ward, daughters of Edgar Chivers. Do you want these? They are quite complete and I will be happy to send you copies if you want them. Let me know.

Bruce and I have been members of People's Church for many years (20+) and I have sung in the choir for several. I have not been overly involved in the program - but do enjoy the music. We both thought so much of Dr. Robertson who was pastor there when we joined and for many years. He is now Pastor Emeritus along with Julius Fischbach. I wish you and your committee much luck in the merger you are working on.

I don't remember what I have told you about our farm - but you mentioned in your last letter of Elizabeth's interest in that way of life. We have 80 acres here on the outskirts of East Lansing and have lived here since 1959. We built our house of lumber from our woods - of which there is about 14-15 acres - which we cut down in 1956-57 and had a portable saw mill in to cut the actual lumber. Bruce and his father farmed for several years as a sideline and then when his dad retired he did more. But we only have the land because we love it - and use it as others use a summer cottage or winter lodge - we just enjoy the land, farm a little, garden a little, chop a few trees for the fireplaces, do a little hunting now and then. Bruce graduated from Michigan State with an engineering degree and has been in business for himself at times and most recently with High Performance Machines in Troy. About 16 months ago he resigned from HPM and decided to strike out on his own again - doing the same thing but being out of manufacturing. Actually he is a manufacturer's representative for robot systems and we are now discussing the pros and cons of incorporating our company. He has an office in Birmingham and, as I said, at our home. He finds much satisfaction in his line of endeavor.

When the children were young we had ponies and horses for them and have since raised beef, a few pigs now and then, and up to this year had chickens - as many as 75 at one time. Right now we don't even have a dog as our black lab contacted heart worms and had to be put to sleep this past summer. He was the 4th lab we have had and no doubt we will have another.

Roy, our youngest son, is now living in our other house on this 80 acres. He is the one that will marry Annette. We are hoping that they will want to keep the house as it was another built from the ground up by Bruce and his father. It is about one-half mile from us. Roy is very interested in hunting and would be one to do the farming, I think. Annette has a horse, Jesse, and so it just seems to follow that they will stay there and raise little horses! We shall see. I will include a picture of Annette and Jesse with Tara riding (Luanne's daughter). They try to get Tara in at least one of the many horse shows that Annette is in each summer and we have a multitude of pictures of them, but most of them in motion!

We are thinking seriously of putting up a barn this summer. We now have a small shed-like place that has been adequate up to now, but Bruce bought an International M and it is now displacing one car in our garage! We also have a truck and some other equipment that needs housing, so...

Forgot to tell you about my mother and her broken back - it happened when I was 16 (1948). She was carrying laundry into the basement and somehow caught her foot and landed on her knees about 4 steps down on the cement. She called out to me for help - I was the only one left home and was getting ready to go to school - and I managed to get her to the davenport and then she insisted I go on to school. She was scheduled to speak for the Women's Society of the First Methodist Church of which she was President at a meeting somewhere in Michigan (Lake Odessa, I think) a couple of days later and although in much pain she was determined to speak at this meeting. She rode down there in a car, sitting on the edge of the seat as she could not sit back, gave her speech and somehow got back home. We finally convinced her that she should see a doctor and she agreed - and when they took x-rays they were startled to find that she had actually broken her back! The doctor could not believe the activities of the past few days and told here that she had to be in bed for many weeks and immediately - and if she were lucky she would not be permanently paralized. The x-rays also showed a couple of broken ribs that had healed themselves which she never had treated! The doctor wanted her to be hospitalized but she would not hear of it - so we got a hospital bed, removed the dining room table and had the telephone put in a better spot and from there she could see all of the downstairs and simply gave orders! My sister, Elaine, who had an infant at that time took care of her during the day and I took care of her, along with my father, in the evening. That is when I learned to cook! My mother was a very strong, very proud, very loved lady. I think of her almost every day and she has been gone now for 8 years.

Well, my friends, I think I shall bring this letter to a close. As I said we are babysitting tonight and the children will be here soon. Bruce has brought in some wood for a fire and we will, no doubt, re-read some of the well loved books that Matthew likes. They are lovely children, and we do enjoy them. I am knitting some sweaters for them and some hats - but don't get much knitting done while they are here!

I hope your holidays were good ones. We had all of the children here - even my son, Eric, who is rather scarce to us right now. He lives in East Lansing but is having a little trouble getting his life going in the right direction. It is difficult, I think, for young people these days. He is not lucky, as is Roy, to have a wonderful girl - we just hope he can find some measure of peace in his life and find someone or something to give to.

Our very best to you both in the coming year. I hope to hear from you when you find time and promise not to wait 3 months to answer the next time!

Love, and God's richest blessings,

Jo

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| Articles in Lansing State Journal, July 5+28, 1944, on presumed death + "reappearance" of Robt. "Roy" Redburn | | Log 835<br>12/31/85 | W154 | Joyce Aldrich file |
| Memorial folder for John Witheridge (d. 1905) and Clara Blackmore Witheridge (d. 1904) | | Log 835<br>12/31/85 | W155 | |
| Ordnance Survey maps showing Witherford [Witheridge] near Welcombe, Devon | | Log 850<br>2/1/86 | W156(a)+(b) | |
| Thomas Wytheridge family, 1851 census of Welcombe, Devon [near Bradworthy + Hartland] | | Log 851<br>c. 1981 | W157 | |
| Letter to Joyce Aldrich answering hers of 12/31/85 [W153] about fam. matters + encl. art. on Bridge | | Log 854<br>2/6/86 | W158 | Joyce Aldrich file |
| Items about John Witheridge (1636) and the ship "Eagle" (1628) from Devon Family Historian, Apr. 1986 | | Log 884<br>5/13/86 | W159 | |
| Letter from Harry Witheridge with family news + enclosing item on John Witheridge, 1617, London | | Log 916<br>8/8/86 | W160 | Harry Witheridge file |
| Item from St. Botolph's Parish, London, 1617, on collection for John Witheridge, shipmaster; ship taken by pirates | | Log 916<br>8/8/86 | W161 | |
| Letter to Harry Witheridge about shipmaster John Witheridge; pirates in 1617; Maine in 1623-25, etc. | | Log 917<br>12/5/86 | W162 | Harry Witheridge file |
| Letter from Winnie Witheridge (Mrs. Henry) with family information | | Log 918<br>11/27/86 | W163 | Harry Witheridge file |
| Letter from Una Parsons with address of Mrs. Kruger in So. Africa and Una's cousin Robyn in Exeter | | Log 919<br>12/1/86 | W164 | Una Parsons file |
| Letter to Joyce Aldrich with fam. gr. sheets, So. Africa pedigree + letters, + Witheridge ped. of Berrynarbor + C.M. | | Log 964<br>3/14/87 | W165 | Joyce Aldrich file |
| Letter from John James with Witheridge chart after he got inf. from H. A. Payne about his wife, cousin of Neil W. | | Log 965<br>3/8/87 | W166<br>W167 | John James file |
| Letter to John James answering his (W166) + sending So. Africa letters + Witheridge pedigree charts | | Log 970<br>3/27/87 | W168 | " |
| Letter from Rev. W. R. Hudson, Witheridge, Devon, enclosing letter from John James (3/12/84) | | Log 971<br>8/14/84 | W169 | " |
| Letter from Winnie Witheridge about family + enclosing letter from Annette Witheridge | | Log 974<br>3/6/87 | W170 | |

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# DOCUMENTS CALENDAR

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| Letter 3/1/87 from Annette Witheridge, London, to Winnie Witheridge about fam. hist. | | Log 974<br>3/1/87 | W171 | |
| Letter 3/10/87 (begun 6/7/86) from Kim Cook; plans for Witheridge Society, Annette Witheridge; new Witheridge town. | | Log 977<br>3/10/87 | W172 | Kim Cook file |
| Letter to Kim Cook about Witheridge Society + sending list of names + addresses | | Log 978<br>3/31/87 | W173 | " |
| List of Witheridge names + addresses in Britain, United States, Canada, + So. Africa | | Log 978<br>3/31/87 | W174 | |
| Letter to Mrs. D. Kruger, Cape Town, So. Africa; her relationship; corresp. with her mother; geneal. charts | | Log 979<br>4/2/87 | W175 | [illegible] So. [illegible] |
| Letter from Neil Witheridge about his cousin Joan Payne, + sending art. from Times by John Witheridge | | Log 991<br>4/1/87 | W176 | [illegible] |
| Letter from Lyn Prust on search for John Witheridge, mariner, at No. Devon Atheneum | | Log 992<br>12/3/84 | W177 | Lyn [illegible] file |
| Barnstaple Baptisms (1550-1660), Marriages (1538-1812), + Burials (1538-1664), Witheridge entries [Lyn Prust] | | Log 992<br>12/3/84 | W178 | Barnst fold |
| Letter to Robyn Connett, Exeter, about research at Dev. Rec. Off. + W. Country Studies Lib. | | Log 997<br>5/22/87 | W179 | Robyn Connett file |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich with pictures + inf. on wedding of Roy + Annette | | Log 1033<br>11/15/87 | W180 | [illegible] |
| Letter from Joan Shaw with family inf. | | Log 1034<br>12/22/86 | W181 | Joan Shaw file |
| Letter from Annette Witheridge about her family + her contacts with Kim Cook | | Log 975<br>3/8/87 | W182 | |
| Letter from Mrs. Heather Smith of Australia about her Witheridge ancestry and Mary Riley's | | Log 1057<br>6/24/88 | W183 | |
| Mar. cert. of Harriet Witheridge + Wm Rickard, Chas. the Martyr Parish, Plymouth, 1846? | | Log 1057<br>6/24/88 | W184 | |
| Letter from Mrs. Mary Riley, Wembury, to Heather Smith about her Witheridge ancestry | | Log 1057<br>10/24/87 | W185 | |
| Letter to Heather Smith, Australia, about her Witheridge ancestry + Kim Cook's records | | Log 1058<br>7/2/88 | W186 | |

LANSING STATE JOURNAL

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Governor Bricker's—and that disappeared after the second night. The financial saving resulting from elimination of fancy trimmings is inestimable. And yet the Republicans were able to do the job for which they came together.

It will be interesting to see whether or not the Democrats will leave out the traditional ballyhoo. It is probable that they will, for it may not be smart politics to stage a Roman holiday in the present world crisis. Should they follow the opposition's example with no bad effects, the reform might take.

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Farley

LOUIS BROMFIELD, the famous novelist and anti-Roosevelt farmer from Ohio, tells a good yarn about how he was scooped on his story at the Chicago convention.

Except for James A. Farley and Mrs. Farley, the noted author was presumably the only person who knew in advance that the former Democratic national chairman's wife planned to attend and to announce publicly that she intended to vote against her hubby's old boss—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Bromfield, who was covering the meeting for a series of newspapers, imparted his exclusive information to two feminine journalists—Inez Robb of a national press service and Marcia Winn of the Chicago Tribune. They immediately tracked for Mrs. Farley's suite at the Blackstone. She was not at all loath to make her anti-Roosevelt sentiments generally known. She was the dearth of "hot headline stuff" at the moment that it was one of the better stories of the convention.

Mrs. Farley took pains to explain that her unexpected presence at an enemy shindig should not be interpreted as a hint that her distinguished husband meant to follow her example at the voting booth next November. But it is understood that she talked the trip over with him in some detail, and that he was willing to let her surprise appearance be regarded as a tip on how he felt about the 1944 political war.

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Alarm

EXPECT the greatest blows in the entire Pacific campaign to fall after the Saipan operations."

Once that stronghold has been consolidated, we shall be in a position to pierce Hirohito's inner de-

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Elastic Romeos $1.95. Davis—Adv

tured Verson, two miles below Carpiquet and four miles southwest of Caen, encountered only light opposition. But to the north, where the Canadians captured Carpiquet, three miles west of Caen, the Germans resisted violently and beat back all attempts to capture the airfield.

# WOUNDS ARE FATAL TO LANSING MARINE

## Think Pfc. Robert Redburn, 23, in Saipan Fight; Was On Guadalcanal, Tarawa

Pfc. Robert "Roy" Redburn, 23, who had been serving with the Second marines in the Southwest Pacific area, died of wounds received in action and was given a military burial at sea, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Redburn, 1900 Maryland avenue, were informed in a telegram from Lieut. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, United States marine corps commandant, they revealed Wednesday. The telegram, received Monday, gave no information as to when or where Private Redburn died but it was believed by his parents to have been within the last six weeks and probably in the invasion of Saipan. Their last letter from him was received May 15.

Redburn

Private Redburn graduated from Eastern high school in June, 1939. He had played on the school golf team for three years. He enlisted with the marines in March, 1942, and received his basic training in San Diego, Calif., leaving for overseas in October, 1942. He served on Guadalcanal and was then hospitalized in New Zealand after contracting malaria. He later served in the battle of Tarawa, after which he was transferred to Hawaii for advanced training.

Besides the parents, the young marine is survived by four sisters, Jean, Joyce, Winifred and Mrs. Clarence Hoffmier, all of Lansing, and two brothers, Dale Redburn of Lansing and George Redburn, an air cadet in Texas.

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Gift Involves Parolee

A parolee, released from J prison last April, who attemp give some "T" gas ration s to a local tavern operator, w rested and turned over to authorities. The suspect, W Macheras, 31, 914½ Linden avenue, has a long police recor cording to Hicks. He was sent to prison on a rape charge, which he obtained his latest p

The parolee was being invest on suspicion as posing as a f officer while attempting to gasoline rations from a local here recently.

Young Miner demanded ex amination and was released $1,500 bond posted by his fathe hearing was scheduled for Thu Howell was awaiting arraignme circuit court on the burglary c after waiving examination in m ipal court.

The sheriff's department wa sisted on the case by Lansing State police detectives.

# 17 More Ja Vessels Sun By U.S. Su

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—Secretary Forrestal reported t the sinking of 17 Japanese ve including a light cruiser and a stroyer, by American submar operating in Pacific waters.

He disclosed the latest bag American undersea craft at a conference at which he repo that the submarines deserve lion's share of the credit for kn ing the props from under Jap conquest."

Forrestal said that the rate sinking of the Japanese merch fleet would be accelerated "and caught up with the Jap retreat.

Japan, he said, "is losing m chant ships faster than she can ford to" and continuation of current trends "will leave her by end of 1944 with a steadily growing deficit."

"The war against Japan, he s had moved at "a faster pace t we had hoped for."

But he warned against over c fidence, saying that the main bat are still to come and they will "bitter and costly."

We are now approaching, he s "the place where we can force Japanese in the Pacific to stand and fight."

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# BREST LITOVSK FALLS AS REDS RACE WESTWARD

## Removes Last Obstacle to Attack on Warsaw: Soviet Drive Undiminished

## GERMANS FALLING BACK

(By the Associated Press)

LONDON, July 28—Brest Litovsk last great fortress position before Warsaw, was abandoned to the onrushing Russian armies today along with Kaunas in Lithuania, Berlin announced.

Soviet troops charged within 30 miles of the Polish capital. In a 17-mile advance beyond the San river, they penetrated to a point 128 miles from German Silesia.

Brest Litovsk and Kaunas gave the Russians 10 major triumphs in 24 hours as they whipped through the Baltic states, Poland and the Carpathian foothills toward East Prussia, German Silesia and Czechoslovakia.

The German high command announced the evacuation of Brest Litovsk in its daily communique, and soon afterward the Transocean agency admitted the loss of Kaunas, the old capital of Lithuania.

Nearest Russian troops were within 340 miles of Berlin itself with the capture of Garwolin, 30 miles southeast of Warsaw.

### Other Triumphs

Other Russian triumphs were announced in a record splurge of orders of the day by Marshal Stalin coloring Moscow's skies with many-colored flares for five hours until midnight.

These were the victories:

1—Brest Litovsk, historic city of 50,000 on the western Bug river, 112 miles east of Warsaw. Moscow has not yet confirmed its capture but it virtually was surrounded last

# EDWARD J. FRY AWAITS TEST

## Governor Nominee Will Try To Keep Peace at Democratic Convention

By G. MILTON KELLY

GRAND RAPIDS, July 28 (AP)—Edward J. Fry, Democratic nominee for governor, who is no diplomat, faces a test in his party's state con-

# 'Dead' Soldier Writes Family; Wound Minor

Heartache had given way to joy Friday for the George Redburn family of 1200 Marston avenue when a letter from their son, Pfc. Robert "Roy" Redburn, 23, proved beyond doubt that an earlier war department telegram reporting his death from wounds on Saipan was erroneous. The telegram had been received July 3, notifying the parents that Private Redburn had died June 23 and had been buried at sea. The letter, however, dated July 19 and postmarked July 20, revealed that the young man was only slightly wounded, had been evacuated in a hospital ship and later removed to a rest camp where he now is convalescing.

Redburn

The latest letter was the second received from Private Redburn since the word of his death but the other arrived only two days after the telegram and gave the family slight hope as they thought it had been written before he died. Another telegram from the navy department was received a few days later, confirming the first message and giving the exact date of his death.

Private Redburn, who had been serving with the Second marines, entered the service in March, 1942, and left for overseas in October, 1942. He served on Guadalcanal and then was hospitalized in New Zealand after contracting malaria. He later served in the battle of Tarawa, after which he was transferred to Hawaii for advanced training.

# DEFENSE FILES FUND REPORT

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Two dear ones from our home have gone,
Voices we loved are stilled;
Their places vacant in the home,
That never can be filled.

In Loving Memory of

# John Witheridge

Of Cwmaman,
Who died Sunday, April 2nd, 1905.
AGED 77 YEARS.

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ALSO OF

# Clara Witheridge

Who died Monday, Nov. 21st, 1904.
AGED 82 YEARS.

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Both Interred at Aberdare Cemetery.

Nor gone from memory,
Not gone from love,
But gone to our Father's
House above.

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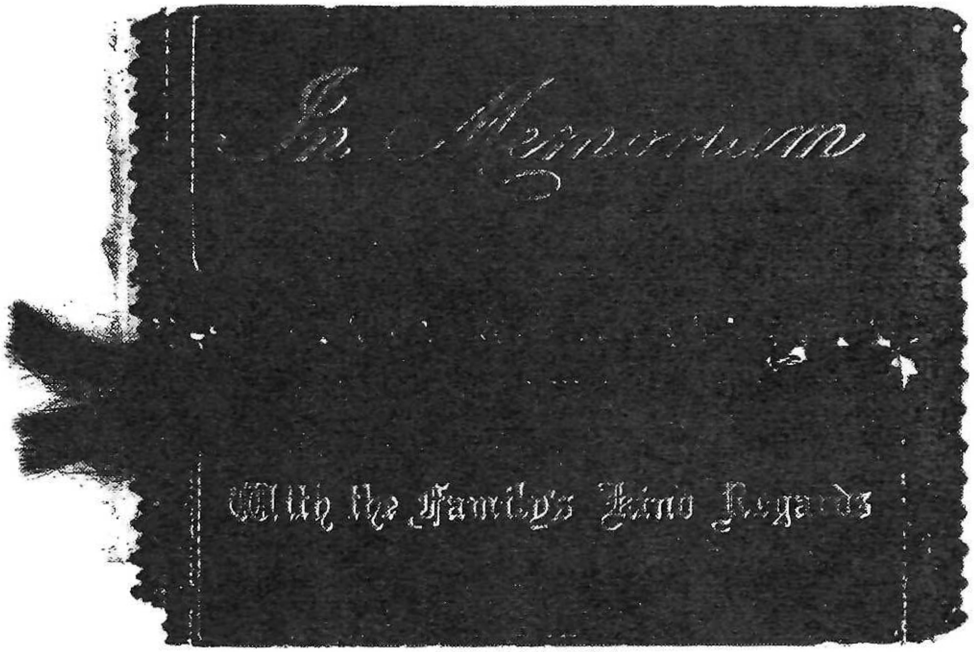

In Memoriam

With the Family's Kind Regards

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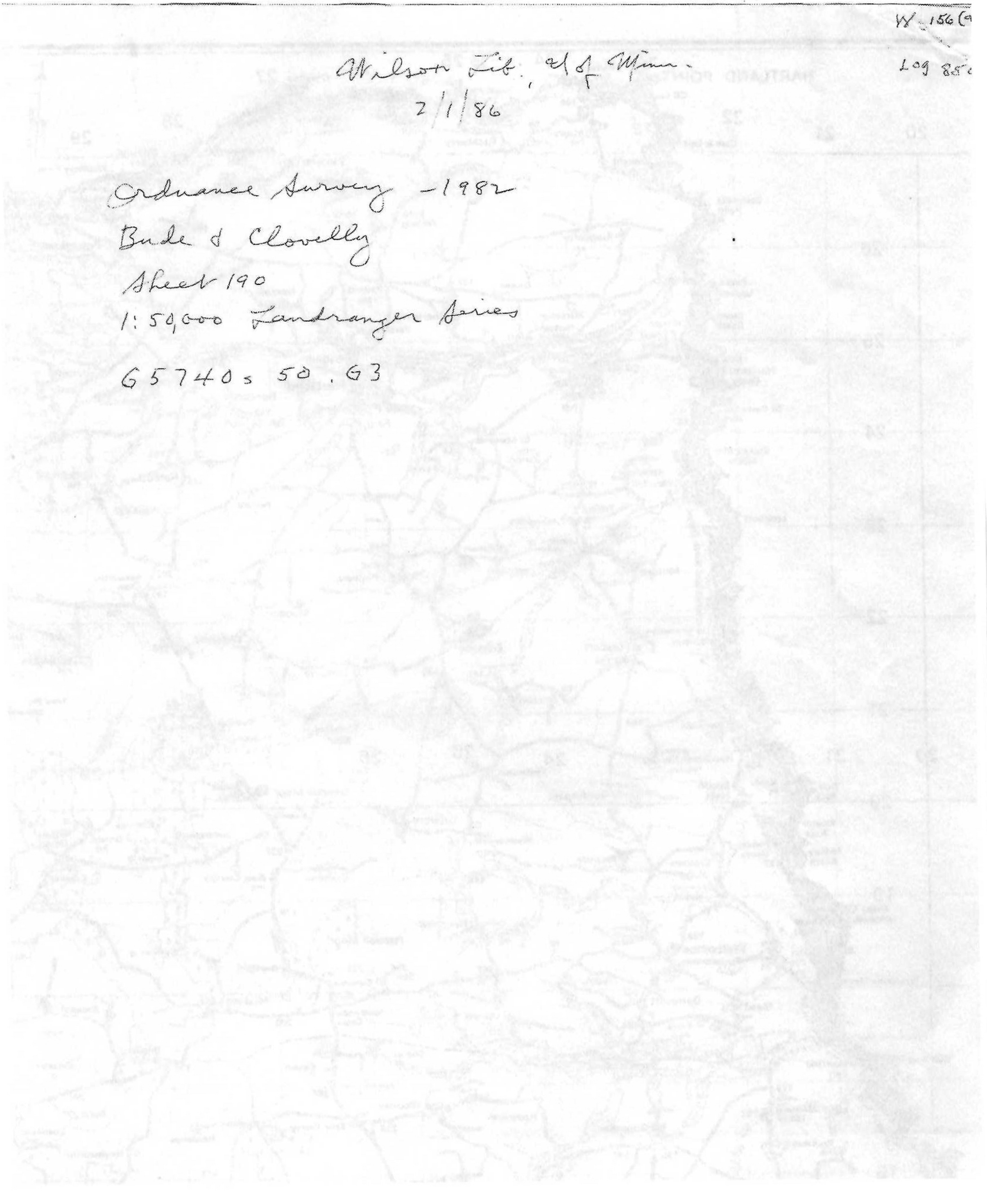
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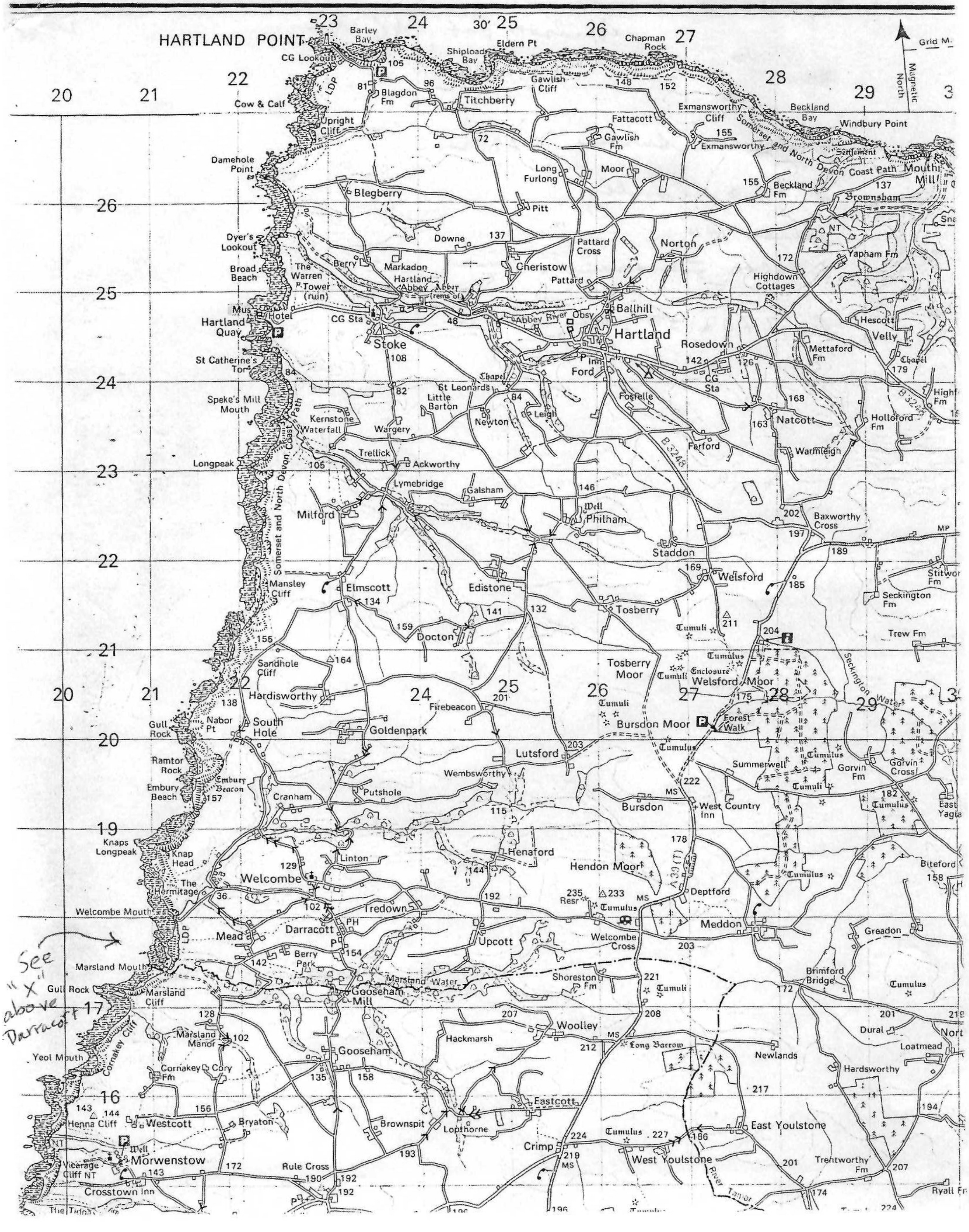
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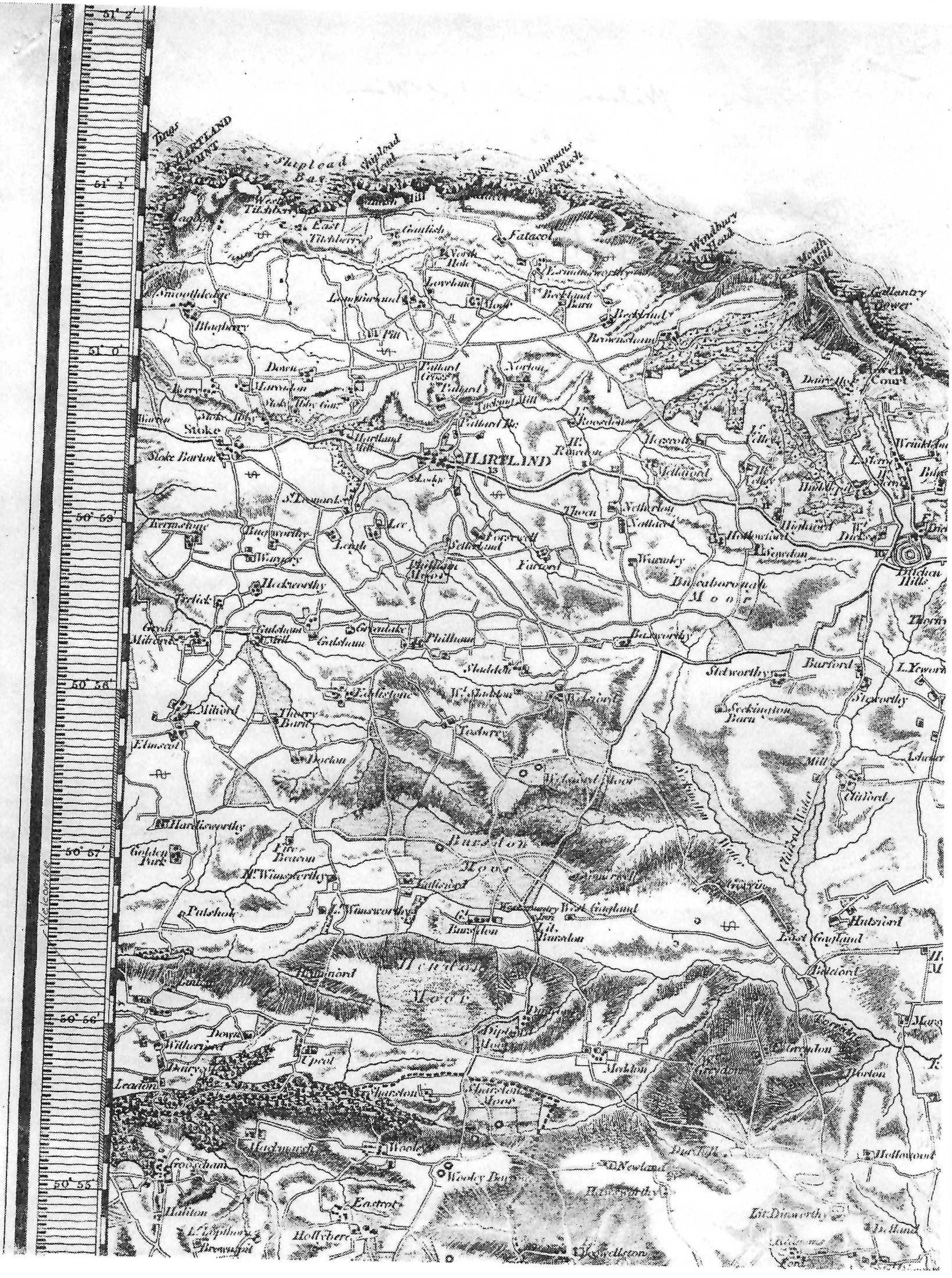
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# 1851 Census of Welcombe

[Bideford, Hartland]

N [The whole of the parish of Welcombe (including Hannaford, Holocombe, Upcott, Underhill, West Mill, Mead East + West, Strawberry Water, Lane Park, Finton, Well, Witheridge, Darracott, Downe, and Welcombe Village")]

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End of village of Upcott.

Hannaford - no

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Taddon Village - no

Darracot - no

Extra Parochial Dist #5 Lundy Island

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February 6, 1986

Dear Jo,

Your year-end letter was a great joy to receive, and we thank you for all the information and enclosures. I think I now have time to do an adequate job of replying!

First of all, we loved all the pictures, especially the one of your mother and father. They certainly were special people, and we enjoyed having you tell us more about them.

We can see that you are a proud and happy grandmother, and you have every reason to be. Matthew, Jennifer, and Tara are all charmers, and so are Annette and Jesse. Although we have never done any riding nor owned any horses ourselves, we have gone to many horse shows at the Minnesota State Fair. Elizabeth grew up with horses and understands them better than I do, as you will recognize when you locate a copy of Never Younger, Jeannie.

Thank you for the two folders from the People's Church. I'm going to take them to the next meeting of our Review Committee, the one that's working on the merger of our two churches. We may get a few new ideas. By the way, we were greatly interested to learn that Dr. Fisbbach had been on your staff and is now an emeritus pastor. He was an interim minister of our church, Trinity Community Church, many years ago, and we still remember him with great appreciation. If you see him sometime, please say hello for us and the Trinity congregation. He may not remember me, but then again he might, since I was the Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

Regarding my numbering system, whenever I have individuals with double relationships, I put both numbers on all the sheets involved and often duplicate the sheets in the appropriate places. So far, I haven't been perfectly consistent, but I sometimes place duplicate sheets under two families and then mark one of them, "Continued under - - - - -."

Although I don't use "interred" on my sheets, I add a footnote if I know the cemetery and feel it is important to be noted.

I'm sorry to say that we do not know Louise Sause. She sounds like a very accomplished person and an interesting one to know.

The name Perham on the remembrance folders you sent is completely unfamiliar to me. I looked through my sheets for the Witheridge families in Wales, but no one by that name turned up.

Thank you for the changes you sent for my family group sheets; I have duly recorded them. We, too, were very sorry to hear that Doris had died at such an early age. The two articles about Roy's presumed death are certainly astounding, and it's fortunate the outcome was so happy. We were also pleased to receive copies of the memorial folders for John and Clara Witheridge. The one new thing I learned was that they were buried at Aberdare Cemetery. Elizabeth and I had the rare privilege of seeing the house they lived in at 13 Bedlwyn Row, Cwmaman, when we visited Wales in 1976. There's a long and interesting story I should tell you about this some time--but not now.

Yes, I should very much like to have copies of the family group sheets for Ada and Alvina and their families. What I have is incomplete, and I have nothing about their grandchildren.

I'm interested in the fact that Bruce is an engineer and is now a manufacturer's representative as I was, in partnership with my father in the late 1930's. We represented many heating and ventilating lines, such as Kewanee boilers, Warren Webster heating specialties, Swartwout ventilators and power plant equipment, American Marsh pumps, and so on. However, this is probably not the type of equipment Bruce would be familiar with. My brother John still carries on the business in Saginaw.

We enjoyed hearing all about the farm and the animals, but we were sorry you lost your black lab to heart worms. We love dogs, too, but our breed is Norwegian Elkhound. We now have our third one, Rokk, who is six years old and a beautiful, intelligent, and loving dog. For several years we have been giving him heart worm medicine all summer during the mosquito season. (We often joke that the mosquito is our state bird.) He gets Filaribits every night after supper and gobbles them up as if they were candy.

The genealogy collection at the Library of Michigan sounds marvelous, and I appreciate having the descriptive folder you sent. We also have an excellent genealogy and local history collection for both America and England at our Minnesota Historical Society library, but it wouldn't have nearly so many Michigan resources. Some day I may ask for your help on some of our other family lines located in Michigan.

Christmas was very pleasant for us, of course, with our whole family together--Tom and Virginia home from Chicago, and Jim with us, too. Virginia and the baby have been doing quite well, though the last time we talked to them on the phone, she said the doctor was insisting on more rest for her, as her blood pressure was higher than it should be.

Now I must close and send you all our love and best wishes for the months ahead.

Fondly,

Invasive medical details
redacted here.
Tom Witheridge
Nov. 3, 2021

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We must await the production of these lists but I'm now pessimistic that many of the oldest MIs especially those pre-1837, will not have been recorded or not recorded properly. I do hope I'm wrong.

**Des Gander**

*The Society is grateful to any gallant band who dedicate themselves to this very worthwhile work. Have you a churchyard near you that might make a Spring and Summer Project for the whole family?*

**ED.**

## DEVON EMIGRANTS TO NORTH AMERICA (1618—1660)

This article is based upon a transcript of Port Book material made by Peter Wilson Coldham, a professional genealogist from 16 Foxley Hill Road, Purley, Surrey. Mr. Coldham has extracted all entries from the Port Books that refer to sailings to the American colonies between 1618 and 1668. A copy of this transcript can be seen at the PRO, Chancery Lane. I have myself copied out, with Mr. Coldham's permission, all references to sailings from Devon and Cornish ports, and this list is appended to the end of the article.

Port Books are generally a little-used source by people searching for emigrant ancestors. They were basically Customs records referring to amounts of duty paid on goods shipped out of England. They tend to be voluminous and difficult to read, and so were avoided by the first researchers into early American colonisation.

Only those emigrants exporting dutiable goods were recorded in the Port Books, so the names shown in these records are merely a fraction of the number of passengers on board most of these ships. Indeed, some of these exporters were quite obviously merchants who never left English shores but who were sending their goods overseas to be sold by their contacts in the colonies. These merchants can be detected by the appearance of the same name several times during a short period of time. One classic example of this is William Palmer of Barnstaple who exported haberdashery and groceries to New England on five ships during 1628, 1631, 1633 and 1636. William Palmer was a well known figure in early 17th century Barnstaple. He became mayor in 1631 and 1642, and was apparently a Parliamentarian leader in the town during the Civil War years. Several Palmer had sailed to America before the Civil War, and William was possibly shipping his goods to a relative in the colonies.

Another example of a home-bound merchant was Walter Tucker of Barnstaple who exported groceries to New England in 1636. This was almost certainly the Walter Tucker who became Mayor of Barnstaple in 1639 and whose magnificent monument can still be seen inside the church of Barnstaple St. Peter.*

John Delbridge of Barnstaple was another famous name on this list of exporters. He was recorded in 1628 shipping cottons to Virginia. This man was mayor of the town several times and served as an MP for Barnstaple more than once. He held a strong interest in tobacco imports from Virginia. In 1632 he tried to evade a decree ordering that all tobacco should be landed at London by asking permission to unload a cargo at Barnstaple because the ship had sprung a leak! He was suspected of trying to avoid paying duty and his plea was refused.

Many of the other exporters shown on the list were, however, colonists actually sailing to or already living in America. Some of these names can be identified with those of known colonists. Isaac Allerton who shipped iron and fishing nets to New England during 1628 became a deputy governor of the Plymouth colony. He first sailed to New England on board the "Mayflower" in 1620, and had originated from Scrooby in Lincolnshire. William and Elizabeth Poole who shipped cattle from Dartmouth to New England in 1637 were a brother

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and sister from Tetacott in Somerset who had settled at Teticutt in Massachussetts. Another known emigrant was Roger Gard of Bideford, who in 1636 was recorded exporting canvas to New England.

*a photograph of this monument can be seen in my booklet "The Tucker Family of Devon".

At least half of the ships listed here were recorded as having sailed from Barnstaple, altogether 34 out of the 68 ships recorded between 1618 and 1660. Ships sailing from the neighbouring North Devon ports of Bideford and Appledore were probably listed amongst these Barnstaple ships. This illustrates the importance of Barnstaple and Bideford in the 17th century transatlantic trade, both for imports and exports. Bideford and Barnstaple reached their heights of prosperity during the late 17th and early 18th centuries, mainly due to their tobacco imports from Maryland and Virginia. They also played a major role, together with the South Devon ports, in the fish and timber trade with Newfoundland. Eighteen of these 68 ships sailed to Newfoundland between 1618 and 1660, although there were many more engaged in this trade not recorded in the Port Books. Presumably they were either not carrying dutiable goods or evaded paying duty. Four of these Newfoundland ships were recorded with cargoes of salt, obviously for the fish trade.

The next port after Barnstaple was Plymouth which sent out at least 15 ships across the Atlantic between 1618 and 1660. Another 8 ships sailed from the Exeter ports and 6 from Dartmouth. Newfoundland, New England and Virginia were given almost equal prominence as ports of destination for these 68 ships. New England received 25 ships, Virginia 23, Newfoundland 18 and Bermuda 1 ship.

The most interesting commodity exported across the Atlantic between 1618 and 1660 was probably the cattle referred to in 1636, 1637 and 1640. Devon cattle was highly prized by the early colonists as draught animals as well as for value as milk and beef producers. These references from the Port Books are probably the earliest offical records of the export of these beasts to America.

The appearance of groceries and woollen goods is understandable in view of the basic needs of the early colonists. Devon was, of course, a primary cloth-producing county at this time. However, the complete absence of the earthenware goods exported from the Barnstaple and Bideford area can only be explained by their classification as non-dutiable items. This trade was first referred to in 1635 when forty dozen pots were sent from Barnstaple to New England. Excavations at Jamestown and Plymouth in America have revealed large quantities of shards from North Devon earthenware.

Some of these ships that braved the Atlantic crossing were tiny vessels, scarcely larger than a modern yacht. The smallest ship shown here must be the "Merlyn" of Barnstaple, weighing 20 tons. Altogether 36 of these ships (where the tonnage is shown) weighed 100 tons or less, and only ll amounted to more than 100 tons. One does need to treat these tonnage figures with a certain amount of caution, however, since they do not correspond with modern measurements. They refer to the carrying capacity of each ship and not to its actual size. To gain a rough idea of size, it is know that the "Mayflower" that carried the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620 amounted to about 180 tons and measured some 104 feet in length. The masters who sailed these ships must have been brave and hardy men. Most of the masters' names shown here occur only once, but a few crossed the Atlantic at least twice. These men were John Dennis of Barnstaple who sailed in 1631 and 1638, William Ellyott of Barnstaple who sailed in 1628 and 1631, and George Luxon of Bideford who sailed in 1631 and 1638.

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### PORT BOOKS: 1618-1660 (Devon and Cornwall):

**1622:** *"Charles"* of Plymouth. Plymouth to Newfoundland. Gyles Vaudepitt for lead.

**1625:** *"Fortune"* of Topsham, 40 tons, Henry Tayler master. Exeter to Newfoundland.

**1625:** *"Rebecca"* of Topsham, 40 tons, John Perryman master. Exeter to Newfoundland. Thomas Efford.

**1628:** *"White Angel"* of Bristol, 250 tons, Christopher Burkett master. Barnstaple to New England. Izack Allerton for iron.

**1628:** *"Eagle"* of Northam, 50 tons, Edward Myller master. Barnstaple to New England. Izack Allerton for fishing nets, William Palmer for haberdashery and groceries.

**1628:** *"Content"* Barnstaple to New England. William Palmer for haberdashery.

**1628:** *"Trulove"* 30 tons, Hugh Hawkeridge master. Barnstaple to Virginia.

**1628:** *"Pleasure"* of Bideford, 35 tons, William Peeters master. Barnstaple to Virginia. George Ferrys for cloth.

**1628:** *"Elizabeth"* of Saltash, 40 tons, Ellice Lawry master. Plymouth to Virginia. William Lucas for cider.

**1628:** *"Prudence"* of Stonehouse, 40 tons, James Baker master. Plymouth to Virginia. Edward Jeffery and Co for meal.

**1628:** *"John"* of Barnstaple, 40 tons, William Ellyott master. Barnstaple to Virginia. John Delbridge for cottons etc.

**1628:** "....." of Bideford, 35 tons, William Davye master. Barnstaple to Virginia.

**1629:** *"John"* of Plympton, Tristram Bone master. Plymouth to Virginia. Abraham Jennens for wheat etc.

**1629:** *"Goodwill"* of Topsham. Plymouth to Virginia. Abraham Jennens for wheat.

**1629:** "....." Joseph Stratton master. Plymouth to Virginia.

**1629:** "....." of Plymouth, John Fury master. Plymouth to Virginia. Robert Gande for oatmeal.

**1630:** *"Margaret and John"* of London, 40 tons, John Edgcombe master. Plymouth to New England. Henry Lee.

**1631:** *"Friendship"* of Bideford, 80 tons, Henry Prust master. Barnstaple to Virginia. John Sturt for blankets.

**1631:** *"Exchange"* of Bideford, 100 tons, George Luxon master. Barnstaple to Virginia. George Bailye for haberdashery.

**1631:** *"Gift"* of Barnstaple, 30 tons, James Comer master. Barnstaple to Virginia. James Comer for haberdashery.

**1631:** *"Seraphym"* of Barnstaple, 80 tons, George Jewelmaster. Barnstaple to Virginia. Robert Flemying for haberdashery.

**1631:** *"Delight"* of Barnstaple, 50 tons, Thomas Guisce master. Barnstaple to Virginia. George Bailye for haberdashery.

**1631:** *"Eagle"* of Northam, 50 tons, William King master. Barnstaple to Virginia. Samuel Garrett and Richard Bennett for haberdashery.

**1631:** *"Pleasure"* of Barnstaple, 40 tons, William Ellyott master. Barnstaple to Virginia (or New England). Thomas Wodland and William Wodland for haberdashery.

**1631:** *"Providence"* of Barnstaple, 150 tons, John Dennys master. Barnstaple to New England. Penticost Dodderidge and Co for haberdashery.

**1631:** *"William"* of Barnstaple, 40 tons, John Wheeler master. Barnstaple to New England. William Palmer for haberdashery.

**1632:** *"Merlyn"* 20 tons, Patrick Garland. Barnstaple to Virginia. Andrew Berryman for haberdashery.

**1632:** *"Blessing"* of Barnstaple, 24 tons, Robert Smaldon master. Barnstaple to Virginia and Bermuda.

**1633:** *"George"* of Barnstaple, 100 tons, John (on Ethelred) Beaple master. Barnstaple to Virginia. George Ferris for rugs, haberdashery, etc.

**1633:** *"Phoenix"* of Barnstaple. Simon Longhurst master. Barnstaple to Virginia. William Palowe.

**1633:** *"Delight"* George Jeanes master. Barnstaple to New England. William Palmer.

**1634:** "....." George Jewell master. Barnstaple to Virginia.

**1636:** *"Truelove"* of Bideford, 40 tons, Vivian Lymberye master. Barnstaple to New England. Walter Tucker for groceries.

**1636:** *"Green Lyon"* of Barnstaple, 200 tons, Simon Ley master. Barnstaple to New England. William Paige for 115 bullocks, John Brande for haberdashery, John Witheridge for cloth, and Roger Gard for canvas.

**1636:** *"Providence"* of Barnstaple, 160 tons, John Whiller master. Barnstaple to New England. Henry Masson for 98 yearlings. William Palmer for clothing and Henry Cogan for stockings.

**1636:** *"Guift"* of Barnstaple, 80 tons, Adam Norden master, Barnstaple to New England. Henry Masson for acqua vita, William Hoppinge for Welsh and Simon Amory for 53 bullocks.

**1636:** *"Speedwell"* of Barnstaple, 100 tons, Henry Baker master. Barnstaple to New England. George Ferris for clothing and Richard Downe for rugs.

**1636:** *"Katherine"* of Bideford, 80 tons, William Garland master. Barnstaple toVirginia. Thomas Harris for clothing.

**1636:** *"Hercules"* of Plymouth, 150 tons, ..... Chaple master. Plymouth to New England. Robert Trelawny.

**1636:** *"Daystarr"* of Lowestoft, 40 tons, Jon Roper master. Plymouth to New England. Jon Eger.

**1637:** *"Elizabeth"* of Dartmouth, 200 tons, James/Jacob Treworthy. Dartmouth to New England. Richard/Nicholas Street, William Hocke, Francis Dover, Thomas Darby, Henry Webb, Henry Rawson all of New England, planters, for heifers.

**1637:** *"Prosperous"* of Dartmouth, 150 tons, John Milburry master. Dartmouth to New England. William Poole, Elizabeth Poole, Thomas Bishopp, William Cogan, Theo Batte, Henry Pile, Peter Thatcher and Richard Alwood all of New England, planters for bullocks and heifers.

**1638:** *"Hopewell"* of Padstow, 50 tons, John Cobbold master. Exeter to Virginia. James Marshall of Exeter for clothing.

**1638:** *"Grayshound"* of Bideford, John Boole master. To New England. George Luxon and Abraham Johns.

**1638:** *"Willinge Minde"* of Exmouth, 120 tons, Henry Lovett master. Exeter to Newfoundland. Henry Crocker of Exeter for canvas.

**1638:** *"Swanne"* of Bideford, William Wyse master. Exeter to Newfoundland. James/Jacob Gamon.

**1638:** *"John and Margarett"* of Topsham, 120 tons, John Giles master. Exeter to Newfoundland. Thomas Blackall of Exeter.

**1638:** "....." George Luxon master. Barnstaple to New England.

**1638:** *"Seahorse"* of Plymouth, 60 tons, Robert Bennett master. Plymouth to New England. Abraham Jennens for wines and spirits.

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"ST. ANDREWS"
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8th Aug. 1986.

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Here is something, David, for your geneological records, [W161] an extract from the Parish Records of St. Botolphs, a well known church in the City of London, near where I worked for some 50 years. It was "discovered" by a friend of mine, who was with me in the prisoner of war camp in Germany and who helped in founding the Brunswick Boys club (we were at Brunswig) and of which we are both Trustees. He was investigating his own family tree, his name is Peyton, hence the initials "DCWS P."

With his connection with the sea this John Witheridge could well have been one of our forbears. The date goes well back – 1617. Have you anything prior to that?

What a barbarous lot they were in those days. Fiftie of the companie being sold into slavery into Barberie (Barbary is, I believe, the old name of North Africa.)

I am sending a copy also to the present John Witheridge, my nephew. You probably know he is chaplain to the archbishop of Canterbury and accompanies him on his world wide travels. John took quite a prominent part, behind the archbishop, in the recent Royal Wedding.

Another nephew, Anthony, George's son (like John with 4 children) is now a Colonel in the Army and is shortly going out to Brasilia as the British Military attaché to Brazil.

Frank, my brother, is quite sickly with emphasaemia. He is 73 and has always had bad lungs.

"ST. ANDREWS"
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Otherwise we are all in good health and enjoying life.

The other brother,* Stan, who was in New Zealand, has moved up to Queensland where the semi-tropical climate will be better for his wife Ethne who suffers from arthritis.

I hope you are enjoying your retirement, David, and that you are both well - and the family also. We send our affectionate greetings to you all.

Harry.

* Must mention of course George, the eldest, who is his usual robust and rumbunctious self.

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Parish Records of S. Botolph,
Aldgate. (London)

25 Jan 1617 - Collection for one John Witheridge and Nicholas Paige Ship-maisters, whose Shipp and goods were taken by Turkish pirates and fiftie men of their Companie sould for Slaves into Barberie....one and twentie shillings and five pence.

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Dec. 5, 1986

Dear Harry & Toots,

As Christmas approaches, I'm frantically trying to do some things I need to do before writing a few letters like yours. When your letter came in August, I was fascinated with the information about the ship master, John Witheridge. What an interesting story about his ship and crew being taken by pirates and a collection being taken for them in 1617 in London!

I didn't reply right away because there were some things I had to look up. Several years ago I had come across a reference to a John Witheridge, master of a ship from Barnstaple, who sailed back and forth to Maine in New England. I have now looked that up, and I find it was in 1623, 1624, and 1625, so it was probably the same person.

Here is the quotation from Pioneers on Maine Rivers, by Wilbur D. Spencer, 1973:

"In 1624, John Witheridge, master of the Eagle, a Barnstaple ship owned by Melchard Bennett, had established himself at Pemaquid Harbor. . . While forbidden by the council to truck with the Indians, he had been licensed to fish on the coast. . . Witheridge was then so popular with the Indians that they reserved their furs and traveled long distances to seek his trade. Their preference for him was manifest as far west as Casco Bay, although other shipmasters in the vicinity were as well supplied with attractive commodities." (p. 310)

"Since all early mariners were traders, their fishing stages on the islands were summer marts for the storage of English and Indian commodities, which in turn were exchanged for southern tobacco.

"Some credit was allowed, but in 1625 Edward Nevell, an agent for Weston, refused to deliver a consignment of tobacco to Thomas Crisp, a merchant from Virginia, unless Captain Witheridge, the Dorchester factor, would assume the responsibility for the deferred payments. The merchandise had reached Damariscove in the Swan, of which Nevell was master, and the fact that Witheridge returned to England at the end of the season without undertaking the obligation, proves conclusively the (~~seasonal~~) nature of his business." (pp. 312-3)

At one time I tried to identify this John Witheridge in Barnstaple, but didn't discover any John referred to as a mariner, though I did find one who could have been the right age (born in 1572). Of course, this John could have been from a different town and still

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have been the captain of a ship from Barnstaple.

I do have the record of many Witheridges in North Devon in the 1500's, including my own line back to 1554 in Berrynarbor. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to trace your line back behind George Causey Witheridge in the 1800's. However, I have an idea his ancestors were the Causey family in Northam, because there were two George Causeys there — one born in 1813, and the other in 1833. Some day we'll make the connection. In any event, I'm sure we're somehow related to the ship captain, because all the North Devon Witheridges in those days were cousins of some sort.

I appreciate your bringing me up-to-date on the other members of your family. Do you suppose your nephew, John Witheridge, is at all interested in genealogy? I'd be very pleased to correspond with him about what I know of his ancestors. In his position and location he might be able to help with the process. You might suggest that he write to me; or, if you'll send his address, I'll be happy to write to him.

Our year has had both sorrows and joys. In February the baby our son Tom and his wife Virginia in Chicago were expecting had to be taken two months early because Virginia had developed a serious condition known as pre-eclampsia. The baby only weighed 2 lbs. 10 oz. and had lung and heart problems and only lived 18 days. It was a dreadful experience for us all.

However, just a few weeks ago Tom finished all the requirements for his Ph.D., so life will be a little easier for him now. Virginia is also working on her Ph. D. and hopes to be finished in the spring.

Our other son, Jim, lives and works here in Minneapolis, so we see him often. A year ago he got a new job in a furniture store, and he seems to be liking it better as time goes on. He is unmarried.

Our health has been good, and we hope yours has been, too. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,

David + Elizabeth

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Dear Elizabeth & David

Well here I am again delighted to be able to write a few lines this Christmas, My relatives abroad seem to increase each year. I am trying to catch up the Mail. to remember each one. when you last wrote, you mentioned. you were to be grandparents. Well I hope everything went well, either it be a Boy or a Girl. one or other would have been Gods gift. a year now. Henry passed away. I gave you the news. I wonder if any of the family wrote & told you. that Lily May the eldest Sister died JUNE 2nd of this year 1986. She was 75 yrs old, & never Complained much about her illness, She was admitted to Hospital for a week, where she detiorated, rapidly. Elizabeth her other Sister looked after her for a week after she collapsed outside her Home. I had promised her faithfully I would took after her during an illness, but it was not to be. Elizabeth has had a strenuors time herself this last Year. Her youngest daughter Marlene had a nasty operation, & must now take great care of herself. She is in full time Nursing, carer & Liz eldest daughter Julia, had been home from work for Some time, with a back ailment, it proved very Severe & she had an operation, on the nerves She is slowly recovering, but will take a long time to cure it. Well here it goes again. Elizabeth is now a Great Grandmother. Marlenes daughter's Baby named Jamie Lee. Yes our Liz was also a Great Granny. Davids daughter Mandy had a little girl named Kirsty. Well would you believe it. Jamie Lee is hopeing to have a brother or Sister, early in April. I cant tell you who will be next. There have been some weddings, Births & Christenings in that family in the last Year. it has kept the family together, as weve had some nice gatherings. Nellie the youngest Sister has been down Llanelli very often for these particular occassions. Deaths. marriages. & Births

My own Grandaughter is 16 yrs old + now works. one day a week, at our Local Stores, saving all her extra Cash, to enable her go with the Youth Choir, to Boston next April. It cost a lot of money. So many Concerts are held to boost up the Funds. It is a wonderful opportunity for her. Now then there's something about myself. My niece is getting married end of January out in Canada, so I Winnifred Jane have been invited to the wedding + by now I have made my mind up to go out for 3 wks. I will travel out with my Brother + Sister in law. I would dearly love to have my daughter Jean to come along, as Elaine will be going in April, I guess its such a short visit + time of the Year, they havent quite considered altho the invitation is open. I do hope you are keeping fit + well. Only wish that some of the family would write to you, I doubt whether the Hookway Son would know about Lil. as the family didnt let anyone know. The funeral was very private + I didnt know his address. We receive a Sunday Newspaper, & were discovered that an article has been written in the name of Annette Witheridge. I have been considering writing in to The News of The World, to get some. information regarding the Unusual Name. Should I at any time ~~here~~ hear of her I shall drop you a line perhaps it will be of interest, she is surely a desendant of the clan. Well dears this is all the. news I have at the moment. I did ring up Elizabeth but she was out & Julia, was feeling better or recuperating. I sincerly hope that some or one of the family will write to you failing me to do so. I can mention it that Lil's Home is now occupied by her grandaughter, & great grandaughter, They moved in with everything left as it was. She lived only 2 doors from Lil's house with her parents (David & Jean Can you fathom this out hope it is not to much of. a Jumble, at least it is an effort.

With Fond Love
From Winnie. Jean
& Elaine.

1st December 1986
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Dear Elizabeth & David,

We do hope you are both fit and well, and that all the members of the family are flourishing. A very happy Christmas, and peaceful and healthful new year to you all!

Last evening, Gerald Walters arrived with the address you have been seeking for so long! It is:-

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MRS. G. KRUGER
55 ST LEGER ROAD
NEWLANDS
CAPE TOWN
77.00

- so we do hope you will be able to make successful contact.

Some time ago, you also enquired whether Robyn (my neice) would be able to undertake research at Exeter; she is going to New Zealand to visit her maternal grandfather in February-March, but says she could undertake some limited research next summer. She is:

X Wrote 5/22/87

MRS R.E. CONNETT, BROOK GREEN COTTAGE,
WELL STREET, EXETER, EX4 6QD.

My parents are mentally very fit, but increasingly more frail; fortunately, I'm blessed with excellent support from the Health service, but caring is now a full-time, 365 day a year, task. I know the truth of 'My grace is sufficient'.

With love and best wishes, Una.

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March 14, 1987

Dear Jo and Bruce,

I'm going to start right out by telling you about these genealogical materials I'm enclosing. First, as you see, are the family group sheets of my own family back to my grandparents. These will tie into the other ones I sent of my great-grandparents (and yours), John Witheridge and Clara Blackmore, which [sic]

The other materials all relate to our Witheridge (Gubb) relatives in South Africa. I don't think I have mentioned them to you so far. This kind of discovery is the kind of thing that happens to Elizabeth and me all the time because of our genealogical efforts. We have gradually discovered that we are in some way tied into almost every part of the world and almost all of history through our ancestors and relatives, distant though they may be. This makes everything we read about current events and history so much more meaningful and personal to us. We hope that you have been finding this, too, and that this new discovery will add to your excitement about genealogy.

It all came about because one of my (our) distant relatives in the London area sent me a clipping his wife had found in a London newspaper. I say "distant relative" because his ancestors came from North Devon; but so far I haven't been able to tie his family into ours. His name is Harry Witheridge, and he is a retired banker. I learned about him and his brother George, a retired civil servant, from the British telephone directories I checked through many years ago at the New York Public Library. Then we were fortunate enough to meet them on our two trips to England in 1976 and 1980, and we just fell in love with them and their wives. So now we correspond with each other at least once a year.

The rest of the story I'll let you pick up from the enclosed correspondence with Margaret Gubb, the widow of Noel Gubb, a descendant of the original Thomas Witheridge Gubb. It's just too long to repeat, and anyway I think you'll enjoy trying to make out Margaret's writing. If you have any trouble figuring it all out, let me know.

I'm sorry to say that Margaret died from cancer not many months after her last letter, and so far I have had no further contact with her family. I tried to get the address of one of her children through our relatives in Combe Martin; but I didn't hear from the one who really knew her and saw her every year or so, until he finally came up with the address this last Christmas time. Now that I have her daughter's address, I'll be writing her soon to reestablish contact with the family.

When the pedigree arrived from South Africa, I was overjoyed. It tied right back into our ancestry that I had worked out mainly through the parish registers. So I carefully combined what I had with the wonderful additions from the printed pedigree and constructed the other pedigree I am enclosing. As you see, I had to make one important correction to the printed pedigree, but it was mostly a case of combining the two sets of information. Mine goes back a little further because I have included in tentative fashion the names found in the Devon Lay Subsidy Rolls of 1524-27, edited by T. L. Stoate, 1979.

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"Pedigree of Witheridge --- Shewing descent of Gubb Family--"
"Witheridge Pedigree - Berrynarbor ank Combe Martin"
South Africa correspondence: W131, 132, 133, 134, 135(6)

Now I'll switch over to current family matters. You knew that Tom finished his Ph.D. last fall. Just a week ago we heard that Virginia has also completed hers; so now they'll have a more normal and relaxdd existence. It's been a long and difficult struggle.

Unfortunately, Jim has recently been laid off from his job at the furniture store, so he's looking for a new job. He really wasn't thrilled with that job, anyway, so maybe he can find something more to his liking.

Our church union to form Grace-Trinity Community Church has recently been approved by the Presbytery, and we are very happy about that. It still has to be approved by the Presbyterian General Assembly in June, but there doesn't seem to be much doubt that they will approve. The Baptist denomination doesn't have to vote officially on it, but the Area Minister has sent a letter of commendation and agreement. So now we are working on By-Laws and hope to be incorporated some time this fall.

That's wonderful news about the forthcoming wedding of Roy and Annette. The picture you sent of her in her riding habit was just darling, and we're glad you like her so much. We're also pleased that Fadra is expecting a new child and is feeling fine. Probably Virginia and Tom will try to have another child now that their lives are a little less strenuous.

We hope that your brother George is getting along a little better and that he is not suffering. We also hope that Jean's operation was successful and that she is recovering well. We're glad to report that our own health has been good this winter, except for colds and sniffles. This has been the warmest winter anyone can remember, with absolutely no snow during January and February and none at all on the ground. Our 70-degree day a week or so ago was the earliest ever in the records.

I guess that's all for this time. Best wishes to all of you, and lots of love!

6276 Yukon St.
Vancouver, B.C.
Mar 8/87

W166
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Log 965

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Enjoyed hearing from you over the Xmas and now here it is spring or at least we are having a very early one. No snow this year and the flowering trees are all out in bloom. It's just beautiful this Sunday morning — yes I (we) played hookey from the kirk today.

Pat hasn't been well this past month. Off work and I can see another two weeks of rest. Doctors say it has the characteristics of hepatitis but they aren't sure that it is. Enlarged liver and general weakness. The medication is rest and 3000 calories a day. She has gained about 30 lbs which doesn't please her at all as she has always prided herself on a trim figure. She is feeling much better for which we are thankful

Last month we had a new tracker organ dedicated and it sounds just lovely but I'm afraid it is a little dominant in the chapel which isn't to everyones taste. We had a resource person come in and discuss 'worship areas' and the talk has firmed up the resolve of some of us to make some worthwhile changes in the area. Her presentation went beyond that which an architect would recommend as she has a strong church background and committment. She gave a seminar which consisted of a video produced by our local United Church Presbytery, then she spoke giving her approach to the creation of a suitable worship space. She is an artist who works beautifully in fabrics but treats them not as an end in themselves but as part of an ~~#~~ adjunct to worship. The Lutheran Church has a wonderful magazine "Liturgy" which deals with this. The specific copy is called "Dressing the Church" if you're interested. Obviously my enthusiasm causes me to rattle on and on! Anyway the group of twelve or fifteen then went to the chapel - entered from the back with the attitude that we had never been there before. Wrote and discussed both the pluses and the negative aspects. It was a very positive experience and we all agreed where changes were needed.

We also dedicated the last of our clerestory windows last month. A local artist created the window on the theme Pentecost. I'm chairman of the Committee which handled it. Very satisfying to see something like this come to fruition. We had eight Canadian artists submit designs and then chose, as it happens, a local man Lutz Haufschild.

Genealogy - yes I have my hand at it again. Several years ago I wrote a Mrs Eileen Stage who had some knowledge and material ~~of~~ on Coast Guard Service. She apparently had a reference on Thomas Witheridge (1808). Sent a pound - never heard - sent a reminder. never heard. This past week, ~~$~~ two years later I had a note from a Mr H.A Payne who is a friend of Mrs Stage, and had met her by accident in Oxford and mentioned that he was beginning some research on his wife's family. She recalled that she had some info including that which I had sent. To make a long story short it turns out she is Neil Witheridge's cousin. I think they had no knowledge of each other

So out of it all perhaps may come good things. I am enclosing a chart for your information. The information he supplied ties in very well

He included some info which I never had – marriages etc in addition to Coast Guard info. Have you ever worked with Coast Guard information. I note they mention HMS Active and wonder what type of boat it was. There is also note re Court of Enquiry that might be an interesting reference to follow up.

I don't know if I mentioned in the past that I had a very nice letter from Neil Wilbridge and he sent along a picture of his grandfather Jacob which I was pleased to have. Looking at the date of the letter 1983 makes one realize that we would all do well to get as much information from the living as the years go by so fast and sources vanish. He is 66 now probably retired now and possibly the contact lost if he has moved. I sent him a chart to the address I have anyway.

I'll close now – hope you are keeping well and both looking forward to spring (are there hints that it is on the way? The east has had an awful year weather wise hasn't it.

We both send best wishes

John + Pat

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I have just been reviewing my 1871 census notes and found the following for Porthleven.

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| | John | | 11 | Sch. | Dorsetshire<br>Weymouth |
| | Mary | | 8 | Sch. | Corn. Camborne. |

I can't tie these in

I also haven't anyinfo on marriage of Thomas 1808 and Jane Thomas

You said in one of your letters that you had received an ~~let~~ address of a Malcolm Witheridge in Marazion, Corn and that you intended to write him. - Any results I wonder?

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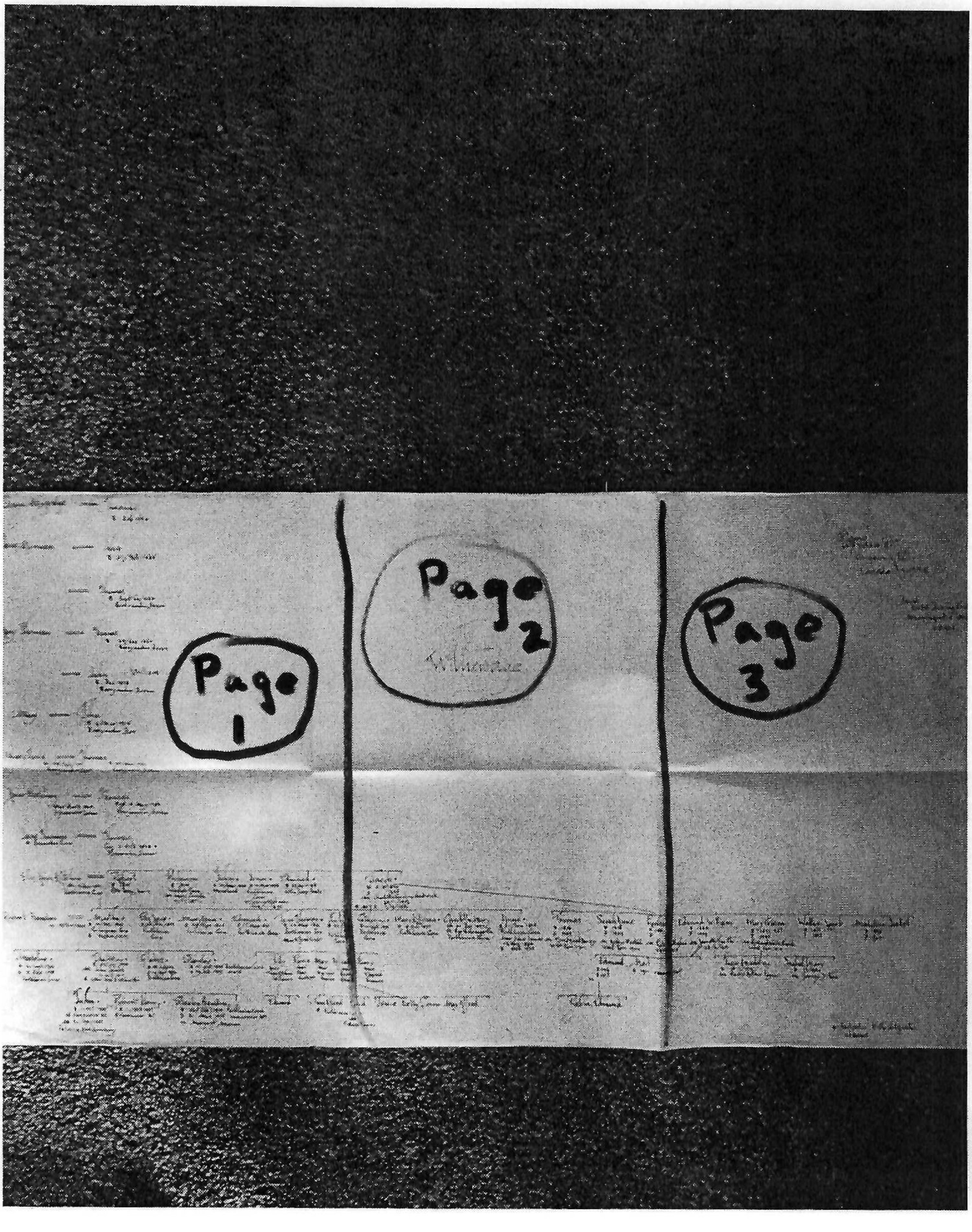
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Joan Mogridge == Thomas
B Feb 1554

Jane Norman == John
B 27 Feb 1585

== Thomas
B Sept 22/1622
Berrynarbor, Devon

Mary Sherman == Thomas
B 29/Dec 1650
Berrynarbor, Devon

== John, William
B. Dec 1678
Berrynarbor Devon.

Mary == John
B 6/Mar 1715
Berrynarbor, Dev.

Mary Hewe == Thomas
M. 28/Feb 1775
Berrynarbor Dev.
B 27/Mar 1751
East Down, Devon

Ann Eastaway == Frances
Mar Nov 3 1804
Ilfracombe, Devon
Bapt 4 May 1782
Berrynarbor, Devon

B. Gunwalloe, Cornwall
1811
Jane Thomas == Thomas
B. Gunwalloe Corn
1811
Ch 2 Oct 1808
Ilfracombe, Devon

Eliz Ann Kitchen == Robert
M 15 Nov 1859
Porthleven, Corn
B 1837
Pitts Deep, Hants

Philemon
B 1846
Wachet Som.
M. Mary Carvath
9/11/1871

John
B 24/Mar 1848
Minehead

Ann
B 10 Mar 1853
Porthleven
Corn
M George Richards
28/11/1872

Edmund
B 21/Apr 1839
Pitts Deep, Hants

Robert Bawden == Martha
M 28/Nov/1894
B 21/Dec 1869
Porthleven Corn
D 26/Aug/1959

Eliz Jane
B 26 Dec 1859
Porthleven
Corn

Mary Ann
B 23/Apr 1863
Porthleven Corn.

Edmund
B 17 May 1861
Porthleven, Corn

Jane Thomas
B 22 May 1866
Porthleven Corn
Mar Alfred Frost

Em
B 29/
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Corn

Madeline
B 20 Sept 1903
D 8 Feb 1978
Porthleven, Corn

Ida May
B 22 July 1898
M John James
11 Oct 1917
B 2 Nov 1892 D 28 Jan 1962

Gladys
B 22 July 00
D 10 Apr 1974
Porthleven Corn

Stanley
B 21 Oct 1895 Porthleven Corn.
D 26 Oct 1917 WW I

Lily
Mar
Thos Adam
Williams

Rosie
Mar
Chas
Hoskins

May
Mar
Wm Veal
Pascoe

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John
B 11 Oct 1927 (T.)
N. Vancouver BC.
M 30/Apr/1957
Patricia Ann Dommery

Robert Henry
B 11/Oct 1927
N. Vancouver BC

Stanley Bawden
B 26/Feb/1919 Porthleven Corn
D 31 Mar 1975 Vancouver BC
M Margaret Mason

Edward

Tom Alfred
B. Porthleven

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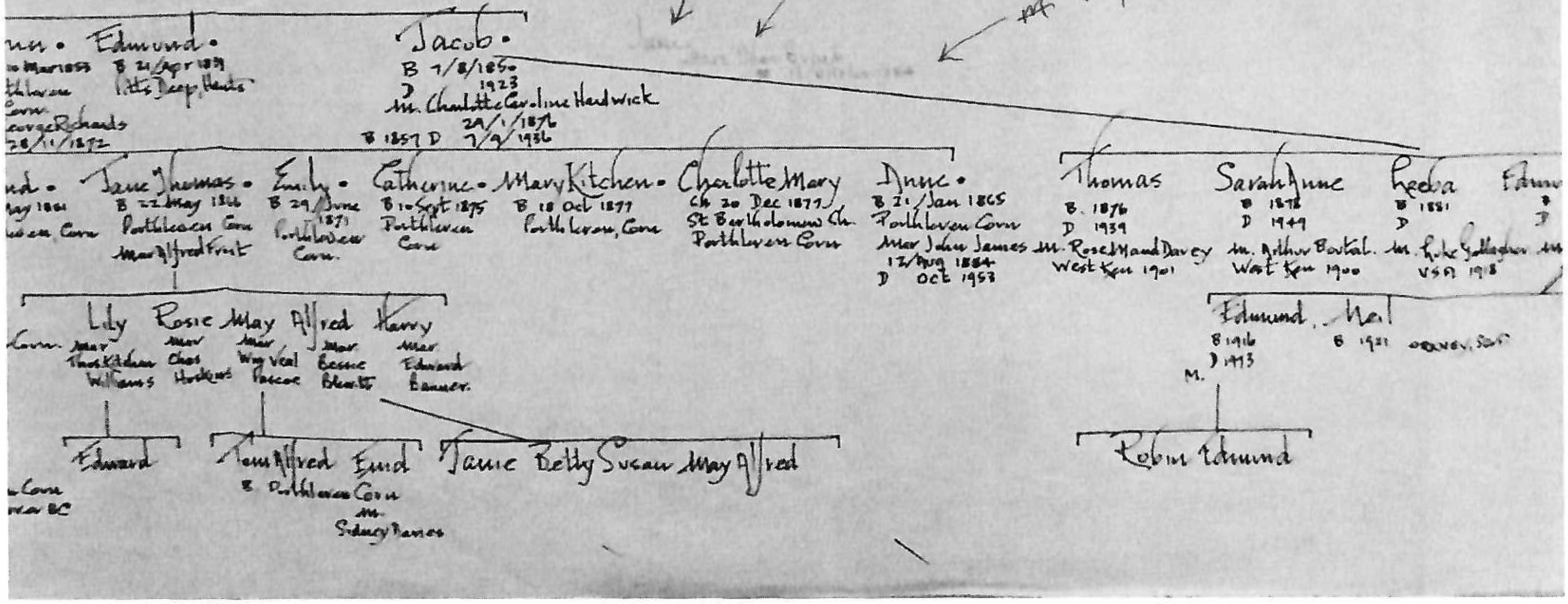

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Mary Kitchen •
B 18 Oct 1877
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Porthleven Corn
Anne •
B 21/Jan 1865
Porthleven Corn
Mar John James
12/Aug 1884
D Oct 1953
Thomas
B. 1876
D 1939
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B 1878
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Neil
B 1921
Robin Edmund

Jane?

Mar. Thos Broad

M 18/October 1854

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Vancouver, BC
Canada V5y 2S8

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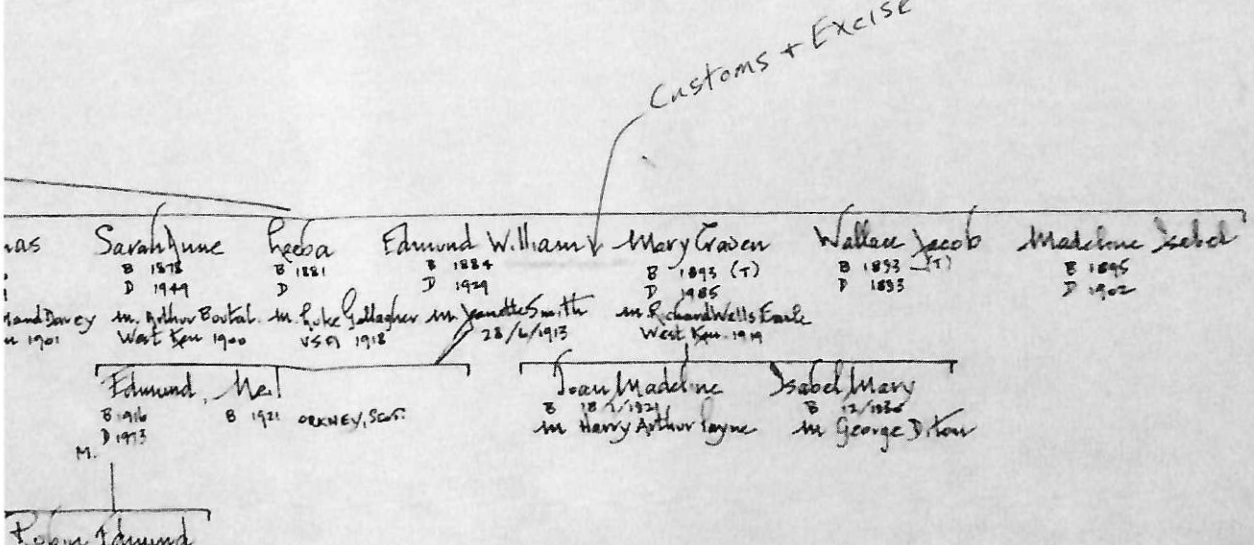
Minneapolis, Minn
55406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B 1884
D 1929
m. Jeanette Smith
28/6/1913
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B 1893 (T)
D 1985
m. Richard Wells Earle
West Ken. 1919
Wallace Jacob
B 1893 (T)
D 1893
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B 1895
D 1902
Edmund
B 1916
D 1973
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Neil
B 1921 ORKNEY, Scot.
Joan Madeline
B 18/2/1921
m. Harry Arthur Payne
Isabel Mary
B 12/1930
m. George Dixon
Robin Edmund

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W168
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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
March 27, 1987

Dear John and Pat,

You will be surprized to hear from me so soon after your last letter. I'm afraid I've written only Christmas cards to you lately. I greatly appreciate your notes from time to time, and I know you understand and forgive me when I fail to respond promptly.

I'll begin by answering your welcome and interesting letter. We're sorry to hear that Pat has not been well lately, but we hope she is now gaining back her usual strength. Fortunately, we have had reasonably good health this winter, due in part, no doubt, to the fact that we, too, have had a very mild winter with practically no snow.

We rejoice with you in the completion of your new tracker organ and hope it continues to enhance your worship. We were also interested in your consultation with the resource person regarding your worship area, as well as the dedication of your clerestory windows, and we appreciate the involvement both of you have had in all of this.

Your mention of Eileen Stage reminded me that I had written to her some time ago. So I looked up that correspondence and found that it was in regard to my Blackmore ancestry in Devon. I'm distantly related to R. D. Blackmore, the author of Lorna Doone. I've tracked down the approximate connection, but still lack a few specifics. Another correspondent had told me Mrs. Stage could send a copy of a little book about R. D. Blackmore. She did so and also sent some information about her family's connection with the Blackmores. It only took her six weeks to answer, so I feel quite honored!

Anyway, she did put you in touch with H. A. Payne and his wife's relationship with Neil Witheridge and you. Thank you very much for your new Witheridge chart. I've added all the new information to my record sheets. Like you, I assume that Neil is now retired; but his address may still be the same, as that was his family's home for a long time, I believe. I haven't been in touch with Neil or his nephew Robin for several years.

Now I'll explain all this material I'm sending. I won't go into detail, but will let the material speak for itself in the main. Harry Witheridge, a retired banker who lives in Surrey near London, sent me a clipping of a death notice discovered by his wife in the London Daily Telegraph. From there you can follow the story by reading my letters and Margaret Gubb's replies. Instead of repeating everything, I thought you'd enjoy trying to decipher Margaret's writing and wording. (You may also have a little trouble with some faint spots in my carbon copies.)

It was a great thrill finally to receive the printed pedigree chart, and I carefully compared everything with what I had developed on my own, mainly from parish registers. The compiler of this pedigree obviously had reference to wills that were destroyed in the bombing of Exeter Cathedral during World War II and are now unavailable. On the other hand, I had some things that He didn't have, including references to early Witheridges of North Devon in the Devon Lay Subsidy Rolls, 1524-7, T. L. Stoate, and then I drew up my own chart, which is also enclosed. The names underlined in red, of course, are my own ancestors. Your ancestor, Francis Witheridge, was a brother of Mary How Witheridge, who married William Gubb, so you are more closely related to the South Africa family than I am.

Unfortunatäly, Margaret Gubb died from her cancer not long after her last letter to me, and I heard about her death from another relative in Combe Martin. I tried to get the address of Margaret's daughter, but only recently received this and will now try to re-extablish contact.

This discovery of relatives in South Africa is the kind of thing that happens to Elizabeth and me all the time because of our genealogical efforts. We have gradually discovered that we are in some way tied into almost every part of the world and almost all of history through our ancestors and relatives, distant though they may be. This makes everything we read about current events and history so much more meaningful and personal to us. We hope that you have been finding this, too, and that this new discovery will add to your genealogical excitement.

Very sincerely yours,

W169, Log 971

THE REVD. W. R. HUDSON
WITHERIDGE VICARAGE
TIVERTON
DEVON EX16 8AE
Telephone:
(0884) 860768

14.8.84

Dear Mr Witheridge,

Here is a photocopy of a letter which I have received from Mr. John James, which I think might be of interest to you. I have sent a copy of Mr. James's letter to Mrs Roy Cook. I expect Mr. James will be in communication with you in due course.

Yours sincerely
Reginald Hudson

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6276 Yukon St
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y-3S8
Mar 12, 1984

The Church of England
Parish Church
Witheridge, Devon
England

Dear Sir,

I have recently undertaken some research with respect to my family and have been fortunate to have traced my grandparents (both maternal and paternal) under the name of Witheridge back to about 1550 at Berrynarbor, Dev.

Yesterday it was brought to my attention that there is a Withridge Parish. — A pleasant surprise!

The name is not too common and I wonder if you have any information of a historical nature which might fill in the bones on an otherwise bare names and dates chart. I would be interested in the origins of the Withridge parish name etc.

Any information you might have would be so much appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely

John James

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Llanelli
Dyfed. SA15 1PB.

6. 3. 87.

Dear David & Elizabeth

Well as you notice the above address you now guess thats me writing. (Winnie Witheridge. I was glad to receive a letter from you Xmas time but sad to hear that your grandson lived only 18 days. Sincerely hope that Virginia's health is better, & slowly getting over the loss. a bright note to add that I went to Canada on the 23rd Jan, after a very enjoyable Xmas. spent at Home with my two lovely girls. We all enjoy the festive season, & fully understand the meaning of it all a Blessed one, My visit to Canada was a short one. Just two weeks it was nice to be with my family and attend the lovely wedding of my niece. My grateful thanks to my brother who paid all my expenses at his very special request. I am now back in Work at the local Jewellers Shop.

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as promised not knowing. whether she would receive my letter
during my stay in Canada my neice, printed some paper with
WITHERIDGE. WALES so I attempted to send one of the
sheet to her. I had no special address only News of The World.
Lo & behold a letter came from her on March 1st. I am forwarding
the Copy to you, save me writing it all out, I leave the rest
to you to write to her. Now isnt it very interesting. to read it
all. I have just replied to her letter on the notepaper. of
Witheridge which you gave us on your. Llanelli Visit. £33ce
my Sister in law, & your Cousin. Called to see me to day.
all familiis concerned very well, second great grandchild
of Lizzies is due in June. Well no more news, but I think
as much is very good indeed. there are one or more witheridges in our
Directory, so will give them a ring or a note in the near
future. I cant imagine they will respond. as quickly
as Annette. I hope Kim Cooke will write to you as well.
I am anxious to get this letter to post.

with Fond Love
to All
Winnie. Jean & Elaine

W171
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Flat B,
2, Goring Road,
Bounds Green,
London N11 2BX.
March 1 1987.

Dear Mrs Witheridge, (Winnie)

How lovely to receive your letter - I'm always interested to track down any Witheridges because, as you say, there are so few of us. And, yes, I'd love to hear from your relative in America too.

I'm passing your letter on to Kim Cook (nee Witheridge), an incredible lady who has been tracing the family history for years. She has an amazing cross-referenced index and when I met her for the first time a year ago she already had me on file! Her address is 18, Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 98F.

There is a village in Devon called Witheridge, which was mentioned in the Doomesday Book and is famous for being the only English village with two squares. According to Kim's painstaking research, we all appear to have invaded the rest of the world from there!

John Galsworthy, the author of the Forsyte Saga, is a Witheridge. Kim also has some facinating facts on an Edmund Witheridge, a Victorian worthy from Kingston-upon2Thames who made a vast fortune - later lost by his children.

At Penn, in Buckinghamshire, there is a Witheridge Lane and a couple of large houses with the same name. I made a few enquiries and was told that Lord Penn, the first governor of Pennsylvania, had called his house in the state Witheridge too. But to date I haven't managed to find out any more on that.

As for my own family, we're from Birmingham. My late father Dennis had a twin sister, Eileen, and three brothers, Leslie, William and Norman. Only Leslie and William are still alive but they never married. Norman has a daughter Susan and I have a sister Yvonne. So unfortuneately it looks as though our line of Witheridges are dying out.

I have tracked down an elderly cousin of my father's called George Witheridge, still living in Birmingham. He also had two daughters! And according to his memory my father's father was Arthur, his brothers were James (George's father), Fred, an Army officer who died in India, and sisters were Lizzie and Amy. George doesn't know his grandparents names but says they lived in Wellington Street, Winson Green, Birmingham.

The difficulty I have is that my father, who died in 1979, rarely talked of his own childhood. From what I can gather, his mother Florence, died young and when he returned on leave during the last war his father had remarried a woman with another SEVEN children. Dad then went to live with his uncle James, who I only vaguely remember.

Still, I'm sure most Witheridges are related as there are so few. I do hope this will help the Rev. Witheridge, if you send me his address I'll drop him a line.

Kind regards.

Annette . Witheridge

# Editor's Note

What follows are two separate items written by Kim Cook (q.v.), and clipped together by Dad, with document number W172 and log number 977 printed by him (and me) in the upper righthand corner. The two items are:

- The last page (p. 9) of what Kim described in the closing paragraph as "this marathon epistle." The main topic discussed is Kim's "theory that there was, in addition to the town of Witheridge, another location of the same name, probably in South Devon."
- A short article by Kim for the very first issue of *The Witheridge Times* (q.,v.), Vol. 1, No. 1, Spring 1987. The title of the article is "Witheridge Origins." It discusses both the name Witheridge itself and the locations where it arose.

As a general rule, Kim's handwriting is quite legible (I'd give it an 8 or 9 on a ten-point scale where 1 = "yikes!" and 10 = "as good as it gets"), but in the first segment of this document (p. 9 of the letter) she was — as she herself admitted — eager to finish "to make sure it goes in tomorrow's post." So it's a struggle to understand every word, and since the topic is so fascinating and important, I've decided to attempt a transcription (which immediately follows her handwritten original). When I simply can't be sure what she said, I'll enter either alternatives or question marks [in brackets, like this] in place of her word(s). If you don't like my word choices, feel free to go with your own; I won't be offended.

Finally, let me say that I'm sorry I can't find the other pages of the letter; if they turn up, I'll scan the whole thing and toss the fragment you see here.

Tom Witheridge
December 9, 2021

P.S. Regarding the choice between "willow" and "castrated ram" (see the *Times* article), if I get a vote, I hereby cast it for the former — and to heck with Kim's (undoubtedly quite scholarly) three reasons for choosing the latter. Of course, as a male I can't remain totally dispassionate on the subject, right?

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June 7, 1986

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In my next letter (yes, I really will try to make it soon!) I hope I will be able to include photocopies of the Domesday entries + the 1765 map, as well as some photos of us, our home + our Jeannie. We have your last photo in a frame on the book case in our sitting room, where you are in full view every day.

But now I will close this marathon epistle to make sure it goes into tomorrow's post, + hope that you will have it by Monday, bringing very much love to you from all of us, and a strong hope that somehow, somewhere, we can soon get together again. Meanwhile, take care – God bless you, + lots of love,

Lou, Kim, Jo + Adam

## Transcription by the editor (TFW) of page 9 of Kim Cook's June 7, 1986, letter to DEW, document W172, folder 1.63f

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Roy, Kim, Ja & Adam

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* A Dec. 9, 2021, Google search by the editor (TFW) for "What is a brake in England?" yielded this answer: "Archaic term for bracken. The word brake or bracken is one of the many plant names from which some of our English surnames are derived, as Brack, Breck, Brackenridge, etc."

# Witheridge Origins

by Kim Cook

Although I've never owned the name Witheridge myself (it was my mother's maiden name), I've always thought it must be among the best of British surnames. Distinguished but not pompous, down-to-earth but not crude, uncommon enough to be interesting, but not rare enough to be odd, it's a good, sound English name. And it's ideal from a research point of view too, as the outline is readily spotted in even the most illegible of old documents.

But where does the name come from, what does it mean, and how do our families come to bear this fascinating name?

The word itself is Anglo-Saxon, but there has been some dispute about its meaning. Ridge presents no problems, coming from hrycg, meaning back, hump, or elevation, as in raised land or the pitch of a roof. The first part of the word has been said to mean either willow or castrated ram -quite a difference there!

So which is correct? Willows are certainly more elegant, but I believe the ram is more accurate, for three reasons.

Firstly, the Anglo-Saxon alphabet differed from ours in a number of ways. Instead of using the letters th, it had two distinct ways of showing that sound. One was the þ, often incorrectly read as a y, and still seen today in ye olde Englishe! The other was the letter ð, which also gave a th sound, although phonetically slightly different. In all the old Devonshire documents, Witheridge appears either as Weðerige or, more rarely Wiðerige. The word for ram was always written weðer, while that for willow was wiþig.

Secondly, for hundreds of years the spellings of Witheridge and Wetheridge were completely interchangeable, and in earlier times the Wetheridge spelling was slightly more common. While the Anglo-Saxon word for ram could

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also be spelled either way, I have never seen any example of wiþig, or withy, spelled any other way.

Thirdly, both the Devonshire locations bearing this name are in areas where sheep farming was common, and where it was common practice to emasculate rams to prevent them from straying, leaving only a few entire for breeding.

There are in fact three locations linked with the name Witheridge. One is near the Berkshire/Buckinghamshire border, where there is still a Witheridge Hill. But in old documents this name is spelled Wiþeridge, and apart from one isolated instance in the 13th century does not appear to have given its name to any family.

One of the Devon locations is the mid-Devon town that still bears our name, and where most of us have, at one time or other, stood by the signpost to have our photos taken! Originally, this was believed to have been the home of all the Witheridge families, who took the name of their home village with them when they migrated to other towns and villages.

However, looking at the map showing where Witheridges had settled, it seemed unlikely that people would have moved across Dartmoor to reach places like Wembury, Ermington, Kingsbridge and Plymouth. I then began to wonder whether there had been another place called Witheridge somewhere in South Devon.

The story of that hunch, and the subsequent search for a missing Domesday manor is too long to be told here, but I now know that the manor of Witheridge stood on the cliffs above Jennycliff Bay, between Plymouth and Wembury. The manor has long since gone and, ironically, the original Anglo-Saxon Weðerige has changed over the years to the more elegant Withyhedge. But if you look at the 6-inch OS map of the area, you can still see a field bearing the name Withyhedge Brake.

So there we have the two sources for our surname, which suggest that we come from two quite different families. But were those families ever linked in any way, and if so can we prove it? That's another challenge!

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South Africa

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[Note: This is
Jennifer Gubb.]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
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U.S.A.
April 2, 1987

Mrs. G. Kruger
55 St. Leger Road
Newlands
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South Africa

Dear Mrs. Kruger,

Greetings from your distant cousin in America! According to the way I have it figured out, your father was my seventh cousin, which makes you my seventh cousin once removed. Perhaps your mother told you about my correspondence with her in the summer of 1984. You may even have those letters in your possession. I hope so.

I heard about your family through a death notice of Eileen (Betty) Gubb, widow of Thomas Witheridge Gubb, that appeared in the London Daily Telegraph. It caught the eye of the wife of a distant relative of mine, and he sent it to me. Through the Cape Town City Library I found your mother's address, and she wrote two very interesting and friendly letters. She also sent a copy of the "Pedigree of Witheridge of Berry Narbor and Combe Martin in North Devon, Shewing descent of Gubb Family from the same." This tied into the record I had developed of my own Witheridge ancestry back to 1554, so I knew at once that we were related.

Using this professionally compiled pedigree your mother had sent, I added to and corrected my records and spent some time preparing an even more complete Witheridge pedigree chart. In the process I was also able to make a few corrections to the printed pedigree. Unfortunately, I delayed writing to your mother until finishing this work, and not long after Christmas that year I learned that your mother had died from the cancer she had reported in her second letter. I was greatly saddened, as I had enjoyed her letters so much and had looked forward to further sharing of information between us.

In May of 1985 I sent two copies of my pedigree charts to Una Parsons in Combe Martin hoping that Gerald Walters would be seeing you there and could pass on one set to you. I also asked for your address, so I could re-establish contact with your family. I never got a report as to what happened to these charts that were meant for you, so I don't know whether or not you ever got them. Please let me know, and I'll send you copies if you never got them from Devon.

In December of 1986 I finally got your address from Combe Martin, but I've been too busy with the Holiday Season and then with urgent genealogical research and correspondence to write to you until now. I look forward to hearing from you and finding out (1) if you have the letters I wrote to your mother, and (2) if you received the Witheridge pedigree charts from Combe Martin.

If you do not have my original letters, I'll write and give you more information about my family and my ancestry. And if you don't have the charts, I'll make some copies and send them. In any case, I hope you will tell me about your own family and about your brother and sister and their families. It is quite thrilling to find new relatives in South Africa, and I hope you are as excited about our discovering each other as I am.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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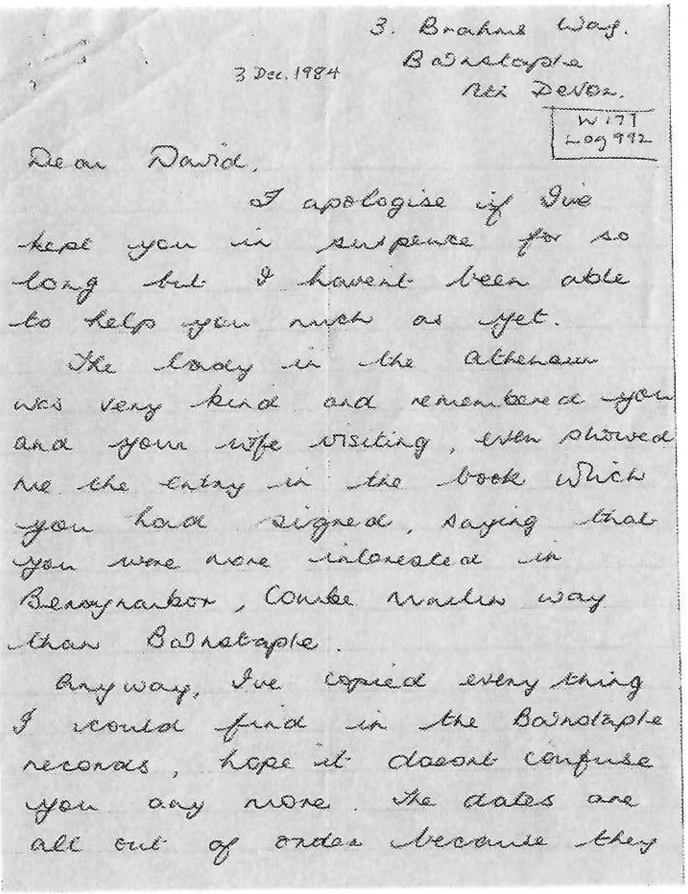

3. Brahms Way.
Barnstaple
N. Devon.

3 Dec. 1984

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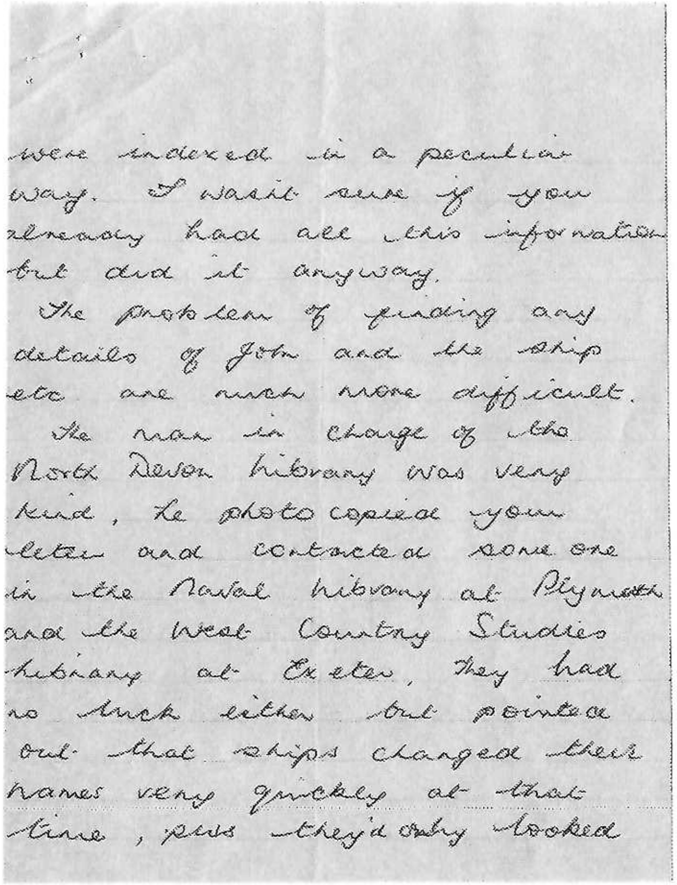
Dear David,

I apologise if Ive kept you in suspence for so long but I havent been able to helps you much as yet.

The lady in the Athenaeum was very kind and remembered you and your wife visiting, even showed me the entry in the book which you had signed, saying that you were more interested in Berrynarbor, Combe Martin way than Barnstaple.

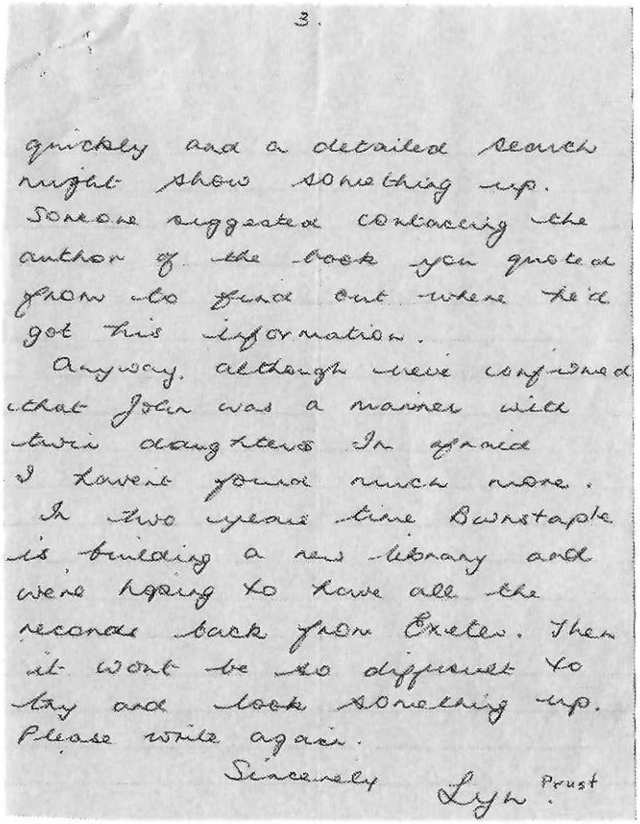
Anyway, Ive copied every thing I could find in the Barnstaple records, hope it doesnt confuse you any more. The dates are all out of order because they



were indexed in a peculiar way. I wasnt sure if you already had all this information but did it anyway.

The problem of finding any details of John and the ship etc are much more difficult.

The man in charge of the North Devon Library was very kind, he photo copied your letter and contacted some one in the Naval Library at Plymouth and the West Country Studies Library at Exeter, they had no luck either but pointed out that ships changed their names very quickly at that time, plus they'd only looked



quickly and a detailed search might show something up.

Someone suggested contacting the author of the book you quoted from to find out where he'd got his information.

Anyway, although we've confirmed that John was a mariner with twin daughters I'm afraid I haven't found much more.

In two years time Barnstaple is building a new library and we're hoping to have all the records back from Exeter. Then it won't be so difficult to try and look something up.

Please write again.

Sincerely
Lyn. Prust

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May 22, 1987

Mrs. R. E. Connett
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Dear Mrs. Connett:

I'm sure your Aunt Una has spoken to you about my wife Elizabeth and me. I have been interested in genealogy for many years; and in 1980, on our second trip to Britain, we made a special point of looking up Una and her parents in Combe Martin. We had a most enjoyable visit and have corresponded from time to time ever since. We also had the privilege of meeting several other relatives in Combe Martin, including my third cousin, Myrtle Blackmore.

I think I figured that Una is my seventh cousin, which would make you my seventh cousin once removed, through your great-grandmother, Emma Witheridge. I'm very happy to know and correspond with a number of relatives in England, Scotland, and Wales. This is possible because my father came to this country with his family when he was only seven years old. He was born in Wales, though his father was born in Combe Martin, and his mother was from Cornwall. So when I became interested in family history, I was able to begin by writing to a few relatives in Britain with whom some of my aunts and uncles had kept in touch ~~with~~ over the years.

Several years ago, knowing that you and your parents were living in Exeter, I asked Una whether she thought one of you might be interested in doing a little research for me occasionally at the Devon Record Office. At that time she said you might be interested but were too busy then with your young children and with various activities you were involved in.

I was glad to hear from Una several months ago that you might be willing to undertake some limited research for me this summer. This is whyII am writing to you, and I hope you will enjoy helping with this project. I want to pay you for this on an hourly basis, and you'll have to tell me what you think is a fair amount per hour. Enclosed is £10.00 as a starter, and I'll send more as you report on your time spent and expenses incurred for photocopies, postage, and so on.

The first project has to do with old wills. As you are aware, Exeter Cathedral, where the old wills and many other records were kept, was badly bombed in the Second World War. Wills are very valuable in genealogical research, as they give important information about people and their relationships. For Devon they were almost all destroyed.

A few years ago I learned of the Olive Moger Collection at the West Country Studies Library, in the same building as the Devon Record Office. Back in the early 1920's this lady had abstracted the information from many Devon wills, and the abstracts are now in bound volumes in this library. What I would like you to do is to see if there are any Witheridge wills there; and, if so, send me a copy of each one in the Collection. I am interested in every Witheridge in Devon, not just those in North Devon.

One of my Blackmore cousins, Marjorie Packer, who lives in Swindon, Wilts, had been to Exeter, and she sent me the abstracts of ten Blackmore wills from Combe Martin and the nearby towns. She apparently made longhand copies of these and then typed them up for me. I don't know if that is easier and less expensive than making photocopies, which is what I prefer, if that is possible. Since I would be paying you by the hour, it might be just as well to make the photocopies.

I see from notes I made when we were in Exeter in 1980 that there is also another set of volumes that contain abstracts of Devonshire wills. According to my notes these may be called Burnet's, but I am not sure. I'd appreciate it if you would also check these volumes for any Witheridge wills.

It's also possible that there are other abstracts of wills in the West Country Studies Library or in the adjacent Devon Record Office besides the collections I've mentioned above. There might also be other documents relating to the probate of estates, such as inventories or administration accounts or letters. Perhaps the librarians of both units would give you this information. (Marjorie Packer implied that they don't coordinate their operations very well.)

An entry in the printed "Brief Guide: Part 1" of the Devon Record Office (no date) lists on page 46: "Original Wills and Inventories (90) and testamentary papers (8 bundles) (with inventories and admon. accounts), 1590-1910." However, these may not even be indexed, in which case their use would be very difficult.

I look forward to hearing from you after you get a chance to work on this. I have a few other tasks you could do for me at the Record Office if you find this an interesting activity.

Yours very sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Ans. in
1987 Xmas card

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BRUCE D. ALDRICH
JOYCE V. ALDRICH
6555 Coleman Road
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11-15-87

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Have not written to you in so long - we have been so involved with the wedding and the residual people that came - I have neglected anyone and everyone! But.... all is back to "normal", whatever that means! Annette's Grandmother, Solveig Johannesen and her Aunt Lillimore have gone back to Oslo, the "kids" are back from their Florida honeymoon, and I'm starting to plan for Thanksgiving Dinner. Even bought some Xmas gifts last week!

Let me just say of the wedding, it was worth all the effort we all made. Annette looked lovely in her mothers (the under part) and my (the redingote) wedding gown, and all went very well. The children didn't miss a cue and the 2 grandmothers looked beautiful and happy. A horse and carriage took the whole wedding party for a ride around Campus. and the reception was beautiful at the University Club.

Bruce and I are doing well. His business is really doing well — he's busy, but happy. I'm trying to survive the change in leadership of the Christian Church in Michigan! I'm lucky to have an added help for my search for Bruce's mothers' ancestors, which I have been back at a little, since her grandfather on her mothers side came from Denmark. Since Annette's mother speaks — very fluently — and reads/writes Norwegian, we feel any Danish can be translated (I hope!) Next Saturday eve we are having dinner with them and I hope to get an assist. I have 4 different micro films ordered from the LDS library — another step!

I hope these copies (bad!) can give you an idea of our happy day —.

Much love to you both,

Jo and Bruce

and Happy
Thanksgiving!

10-17-87 Wedding Party

l to R

Annette's brothers Joe and John Donohoe

3 brides maids etc

Annette Tara

Roy Matthew

Eric (our son)

Jim Kennedy (Fadra's husband)

2 groomsmen

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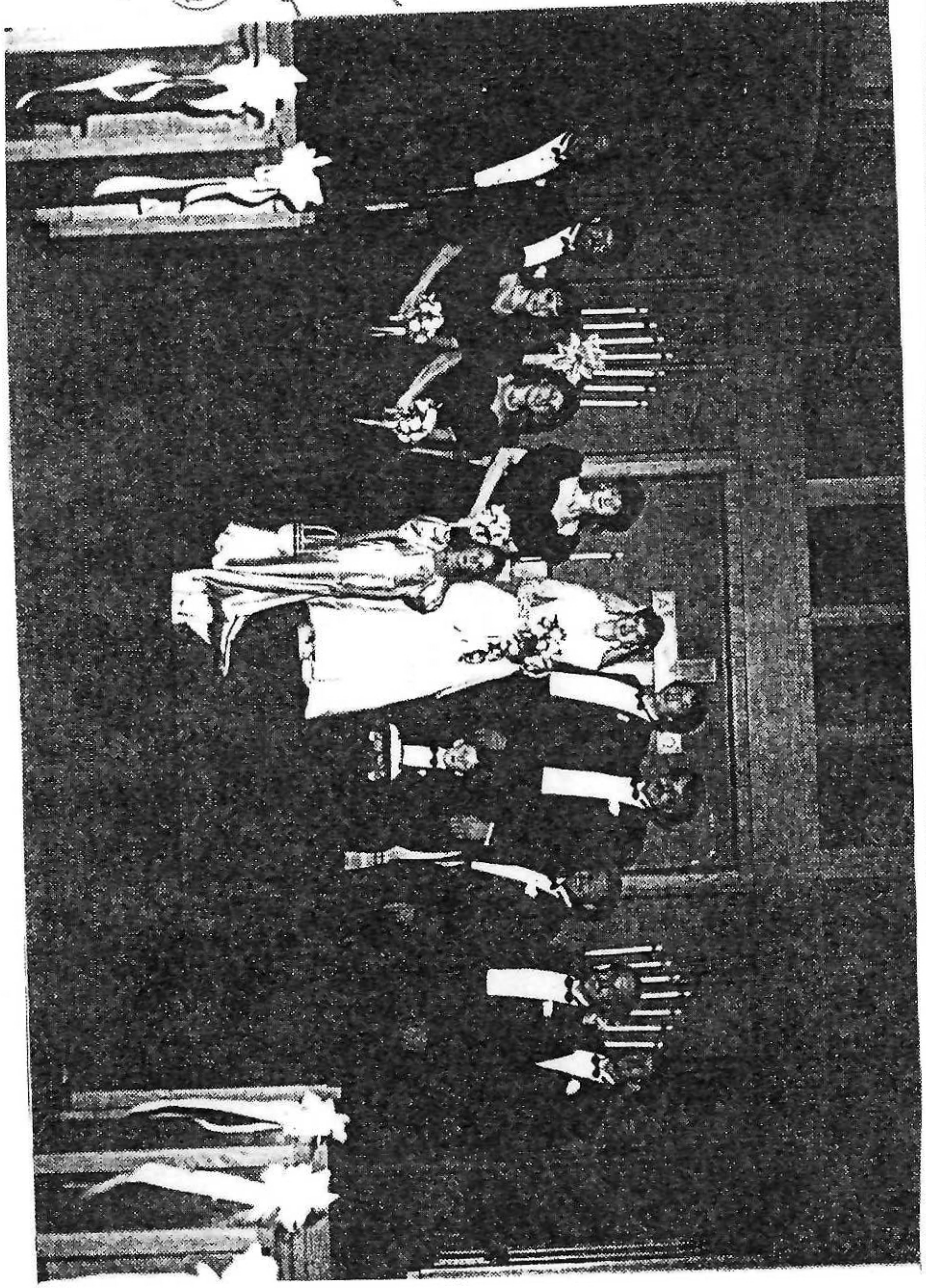

10-17-87 — Peoples Church, E Lansing

Catherine Rayman

Annette Catherine Donohoe Aldrich

Roy Duane Aldrich

Eric Aldrich (he is on a step below Roy — is 6'7")

Tara Fellows (Luanne's daughter)

Matthew Kennedy (Fadra's son)

Eric↑ Just Married –
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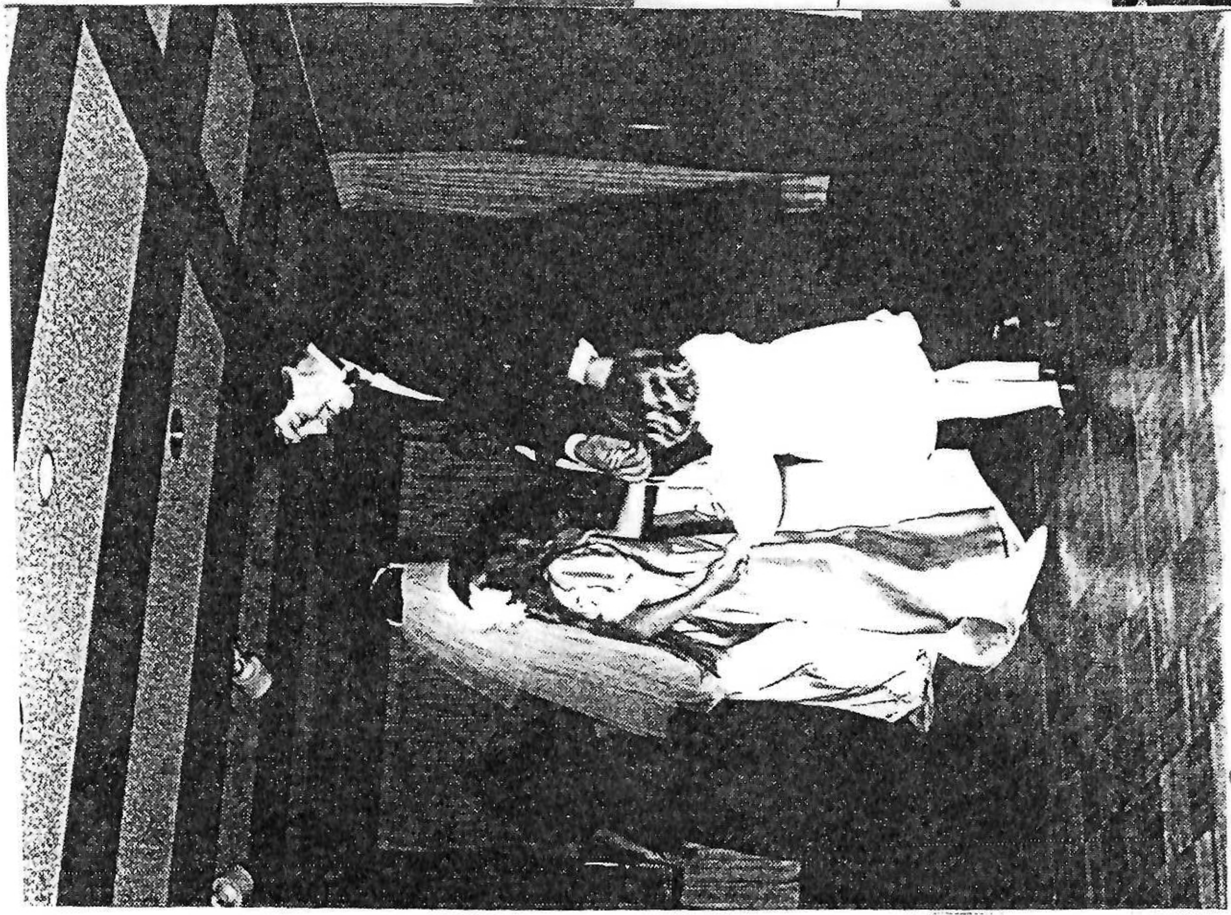
Peoples Church E. Lans, Mic
Roy and Annette Aldrich

In carriage that rode the wedding party around the M.S.U. campus

Annette
brought
a treat for
the horse!



Roy dancing with
Sara and Jennifer.

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March 8 1987.

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

I've just had a lovely letter from your relative Winnie Witheridge, in Wales, and she passed on your address to me.

I suggested Kim Cook would be able to help you, mentioned it to Kim myself and was surprised to learn you'd known each other for years - it really is a small world!

It really is nice to find other people interested in the family name . Kim and I first met up about 18 months ago and we haven't stopped comparing notes since. Infact, together we are thinking of forming the Witheridge Society and at this very moment are trying to track down as many of our British 2cousins" as possible. We'll keep you posted on that.

As for my own history, I'm still very much in the dark. My mother has always been interested in her side but my father, who died in 1979, never mentioned his background.

My father, Dennis, was born in Birmingham in 1922 and had a twin sister Eileen. They had three older brothers, Leslie, William and Norman. Only Leslie and William are still alive and, believe it or not, we have never been in touch with either. Norman adopted a daughter, Susan, and my father had myself and sister Yvonne. So sadly our name seems to be dying out.

Both of my paternal grandparents died during the last war and after RAF service my father lived with an elderly uncle and aunt, Jim and Ada, in Winson Green, Birmingham. I vaguely remember them from childhood and have recently been in touch with their son George, now in his 70s.

I've plugged George for as much information as possible and now at least have a few more names to work on. So I'll let you know as soon as I've traced back further than the 1880s.

From what I can gather my father's family was very poor and I think if my father had an unhappy childhood he chose to ignore it. I know that his father, Arthur, born in Birmingham in 1892, was a railway worker and had two brothers and two sisters.

Kim and I have gone through her card index but can't link any of the names to me, so I'm going back to the drawing board at the moment. No doubt it will all fall into place eventually.

Both Kim and Winnie have sent me cards of St. John the Baptist, at Witheridge, which I believe you had printed. I have visited twice, it is a pretty little place. Kim has also now tracked a second parish of Witheridge, near Plymouth, which is all very exciting. I mentioned to Winnie I'd found a Witheridge Lane in Penn, Buckinghamshire, and that Lord Penn, the first governor of Pennsylvania had named his American house Witheridge. No one living at Penn knew what the history was. Have you any ideas?

I'm sure you know about John Galsworthy, author of the Forsyte Saga, being one of Kim's family. I must confess I got terribly excited recently on reading it for the first time to discover the first part was set in North London, where I live, and that a character called Annette plays quite a central role about half way through! My parents adored the Forsyte Saga when it was serialised on television in the Sixties, which is another strange coincidence as neither were particular TV watchers and, of course, they weren't aware of the Witheridge connection.

Incidently, just to let you know a little about myself, I'm 26 and work as a journalist on the London News of the World, my sister Yvonne is 23, married and working as a book keeper for a department store. My mum Ena still lives in Sutton Coldfield in Birmingham but is planning on moving to Abergavenny, in Wales, so I will put her in touch with Winnie when she gets there.

Well, I'm wracking my brains to think of other Witheridge connections, but knowing that you know Kim and have also done a lot of digging yourself, I'm sure your probably more informed than me.

However, when Kim and I get the Witheridge Society going we should be able to fill in a few more gaps.

Do drop me a line if you get the chance as I'd love to hear from you.

King regards.

Annette Witheridge

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| Letter 3/10/87 (begun 6/7/86) from Kim Cook; plans for Witheridge Society, Annette Witheridge; new Witheridge town. | | Log 977<br>3/10/87 | W172 | Kim Cook's file |
| Letter to Kim Cook about Witheridge Society + sending list of names + addresses | | Log 978<br>3/31/87 | W173 | " |
| List of Witheridge names + addresses in Britain, United States, Canada, + So. Africa | | Log 978<br>3/31/87 | W174 | |
| Letter to Mrs. D. Kruger, Cape Town, So. Africa: her relationship; corresp. with her mother; geneal. charts | | Log 979<br>4/2/87 | W175 | Dutch So. Africa |
| Letter from Neil Witheridge about his cousin, Joan Payne, + sending art. from *Times* by John Witheridge | | Log 991<br>4/1/87 | W176 | Unanswered letters |
| Letter from Lynn Prust on search for John Witheridge, mariner, at No. Devon Atheneum | | Log 992<br>12/3/84 | W177 | Lyn Prust file |
| Barnstaple Baptisms (1550-1660), Marriages (1538-1812), + Burials (1538-1664), Witheridge entries [Lyn Prust] | | Log 992<br>12/3/84 | W178 | Barnstaple folder |
| Letter to Robyn Connett, Exeter, about research at Dev. Rec. Off. + W. Country Studies Lib. | | Log 997<br>5/22/87 | W179 | Robyn Connett file |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich with pictures + inf. on wedding of Roy + Annette | | Log 1033<br>11/15/87 | W180 | Unanswered Personal Letters |
| Letter from Joan Shaw with family inf. | | Log 1034<br>12/22/86 | W181 | Joan Shaw file |
| Letter from Annette Witheridge about her family + her contacts with Kim Cook | | Log 975<br>3/8/87 | W182 | |
| Letter from Mrs. Heather Smith of Australia about her Witheridge ancestry and Mary Riley's | | Log 1057<br>6/24/88 | W183 | |
| Mar. cert. of Harriet Witheridge + Wm Rickard, Chas. the Martyr Parish, Plymouth, 1846? | | Log 1057<br>6/24/88 | W184 | |
| Letter from Mrs. Mary Riley, Wembury, to Heather Smith about her Witheridge ancestry | | Log 1057<br>10/24/87 | W185 | |
| Letter to Heather Smith, Australia, about her Witheridge ancestry + Kim Cook's records | | Log 1058<br>7/2/88 | W186 | |

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| Family record sheet of John Norris + Mary Adams compiled by Molly Norris Querns [Irene Birdsall] | | Log 1067<br>6/2/88 | W188 | |
| Card from Mary Riley thanking me for putting her in touch with Kim Cook | | Log 1068<br>8/22/88 | W189 | |
| Letter from Kathleen Witheridge (Mrs. Paul), Sarnia, Ont., Canada about her husband's ancestry | | Log 1075<br>4/25/88 | W190 | Kathleen Witheridge file |
| Note to Kathleen Witheridge telling of our trip to Britain + saying I will write later | | Log 1076<br>5/4/88 | W191 | " |
| Letter from Kathleen Witheridge with more information about her husband's ancestry | | Log 1077<br>5/12/88 | W192 | " |
| Letter from Kathleen Witheridge with further information + telling of her forthcoming trip to England | | Log 1078<br>9/14/88 | W193 | " |
| Witheridge entries in 1987 Devon Telephone Directories sent by Kathleen Witheridge with Doc. W192 | | Log 1079<br>5/12/88 | W194 | " |
| Letter to Kathleen Witheridge about British trip + relationships + ~~sending~~ Bradworthy Witheridge Fam. Gr. Sh. | | Log 1080<br>10/6/88 | W195 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich about genealogy and family matters, enclosing Witheridge computer printout | | Log 1081<br>1/25/88 | W196 | Joyce Aldrich file |
| Witheridge computer printout back and forth from John Witheridge + Clara Blackmore | | Log 1081<br>1/25/88 | W197 | |
| Letter 11/7/88 from Joyce Aldrich about family matters, including death of her brother Roy's wife | | Log 1082<br>11/7/88 | W198 | Joyce Aldrich file |
| Letter to M. R. Witheridge, Indianapolis, IN, with list of Witheridges from "Witheridges Across America" | | Log 1083<br>1/11/89 | W199 | Witheridge surname file |
| Letter to George Witheridge, Rahway, N. J., about his Witheridge ancestry + relationships | | Log 1117<br>2/2/89 | W200 | " |
| Letter to Keith Witheridge, Cocoa Beach, Fla., with list from "Witheridges Across America" | | Log 1118<br>2/3/89 | W201<br>[See W246] | Keith Witheridge file |
| Birth Cert. of William Witheridge, Oct. 30, 1844, son of John Witheridge + Jane Percy (Somerset House) | | Log 1119<br>10/21/66 | W202 | |

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| Mar. Cert. of John Witheridge + Emma Northcott, Feb. 12, 1862 (Somerset House) | | Log 1120<br>9/25/69 | W203 | |
| Birth Cert. of James Penney Witheridge, Dec. 26, 1946 | | Log 1130<br>Dec., 1988 | W204 | |
| Birth Cert. of Thomas Frank Witheridge, 12/9/47, (Presby. Hosp., Chicago) | | Log 1130<br>Dec., 1988 | W205 | |
| Memorial Folder of David Ash Witheridge (12/25/86 – 3/15/86) | | Log 1130<br>Dec., 1988 | W206 | |
| Letter from Mrs. Ernest Witheridge, Clarksville, Ind. [Mrs. M. R. Witheridge of Indianapolis] about her husband | | Log 1131<br>2/13/89 | W207 | Witheridge New Jersey file |
| List of Witheridge addresses from "Witheridges Across America," 12/16/88 | | Log 1132<br>1/10/89 | W208 | " |
| Letter to [Ms. or Mr.] N. Witheridge with list from "Witheridges Aross America" | | Log 1133<br>2/16/89 | W209 | " |
| Letter from John James enclosing article by the Rev. John Witheridge sent to him by Neil Witheridge | | Log 1134<br>2/11/89 | W210 | |
| Letter to Mrs. E. Witheridge, Indianapolis, with questions for her to answer + send back | | Log 1137<br>2/18/89 | W211 | Witheridge New Jersey file |
| Letter from Philip Hookway about family matters + enclosing letter from Ruth Stevens | | Log 1143<br>1/25/89 | W212 | Phil Hookway file |
| Letter from Ruth M. Stevens, Exeter, to Philip Hookway about her Hookway + Witheridge lines | | Log 1143<br>1/12/89 | W213 | " |
| Letter from John James about fam. matters + enclosing letters, etc., from Australia + New Zealand | | Log 1144<br>2/6/89 | W214 | John James file |
| Letter from Barbara Willis (australia) to John James about her COULL + Witheridge connections | | Log 1144<br>2/6/89 | W215 | " |
| Letter from Mavis Witheridge to John James about her husband's Witheridge ancestry [australia] | | Log 1144<br>2/6/89 | W216 | " |
| Pedigree chart of Witheridges who emigrated from Combe Martin to N.Z. (NGAIRE Witheridge (Mrs. Ian)] | | Log 1144<br>2/6/89 | W217 | " |
| Letter to John James about our trip to England, our granddaughter, Rev. John Witheridge, + the other items included with his last two letters | | Log 1145<br>2/25/89 | W218 | " |

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ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Letter from Kathleen Witheridge about genealogy + enclosing several documents | | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W219 | Kathleen Witheridge file |
| Descript. by Ontario Heritage Found. of the Ebenezer Bible Christian Chapel + the Bible Christian Church | | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W220 | " |
| Monumental inscriptions from Ebenezer Cemetery, Darlington Township, Ontario, Canada | | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W221 | " |
| Monumental inscriptions from Bowmanville Cemetery | | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W222 | " |
| Corrected Family Group Sheet of George Witheridge + Mary Sanders | | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W223 | " |
| Death Record Extraction for George Witheridge Apr. 18, 1884 | | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W224 | " |
| Family Group Sheet of Richard Witheridge (d. Dec. 6, 1910) | | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W225 | " |
| Page of baptismal records from Parish Register of Bradworthy, Devon | | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W226 | " |
| Letter from Kathleen Witheridge about death extract of Christopher Witheridge + other items | | Log 1147<br>11/8/88 | W227 | " |
| Death Extract for Christopher Witheridge, d. Mar. 4, 1935, Toronto, Canada | | Log 1147<br>11/8/88 | W228 | " |
| Letter to Kathleen Witheridge about the ancestry of Christopher Witheridge in England | | Log 1148<br>11/15/88 | W229 | " |
| Letter to Kathleen Witheridge about John Manning + Grace Witheridge in Bradworthy [Ruth Stevens] | | Log 1149<br>3/4/89 | W230 | " |
| Willis-Witheridge ancestry of Michael Beaumont (Combe Martin) + other Witheridge inf. | | Log 1150<br>5/26/88 | W231 | Michael Beaumont file |
| Letter to Michael + Hilary Beaumont about his Witheridge ancestry + about C.M. Hist. Soc. | | Log 1153<br>3/13/89 | W232 | " |
| Letter from M. R. Witheridge (Mrs. Ernest) with date + place of marriage + his sister's address | | Log 1155<br>3/20/89 | W233 | Witheridge New Jersey file |
| Letter to Mrs. Helen Witheridge Firmin, Newark, N. J., sister of Ernest Witheridge, about her background | | Log 1156<br>3/23/89 | W234 | " |

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Mrs Heather Smith
Leatherwood
Doaks Road
C/O. PO
Lilydale
Tasmania. 7268.
Australia

W183
Log 1057

Dear Rev Witheridge

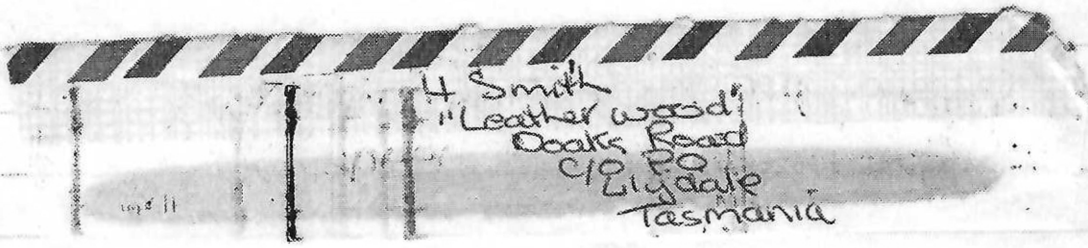
I am researching the Witheridge family from Devon, your name was passed on to me from a lady in England, so I am writing to you, hoping we can help each other.

Harriet WITHERIDGE
Born Nov 9 1825 - Plymouth Dock, Parish of STOKE DAMEREL.
Christened - 6 Feb 1826.
Mother - ?
Father - Joseph WITHERIDGE (Occupation Porter).
Married - William RICKARD
Children - Elizabeth A. Information from census 1861.
Philippa
Emily J
William
Kate Louisa B. 21 Dec 1861 Plymouth Devon.

This is all I have at the moment.

I have enclosed a copy of some other info I recieved which may help you.

Yours Sincerly
Mrs Heather Smith.



H. Smith
"Leatherwood"
Doaks Road
C/O P.O
Lilydale
Tasmania

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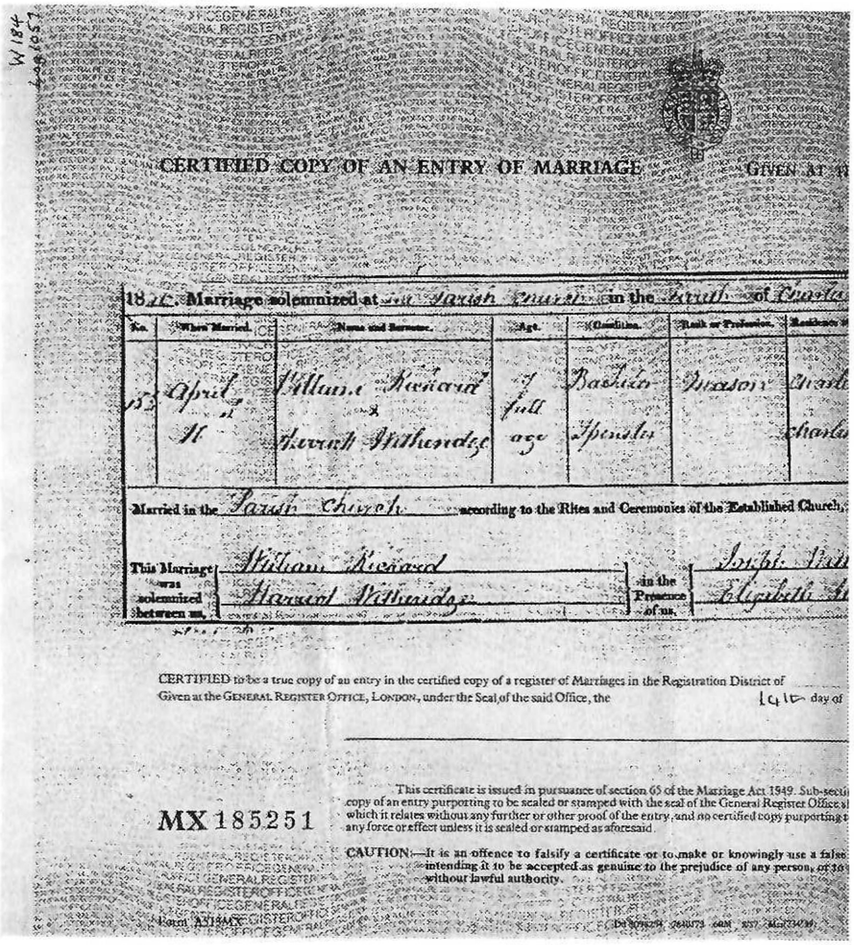

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1841. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Charle

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence |
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| 152 | April [illegible] 41 | William Richard | of full age | Bachelor | Mason | Charle |
|  |  | Harriett Witheridge |  | Spinster |  | Charle |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, William Richard
Harriett Witheridge
in the Presence of us, Joseph Wit
Elizabeth Wi

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 14th day of

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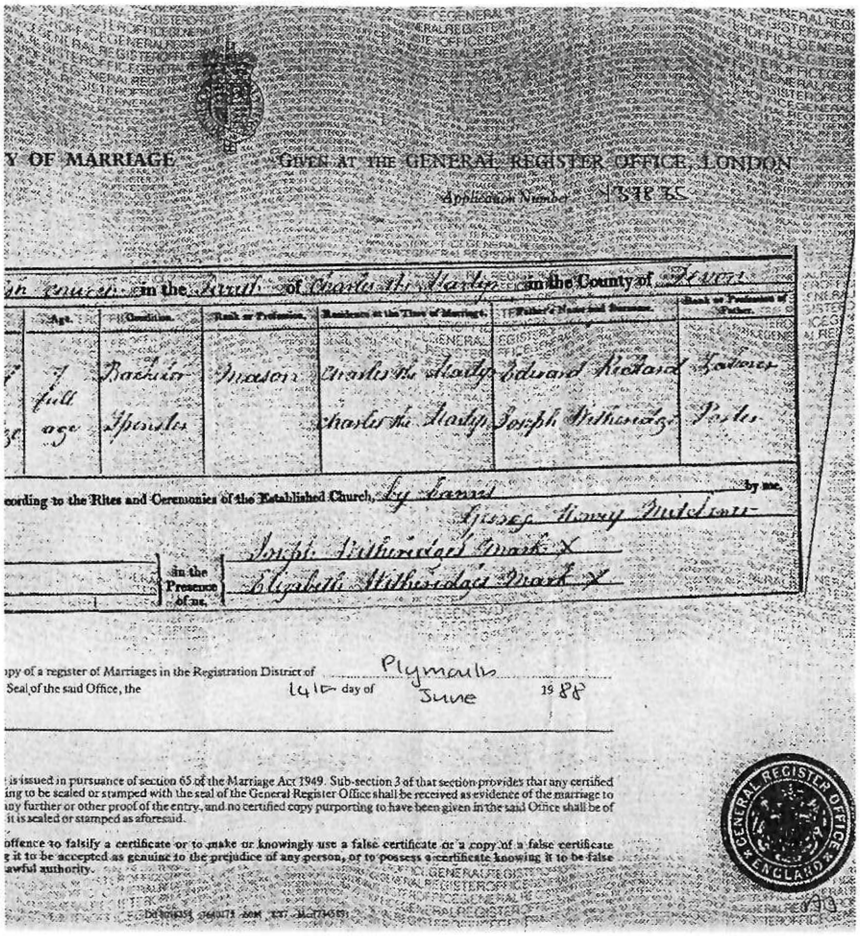

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Application Number 138835

sh Church in the Parish of Charles the Martyr in the County of Devon

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| of full age | Bachelor | Mason | Charles the Martyr | Edward Richard | Labourer |
|  | Spinster |  | Charles the Martyr | Joseph Witheridge | Porter |

cording to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Banns by me,
George Henry Mitchell

in the Presence of us, Joseph Witheridge's Mark X
Elizabeth Witheridge's Mark X

py of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Plymouth
Seal of the said Office, the 14th day of June 1988

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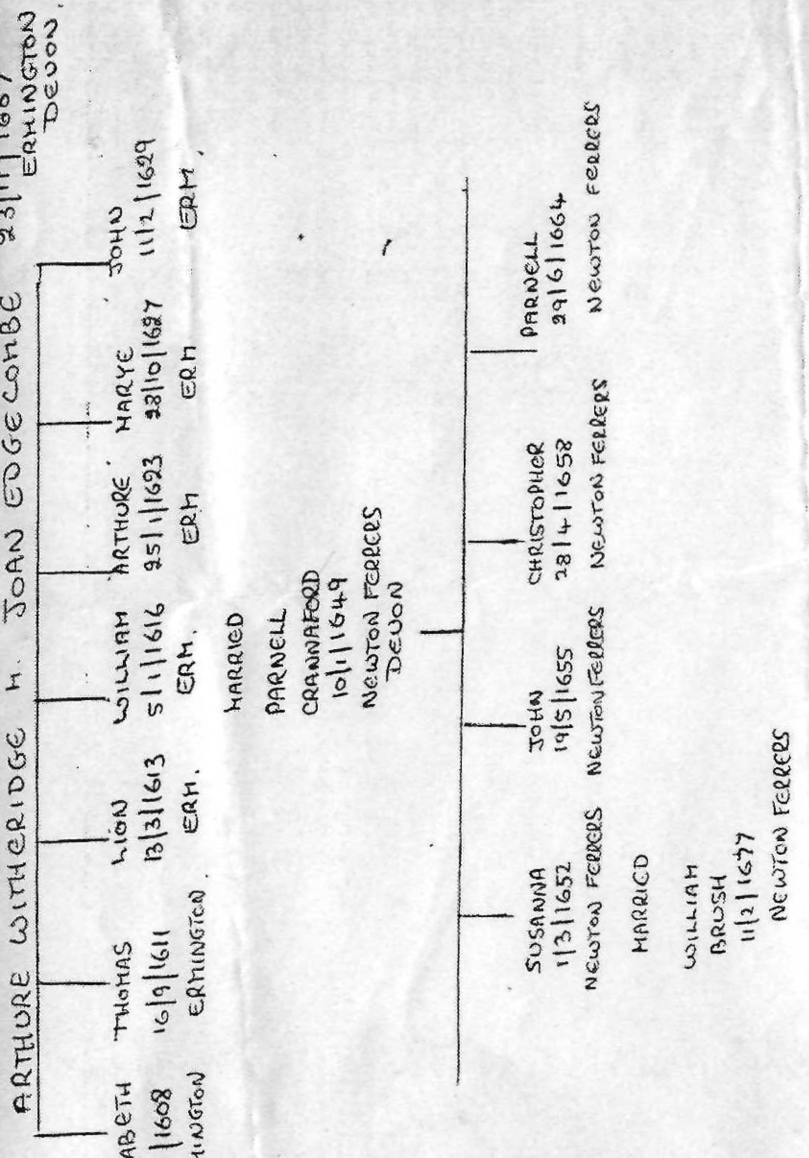
ARTHURE WITHERIDGE M. JOAN EDGECOMBE 23/11/1607 ERMINGTON DEVON.
ELIZABETH 22/1/1608 ERMINGTON
THOMAS 16/9/1611 ERMINGTON
LION 13/3/1613 ERM.
WILLIAM 5/1/1616 ERM.
ARTHURE 25/1/1623 ERM
MARYE 23/10/1627 ERM
JOHN 11/2/1629 ERM.
MARRIED PARNELL CRANNAFORD 10/1/1649 NEWTON FERRERS DEVON
SUSANNA 1/3/1652 NEWTON FERRERS
JOHN 19/5/1655 NEWTON FERRERS
CHRISTOPHER 28/4/1658 NEWTON FERRERS
PARNELL 29/6/1664 NEWTON FERRERS
MARRIED WILLIAM BRUSH 11/2/1677 NEWTON FERRERS

MRS M. RILEY
80 Church Road
Wembury
S. Devon
PL9 0JP
ENGLAND

24/10/87

Dear Mr Smith,

I found your name in the Genealogical Research Directory where it stated that you were interested in the Witheridge family in Devon pre 1850. As you can see from my chart I have Witheridge ancestors. Susanna Witheridge & William Brush were my great, great, great, great, great, great, grea great grand parents. Ermington & Newton Ferrers are two small villages. Plymouth is the nearest town. 10 miles from Ermington & 9 miles from Newton Ferrers. I hope this may turn out to be of some help to you. There are Witheridges of more recent time in some of the Plymouth Parish Records & I think the lines must go back to my Witheridges as the name Arthur keeps cropping up.

Good Luck.

Mary Riley.

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Mrs. Heather Smith
Leatherwood
Jooks Road
c/o P.O.
Lilydale, Tasmania 7268, Australia

July 2, 1988

Dear Mrs. Smith,

Thank you for your letter of June 24th. I have looked over all my Witheridge records, and I haven't found any connection with your family. However, my family came from North Devon, and I don't have a very complete file of Witheridges in the Plymouth area.

The person who has the best card file of all the Witheridges from both South and North Devon is Mrs. Kim Cook, 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF, England. It's possible that she could tie you into one of the families she has in her files. She has also recently organized a Witheridge Society that is bringing together the several branches and building up a central file of all the information.

You will probably want to write to Mrs. Cook, and I shall also tell her about you the next time I write to her. In fact, I'll send her a copy of the marriage certificate you sent me, as the Witheridge Society is collecting a master file of all Witheridge birth, marriage, and death certificates.

I'll also be writing to Mrs. Mary Riley, as I find that her Witheridge ancestry ties right into one of the Witheridge families about which Kim has a great deal of information. I hope Kim will be able to establish your Witheridge connections!

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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Mrs. Mary Riley
80 Church Road
Wembury
Devon PL9 0JP
England

July 2, 1988

Dear Mrs. Riley,

I'm writing to you because Mrs. Heather Smith of Australia wrote to me about her Witheridge ancestry and sent me a copy of the letter you wrote to her on October 24, 1987. It isn't clear in your letter how much you know about your Witheridge relationships.

Have you been in touch with Mrs. Kim Cook, 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham BR4 9PA? If not, you should write to her. She has a very extensive card file of Witheridges from both South and North Devon as well as elsewhere. In particular she has compiled a family tree of the Witheridges of Ermington. The little chart of your Witheridge ancestry which you sent to Mrs Smith ties right into this, of course.

Kim and a few others have recently organized the Witheridge Society to tie together the various branches, and build up a central file of Witheridge information. Perhaps you already know about this. In any case, I'm going to send her a copy of your letter and chart, and I think she may get in touch with you. I'm sure she knows a number of your distant relatives.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname NORRIS Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full): John NORRIS
Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name: DONT KNOW

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Marriage | c. 1911? | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full): Mary Annie ADAMS
Father's Name: John ADAMS
Mother's Maiden Name: Susanna WITHERIDGE

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | Nov 2nd 1894 | ABERDARE S. WALES |
| Death | Jan 13th 1937 | SURREY. |

Other Places of Residence: ADDLESTONE SURREY

Other Husbands: NONE.

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | Name / Married to | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | EDWARD LINDSEY | Birth | c. 1911? | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | Jan 1943 (age 32) | |
| 2 | SUSANNA MAY | Birth | c. 1914? | ABERDARE S. WALES |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | CHARLES HAYNES | Death | | |
| 3 | HELEN VERDUN "Verdie" | Birth | Feb 4th 1916 | |
| | Married to (of Carmarthen) | Marriage | | 2 children, |
| | DAVID EVANS | Death | | boy + girl |
| 4 | MARY ANNIE | Birth | Feb 14th 1918 | |
| | Married to Lodge | Marriage | | 2 children |
| | ROBERT LODGE | Death | | boy + girl |
| 5 | JOHN ~~NORRIS~~ | Birth | Feb 16. 1921 | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 6 | KATHLEEN | Birth | Aug 8th 1922 | |
| | Married to Scutton | Marriage | | |
| | THOMAS SCUTTON | Death | | |
| 7 | WILLIAM | Birth | Jan 13th 1923 | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | June 29th 1944 | Killed in the war |
| 8 | Monica "Molly" MONICA ~~NORRIS~~ | Birth | 21. 7. 1926 | ABERDARE. S. WALES |
| | Married to Queens | Marriage | 26 9 1959 | |
| | NEIL QUERNS | Death | | |
| 9 | THOMAS ~~NORRIS~~ | Birth | NOV 3RD 1927 | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | JUNE MACNALLY | Death | | |
| 10 | JOSEPH NORRIS | Birth | MAY 4th 1930 | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | MARGARET EASTHAM | Death | | |

See next page →

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[Info. from]

[Molly Querns (née Norris)]

Info. from Molly Querns (née Norris)
via Irene Birdsall (née Adams)

[via]

43, Bois Hall Rd.
Addlestone
Surrey KT13 2JL

11. FRANK NORRIS aug 2nd 1933
CORRINE JARVIS

[Irene Birdsall (née Adams)]

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Dear Sir,
Many thanks for writing to me & putting me in touch with Kim Cook. I have had a reply from her & also a visit from another lady through her. A possible distant relative. I hope your research proves as fruitful.
M. Riley

REV. D. WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING AVE. S.
MINNEAPOLIS
MINNESOTA
55405
U.S.A.

**TOP LEFT:** Cockington Forge, near Torquay, Devon.
**TOP RIGHT:** Typical Devon Thatched Cottage, Croyde Village, North Devon.
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Rose Cottage and Horse Drawn Caravans, Cockington, Devon.
**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Bickleigh on the Exe, Devon.

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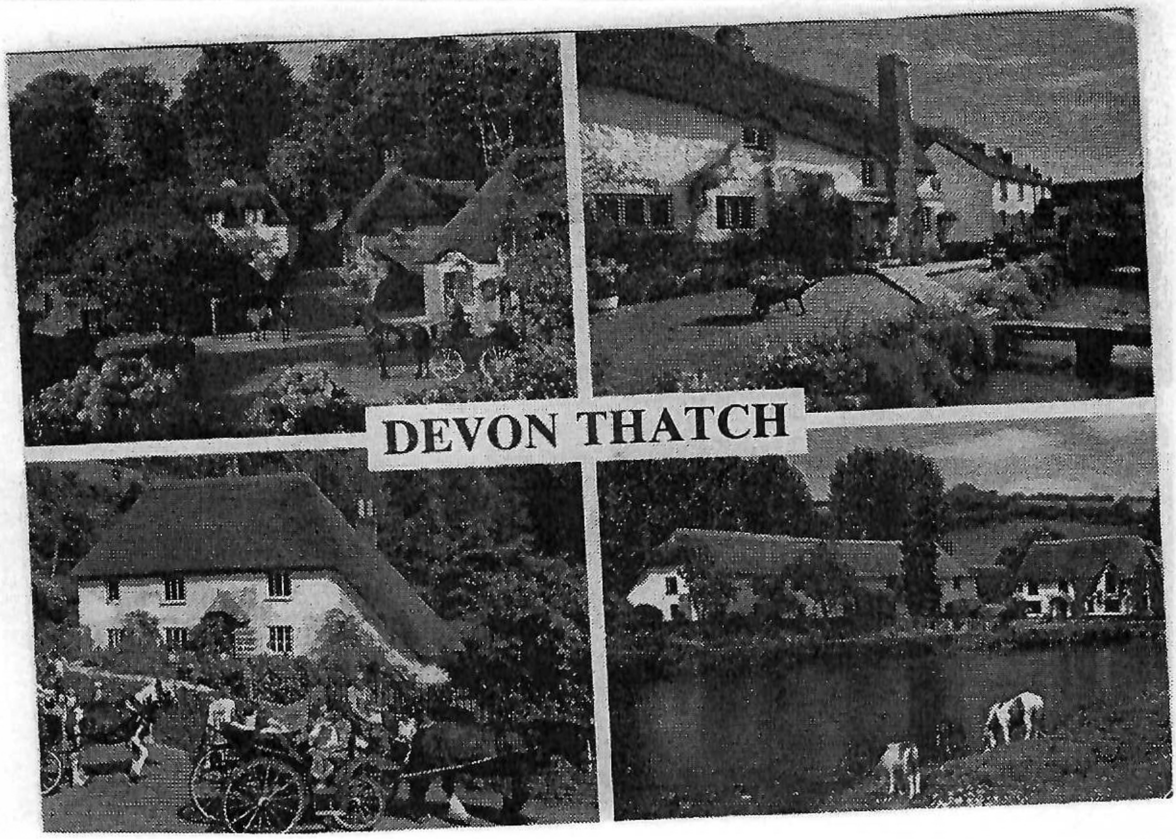

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**Kathleen M. Witheridge**

343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

Rev. David Witheridge,
2426 Irving Avenue, South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

April 25th, 1988.

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

I have today heard from the Witheridge Society in England, and they gave me your name.

For the past months I have been attempting a "Family Tree", and am now back to my husband's great great great grandfather, namely, George Witheridge, whom I found in the 1843 census for Darlington Township, Ontario. He was born in England in 1809, was married to Mary, and had six children, as follows:

John Witheridge, born in or around 1840;
Mary Jane Witheridge, born in or around 1842;
Elizabeth Witheridge, born in or around 1844;
George Witheridge, born in or around 1846 (my husband's great great grandfather);
Sarah I. Witheridge, born in or around 1854;
William T. Witheridge, born in or around 1858.

Are you aware of any of your relatives coming from Canada?

Last September, I visited England for five weeks, and spent one week in Devon, and had the opportunity to visit the Town of Witheridge, and found it most exciting. I am enclosing a leaflet advertising the new book "Old Witheridge" which you may be interested in obtaining a copy.

If you have any advice for me to encourage me in my search, I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

Kathy Witheridge

Kathleen M. Witheridge

[DEW's first letter to Kathy Witheridge]

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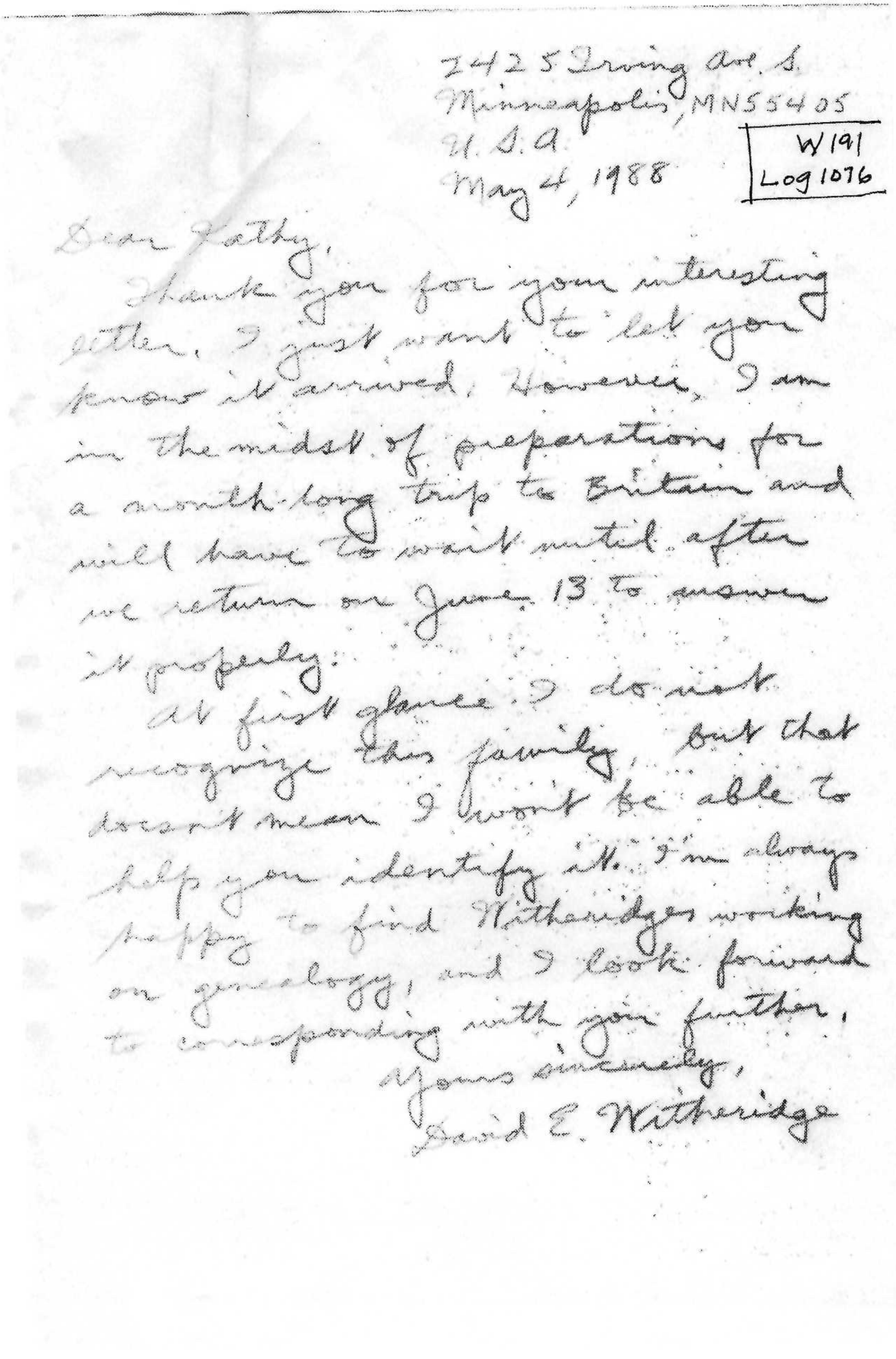

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
May 4, 1988

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Dear Kathy,

Thank you for your interesting letter. I just want to let you know it arrived. However, I am in the midst of preparations for a month-long trip to Britain and will have to wait until after we return on June 13 to answer it properly.

At first glance I do not recognize this family, but that doesn't mean I won't be able to help you identify it. I'm always happy to find Witheridges working on genealogy! and I look forward to corresponding with you further.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

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**Kathleen M. Witheridge**

343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

Rev. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue, South,
MINNEAPOLIS. MN 55409.

May 12th, 1988.

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

It was lovely to hear from you, and I thank you for your courteous reply. I am looking forward to hearing further from you, upon your arrival back from England. I hope you had a good vacation, and enjoyed your trip 'over ome'.

I am an immigrant from England. I left Halifax, Yorkshire, 14 years ago to come to Canada. I was divorced some years ago, and last September I was married to Paul Witheridge, a native of Toronto, and that's how I become involved with the "Witheridge Family Tree". And of course, after visiting that super little Town of Witheridge, in Devon, last year, I became curious as to whether or not our name originated from there.

I spent many hours in the library here in Sarnia, and also in the Provincial Archives in Toronto, looking through the censuses. I was also able to obtain a copy of Paul's great great great grandfathers Will and Probate, but unfortunately it did not give me his place of birth, other than England.

I was at a standstill for some time, I did not know where to start looking in England. I knew that he was born in England in 1809, and emigrated to Canada prior to 1843.

In March this year, I learned of the "Witheridge Society" in England, and immediately wrote them asking for membership. They were extremely helpful, and came up with the following information:

> There was a George Witheridge who was married to Mary Saunders, in Devon in 1839, and had a Son named John in 1840.

This information fit perfectly, and was exactly what I was looking for.

I have written back to the Society, with my subscription, and asked if they have more information on the above.

As previously mentioned to you, we were in England last September - October, for 5 weeks, and every place we visited, we looked in the telephone directory for the Witheridge name. The only place we found it was in various areas of Devon. I am enclosing a copy of the listings that we found for your information. I did write most of the people, but have only had one reply so far, that was from a David and June Witheridge, of Plympton, Plymouth, Devon. They also advised us of the "Witheridge Society" but had no address for it, and were going to try and find out for me, as they are not in to Genealogy.

I have an aunt, who lives in Crediton, Near Exeter, Devon, about 10 miles away from Witheridge, and she is doing some digging for me in the Archives in Exeter.

Well, I think thats about all my news for now, hope you had a super vacation and looking forward to hearing from you again.

Best wishes,

Kathy Witheridge

Kathy Witheridge

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Kathleen M. Witheridge

343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

Rev. David Witheridge,
2426 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

September 14th, 1988.

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

Further to my letter of May 12th, 1988, and hoping that you had a good trip to England in June.

I am coming along quite nicely with my Witheridge Family Tree, but I still have some missing links.

I am back to my husband's great-great-great grandfather, namely, George Witheridge, who was born in Devon, in 1807. I still do not know where in Devon he was born, or the exact date.

He married Mary Saunders the daughter of Peter and Jane Saunders in or around 1839, and they had one Son, namely, John Witheridge, prior to emigrating to Darlington Township in Canada, on or around 1842.

I did obtain a copy of a baptism record of the said Mary Saunders, who was baptized in the Parish of Bradworthy, Devon.

Upon their arrival in Canada, they bought a 93 acre farm in Darlington Township, Ontario, in 1853. I did obtain a copy of this Deed, also copies of Deeds where the Sons sold the property, the first part in 1894 and the second part in 1905. I am also in the possession of a copy of George's Will dated May 27th, 1871. He then died on April 18th, 1884.

A few weeks ago, I discovered his grave in Ebenezer Chapel Cemetery, in Darlington Township. In all the censuses his religion was stated as E.C. and I couldn't figure out what this meant. It obviously means Ebenezer Chapel. This Chapel was founded in 1866 in Darlington Township, and is still in existence today. I have today learned from the Library in Bowmanville, who have assisted me no end, that a lady by the name of Mrs. Rundle, is in the possession of six of the original windows of this chapel, and is anxious to sell. I replied right away stating my interest.

Last week my husband and I, booked our flight to Britain, we are departing from Toronto on December 10th, and returning January 11th. and will be spending Christmas with my Family in Halifax, Yorkshire. I hope to visit Devon for a few days, in order to do some research. I also wish to visit London, in order to obtain some birth certificates, they are much cheaper to attend oneself.

In April of this year, I wrote to Kim Cook sending her twelve pounds to join the "Witheridge Society". Unfortunately, I have heard nothing from her. I wrote her again in August to ask if she had received my money order, but still have heard nothing. Could you please advise me as to whether or not Kim has moved recently, I sent the money to 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent. BR4 98F.

Well, I think thats about all I have to tell you at the moment. Anxiously awaiting to hear about your trip and if you can assist me in any way.

Yours very truly,

Kathy Witheridge

Kathleen M. Witheridge

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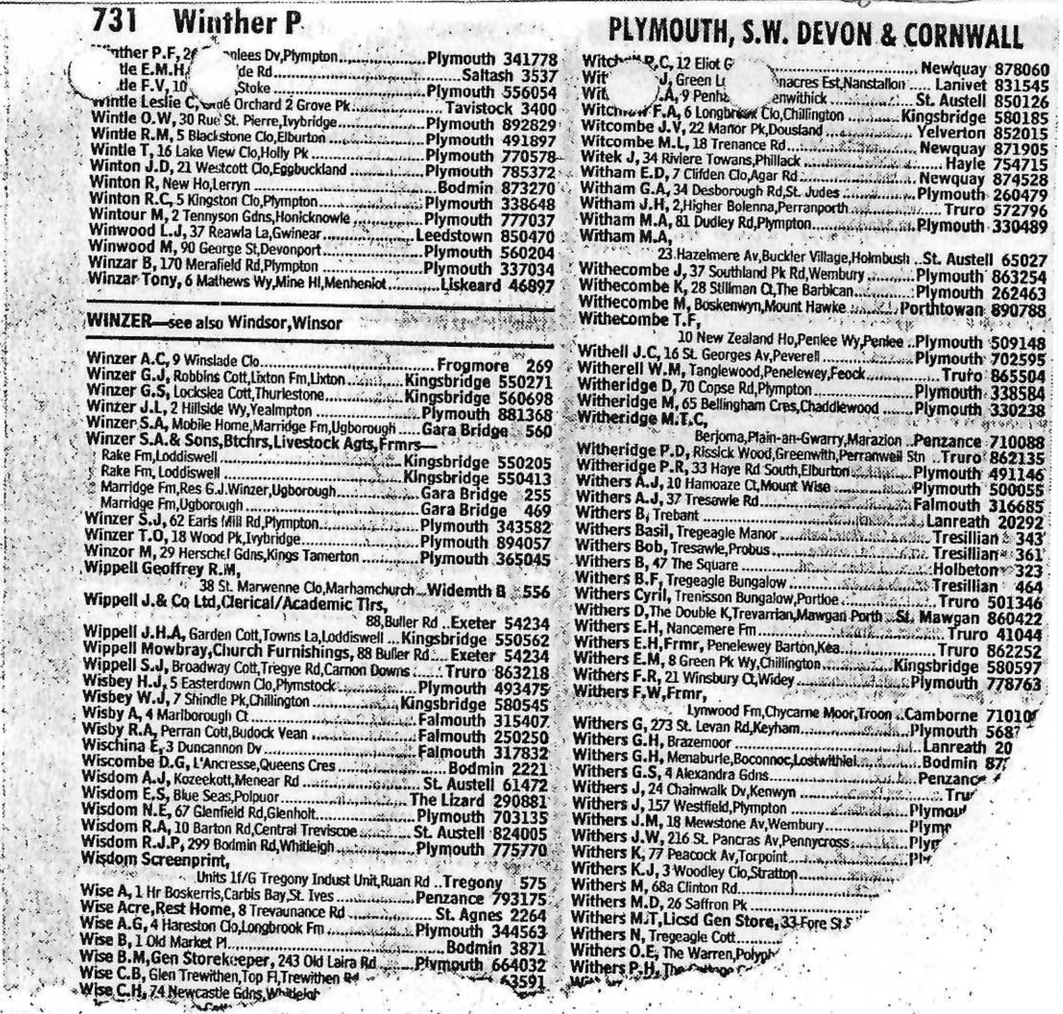

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Note: Kathy Witheridge's response to this letter is document W219.

October 6. 1988

Dear Kathy,

At last I have managed to pull together the records I have of the Bradworthy Witheridge family. I'm not sure how much of this is new to you, but I decided to send you all I have and let you compare it with your records. If you have any corrections or additions, please send them to me, indicating the source for each item. I did the work on this particular family many years ago, with much of it coming from Kim Cook. As you can see, there are many loose ends that I haven't had time to work on, but this material will give you some clues to follow up.

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Do you have convenient access to a Mormon branch library (now known as Family History Centers)? That is really the best place to start, but many other sources must be pursued, also. You are fortunate to have an aunt living in Devon to help in your research.

Our trip to Britain was a marvelous experience. It was our third trip there, and we have many relatives and friends there. My father came over as a boy with his family. My wife Elizabeth's ancestors all came over before the American Revolution, so we don't know any current relatives, but we did visit several of her ancestral homes. After about a week in the London area, we hired a car and drove for three weeks through England, Scotland, and Wales. Unfortunately, we both came home with bad colds, which lasted several weeks. We arrived in the midst of the drought and heat wave. So with our colds and the excessive heat, our energy level was very low, and we still haven't finished all that needed doing after our trip, including the writing of many letters!

Our itinerary, of course, included four days in Devon, which we enjoyed very much. I have many known relatives there, and many who are probably relatives, whose connections we haven't pinned down yet. My ancestral families lived over 300 years in the two towns of Berrynarbor and Combe Martin, and I have traced my Witheridge line back to about 1500 in Berrynarbor. My closest Witheridge relatives in Devon are second cousins of my father. They are the only Witheridges in the telephone directory of Exeter, Torbay, & North Devon, which you sent me (besides those named after the town of Witheridge). W.J. (Wm. John) Witheridge is my father's second cousin, and W.G. (Wm. George) is his son. They both live on and work the farm at Middle Stoodleigh, West Buckland, and we have visited them and their families three times. C.G. (Charles) Witheridge is John's brother at East Buckland, and we met him and his wife for the first time this year.

I'm not acquainted with any of the Witheridges listed in the telephone directory for Plymouth, S.W. Devon, & Cornwall.

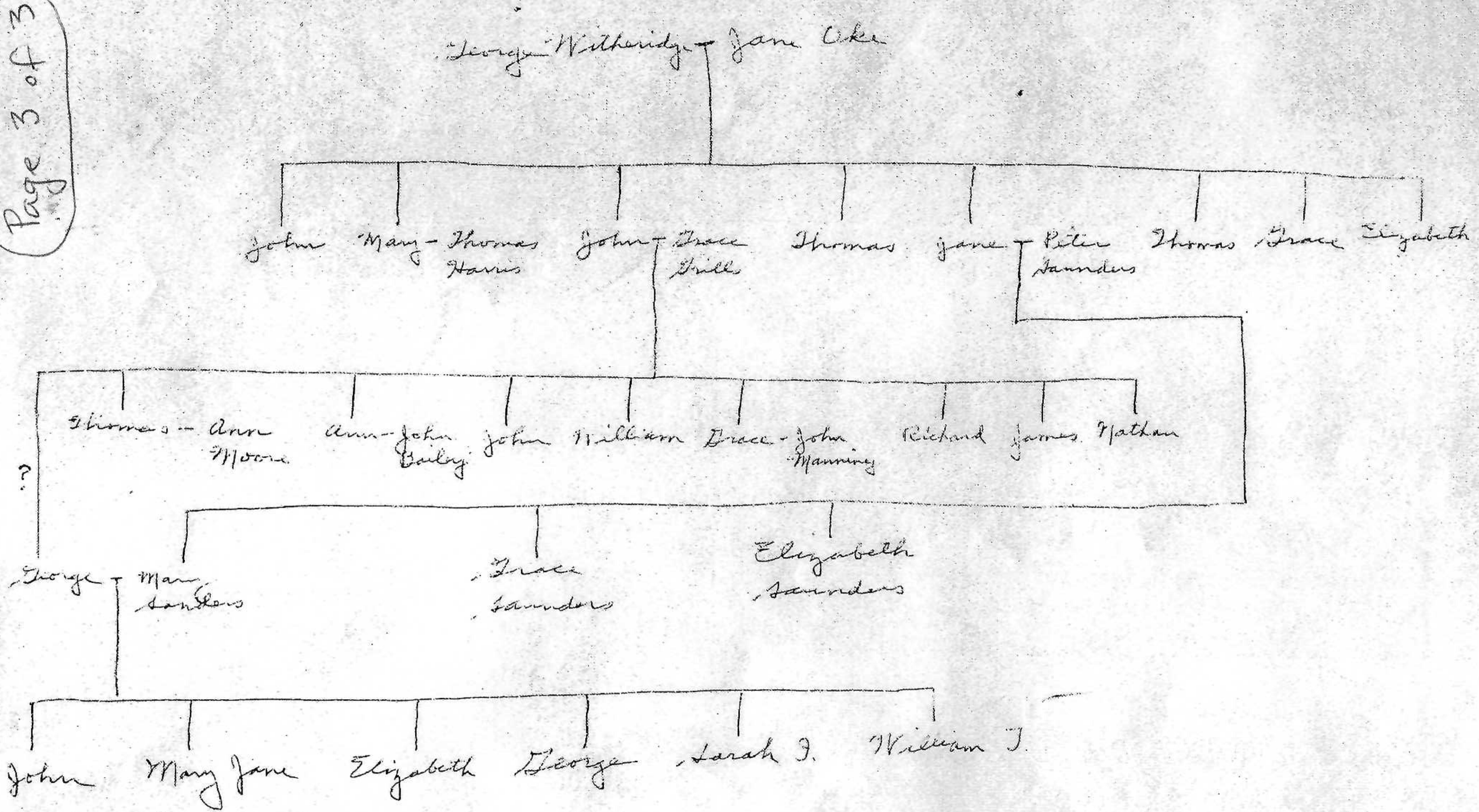
Kim Cook probably knows or knows of them, as her Witheridge ancestry is from South Devon. Kim and I have been corresponding and exchanging information for about twenty years. She and her husband Roy have met us at the airport and taken us back there on each of our three trips to Britain; and we have stayed with them a few days at the beginning and at the end of each trip. Elizabeth and I are very fond of them and their two sons, Jason and Adam, and we call each other distant cousins, although we haven't yet found the connection. I was very happy when she and some others decided to organize The Witheridge Society, and I'm sure it will result in much progress in our research.

Yes, the Cooks still live at 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF (Ph. 01-777-6072). (Note the Postal Code--9PF instead of 98F--though I don't think that would cause any trouble). Kim leads a very hectic life, and I usually have to wait several months for answers to my letters. In addition, there is a Membership Secretary to whom she probably sent your application and money. I think it is Mr. Rod Witheridge, Granville House, 33 Barrowgate Road, Chiswich, London W4 4QX. You might want to correspond with him. I'm sorry you have had a difficult time getting started in The Witheridge Society.

I appreciated your sending the information about "Old Witheridge," the history of the town. When we were in Devon, we went through Witheridge again, and while we were there we tried to buy a copy. However, they hadn't come out yet, so we paid for one, and it was mailed to us after we got home. We enjoyed reading it because it is a typical Devon town, but we knew there would be nothing in it about our family. As a matter of fact, when I began my genealogy, I wrote to the rector, and he said he had checked, and there had never been a Witheridge birth, marriage, or death there since the start of the parish register. They must have all left long before the 1500's.

This is all for now. Good luck in your research on this uncertain mass of material from Bradworthy.

Yours sincerely,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25 January 1988

Dear David and Elizabeth,

I cannot remember, for the life of me, if I have written to you since Christmas. There is so much confusion and activity going on in our lives that I have apparently relegated to file 13 some of the details of my life! In any event, forgive any duplications etc.

First, I have been engrossed rather thoroughly in entering information into our new computer (at home) with the new software I got from the Mormons - Personal Ancestral File. It is a "genealogical management system for home computers." I heard about it through a friend and ordered it right away. It stressed the simplicity of its workings (I like that!) so...I have more than 750 names entered and about 300 marriages with all of the attending children that I know about. I have much to do - to check, to add notes on persons and sources of information, to do more research on everyone. I hardly knew where to begin, but now I seem to be on track, and am about a third of the way through the basic family record sheets of Bruce, and have all of the family record sheets - that I had made out - of my side of the family entered. I would give most anything if you and I could get together with all of the information that we have and spend some time together. It will take one of three things: 1) I pack up my computer and bring it to St. Paul; 2) You pack up your records, hire a truck ! and come to East Lansing; 3) You purchase a computer and we both get a modem so we can transfer info by phone! Right now none of those sound too practical! Perhaps if I send you some money for copying (owe you much already!) I could get a hold of some of the many records of the children of the direct line of Witheridges et al. Well, some day...

I am enclosing a few things to let you see how this works. There are many lists I can print, but I am sending just a few. As you can see, on the Pedigree Chart anyone can be "1", so any variation can be obtained. I punched in Tom - the number 474 means something only to the computer. I have put in counties when I have them, but sometimes the info is to "long" to be entirely printed. I have yet to figure it all out, but I'm working on it!

The Descendants Chart will only print 10 generations at a time, so I had to repeat one of the ancestors (in this case I put in John Witheridge and Clara Blackmore), but in any case you will probably learn more about my family than you even want to know! But it is fun to do this, very rewarding, very amazing to me - machines are really great in some areas.

I am sending several of the Individual Data records - just because I kept punching in numbers! There is some superfluous information for the Mormons, but also to be utilized are forms to send to the LDS Library for registering (or whatever it is called) your relatives so you can find out if anyone else is looking for the same ancestors. The form is built into the software so all you have to do is punch in the number of the person and it prints the form with all of the information already on it.

Enough of this software! We are enjoying the computer for other things as well, the word processor most I think. I have all of my letters in my own "library" file, and can hang onto them as long as I wish - or delete them when they have lost their usefulness. I am writing back and forth to my friend in England whom I have never met and wants to come for a visit. I have written to her for 46 years! She and her husband may come in July.

The newlyweds are doing fine - did you add that name to your records? Annette Christine Donohoe, b. 5 AUG 1961, married Roy 16 OCT 1987.

And then some really BIG news - our son Eric has asked Catherine Elizabeth Rayman to marry him - September 3, 1988, People's Church, East Lansing. She was the maid of honor at Roy's wedding - and it blossomed quickly! I am so happy for Eric, he seems to have finally found something outside of himself to care about, and life has become more meaningful for him. Catherine seems to be a good choice for Eric - she was born in this area and her father works in Lansing at one of the plants, has 300 acres near DeWitt which he farms. She is quite shy and reserved, but that is a little refreshing after meeting a few of his girl friends! So we will be planning an executing another wedding. In this wedding Tara (Luanne's daughter - 7) will be a bridesmaid! and little Jennifer will be flower girl and Matthew ring bearer. Catherine was raised Catholic, but came to church today with Bruce and Eric - wants to see what being a protestant is all about. That's a step in the right direction!

I have a new boss, and am having a little trouble adjusting to him and him to me, I think. I am hoping it all works out for the best - I really would like to stay at the regional office for a few more years. It has many benefits - not monetary - and I would not think it a good choice to quit and stay home all day. Perhaps everything will work out, but it is taking some time.

Did I tell you that my dad's last sister, Mabel, died? She passed away before Christmas - December 10, in Grand Ledge at Ada's home.

Well, my friends, I have been at this screen for many hours and I think I will close for now. I know there are many things I would like to tell you - like the joy of seeing 6 cardinals at our bird feeder and then have them line up on the window sill and peek in. And about the marvelous performance of our grand daughter at the Christmas program - it was outstanding! And about my brilliant grandchildren Matthew and Jennifer, and about Emily Rose getting some teeth and on and on - but I won't tell you about all of that right now. I will hope that one day we can sit and chat about our grandchildren. Is that in your future as yet? Hope so!

Thank you again for setting me off on the track of our relatives. I have not even begun to get to the Gubb part of the family - is there ever enough time!!

My love to you both,

Jo

Anything I have, in any form, is yours for the asking!

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BRUCE D. ALDRICH
JOYCE V. ALDRICH
6555 Coleman Road
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

11-7-88

Dear David and Elizabeth,

What a delightful surprise to get a picture of beautiful Rebecca Elizabeth! I am not exaggerating when I call her beautiful! She is a striking child for being so young. So congratulations to you all. You're headed for years of fun!

I appreciate your letter - I have read it a few times - and will get the info you asked for if possible. I am neck deep in work details and have not been to a library in months, but will be going again soon.

Summer was so busy with our English company - and August was so busy getting ready for the wedding - I rested in Sept - then we had a large time of concern for my brother Roy's wife, Ronnie. She was so ill - almost everything but cancer - and she fainted one day (she did that a lot) and fell and broke her hip. It was the beginning of the end, and she died the 16th of October in Florida. Roy and my sister, Elaine, drove up and we spent a week in funeral activities - Ronnie was only 67 and so had many - really hundreds of people come to pay their respects. We spent time with Ray and Elaine – and my sister Jean and husband Neal came from Arkansas, so we had some good time together, sad tho it was.

Another busy time was company from Norway – visiting our daughter-in-law's parents – and we entertained them here. While they were here we had well problems and had to have a new pump installed – so, now I'm gearing up for Thanksgiving – we expect everyone here for dinner – "everyone" being our immediate family which now numbers fifteen! (that includes Bruce's mom, of course!) I'm already baking cookies and trying to freeze some for Christmas as I won't get any more vacation time, so not much time for preparation –

One of these days I'm going to slow down! but can't seem to set the brakes yet!

Congratulations to you –

Enjoy

Jo

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A transcription of this document by the editor (TFW) appears directly after it.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
February 3, 1999

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We look forward to hearing from you when you are able to write.

Yours sincerely,
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I'd appreciate it very much if you would take a little time and identify as many of these Witheridges as you can. If the New Jersey Witheridges are your relatives, is there one of them who might be the most interested in family history? Do you know of any other Witheridges who are not on this list?

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Yours sincerely,
David & Elizabeth

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* According to DEW's summary in document calendar 138, the list should have appeared in his files as document W208. Unfortunately, as of December 15, 2021, that document is missing. It will probably turn up; see the index entry for *Witheridges Across America*.

** See the next document (W202) for the birth certificate of John and Jane's son, William (b. 1844).

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| No. When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description, a residence of informant |
| 293 Thirtieth of October 1844 Ottery Lamerton | William | Boy | John Witheridge | Jane Witheridge formerly Percy | Labourer | John Wit Fathe Ottery Lamerto |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the General Register Office, Somerset House, London, under the Seal of the said Office, the 21st day of

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953.

Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register O of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to be given force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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Given at the General Register Office,
Somerset House, London

*Application Number* PAS. 107836/66/F/5.

Tavistock

Milton Abbott in the County of Devon.

| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description, and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| Jane Witheridge formerly Percy | Labourer | John Witheridge Father Ottery Lamerton | Seventeenth of November 1844 | John Percy Registrar | |

Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

, under the Seal of the said Office, the 21st day of October 1966.

Deaths Registration Act, 1953.

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*See note overleaf

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# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

*The fee for this certificate is 5s. 0d. When application is made by post, a handling fee is payable in addition.*

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

Application Number PAS 89437/69/6/3.

Form A513 (S.110522) DJ.639623 25,000 5/69 Hw.-RE-69

Registration District Tavistock

1862. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church
in the Parish of Lamerton in the County of Devon

| No. | When married | Name and surname | Age | Condition | Rank or profession | Residence at the time of marriage | Father's name and surname | Rank or profession of father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 182 | Feb. 12 1862 | John Witheridge | 24 | Bachelor | Miner | Ottery | John Witheridge | Surveyor of Roads |
| | | Emma Northcott | 23 | Spinster | —— | Lamerton Village | James Northcott | Cordwainer |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me

This marriage was solemnized between us, John Witheridge
Emma Northcott

in the presence of us, James Northcott
Henry Hartop

Henry J. Phillpott
Vicar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 25th day of September 1969.

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section (3) of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

MA 880514

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GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE ENGLAND

25/9/69

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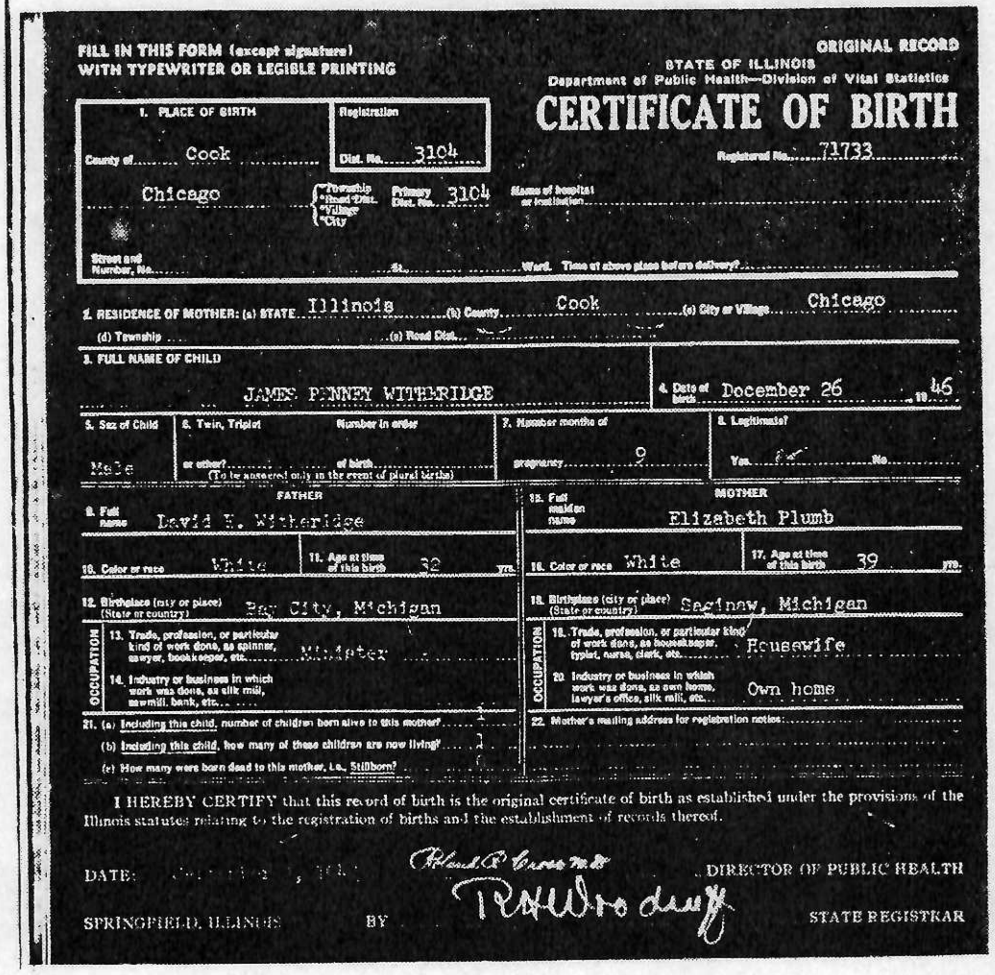
STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CERTIFIED COPY OF A BIRTH RECORD

No. 37291



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ORIGINAL RECORD
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Department of Public Health—Division of Vital Statistics

# CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Registered No. 71733

1. PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Cook
Registration Dist. No. 3104
Chicago (Township, Road Dist., Village, City)
Primary Dist. No. 3104
Name of hospital or institution
Street and Number, No. ... St. ... Ward. Time at above place before delivery?

2. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER: (a) STATE Illinois (b) County Cook (c) City or Village Chicago
(d) Township ... (e) Road Dist. ...

3. FULL NAME OF CHILD JAMES PENNEY WITHERIDGE

4. Date of birth December 26 19 46

5. Sex of Child Male
6. Twin, Triplet or other? ... Number in order of birth ... (To be answered only in the event of plural births)
7. Number months of pregnancy 9
8. Legitimate? Yes ✓ No ...

FATHER
9. Full name David H. Witheridge
10. Color or race White
11. Age at time of this birth 32 yrs.
12. Birthplace (city or place) (State or country) Bay City, Michigan
OCCUPATION
13. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Minister
14. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. ...

MOTHER
15. Full maiden name Elizabeth Plumb
16. Color or race White
17. Age at time of this birth 39 yrs.
18. Birthplace (city or place) (State or country) Saginaw, Michigan
OCCUPATION
19. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as housekeeper, typist, nurse, clerk, etc. Housewife
20. Industry or business in which work was done, as own home, lawyer's office, silk mill, etc. Own home

21. (a) Including this child, number of children born alive to this mother? 1
(b) Including this child, how many of these children are now living? 1
(c) How many were born dead to this mother, i.e., Stillborn? ...

22. Mother's mailing address for registration notice: ...

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this record of birth is the original certificate of birth as established under the provisions of the Illinois statutes relating to the registration of births and the establishment of records thereof.

DATE: [illegible]
Roland R. Cross M.D. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS BY R.H. Woodruff STATE REGISTRAR

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record of birth as made from the original certificate of birth for the child named therein and that this certificate was established and filed with the Department of Public Health in accordance with the statutes of Illinois governing the registration of and the establishment of records of births, stillbirths, and deaths.

SEPT. 12, 1947

Roland R. Cross M.D.
Director of Public Health

R.H. Woodruff M.D.
State Registrar

Division of Vital Statistics & Records
SPRINGFIELD

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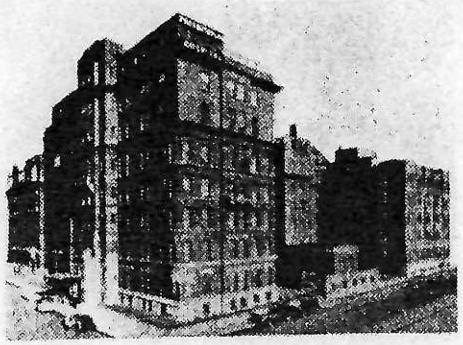
# The Presbyterian Hospital



## of the City of Chicago

This Certifies that THOMAS FRANK WITHERIDGE (Weight 9 lbs., 6 oz.)

was born in The Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago

on the NINTH day of DECEMBER (8.11 A.M.) A. D. 19 47

In Witness Whereof the said Hospital has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officer and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed.

HOSPITAL NO.470115

Leslie D. Reid
Superintendent

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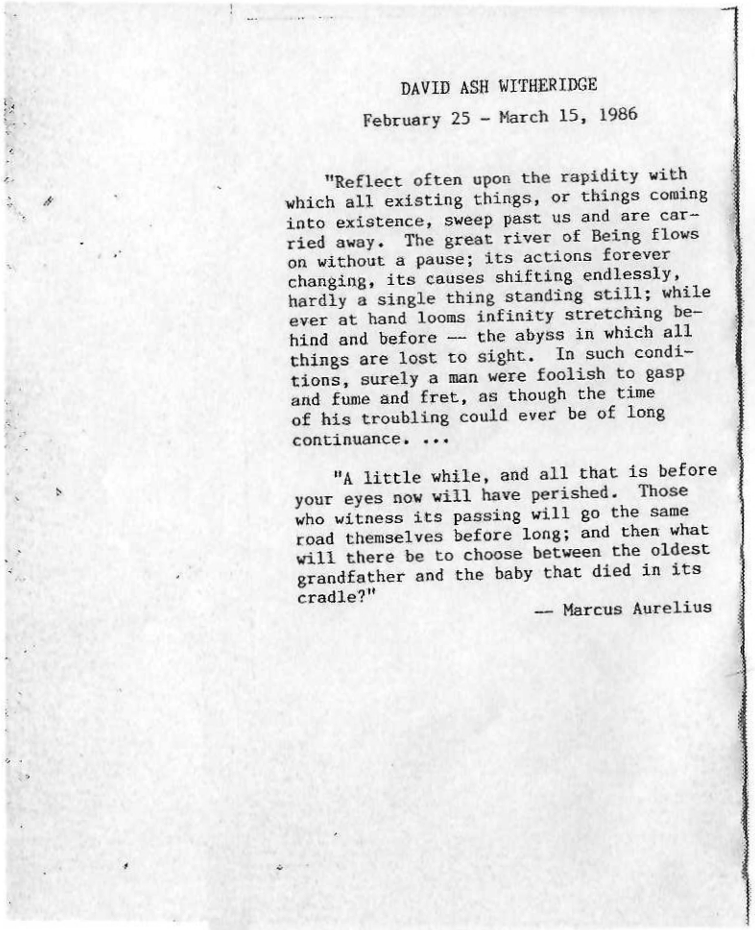


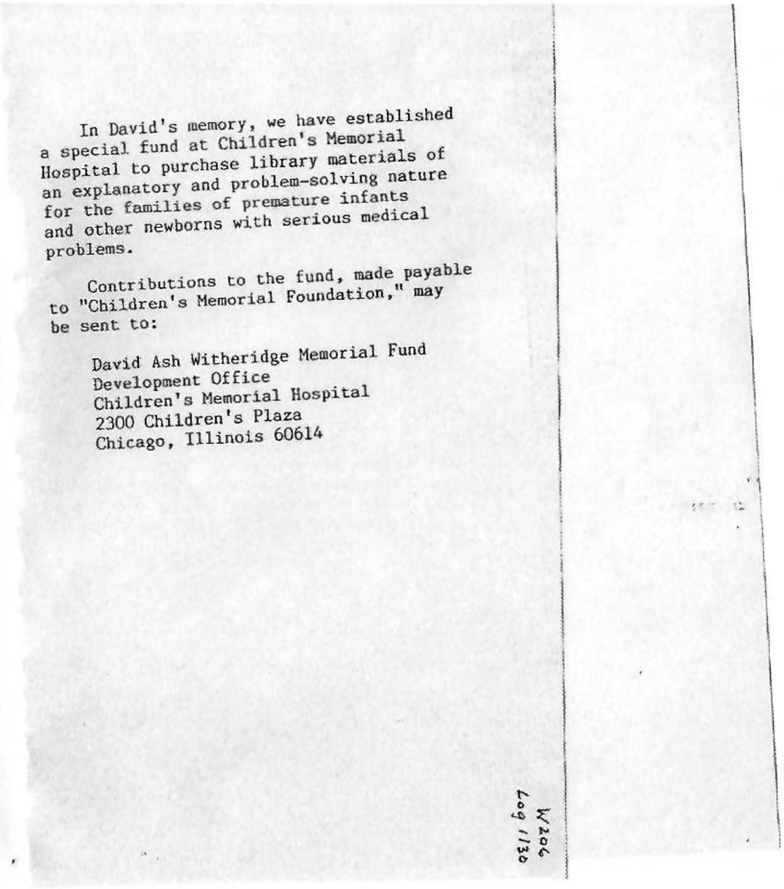
DAVID ASH WITHERIDGE

February 25 - March 15, 1986

"Reflect often upon the rapidity with which all existing things, or things coming into existence, sweep past us and are carried away. The great river of Being flows on without a pause; its actions forever changing, its causes shifting endlessly, hardly a single thing standing still; while ever at hand looms infinity stretching behind and before — the abyss in which all things are lost to sight. In such conditions, surely a man were foolish to gasp and fume and fret, as though the time of his troubling could ever be of long continuance. ...

"A little while, and all that is before your eyes now will have perished. Those who witness its passing will go the same road themselves before long; and then what will there be to choose between the oldest grandfather and the baby that died in its cradle?"

— Marcus Aurelius



In David's memory, we have established a special fund at Children's Memorial Hospital to purchase library materials of an explanatory and problem-solving nature for the families of premature infants and other newborns with serious medical problems.

Contributions to the fund, made payable to "Children's Memorial Foundation," may be sent to:

David Ash Witheridge Memorial Fund
Development Office
Children's Memorial Hospital
2300 Children's Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60614

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6276 Yukon St.
Vancouver, B.C.
Feb 11/89.

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Dear David,

Just a short note. I have to strike while the iron is hot otherwise I will overlook the matter.

Neil Witheridge has sent me this article from the Times and I wonder if you have seen it. The Witheridges are an august group & seem to be drawn to the ministry. Neil mentioned in his letter that the name Witheridge means "Ridge of Willows" and he has also read that it can mean "Sheep Herder". There is something Biblical about that too.

Enough levity. I think I will write the Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury: My research doesn't seem to tie in with Royalty so perhaps he will do!!

Hope you are both well. Having glorious weather if very cold. — Looking forward to Spring

John

THE TIMES SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14 1987

### John Witheridge

# Martyrs' seed for the Church

Monday sees the tenth anniversary of the murder of Archbishop Janani Luwum of Uganda. Luwum had done all in his power to protest against one of history's most demonic dictators and barbaric regimes. On orders from Amin he was harassed, arrested, humiliated, and submitted to a gruelling show trial on trumped up charges. The next morning newspapers reported the Archbishop's death in a motor accident. Those who saw the body say he was shot.

The trauma of an archbishop's murder was not lost even on a people numbed by six years of tyranny. Hundreds of thousands had been killed, imprisoned or deported. When I accompanied the Archbishop of Canterbury to Uganda we were shown the point where Lake Victoria had become dammed by a vast wall of rotting corpses.

Janani Luwum stands in a succession of martyrs which began exactly a century before with the arrival in Uganda of the first Christian mission. The Kabaka (King) took draconian steps to prevent the spread of a faith which might threaten his kingdom. James Hannington was speared to death in 1885 as he made his hazardous journey to Uganda to become the first Anglican bishop. A year later three newly converted page boys in the Kabaka's service were dismembered before being roasted alive.

The most celebrated of all victims of this fierce persecution are the martyrs of Numugongo, more then 30 young courtiers who were burnt in a single pyre after they had been found reading from scriptures. Roman Catholics and Anglicans perished together.

Despite the Kabaka's determination to stamp out the Christian faith the very opposite occurred. The meteoric growth of the Church in Uganda makes a remarkable tale. A decade after the martyrs of Namugongo there were 7,000 baptized members and 50,000 enquirers. Here was a Church established and inspired by martyrdom. "The blood of the martyrs," wrote Tertullian, "is seed for the church: the more we are mown down, the more we multiply."

The same Easter phenomenon is to be found in Uganda today. For all the sufferings they have endured under Amin and Obote, Christians are still numerous, vigorous and determined.

The sacrilegious slaughter of Luwum was felt far beyond the borders of Uganda. The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury decided immediately to dedicate a chapel in the Cathedral to the Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time. Here are recorded the names and memories of a handful of countless men and women of every nation and denomination who have sacrificed their lives for their faith: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Maximilian Kolbe, Martin Luther King, Maria Skobtsova, Oscar Romero, Janani Luwum.

The Chapel is situated at the furthest point of the Cathedral in the Corona, built to house the relic of Becket's scalp, so here the noble army of martyrs past and present are brought together. Archbishop Thomas of Canterbury is linked to Archbishop Janani of Uganda; both were victims of the interminable and often violent clash between Church and State, God and Caesar.

Like that of Luwum, the martyrdom of Becket 800 years before gave birth to marvellous powers of renewal. Almost immediately, pilgrims flocked to Canterbury from far and wide to pray and be healed at the martyr's tomb. From the ashes of a saint's suffering has arisen again and again the fair phoenix of a faith rekindled and revived.

Martyr means "witness" and it is to Christ's crucifixion that the martyr testifies. This is the heart of the matter. The sacrifice of martyrdom is the most literal imitation of Christ. It is to accompany Christ to his journey's end.

But to share in that death is to share too in the mystery of his resurrection. The extraordinary and miraculous fruits of martyrdom – the deepening and expanding of faith and devotion, the victory of love and forgiveness over evil, brutality and death – are vital signs of the power and wonder of Easter.

Indeed it is this very experience of the life-giving power of martyrdom which witnesses to the truth of the central Christian claim that Jesus rose from the dead. The effects of the martyr's death "give the Easter story a profound credibility both in itself and as the release and sharing of a new healing and liberating power in the world" (Church of England Bishops' Statement on *The Nature of Christian Belief*, 1986).

So, as T S Eliot's Becket preaches on Christmas morning, "A martyrdom is always the design of God, for His love of men, to warn them and to lead them, to bring them back to His ways." Such reflections raise the uncomfortable thought that our own lack of opportunity (and courage?) for martyrdom lies close to the heart of the Church's malaise in our time and place.

*The author is Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury.*

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12/1/89

Copy to Rev. David Witheridge
Copy to Mrs Kevin Cook
Copy to Hugh & Althea.

MISS R. M. STEVENS
2 MILL YARD
COUNTESS WEAR
EXETER
EX2 6LL
TEL: (0392) 72398

D.F.H. 4065.

Dear Mr. Hookway

Thank you very much for your letter – I was most interested in all the details you sent me. My grandmother was a Hookway – on my mother's side of the family, and although I am sure there were numerous cousins I have never met one (shall I say – yet). I did get some information from my sister before she died but it was only a year ago I really started trying to find out something about the family from the Mormons IGI and Census records. I have gone through my notes and have extracted anything relating to Weare Giffard (W.G.) which I will give you + then give my family Tree to see if you can make any connection. If not there are some very funny coincidences!

I.G.I. Devon:-

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Hookway | m | Elizabeth Edwards | | | 28/11/1729 | W.G. |
| " | " | " | Francis Lavey | | 7/4/1734 | " |
| " | " | " | Mary Ford | | 10/6/1737 | " |
| Samuel | " | son | William H / Mary | b | 22/5/1787 | " |
| William | " | " | " | " b | 13/12/1789 | " |
| " | " | m | Elizabeth Lewis | | 6/5/1779 | " |

Census for Bideford 1861

117 Meddon St

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Hookway | | 42 | Dairyman | b W.G. |
| Mary | " | 38 | | b St. Giles |
| Jane | " | 15 | | b W.G. |
| Ann | " | 13 | | b Northam |
| Harriet | " | 11 | | " |
| Mary | " | 9 | | " |
| Eliza | " | 4 | | b Bideford. |
| Samuel | " | 40 | Ag Lab | b W.G. |
| Elizabeth Z | " | 47 | | b Peters Marland |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| ϕ Charles Hookway | | 36 | Boatman | b W.G. |
| Mary | | " | | b Bideford |
| William | " | 16 | House Carpenter | " |
| Charles | " | 13 | | b Northam |
| Mary | " | 12 | | b Bideford |
| ϕ Samuel | " | 9 | | b " |
| Henry | " | 6 | | " |
| John | " | 3 | | " |
| Emily | " | 1 mth | | " |
| Henry Brown | brother law | 33 | Lawyer | " |
| Charlotte | " sister law | 27 | Gloveress | " |

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Census for Bideford 1851 (my family)
104 Mill St.

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|---|---|---|---|
| James Hookway | 45 | Shoemaker<br>emp 1 man + 2 appts | b Monkleigh |
| Mary " | 38 | | b Bideford |
| Mary T " | 16 | | " |
| Robert " | 10 | | " |
| Ellen A " | 8 | | " |
| William J.H. " | 5 | | " |
| Rosabelle " | 1 | | " — my Grandmother. |
| Sarah Pollack Lodger unm 34 annuitant | | | b Kingston Jamaica |

In 1861 James was shown at 96 Mill St as something I couldn't read - like Cordwainer Crwdwsiner (emp 3 m + 2 boys) and Mary shown as crawanders wife!

154 Lock St.
Hannah Hookway lodger unm 60 pauper b Monkleigh.

Family Tree as I have worked it out.

John Hookway = Nancy Perkins at Monkleigh 13/1/1805
b c 1780

son James H
b 17/7/1805 Monkleigh = Mary Jane Taylor b 1813 Bideford.

Mary Anne H. b 1835 = John Beer b 1822
Robert H b 1841 = Mary Jane Lethbridge b 1840 (had 5 daughters and ~~1~~ son Robert and son Edward)
Ellen A.H. b 1843 = James R. ~~Pound~~ Pound b 1842
William J H b 1846 ?
Rosabelle b 1850 = John Holiway Embery b 1841

My other Grandmother was a Manning whose forebears farmed at Bradworthy for generations. I noticed that a John Manning m Grace Witheridge 3/5/1855 at Bradworthy. In Bradworthy churchyard "William Witheridge son of John and Grace W died 7/12/1816 age 22
and John " died 21/5/1839 age 71. [Prob. 27/6/1859 - 300K]
(I am in contact with their descendants - 4th cousins of mine).

I hope this will be of some use to you - when you retire. I understand some Mannings emigrated to Canada or America, if you should happen to come across them. With best wishes,

Yours sincerely, Ruth A. Stevens

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DEW's response can be found in document W218

6276 Yukon St
Vancouver, BC
Feb 6/89.

W214
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Dear David & Elizabeth

Just a short note enclosing some information I've had duplicated. It occurs to me? Did I send it before as some is quite old. Better that than never having sent it.

Some of the info puts flesh on the bones so to speak and I found it interesting as I hope you will.

With all this leisure retirement time I'm getting down to research again and the cold snap we are now having also encourages one to stay inside. I'm looking forward to spring.

Pat & I are taking a five week computer course. We were computer ignorant and now have some idea of what they can do. Do you have any knowledge of Computer Genealogical Programmes and have you thought about this area at all? The LDS have a programme which I have written about and I expect they will be into that field more and more. Their records are of course plugged into this field. It would be exciting if one could eventually phone them and have them FAX the info direct to ones home.

I've been sent a couple of books on [illegible], Conn. in which my gg grandmother is mentioned at some length. She married twice and the author is from her second marriage lucky to have.

We keep well. Our proposed trip to Israel and Egypt was cancelled as our minister's wife with whom we were going as part of a small group has family illness (cancer - her mother). Pat and I will probably drive to California in April and then in the fall go to England. We are just exploring the possibilities now.

My niece here in Vancouver has just started researching her mother's family and it's a treat to share her exciting finds.

Pat is getting in deeper in her Church activities

She will be chairperson of the Settlement Comm for BC Conference come June. She supervises to some extent changes in Pastoral Charges. She is also on the committee which interviews prospective ministerial candidates, is on the Loans Comm for BC Conference loans money to various churches for expansion and development and is on our newly opened Book Store Supervisory Comm. Trips to Toronto this year and our conference which is being held in northern B.C.

Me? I'm on her home support team. The interview Comm may prove to be a difficult one in this coming year as the Gay ordination problem is such a contentious issue. The United Church is trying to deal with the matter in a caring, loving way. St. A/W has lost several families due to the churches stand on the matter. Some people who were on the periphery of the church have become more involved because of the stand we have taken. One can't be less than loving in the situation and to erect barriers because of ones sexual orientation certainly doesn't express what we are called to be and do.

This was to be a short note but I find I've run on and on.

I hope you find the info interesting and useful. Do let me know if you have any knowledge of Computer Gen. Pgms.

Joy + Blessings
John

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What church (denomination) are you with

— My views re the Gay problem may not be yours but I would regardless find your views interesting.

NB
Do you have any info re John Witheridge or ~~all~~ the names which are joined with a question mark? I can't fit my grandfather father THOMAS Ch 1808 Ilfracombe. into this chart

25 Eynham Road
Milperra 2214. AUST.

11.5.1988.

Dear Mr James, [John James]

I am tracing my family tree and have been corresponding with Mr Eric COULL of South Australia. I recently sent him information on my branch of the family and my relationship to our mutual ancestor Daniel COULL, the original member of the family to migrate from England.

Because of certain information I included he has sent me your name + address, and as he points out that it has been some time since he last heard from you, I can only hope you receive this letter.

1. Please find enclosed a brief copy of my family tree.
2. Refer to Thomas Daniel DOWN. *
3. He + his first wife – Ruth (GOODWIN) had 3 children, 1 daughter, Mabel Ellen (my grandmother) and 2 sons – Thomas Berman + Percival Warman
4. Percival Warman DOWN married Martha (WITHERIDGE) c 1905 NSW
5. Martha (WITHERIDGE) – parents of Phelamon WITHERIDGE
m Mary CAVETH (or CAVETT)

I haven't bothered to research this line because it doesn't directly relate to me but when Eric told me of your interest in this surname I phoned my great Aunt and got this little bit of extra information. She is 82.

The story goes.—

Philamon Witheridge ran away to sea when quite young and travelled the world for some years. He eventually returned to England + married Mary CAVETH (or CAVETT) They had 5 children who died in England. They migrated to Australia (not sure of the year) + landed Port Douglas Queensland c 1870. They had 13 children in Australia + eventually settled in Batemans Bay N.SW.

Philamon lived to be 90+

If you would like more information please let me know + I will try to research them more fully. I'm curious to know how your COULL and WITHERIDGE families are connected + if they connected to mine.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kindest regards
Barbara Willes

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arbara (DIXON) - m Ruth (HALSTEAD) - m Mabel (DOWN) f. Thomas DOWN - m Jane (COULL) f. Daniel

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23 Bermuda Rd.
Safety Bay
Western Australia
6169.

16th May 83.

Dear Mr James. [John James]

My son Phillip Witheridge of South Australia. sent me your letter, he knows very little of the family history, I cant give you a great deal of information, as all the W. family & Phillip in South Australia. come from the one source. my husband s. Grandparents. I will give you a resume of what we know. — William & Polly. (this seems to be her given name). Witheridge. came from Devon. in the latter half of the last Century. they settled in South Australia, could have had relatives there, I feel sure they were wed in S.A. as I recall her telling me, William, gave her the first cow she owned, for a wedding present, which did not impress me. I feel they both had farming backgrounds. as he worked in S.A. for a big timber Company as horse master and she had cows all her life. I think two of her six sons were born in S.A. then they were transferred to West. Aust. to work in the lower South West. with the same firm. she ran the Mill boarding house. She had the rest of her family at this time. a very isolated life in those days. They seem to have saved enough money to buy land and start a dairy farm. in another very isolated place outskirts of Perth. Polly never had much to say about William I think he liked a drink and was an easy going sort of chap. she was just the opposite. William died not long after the move to the farm. leaving Polly with six sons, one a baby. she would be quite young. as I remember she told me she married at Sixteen. I met her in 1940. when I married her Grand son William (Peter). she would be about 5' tall. very small woman with nice features. she was quite old then. her son George, lived with her on the original dairy, which was very run down. She ruled the boys with a rod of iron all her life, and terrified their wives and children. this is why. so little is known of her history. My husband's father left home and made his own life. married and had a family unfortunately both parents died while the children were young. and they were cared for by the mothers family, of whom Polly did not approve. The youngest son John went off also, he settled in South Australia. and did not return with his family, till after her death. as he was also very unpopular. Her eldest son. Alfred was killed 1914-18 war unmarried. Charles and Percival shared a wheat and Sheep farm about 200 miles from Perth, not very happily I'm afraid. as Polly financed the venture, and of course. was able to call the tune. Charles did not marry till 1939 but Percy. wed young. and had a large family. George stayed with his mother. always saying he would travel and have some joy out of life. but he died suddenly in 1943. Polly did not survive him for long. Charles & Percy. sold up their farm and the dairy. and retired to enjoy life John returned from S. Australia. We did not have much to do with them after the funerals, as there was the usual cash disputes, I think all the old photoes and papers were burnt at this time, rather a pity. but I think They wanted to forget their hard childhood. We only discovered Polly's maiden name was Witheridge. quite recently, so wonder what relationship she & William shared. Percy didn't know about this, he is the only Surviving son & very vague, but she would not have told the boys much, even if they had been interested. Percy's grand son was in Devon some time back, & went to Witheridge village, but could only find two old men. the last of the Clan

I will give you some addresses in Sydney. out of the Phone book there you may get some information, as they are no connection with our clan. here, could be some of Polly's & Williams family who were in South Aust. it is a very fascinating subject once you start, I can quite understand your enthusiasm. if I can dig up any thing further. I will certainly let you know. but all sources here have dried up. but one never knows. Will give you a list of the Witheridge Sons. as correct as we know.

Willeaim & Polly Witheridge (nee Witheridge?)
Alfred. Batchelor Killed 1914·18 war.
William married died 1930
George Batchelor died 1943.
Charles married died 1950.
Percival married.
John married. died 1970.

Peter my husband was born
1913. I. 1920
we were married 1940.
have 3 children
2 Boys. 1. Sydney NSW
1 Adelaide SA
1 Girl. Wa.
we are retired, live by the sea. very ideal life for us. quiet. good fishing & climate.

50 Km FROM Perth.

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LIST FROM VIC + NSW Phone Books.

VICTORIA
WITHERIDGE. A. 31 McMAHON'S RD FRANKSTON VICTORIA.
" " H. 60 RAGLAN ST. SOUTH MELBOORNE "
" " K. 12 SUZANNE CRT. RINGWOOD. VICTORIA
" " R. 7 CALEDONIA CRES. MIGRAVE. VICTORIA

NEW SOUTH WALES.
WITHERIDGE E. 11 KIORA RD. MARANDA. NSW.
" " L 3 MAIN ST EARLS WOOD. NSW.
" " L DOLPHIN CRES WHITE BEACH. NSW.
R. 65 BEETHOVEN RD. SEVEN HILLS NSW

AUSTRALIA.

Wishing you great success in your Search.

Mavis Witheridge.

POSSIBLY LIKE US. ALL THE ONE CLAN. SO MAYBE IF YOU SELECT ONE OR TWO NAMES. MIGHT PAY. OFF. will try for Queensland if possible, will let you know any thing further. Hope you can understand all this

M W.

This chart was sent to John James by Ngaire Witheridge, and Mr. James forwarded it to DEW. It is split into six parts on the next six pages, as follows:

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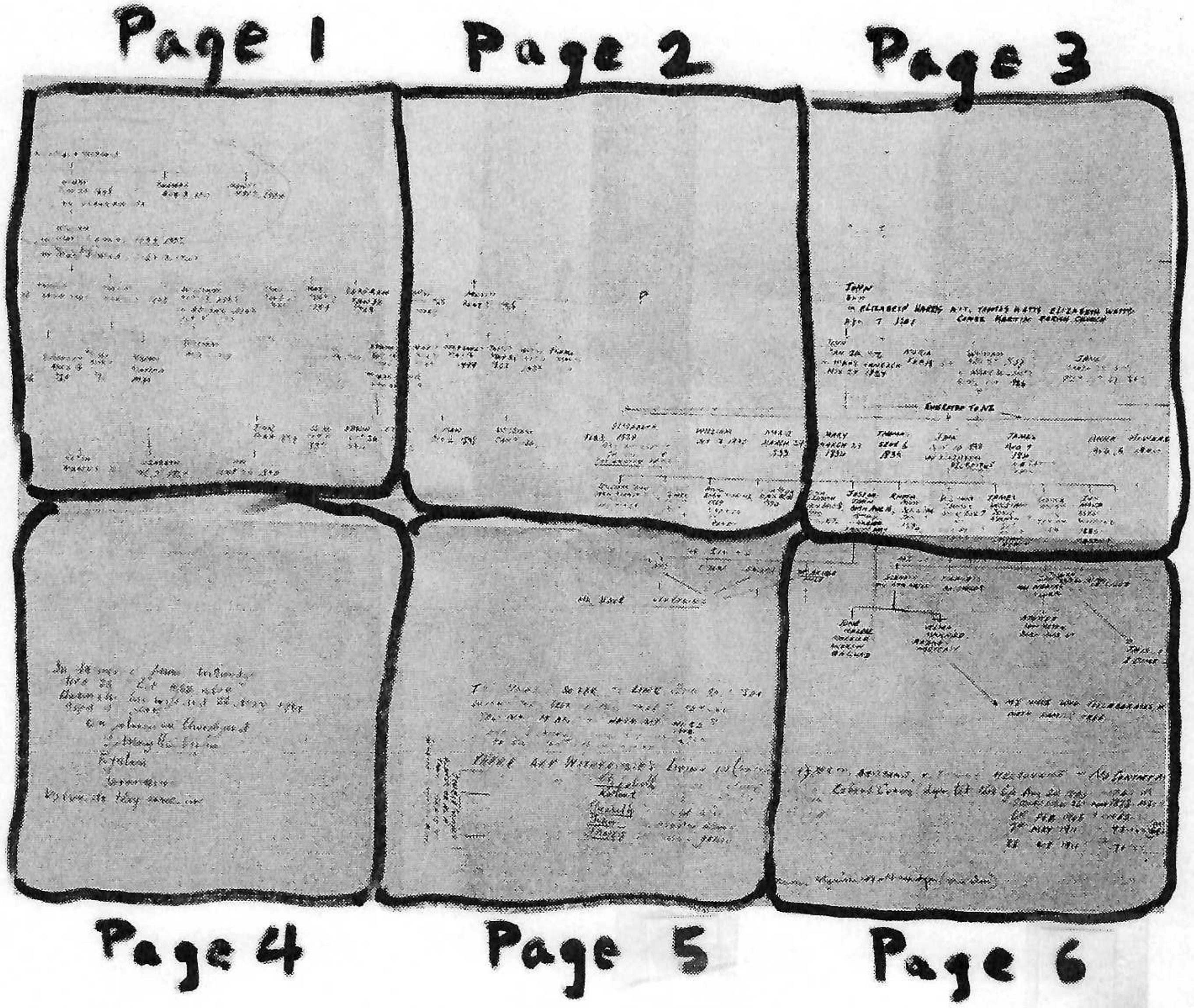
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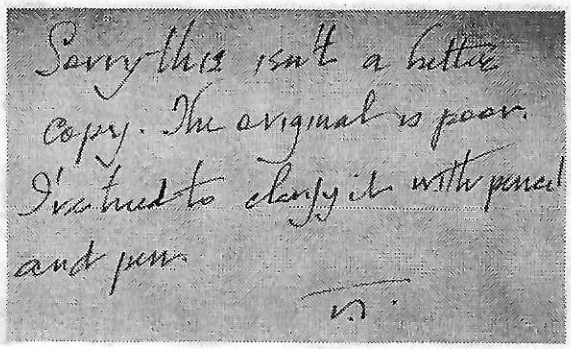
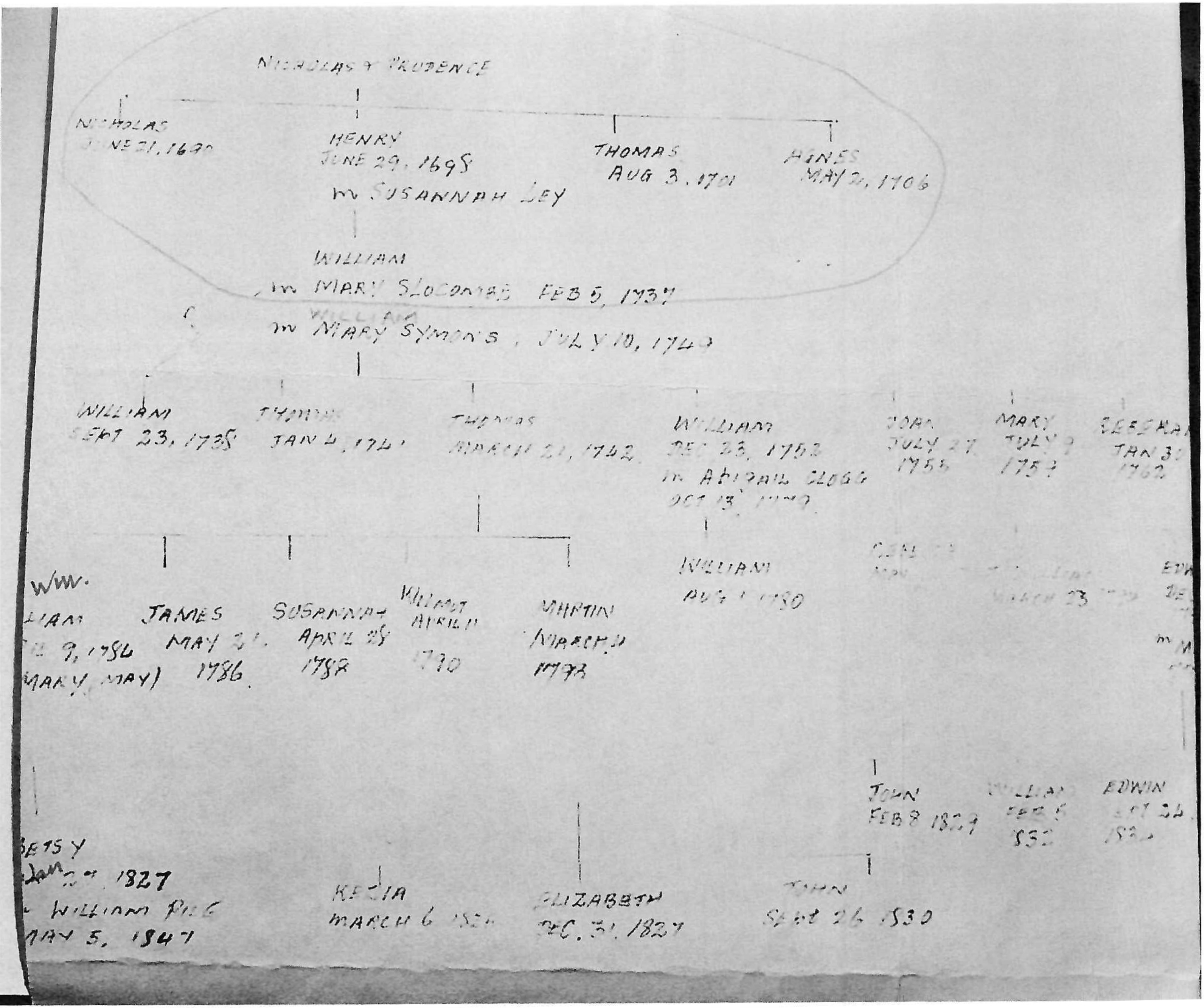
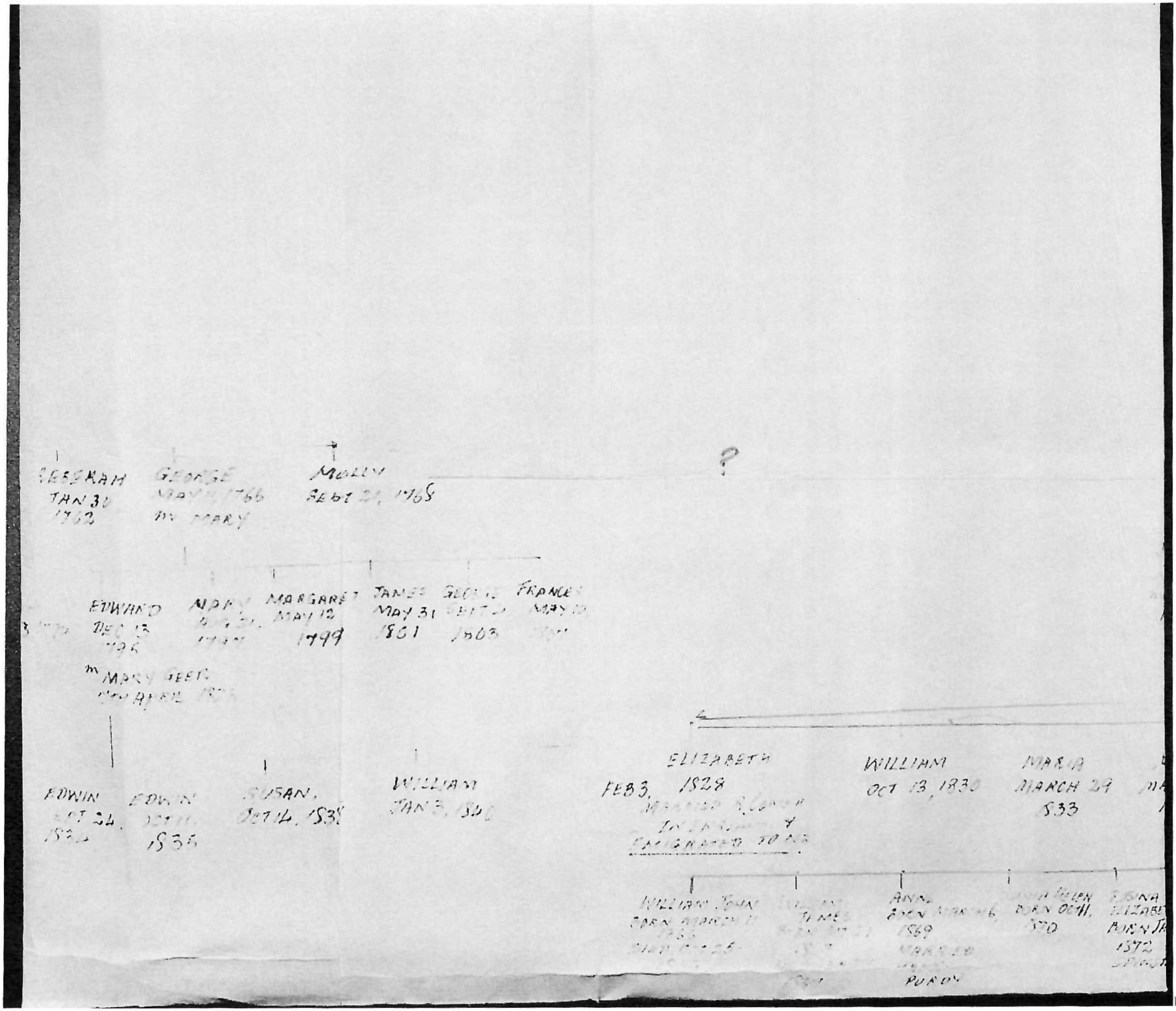


Sorry this isn't a better copy. The original is poor. I've tried to clarify it with pencil and pen.

N.

This was written on the back by John James


NICHOLAS + PRUDENCE
NICHOLAS
JUNE 21, 1690
HENRY
JUNE 29, 1695
m SUSANNAH LEY
THOMAS
AUG 3, 1701
AGNES
MAY 2, 1706
WILLIAM
m MARY SLOCOMBE FEB 5, 1737
WILLIAM
m MARY SYMONS, JULY 10, 1749
WILLIAM
SEPT 23, 1735
THOMAS
JAN 4, 1741
THOMAS
MARCH 21, 1742
WILLIAM
DEC 23, 1753
m ABIGAIL CLOGG
OCT 13, 1779
JOAN
JULY 27
1755
MARY
JULY 9
1757
ELEANOR
JAN 3
1762
WM.
WILLIAM
FEB 9, 1784
(MARY MAY)
JAMES
MAY 21
1786
SUSANNAH
APRIL 25
1788
WILLMOT
APRIL 11
1790
MARTIN
MARCH 11
1793
WILLIAM
AUG 1 1780
MARCH 23
EDW
m M
JOHN
FEB 8 1829
WILLIAM
FEB 5
1832
EDWIN
SEPT 24
1834
BETSY
Jan 24 1827
m WILLIAM PILE
MAY 5, 1847
KEZIA
MARCH 6
ELIZABETH
DEC. 31, 1827
JOHN
SEPT 26 1830


ABRAHAM
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1762
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MAY 1766
m MARY
MOLLY
SEPT 21, 1768
?
EDWARD
DEC 13
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m MARY GEE
APRIL 1825
MARY
1797
MARGARET
MAY 12
1799
JAMES
MAY 31
1801
GEORGE
1803
FRANCES
EDWIN
OCT 24.
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EDWIN
1835
SUSAN.
OCT 14, 1838
WILLIAM
JAN 3, 1840
ELIZABETH
FEB 3, 1828
MARRIED
EMIGRATED TO
WILLIAM
OCT 13, 1830
MARIA
MARCH 29
1833
WILLIAM JOHN
BORN MARCH
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PURDY
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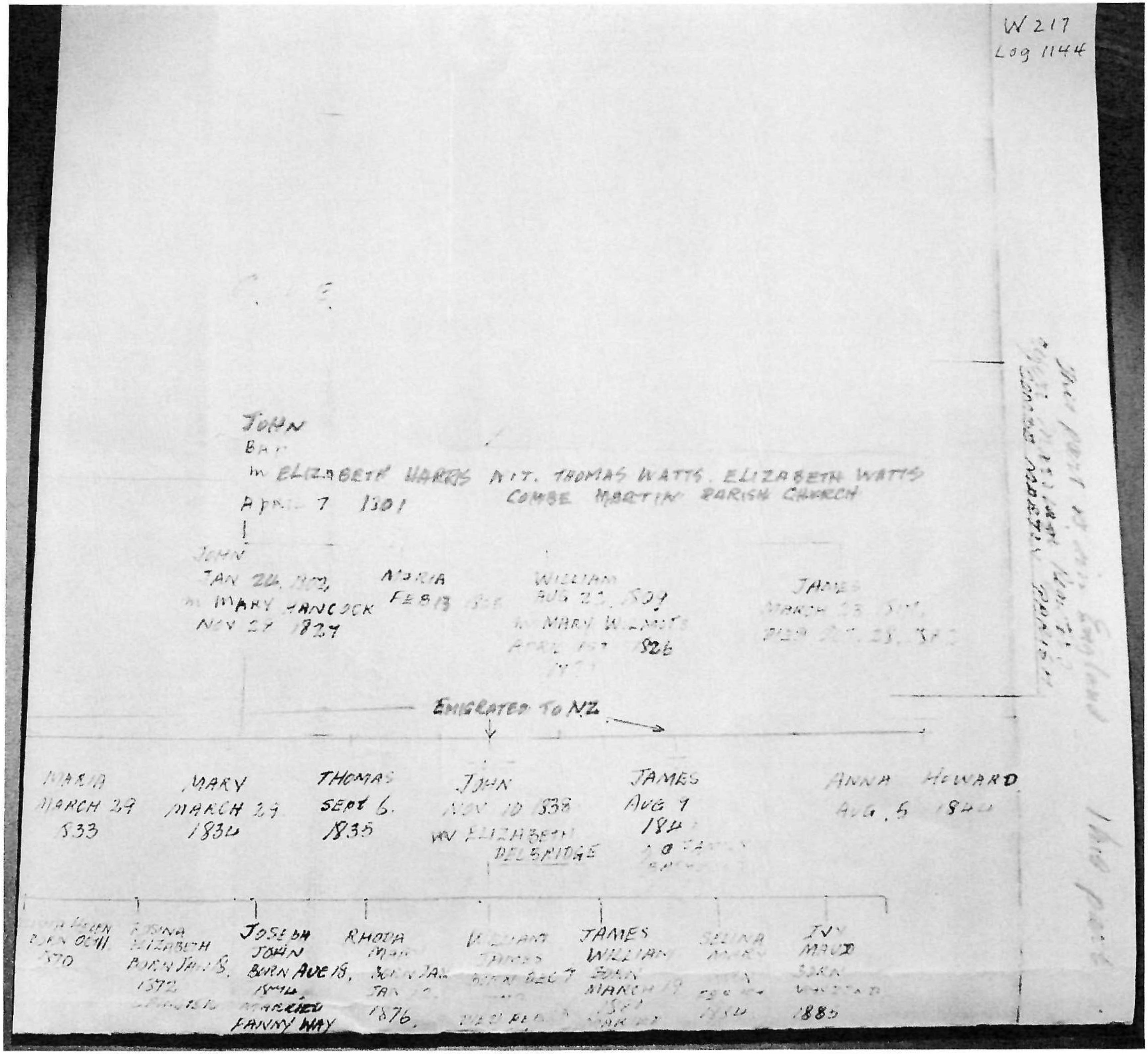

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JOHN
BAP
m ELIZABETH HARRIS AIT. THOMAS WATTS. ELIZABETH WATTS
APRIL 7 1801
COMBE MARTIN PARISH CHURCH

JOHN
JAN 24, 1802
m MARY HANCOCK
NOV 27 1827

MARIA
FEB 13 [illegible]

WILLIAM
AUG 23, 1809
m MARY WILMOTS
APRIL 1ST 1826
[illegible]

JAMES
MARCH 23 [illegible]
[illegible]

EMIGRATED TO NZ

MARIA
MARCH 29
1833

MARY
MARCH 29
1834

THOMAS
SEPT 6.
1835

JOHN
NOV 10 1838
m ELIZABETH
DELBRIDGE

JAMES
AUG 9
184[illegible]
[illegible]

ANNA
AUG. 5

HOWARD
1840

[illegible] HELEN
BORN OCT 11
1870

ROSINA
ELIZABETH
BORN JAN 8.
1872
[illegible]

JOSEPH
JOHN
BORN AUG 18,
1874
MARRIED
FANNY WAY

RHODA
MAY
BORN JAN
JAN [illegible]
1876.

WILLIAM
JAMES
BORN DECT
[illegible]
[illegible]

JAMES
WILLIAM
BORN
MARCH 19
1881
MARRIED

SELINA
MARY
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1880

IVY
MAUD
BORN
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1885

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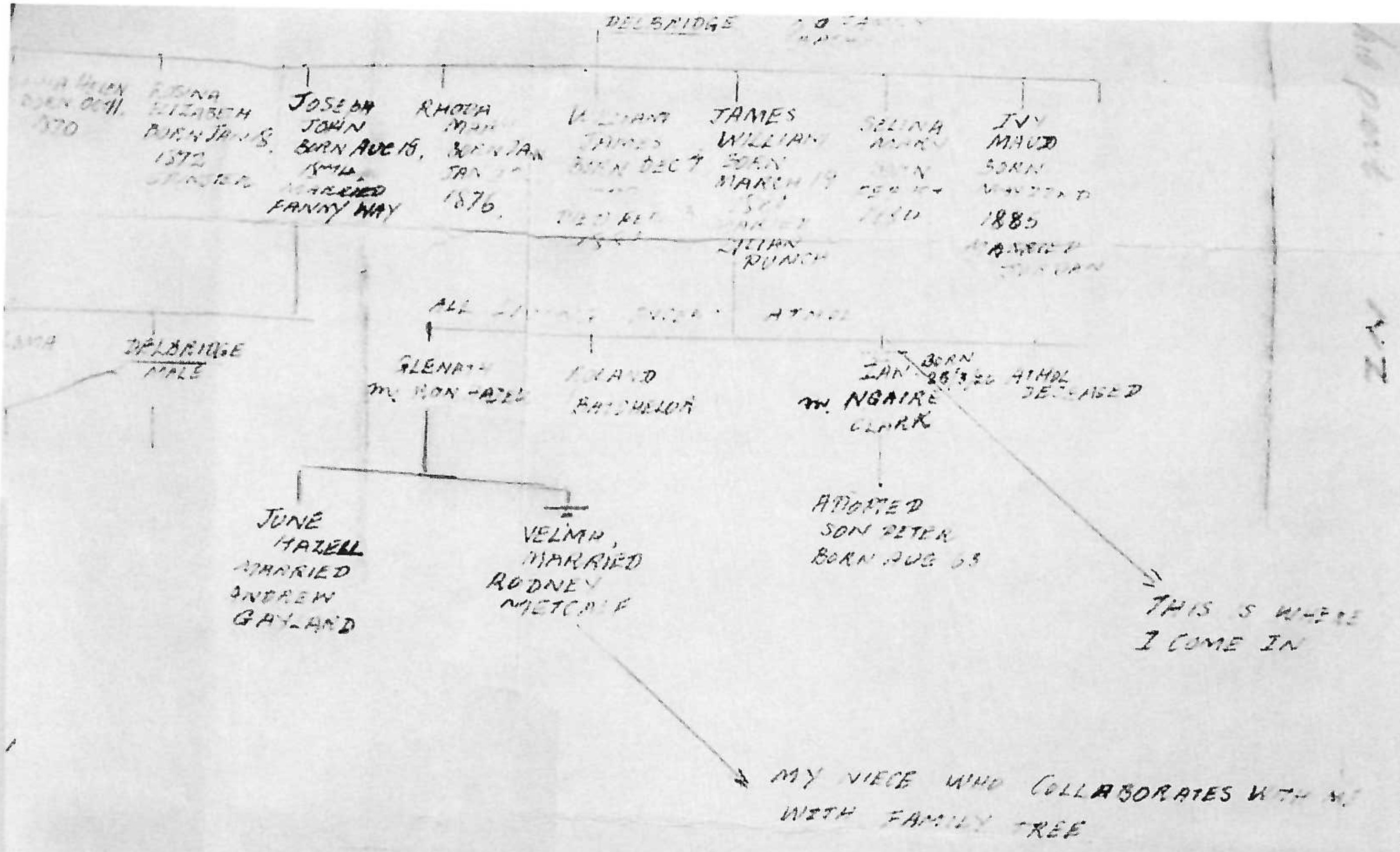
DELBRIDGE
BORN OCT 11. 1870
ELIZABETH BORN JAN 8. 1872
JOSEPH JOHN BORN AUG 18, 1874 MARRIED FANNY MAY
RHODA MAY BORN JAN 1876.
JAMES BORN DEC 7
JAMES WILLIAM BORN MARCH 19 MARRIED PUNCH
SELINA
IVY MAUD BORN 1885
DELBRIDGE MALE
ALL
GLENAVY m. RON HAZELL
ROLAND BATCHELOR
IAN BORN 28.3.26 m. NGAIRE CLARK
ATHOL DECEASED
JUNE HAZELL MARRIED ANDREW GAYLAND
VELMA, MARRIED RODNEY METCALF
ADOPTED SON PETER BORN AUG 63
THIS IS WHERE I COME IN
MY NIECE WHO COLLABORATES WITH ME WITH FAMILY TREE
N.Z.

) PERTH. BRISBANE, + MELBOURNE — NO CONTACT MADE

Robert Coker departed this life Aug 24 1870

SIDNEY NSW 26. NOV 1878. AGED 72.

6th FEB 1905 AGED 62

7th MAY 1911 73 MY GRANDFATHER

23 OCT 1911 71

From Ngaire Witheridge (Mrs. Ian)

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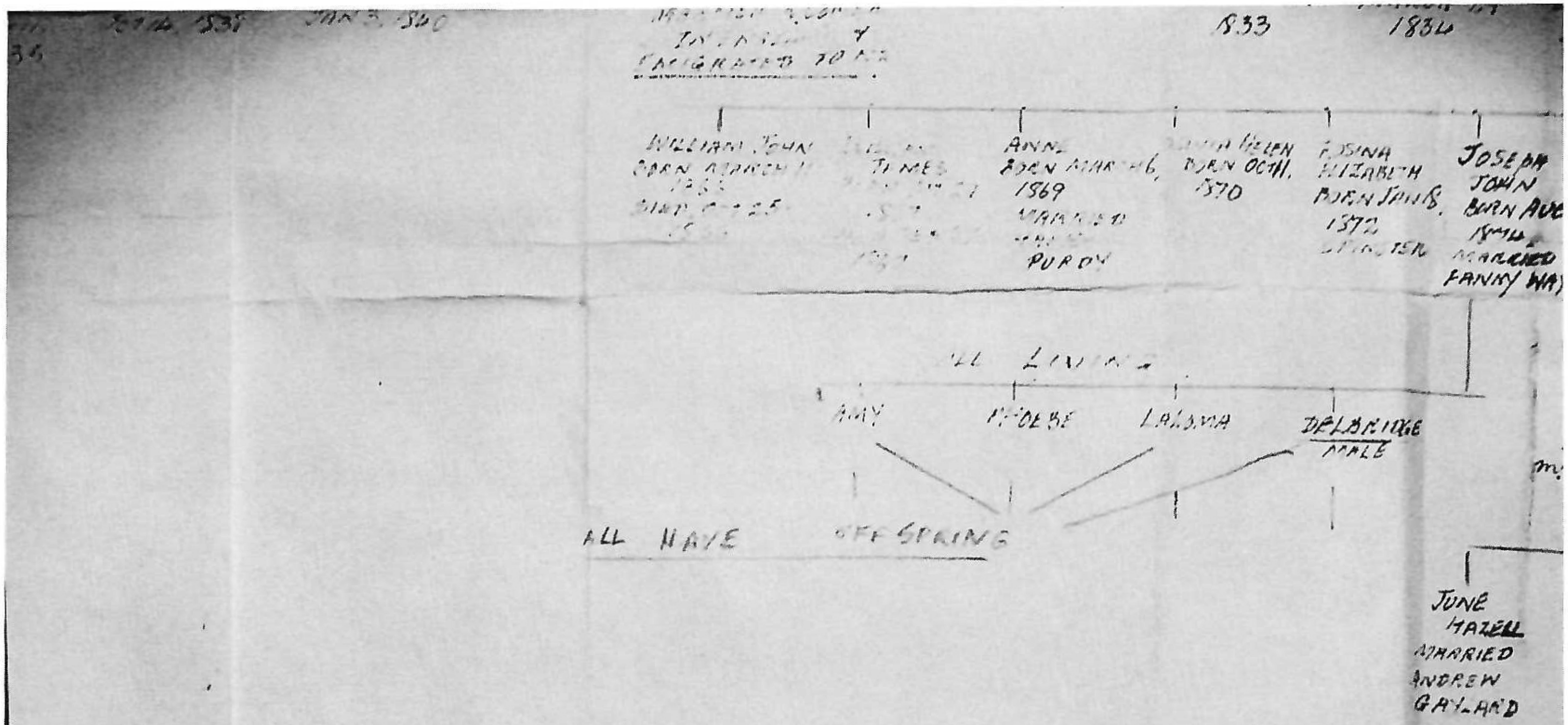

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JAN 3, 1840
IN
EMIGRATED TO
1833
1834
WILLIAM JOHN
BORN MARCH
JAMES
ANNE
BORN MARCH 6,
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MARRIED
PURDY
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BORN OCT 11.
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FANNY WA
ALL LIVING
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PHOEBE
LALANA
DELBRIDGE
MALE
ALL HAVE OFFSPRING
JUNE
HAZELL
MARRIED
ANDREW
GAYLARD

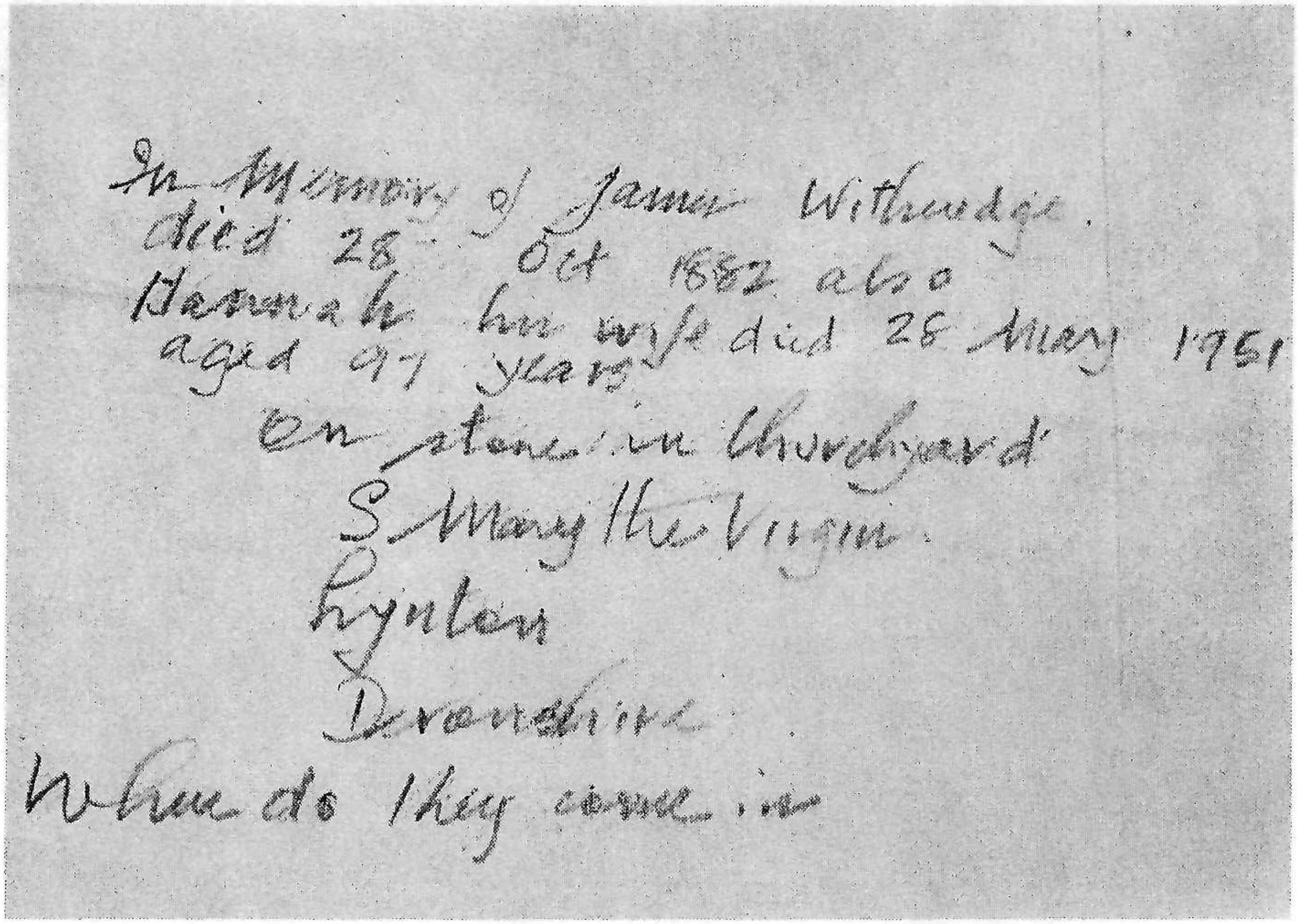
I AM UNABLE SO FAR TO LINK JOHN AP Y. 1801
WITH THE REST OF THE TREE PERHAPS
YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP ME HERE?
1808
[illegible] A SON
OF FRANCES [illegible]

THERE ARE WITHERIDGE'S LIVING IN (AUSTRALIA) PERTH. BRISB

Elizabeth [illegible] Robert C
Robert
Elizabeth [illegible]
John [illegible]
JAMES [illegible] John

DOUBLE GRAVES
ALONGSIDE AS A
FAMILY GRAVE IN

From Ngaire Wit



In Memory of James Witheridge.
died 28 Oct 1882 also
Hannah his wife died 28 May 1951
aged 97 years.
On stone in Churchyard
S Mary the Virgin
Lynton
Devonshire
When do they come in

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February 25, 1989

Dear John, James

I'm in one of those predicaments where I don't know what I've written to you in the last year or so, so you'll have to forgive me. I truly appreciate your two recent letters, and they have prodded me into writing to you. 1988 was a very busy and wonderful year for us, but in some ways very stressful. A lot was accomplished, but many other things were sadly neglected.

Except for Christmas cards, the last letter to you I have record of is the one I wrote in March of 1987 sending material about the Thomas Witheridge Gubb family in South Africa and the Witheridge pedigree I developed after receiving one from them. If I got a letter from you after that, I have lost it, and I have no record of answering one.

In the fall of 1987 I got busy planning a trip to Britain in the spring of 1988, and I don't know if I ever wrote to you about that trip--either before or after. It was a month-long trip from the middle of May to the middle of June, and we hired a car for three weeks and drove 3,000 miles through England, Scotland, and Wales. We visited many relatives and saw many of Elizabeth's and my places of origin.

However, the weather was mainly cold and wet. It never got up above 70°, except for two days in Scotland. As a result, we both came home with dreadful colds that lasted several weeks. In addition, they were in the midst of a severe drought and heat wave here, and because of our colds and the heat we were greatly debilitated for a long time. It took forever to do all the things needing to be done after our trip, and I still haven't finished all my letter writing, as you can see! *

Now to get down to your letters, I'll start with the most recent one first. Yes, I have seen the article by the Rev. John Witheridge in The Times. It was sent to me by his uncle, Harry Witheridge, who had also sent me the newspaper clipping about the death of Thomas Witheridge Gubb's widow in South Africa. We have known Harry and his brother George ever since our first visit to England in 1976. Later Harry wrote and said that John had completed his assignment with the Archbishop and was now theChaplain at Eton College near Windsor. He is actually called the "Conduct," which I discovered on his stationery when he replied to my letter. So I looked it up in the Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and found there really is a definition for conduct meaning "a hired chaplain. Obs. except at Eton College, England." So he is "one of a kind."

*Personal medical
information
redacted here

Before we went to England, we wrote to John and said we were planning to visit Windsor and wondered if we could see him at Eton at the same time. He and his wife Sarah graciously invited us to have lunch with them, which we did. Then a week or so later his uncle Harry was having a Witheridge family get-together at his house in Virginia Water, not too far from Windsor, and we again saw John and Sarah and their children. Enclosed are two pictures of John and his family.

Their Witheridge family stems back into North Devon like ours, but we haven't yet found the exact connection between our families. By the way, John's address is now The Rev. John Witheridge, Eton College, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 6DW, England. In case you've already written to him at the Archbishop's, they'll no doubt forward your letter.

Speaking of pictures, I thought you'd like to have this one of Kim Cook and her family. We've also known them since 1976, when their boys were only 4 and 8 years old. Here is also one of us taken in the back yard of another Witheridge descendant, Philip Hookway, in Nuneaton. His Witheridge ancestors came from South Devon.

I understand that the name of the Town Witheridge may have two derivations: one could be "ridge of the willows," and the other could be "ridge of the wethers," where wethers refers to castrated rams. I don't suppose we'll ever know.

I don't remember receiving any of the items in your other letter before. As far as I can find, I have no record of Philamon Witheridge, ancestor of Barbara Willis in Australia. Neither do I know anything about the William and Polly Witheridge referred to in the letter from Mavis Witheridge. Thank you for these copies. Some day they may fit in somewhere.

The larger sheet--the pedigree--fits right into my family and yours from Combe Martin. I can't seem to identify where this came from, unless it is from Ngaire Clark Witheridge (Mrs. Ian), but you haven't mentioned her anywhere else. I assume she lives in New Zealand.

In your letter you asked if I have any information on John Witheridge (mar. Elizabeth Harris, Apr. 7, 1801) and the persons at the left joined to John with a question mark. If you will look at my Witheridge pedigree chart (May 1, 1985), which I believe I sent you in 1987 with the South Africa materials, you will find John Witheridge and Elizabeth Harris as the first names at the left of the bottom line. Next to them are the Mary How Witheridge and William Gubb who are the ancestors of the South Africa Gubb family. A little farther on are your ancestors, Francis Witheridge and Ann Eastaway, parents of Thomas Witheridge, Bapt. Oct. 2, 1808, in Ilfracombe. At the right end of that family group are Martin and Emma Witheridge, ancestors of Una Parsons of Combe Martin.

The group at the left on this New Zealand pedigree are all part of our family, but they are not all correctly located. I won't try to go through these relationships, as they are also shown on my chart. I'd be glad to have the address of Ngaire Witheridge (or whoever compiled this chart) and correspond with her if she is interested.

Now about the personal matters in your letter of February 6th, No, I haven't done anything with computers in my genealogy, though I probably would have if I had started a generation later. Now I couldn't afford the equipment necessary, and I couldn't imagine the time involved in transcribing all my information into a computer. I'm glad other people are doing it, however, as I know it's the way of the future. My second cousin, Joyce Aldrich of East Lansing, Michigan, is putting all her Witheridge records on a computer.

We're sorry your trip to the Near East had to be cancelled, and we hope your trips to California in the spring and England in the fall work out. We know you'll love them. We're thinking of going to Maryland and New England this summer, where Elizabeth has distant cousins. Her ancestors all came over from England before the American Revolution.

Your description of Pat's church activities was fascinating, and I enjoyed going through the church magazine you sent. The problem of gay ordination is certainly a perplexing one. We are American Baptists, and as far as I know our denomination hasn't dealt with the issue as directly as yours. American Baptists are not as conservative as Southern Baptists, but we do contain many conservatives, as well as some liberals. As a matter of fact, I often say that Elizabeth and I belong to the 5% most liberal group in our denomination.

We appreciate your accepting point of view toward homosexuals, especially because our older son Jim is gay. In fact, he works for a group called MAP (Minnesota AIDS Project) that provides five or six houses for people with AIDS. He considers it a real service vocation, and we are proud of him.

Thank you for all the interesting materials you sent. We're glad to know you have both been well. We are well, too, and hope we continue that way. How wonderful it is for you to look forward to a grandchild in June. We hope all goes well, and we're eager for further news.

Very sincerely,

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**Kathleen M. Witheridge**

343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

Rev. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
U.S.A. 55405.

October 14th, 1988

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

First of all thank you so much for all the information which you sent me. It is indeed of great value to me. As I think I mentioned to you, I have only been doing the Family Tree for about 9 months, so any information is vital at this point. I had not even started on my research in England. At the present time, I have been working on the relatives in Canada, which takes me back to Paul's Great-Great-Great Grandfather, namely, George Witheridge. You have so kindly provided me with information on seven generations prior to George, so all I have to do now is fill in the blanks.

You must have a wealth of information, having been working on same for some twenty years. I know that I have about 250 pages of information in only 9 months.

Last week, Paul was in Toronto on business, I went along with him and spent a couple of days in the Provincial Archives and going around the cemeteries. Just before leaving, we decided to travel another 30 miles east, and visit Darlington Township, where everything happened.

First we visited the old farmhouse, (not an old farmhouse anymore, unfortunately, it has now been rebuilt), but I have been advised that the original farmhouse was only demolished some 5 years ago. Part of the old barn is still in existence, with two additions added to it. I think I told you that upon George's arrival in Ontario, he bought a 93 acre farm in Darlington Township, and I am in the possession of the Deed dated 1853. All very interesting stuff.

Next we visited the Ebenezer Chapel and Cemetery, which is now a United Church. The cemetery is quite small, but very old and very well kept. The gravestones of the Witheridge's didn't take too much finding, and are in relatively good condition for their age. I took pictures, but haven't had them developed as yet.
I found a stone of Thomas Witheridge and Susanna Witheridge his Wife, whom I couldn't fit in, but from your information, find

[DEW's correction]

uncle

that it was George's ~~brother~~. I also found other graves with names that were in your records, i.e. Thomas and Mary Harris; there was a few graves with the name "Oke", which may well fit in when I get the time to go through; also the name of "Grills" was in the cemetery, which is in your records, and not a very popular name, so this too may fit in.

Some time ago, I had come across the name of Richard Witheridge, but couldn't fit him in. From your records, I find he is George's brother.

You have certainly given me enough information to keep me busy for some time, and of course, saved me a tremendous amount of work.

I am now looking forward to our trip to England at Christmas, and feel I must visit Bradworthy, Devon. I would like to find out more about the church there, and look around the cemeteries. I am doing history's of all the places where the Witheridge's lived, and the churches they attended. I am at present trying to find out more about the "Ebenezer Bible Christina Chapel", which goes back to Devon, and very little is known about it here in Canada.

Is it possible to obtain copies of Wills, and copies of Deeds of Land from England. I am a legal secretary here in Canada, so I know exactly where to look for this information in Canada, but I am not so sure about how to do this in England.

I was pleased to hear that you had a good vacation in England, but sorry to hear that you came back with a bad cold. The weather is so very damp in England, even in the summertime, and I guess our bodies are just not used to those conditions.

Well, I think that's about all for now, thank's again for your time and trouble. Looking forward to hearing from you again.

Kind regards,

Kathy.

Kathy Witheridge

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A little history about the chapel where the family attended and are buried in the grounds.

I went to see the Chapel last week, in Darlington Twp and have to advise you it is now the United Church.

There are some original Church windows for sale, and Bowmanville Museum are trying to get me to buy them.

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Log 1146

← Note by
Kathy Witheridge (q.v.)

# THE EBENEZER BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHAPEL 1866

## THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Perhaps the most fervent of the Methodist sects, the Bible Christian Church was formed in Southwest England in 1815 and established in Upper Canada during the 1830's.

Served by itinerant preachers, its small but loyal membership increased gradually, largely among British emigrants from Devon and Cornwall who had settled in rural areas in Northumberland, Durham and Huron counties. In 1855 the Canadian mission noted, as was the Parent English body, for its emphasis upon lay-ministerial co-operation in church government, became an independent conference and by 1870 numerous chapels, including this structure, had been built.

However, inability to gain support in emerging urban centres and mounting financial difficulties arrested the sect's growth. In 1884 the Bible Christian Church entered into a union with other Methodist bodies.

(The Ontario Heritage Foundation)

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These notes by Kathy Witheridge (q.v.) were attached to the next page:

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I found Thomas Witheridge in the Ebenezer Cemetery, last week. I didn't know where he fit in.
From your records I have learned that he was the Uncle of George

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In the Ebenezer Cemetery, there appears to be several names that fit in with the records you sent.
i.e. Thomas Harries was married to Mary Witheridge, who was the daughter of George Witheridge and Jane Oke.

There are also some Oke grave stones, which probably fit in too, when I get the time to go through more thoroughly.

## EBENEZER CEMETERY

## (South Section)

1. Oke/ Rev. John H. Oke/ 1855-1942/ his wife/ Ella A./ Osborne/ 1864-1945/ They rest from/ their labours/ Marker: DAD

2. Side 1- In memory of/ Charles W. Osborne/ died/ Aug. 21, 1884/ aged/ 47 years/ 7 m/ He giveth his/ beloved sleep/ Side 2 - R. E. Osborne/ 1866-1952/ beloved husband/of/ Elizabeth Rundle/ 1873-1964/ Osborne/ Side 3 - Hazel/ Wilhemine/ daughter of/ John & Ellen/ (Osborne)/ Oke/ 1887-1979/ Side 4 - In memory of/ Ellen Adair/ wife of/ G. W. Osborne/ died/ July 17, 1900/ aged/ 63 years/ Unto them who believe/ he is precious/ Markers: G.W.O., R.E.O., ELIZABETH

3. (broken stone) In memory of/ Ma[ry] / beloved wife [of]/ Richard.........../ died/ Oct. .......1865/ aged 61 (?) years/ ....................Blessed are the dead who die in/ the Lord/ Rev..........

4. Thomas Lott/ died/ May 14, 1855/ AE 47 yrs/ & 8 mos/ Farewell my dear wife & children all/ For I must go when Christ doth call/ Therefore lament & grieve no more/ I am not lost but gone before/

5. In memory of/ Thomas Skinner/ died/ August 28, 1855/ aged 23 years/ Young people all as you pass by/ O! think of me for you must die/ Repent in time, make no delay/ I in my prime was called away/

6. In memory of/ John/ son of/ Jas./ & E. Hoar/ died Mar. 26, 1861/ aged 40 years/ Young people all as you pass by/ O! think of me for you must die/ Repent in time, make no delay/ I in my prime was called away/ (Monument from McD. & M.-Newcastle)

7. (Stone completely buried and badly deteriorated) In memory of/...../ Sa........ [H]oar/ ...............

8, Side 1 -Harry/Perkins/ died June 9, 1877/ aged 7 y's/ Emily A. Dinner/ died Jan. 15, 1881/ aged 22 y's/ Side 2 - Thomas Perkins/ died Oct. 13, 1869/ aged 34 y's 6 m's/ Side 3 - Cyrus W. Perkins/ died Nov. 4, 1902/ aged 34 y's/ Perkins Side 4 - Elizabeth Rastall/ beloved wife of/ Thomas/ Perkins/ died/ Oct. 17, 1906 aged 64 y's/ Marker: EMILY A.

9. (Buried stone) Gone home/ In memory of/ John Wesley/ son of/ John & Barbara/ Manning/ who died/ Sep. 22, 1869/ aged/ 5 weeks/ (W.& L.-Whitby)

10. Side 1 - In memory of/ Christ'r Courtice/ died Dec'r 25, 1875/ aged 78 y'rs/ Grace his wife/ died March 6, 1872/ aged 70 y'rs/ John their son/ died Jan. 9, 1849/ aged 25 years/ Courtice/ Side 2 - In memory of/ Arthur J. Courtice/ died April 5th 1910/ aged 48 years/ At rest/ Ethel W. Osborne/ his wife/ died Dec. 26, 1916/ aged 45 years/ Celena Belle/ died Sept. 11, 1919/ aged 21 years/ Side 3 - In memory of/ Christ'r Courtice Jun'r./ died March 17, 1866/ aged 33 y'rs/ Celina his wife/ died May 1, 1864/ aged 31 years/ Marker: BELLE

11. Side 1 - Elizabeth Trick/ Blind Betsy/ died/ March 28, 1892/ No cross! No crown! / Be strong in the/ Grace that is Christ Jesus/ 2 Tim. 2:1/ Side 2 - Friendship's offering/

12. In memory of/ Sarah Ann Moore/ died Aug. 16, 1865/ aged 2 yrs 9 mos/ Gone but not forgotten/

13. Side 1 - In memory of/ George Witheridge/ died/ April 18, 1884/ aged 77 years/ Farewell and shall we meet/ in heaven above?/ And there in union meet/ Sing of a Saviour's love/

(cont.)

13. Side 2 - Strong was her faith in Him/ who died to save/ And bright her hopes of joy/ Beyond the grave/ Side 3 - Witheridge/ Side 4 - In memory of/ Elizabeth/ daughter of/ George & Mary/ Witheridge/ died Feb. 21, 1865/ aged/ 20 years 1 mo/

14. In/memory of/ William Richard/ son of/ Richard & Marg't/ Grills/ died May 10, 1864/ aged 6 years/ 2 months/ Grills/ Marker: W.R.G.

15. Side 1 - In memory of Arthur Lockhart/ died Oct. 7, 1879/ aged 49 years/ Gone but not forgotten/ Thou art gone but I am keeping/ In my heart thy treasured name/ If I am waking, if I am sleeping/ Thou art still to me the same/ Side 2 - Lockhart/

16. In memory.........../..... /..........No......?/died/............../aged 18 y'rs... mo/ & 9 days/ also/........../............./2 yrs 5 mo's/ & 2 days/ daughters of/ William & Catherine Hancock/ Suffer little children to come unto me/ and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven/

17. Side 1- In memory of/ Mary Grace/ daughter of/ Will'm & S. Hancock/ died June 12, 1867/ aged 25/ Side 2 - I know that/my/ redeemer/ liveth/ In memory of/ Susanna/ wife of/ Will'm Hancock/ died Sept. 1, 1865/ aged 80 (or 60?) Will'm Hancock/ died/ Oct. 20, 1876/ aged 79 yrs/ Side 3 - In memory of/ Emma Jane/ wife of/ J. T. H. Hancock/ died/ July 19, 1882/ aged 34 years & 8 mos/ Henrietta/ Hancock/ died Aug. 6, 1925/ aged 47 years/ Marker: EMMA J.

18. Side 1- H/ In memory of/ James Hancock/ died May 5, 1910/ aged 71 years/ Ellen Ellins his wife/ died July 18, 1938 aged 86 years/ Side 2 - Hancock/ Side 3 - Arthur Orlando/ son of James/ & Ellen Hancock/ died/ July 29, 1890/ aged 10 years/

19. Side 1- In memory of/ James Hancock/ died/ Dec. 10, 1880/ aged 76 yrs/ A Christian; in his life,uniform; liberal, and devout; in sufferings/ patient; resigned and joyful/ death calmy triumphant/ through the blood of the Lord Side 2 - Lay up for yourselves/ treasure/in heaven / In memory of/ Mary Ann/ wife of/ James Hancock/ died/ Aug. 17, 1869/ aged 56 y'rs/ She set her feet in early youth/ To tread the path of sacred truth/ No wonder then the way she trod/ Led her in peace to meet her God/

20. Sidnay T./ son of George/ & Elizabeth Rice/ died July 16, 1855/ AE yr & 8 mo's/ The great Jehovah full of love/ His arrow swift did send/ To call this blooming bud/ To joys that never end/

21. In memory of/ Jane/ wife of/ Wm. Cowle/ born Aug't 15, 1831/ died Sept. 13 1862/ She was suddenly summoned hence but her lamp/ was trimmed and her light burning/ Ah, she was all our fondest wish could frame/ All that could dignify the Christian name/ Made meet to fill a holier sphere/ How would we hope that she would linger here/ And of their/ children/ Eliz'h(?) Ann/ died/ Sept. 15, 1854/ aged 6 weeks/ Eliza Jane/ died/ Sept. 24, 1854/ aged 19 mon/ Mary Ann/ died Aug. 20, 1855/ aged 5 weeks/

22. Julia Etta Balson/ died/ Oct. 20, 1866/ AE 2 yrs 4 mos & 4 dys/ Of such is the kingdom of Heaven/

23. (Crumbled stone completely buried).................................body in Christ appear/

24. In memory of/ Catharine T./ daughter of/ W. & F. Welch/ died Mar. 3, 1857/ AE 1 yr 2 mo's/

62. (Top of stone is broken off)....Here an infant lies asleep/ Can we o'er its slumbers weep/ Now from sin forever free/ Now forever Lord with thee/

63. Verily there is a reward for the righteous/ In memory of/ James Sanders/ died/ Feb. 8, 1858/ aged 41 years/ A light is from our household gone/ A voice we loved is stilled/ A place is vacant at our hearth/ Which never can be filled/

64. Farewell/ In/memory of/ William James Sanders/ who died/ Feb. 4, 1876/ aged 31 y's 2 mo's & 10 d's/ also his wife/ Emily/ died Dec. 20, 1881/ aged 31 years/ In love they lived, in peace they died/ Their lives were asked but God denied/ (J. & R. W., Whitby)

65. Our little one/ In memory of/ Mary G./ daughter of/ Wm. & Elizabeth Ann/ Oke/ died Apr. 23(?) 1876(?)/ aged 12 years/ Asleep in................sleep/ From which we..............wake to weep/

66. In memory of/ Will$^{m}$ Francis/ son of/ Wm. & Eliza$^{h}$ A./ Oke/ died/ Feb$^{ry}$ 8, 1858/ aged 2 months/ ......................./With the sweet measure of our tears/ We humbly do this child resign/ To be O Lord forever thine/

67. In memory/of / Albert/ son of/ Will'm & Caroline/ [Pick]ell(?)/ [died]/ Feb. 3rd 1862/ aged 5 years/ The child..................of light/ With angels ever fair and bright/ Where the redeemed their praises [sing]/ To Christ the [everlasting] king/

68. (under tree) In memory /of/ William Oke/ died/ Sept. 9, 1868/ aged 70 years/ Native of Devon England/ See! Here rests beneath the sod/ an aged faithful man of God/ Who from his earliest youth/ Found comfort in the way of truth/

69. In memory/ Jane/ wife of/ John Sanders/ died Dec. 18, 1874/ aged 43 years/ Fold her O Father................./ And let her.............. (rest of stone broken off)

70. (E.of tree) (Stone in 3 pieces) In memory of/ R.....da / ....died/ [Ap]ril 24, 1876/ aged 14 y's 7 ms/ daughter of/ Wm. & Eliz$^{h}$ Ann/ Oke/ (McDonald, Newcastle)

71. In memory of/ T. B. Oke/ who died/ May 6, 1876/ aged 35 years/ ...(broken stone-verse illegible)

72. In/ memory of/ Tho$^{s}$ Witheridge/ died/ in Darlington/ Dec. 4, 1843/ aged 50/ Susanna/ his wife/ died in Darlington/ April 2, 1859/ aged 72/ Natives of Devon, England/ We have a building of God, a house/ not made with hands, eternal in the heavens/ 2 Cor. V 5/

73. Side 1- In memory of/ Elizabeth/ wife of/ John Cole/ and daughter of/ Thos. & Mary/ Harris/ died April 1, 1852/ aged 45 yrs/ Blessed be the pure in heart for they shall see God/ Side 2- In/memory of/ Tho's Harris/ died/ Dec. 26, 1849/ aged 71 yrs/ Mary/ his wife/ died/ Mar. 14, 1858/ aged 72 years/ Their memory is blessed/ Harris/ Markers: T.H., M.H.

74. Side 1- James Harris/ died/ July 2, 1881/ aged 67 years/ Erected by J. G. Harris/ Side 2- Elizabeth/ wife of/ James Harris/ died/ Dec. 23, 1887/ aged 71 years/ Both natives of England/

75. Sacred to the memory of/ Richard Fursey/ Mar. 11, 1852/ AE 51 yrs 4 mo & 14 d's/ Jane/ died Dec. 8, 1854/ AE 45 y's 1 mo & 26 d's/ They died in Jesus and are blest/ How calm their slumbers are/ From suffering and from woes released/ And freed from every snare/ (Whitby)

76. Side 1- In memory of/ Richard Short/ died/ March 26, 1861/ aged/ 68 years/ Alice/ his wife/ died Nov. 26, 1857/ aged/ 63 years/ Their end was peace/ Side 2- Blessed are the pure in/ heart for they/ shall see God/ In memory of/ George Short/ died/ April 26, 1885/ aged 71 years/ Honour/ his wife/ died/ Feb. 18, 1890/ aged 73 years/ Them also who sleep in Jesus shall God bring with him/ Short/

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname WITHERIDGE Family No. ______

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
George WITHERIDGE (a)(b)$^1$
Father's Name:
? Thomas WITHERIDGE (b)$^2$
Mother's Maiden Name:
? Mary MONJOY (b)$^2$

Date Place
Birth ? [Bapt. Apr. 12, 1761 - Morwenstow, Cornwall] (b)
Marriage Jan. 22, 1783 - Bradworthy, Devon (a)$^3$
Death ? Nov. 27, 1801 (b)
Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Jane OKE (a)(b)
Father's Name:
Walter OKE (b)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Jane ——— (b)

Date Place
Birth [Bapt. Apr. 26, 1761 - Bradworthy] (b)
Death Mar. 31, 1828 - Newbuildings (b)
Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 John (a)(b)
Married to ———
Birth [Bapt. June 29, 1783 - Bradworthy] (a)(b)
Marriage ———
Death Before June 15, 1788 (a)(b)

2 Mary (a)(b)
Married to Thomas HARRIS (a)
Birth [Bapt. Feb. 26, 1786 - Bradworthy] (a)(b)
Marriage Apr. 30, 1806 - Bradworthy (a)
Death

3 John (a)(b)
Married to Grace GRILLS (a)
Birth [Bapt. June 15, 1788 - Bradworthy] (a)(b)
Marriage Aug. 16, 1815 - Bradworthy (a)
Death

4 Thomas (a)(b)
Married to ———
Birth [Bapt. May 2, 1790 - Bradworthy] (a)(b)
Marriage ———
Death Before Mar. 22, 1795 (a)(b)

5 Jane (a)(b)
Married to Peter SAUNDERS (a)(b)
Birth [Bapt. Nov. 25, 1792 - Bradworthy] (a)(b)
Marriage Feb. 21, 1814 - Bradworthy (a)
Death

6 Thomas (a)(b)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Mar. 22, 1795 - Bradworthy] (a)(b)
Marriage
Death

7 Grace (a)(b)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. July 23, 1797 - Bradworthy] (a)(b)
Marriage
Death

8 Elizabeth (a)(b)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Mar. 14, 1802 - Bradworthy] (a)(b)
Marriage
Death

9
Married to
Birth
Marriage

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185. Dickinson/ Norman F. Dickinson/ May 21, 1903 - ........./ dear husband of/ Margaret Rose Bate/ Nov. 4, 1912 - ............../

186. Side 1 - Worden/ In memory of/ Jane/ wife of/ Thomas Worden/ died/ Mar. 1, 1898/ aged [illegible] years/ 10 months/ Worden/ Side 2 - In/ memory of/ Thomas Worden/ died/ June 12, 1889/ aged 78 years/ 6 months/ Marker: FATHER

187. Side 1 - In memory/of/ the family of/ John Archibald Galbraith/ and Christena Stalker/ Isabella Jane/ their elder daughter/ 1871 - 1953/ Flora Mary/ June 5, 1964 - age 85 yrs/ Galbraith/ Side 2 -In loving memory/of/ John Archibald Galbraith/ born in Darlington/ Jan. 6, 1840/ died April 14, 1905/ his wife/ Christena Stalker Galbraith/ born Oct. 25, 1839/ died Dec. 31, 1908/ Till He comes/ Galbraith/ Markers: FLORA, BELLE, FATHER,MOTHE

188. Challis/ John B. Challis/ 1861 - 1948/ his wife Roseina Allin/ 1862 - 1905/ their son Bert/ 1888 - 1907/ Markers: BROTHER, MOTHER, FATHER

188A 4 c.m. "Murdock"

189. Side 1 -John Reid/ 1836 - 1904/ his wife/ Ann Francis/ 1834 - 1911/ Robert Reid/ 1864 - 1932/ his wife/ Katherine E. Ring/ 1875 - 1937/ Side 2 -Woodmen of the World/Memorial/ Reid/ John Reid/ 1866 - 1943/ his wife/ Jean Dewar/ 1859 - 1934/ Alfred Reid/ 1898-1950/ Elizabeth Reid/ 1868 - 1945/ 4 c.m. "Reid"

190. Barrett/ In memory of/ Mother/ Ellen Barrett/ 1837 - 1903/

191. S/ In memory of/ Jesse Salter/ 1831 - 1918/ Catherine Little/ his wife/ 1833 - 1916/At rest/ Salter/

192. In memory of/ William Watt Price/ born in Chicago, Ill./ Oct. 18th 1874/ died in Poughkeepsie, N.Y./ March 8th 1904/ Lorena Salter/ his wife/ born Feb. 27, 1872/ died Mar. 10, 1909/ Till He come/ Price/

193. Side 1 - In/memory/of/ Rich'd Witheridge/ died/ Dec. 6, 1910/ aged/ 76 years/ At rest/ Emma E. Plummer/ his wife/ died/ Oct. 21, 1925/ aged/ 74 years/ Witheridge/ Side 2 - In/memory/of/ Ann/ wife of/ Rich'd Witheridge/ died/ Dec. 20, 1884/ aged/ 45 years/ Farewell, and shall we meet/ in heaven above/ And there in union sweet/ Sing of a Saviour's love/ Side 3 - In/ memory/of/ William/ son of/ Richard & Ann/ Witheridge/died Jan. 30, 1892/ aged/ 27 years/ At rest/

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I found Richard Witheridge in the Bowmanville Cemetery, and couldn't connect him. From your records I learned that he is the Brother of George.

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname WETHERIDGE Family No.

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**

John WETHERIDGE (a)[1]

Father's Name: George WITHERIDGE (b)(c)

Mother's Maiden Name: Jane OKE (b)(c)

Date Place

Birth [Bapt. June 15, 1788](b)(c) - Bradworthy, Devon (a)(b)]

Marriage Aug 16, 1815 - Bradworthy (b)[3]

Death June 27, 1859 (c)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**

Grace (a)(b) GRILLS (b)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place

Birth c. 1793 - Bradworthy (a)

Death

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 ? George (b)[7]
Married to Mary SANDERS (b)[8]
Birth ? c. 1814 ?
Marriage Mar. 25, 1839 - Bradworthy (b)
Death

2 Thomas (b)(c)
Married to Ann MOORE (b)[2]
Birth [Bapt. Jan. 18, 1816 - Bradworthy] (b)(c)
Marriage Apr. 7, 1841 - Bradworthy (b)
Death

3 Ann (b)
Married to John BAILEY (b)
Birth [Bapt. Mar. 8, 1818 - Bradworthy] (b)(c)
Marriage Apr. 7, 1841 - Bradworthy (b)
Death

4 John (a)(b)(c)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Oct. 28, 1821](b)(c) - Bradworthy (a)(b)[4]
Marriage
Death

5 William (b)(c)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Feb. 1, 1824 - Bradworthy](b)(c)
Marriage
Death Dec. 10, 1846 (c)

6 Grace (a)(b)(c)
Married to John MANNING (b)
Birth [Bapt. Apr. 1, 1827](b)(c) - Bradworthy (a)(b)[5]
Marriage May 3, 1855 - Bradworthy (b)
Death

7 Richard (b)(c)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Oct. 28, 1832 - Bradworthy](b)(c)
Marriage
Death

8 James (a)(b)(c)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Aug. 2, 1835](b)(c) - Bradworthy (a)(b)[6]
Marriage
Death

9 Nathan (a)
Married to
Birth c. 1839 - Bradworthy (a)
Marriage

[This record appears to be a key source for the family tree DEW sketched on page 3 of 3 in document W195 — see above in this folder. The record here includes corrections typed by Kathy Witheridge (q.v.).]

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname WITHERIDGE Family No.

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**

George WITHERIDGE (a)

Father's Name:
? John WETHERIDGE (a)[1]

Mother's Maiden Name:
? Grace GRILLS (a)[1]

Date Place

Birth ? c. 1814[1,3]

Marriage Mar. 25, 1839 - Bradworthy, Devon (a)

Death Apr. 18, 1884 - Darlington Twp., Ontario (d)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**

Mary SANDERS (a)

Father's Name:
Peter SA[U]NDERS (c)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Jane WITHERIDGE (c)

Date Place

Birth c. 1815 (c)

Death

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 John (a) (b)
Married to Miriam ?
Birth [Bapt. Jan. 5, 1840 - Bradworthy] (a)
Marriage
Death

2 Mary Jane (b)
Married to Thomas Olec
Birth c. 1842 - Ontario (b)
Marriage
Death

3 Elizabeth (b)
Married to
Birth c. 1844 - Ontario (b)
Marriage
Death Feb 21/1865 aged 20 years 1 month

4 George (b)[2]
Married to Susan McWaters
Birth c. 1846 - Ontario (b)
Marriage
Death

5 Sarah I. (b)
Married to
Birth c. 1854 - Ontario (b)
Marriage
Death

6 William T. (b)
Married to
Birth c. 1858 - Ontario (b)
Marriage
Death

7
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

8
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

9
Birth

[This page of footnotes was stapled to the one-family record on the previous page. Notice that "(d)" appears on the previous page (see George's death) but not here. I don't know why. Tom Witheridge, Dec. 25, 2021]

(a) Int. Geneal. Index (LDS Microfische); Doc. W92 - Log 198

(b) Inf. from Kalthleen M. Witheridge; Doc. W190 - Log 1075; Doc. W193 - Log 1078

(c) Inf. from Celia "Kim" Cook; Doc. W48 - Log 46

[The extra "GREAT" was added by Kathy Witheridge (q.v.)]

1 - Conjecture of David E. Witheridge

GREAT-

2 - Great-great-grandfather of Paul Witheridge (b)

3 - Given as 1807 or 1809 by (b) [Possibly from an earlier marriage - D. E. W.]

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ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Letter from Kathleen<br>+ enclosing several | Witheridge about genealogy<br>documents | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W219 | Kathleen Witheridge file |
| Descript. by Ontario Heritage<br>Bible Christian Chapel + | Found. of the Ebenezer<br>the Bible Christian Church | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W220 | " |
| Monumental inscriptions<br>Darlington Township, | from Ebenezer Cemetery,<br>Ontario, Canada | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W221 | " |
| Monumental inscriptions<br>Cemetery | from Bowmanville | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W222 | " |
| Corrected Family Group<br>+ Mary Sanders | Sheet of George Witheridge | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W223 | " |
| Death Record Extraction<br>Apr. 18, 1884 | for George Witheridge | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W224 | " |
| Family Group Sheet of<br>(d. Dec. 6, 1910) | Richard Witheridge | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W225 | " |
| Page of baptismal records<br>of Bradworthy, Devon | from Parish Register | Log 1146<br>10/14/88 | W226 | " |
| Letter from Kathleen<br>extract of Christopher Witheridge | Witheridge about death<br>+ other items | Log 1147<br>11/8/88 | W227 | " |
| Death Extract for Christopher<br>d. Mar. 4, 1935, Toronto, | Witheridge,<br>Canada | Log 1147<br>11/8/88 | W228 | " |
| Letter to Kathleen Witheridge<br>of Christopher Witheridge | about the ancestry<br>in England | Log 1148<br>11/15/88 | W229 | " |
| Letter to Kathleen Witheridge<br>+ Grace Witheridge in | about John Manning<br>Bradworthy [Ruth Stevens] | Log 1149<br>3/4/89 | W230 | " |
| Willis-Witheridge ancestry<br>(Combe Martin) + other | of Michael Beaumont<br>Witheridge inf. | Log 1150<br>5/26/88 | W231 | Michael Beaumont file |
| Letter to Michael + Hilary<br>Witheridge ancestry + | Beaumont about his<br>about C.M. Hist. Soc. | Log 1153<br>3/13/89 | W232 | " |
| Letter from M. R. Witheridge<br>date + place of marriage | (Mrs. Ernest) with<br>+ his sister's address | Log 1155<br>3/20/89 | W233 | Witheridge New Jersey file |
| Letter to Mrs. Helen Witheridge<br>sister of Ernest Witheridge, | Firmin, Newark, N.J.,<br>about her background | Log 1156<br>3/23/89 | W234 | " |

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ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Letter to John O. Witheridge, Orange, N.J., about his Witheridge ancestry + relationships | | Log 1157<br>3/24/89 | W235 | Witheridge New Jersey file |
| Telephone call to Mrs. Helen Witheridge Firman about her parents, Ernest + Nellie Witheridge | | Log 1168<br>4/28/89 | W236 | " |
| Telephone call to Mrs. John O. Witheridge, Orange, N.J., about her husband's relatives + her daughters | | Log 1169<br>4/29/89 | W237 | " |
| Telephone call to Allen Witheridge residence, Rahway, N.J., answered by his dau. Cathy, about their family | | Log 1170<br>5/2/89 | W238 | " |
| Letter to Allen Witheridge, Rahway, N.J., about his Witheridge ancestry + relatives | | Log 1171<br>5/5/89 | W239 | " |
| Letter to Ms. or Mr. S. Witheridge, Lakehurst N.J., about Witheridge ancestry + relatives | | Log 1172<br>5/5/89 | W240 | " |
| Letter to Mrs. John O. Witheridge about my call to her, letters to her daughters, + her husband's family. | | Log 1173<br>5/9/89 | W241 | " |
| Letter to Martha Gilmore (Mrs. Thomas), Union, N.J., about Witheridge ancestry, with fam. gr. sheets | | Log 1174<br>5/9/89 | W242 | " |
| Letter to Mrs. Janet Sentter, Fairfield, N.J., about Witheridge ancestry, with fam. gr. sheets | | Log 1175<br>5/9/89 | W243 | " |
| Letter to Mavis + John Pegler about Mavis's Witheridge relationship + other family matters | | Log 1179<br>5/22/89 | W244 | Pegler file |
| Letter to Bill Bray about his Bray and Witheridge connections + our trip to Combe Martin | | Log 1184<br>6/16/89 | W245 | Bill Bray file |
| Letter from Keith Witheridge with notations on list from "Witheridges Across America" | | Log 1186<br>2/8/89 | W246 (a) + (b) | Mans. Geneal. Letters |
| Letter from Mavis Pegler about her Witheridge family relationships | | Log 1187<br>6/20/89 | W247 | Mans. Personal Letters |
| Notes on tel. call from Carol Witheridge Goins about her family + Witheridge background | | Log 1188<br>6/30/89 | W248 | Carol Goins file |
| Letter from Lois Witheridge (Mrs. Robt.) about family matters, incl. birth of Larry's dau. Kate | | Log 1189<br>12/81 | W249 | Robt. Witheridge file |
| Invitation to wedding of Larry Witheridge + Carolyn Odell, Jan. 3 1973, Los Angeles, Calif. | | Log 1190<br>12/76 | W250 | Larry Witheridge file |

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| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Letter from Michael Beaumont with inf. on Witheridges + Combe Martin Hist. Soc. | | Log 1192<br>7/10/89 | W251 | Inf. to be Recorded |
| Transcript of a Lease of the Mansion House (Combe Martin) Mar. 1, 1773, to John Witheridge | | Log 1192<br>7/10/89 | W252 | " |
| Letter from Michael Beaumont with further inf. on Witheridges + marked map of Combe Martin | | Log 1193<br>7/15/89 | W253 | " |
| Map of Combe Martin marked with properties identified by Michael Beaumont in W253 | | Log 1193<br>7/15/89 | W254 | " |
| Letter from Kathleen Witheridge: visitors from England, Witheridge geneal., + her art. for "Witheridge Times" | | Log 1197<br>8/22/89 | W255 | " |
| Art. by Kathleen Witheridge, "The Ones That Got Away," Witheridges who emigrated to Canada from Bradworthy. | | Log 1197<br>8/22/89 | W256 | " |
| Letter to Carol Goins in respons to her two calls [W248] + telling her of other relatives | | Log 1198<br>9/8/89 | W257 | Carol Goins file |
| "The Wembury Family," by Kim Cook, in "The Witheridge Times," Vol. 2, No. 3, Autumn 1988 | | Log 1199<br>9/13/89 | W258 | Inf. to be Recorded |
| "Witheridges + where I found them," by Joyce Browne, in "The Witheridge Times," V. 2, No. 3, Aut. 1988 | | Log 1199<br>9/13/89 | W259 | " |
| Letter from Bill Bray about his organ interests + travel + what he knows about his Bray ancestry | | Log 1200<br>9/7/89 | W260 | Bill Bray file |
| Telephone call from Carol Goins about letter from her 3rd cousin Velma Metcalfe in New Zealand | | Log 1205<br>12/7/89 | W261 | Carol Goins file |
| Letter from Lois Witheridge about family matters | | Log 1207<br>Dec. 1980 | W262 | Robt. Witheridge file |
| Letter from Kathy Witheridge about John Witheridge of Orono, Ont., + other Witheridges of Canada + U.S. | | Log 1208<br>12/29/89 | W263 | Kathy Witheridge file (after answering) |
| "The Combmartin + Berrynarbor Family," by Kim Cook, in "The Witheridge Times," Vol. 2, No. 2, Summer 1988 | | Log 1210<br>2/1/90 | W264 | |
| Christmas letter (1988) from John James saying daughter Catherine is expecting baby in June, + other news | | Log 1212<br>Dec. 1988 | W265 | John James file |
| Christmas letter (1989) from John James saying their gr. dau. Allison Rose (dau. of Cath.) arrived in June | | Log 1213<br>Dec. 1989 | W266 | " |

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ANCESTOR WITHERIDGE

| DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT | HOW OR WHERE OBTAINED | DATE OBTAINED | NUMBER | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Letter from Kim Cook about trip + including family data on Velma Metcalfe, Carol Goins, + John Roberts Witheridge | | Log 1215<br>2/16/90 | W267 | Cook folder |
| Enlarged copy of ad in 1907 Saginaw directory for Caladonia Coal Company (Wm. Witheridge, Treas.) | | Log 1216<br>c. 1980 | W268 | General book |
| Letter from Kathy Witheridge asking about John Witheridge, mariner, who came to Maine in 1622 | | Log 1217<br>7/25/90 | W269 | Kathy Witheridge folder |
| Letter to Kathy Witheridge enclosing documents about John Witheridge, mariner | | Log 1218<br>8/5/90 | W270 | " |
| Letter to Kathy Witheridge answering hers of 12/29/89, also about New Jersey Witheridges | | Log 129<br>2/10/90 | W271 | " |
| Letter from Kathy Witheridge about Witheridges who moved from Ontario to Tacoma, Wash. | | Log 1221<br>8/21/90 | W272 | " |
| One Fam. Record of Irvin + Ada Witheridge | | Log 1221<br>8/21/90 | W273 | " |
| Letter + Witheridge documents from Tacoma Pub. Lib. to Kathy Witheridge | | Log 1221<br>8/21/90 | W274 | " |
| Documents on Thomas H. Ayre from Saskatchewan Archives | | Log 1221<br>8/21/90 | W275 | " |
| Letter to Kathy Witheridge about Uncle Ed in Port Townsend + about Witheridge note paper | | Log 1222<br>9/4/90 | W276 | " |
| Letter from Kathy Witheridge about Edw. Witheridge, 1643, Boston + Wm Witheridge, 1637, Virginia, from Pass... Lists Index | | Log 1229<br>8/10/90 | W277 | " |
| Letter from Kathy Witheridge with entry on Edward Witheridge, Boston, 1643, from Gen. Reg. --- John Farmer | | Log 1230<br>9/17/90 | W278 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich about birth of twin grand-sons Ben + Nick, and enclosing mar. cert. W280 | | Log 1240<br>5/14/91 | W279 | Joyce Aldrich file |
| Mar. cert. of Alfred Wm. Chivers and Elizabeth Witheridge, Oct. 30, 1880 | | Log 1240<br>5/14/91 | W280 | " |
| Letter from Kathleen Witheridge with enclosures about James Moore + tie between Walter + Witheridge families | | Log 1242<br>9/16/91 | W281 | Kathy Witheridge folder |
| Letter to Kathleen Witheridge from Reginald Walter with geneal. charts (Walter-Witheridge) + James Moore letter | | Log 1242<br>9/16/91 | W282 | " |

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[Note by Kathy Witheridge]

## INFORMATION EXTRACTED FOR GENEALOGY

### DEATH

NAME: WITHERIDGE, GEO

DATE OF DEATH: APRIL 18,1884

PLACE OF DEATH: DARLINGTON

AGE: 077

MARITAL STATUS:

PLACE OF BIRTH: ENGLAND

OCCUPATION: FARMER

|  | FATHER | MOTHER |
|---|---|---|
| NAME: | NOT RECORDED | NOT RECORDED |
| PLACE OF BIRTH: | NOT RECORDED | NOT RECORDED |

INFORMANT: R. HALL

CEMETERY: NOT RECORDED

REGISTRATION NO: 1884-05-011850

I got George's year of birth by taking 77 (age at death) away from 1884 (year of death).

I have noticed when going through the censuses, that they tell a few little lies with respect to their ages.

ISSUED AT TORONTO
APRIL 21,1988

Graham Hall

GRAHAM HALL
MANAGER, CUSTOMER SERVICES

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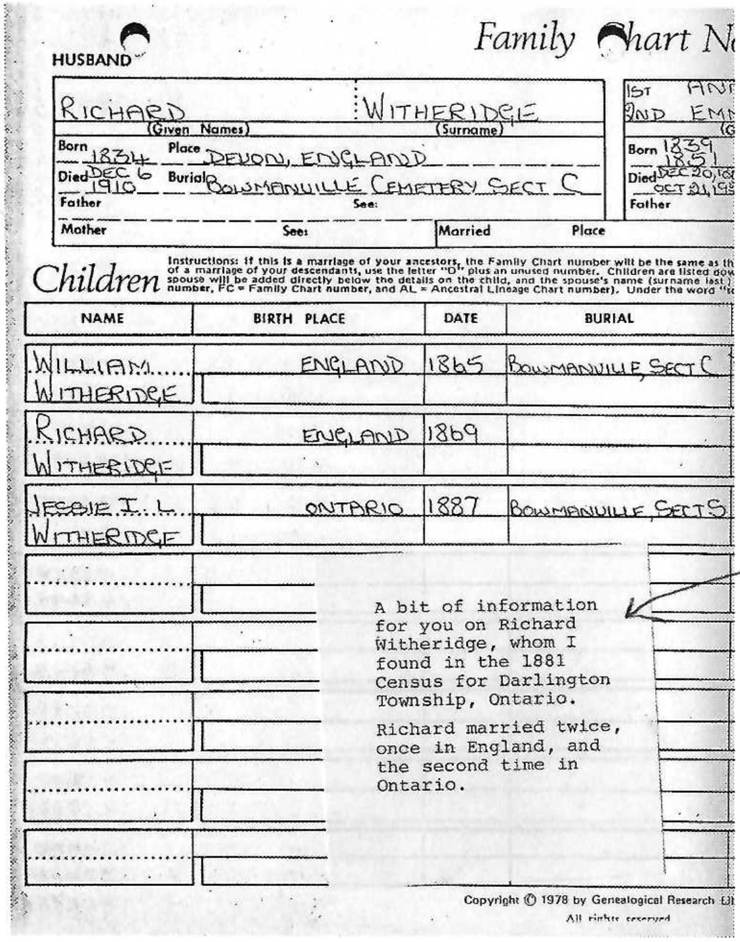

**HUSBAND**

Family Chart N

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|---|---|---|
| RICHARD (Given Names) | WITHERIDGE (Surname) | 1ST ANN<br>2ND EMM (G |
| Born 1834 | Place DEVON, ENGLAND | Born 1839<br>1851 |
| Died DEC 6 1910 | Burial BOWMANVILLE CEMETERY SECT C | Died DEC 20, 18<br>OCT 21, 19 |
| Father | See: | Father |
| Mother | See: | Married Place |

**Children** Instructions: If this is a marriage of your ancestors, the Family Chart number will be the same as th of a marriage of your descendants, use the letter "D" plus an unused number. Children are listed dow spouse will be added directly below the details on the child, and the spouse's name (surname last ) number, FC = Family Chart number, and AL = Ancestral Lineage Chart number). Under the word "s

| NAME | BIRTH PLACE | DATE | BURIAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM WITHERIDGE | ENGLAND | 1865 | BOWMANVILLE, SECT C |
| RICHARD WITHERIDGE | ENGLAND | 1869 | |
| JESSIE I. L. WITHERIDGE | ONTARIO | 1887 | BOWMANVILLE, SECT S |

A bit of information for you on Richard Witheridge, whom I found in the 1881 Census for Darlington Township, Ontario.

Richard married twice, once in England, and the second time in Ontario.

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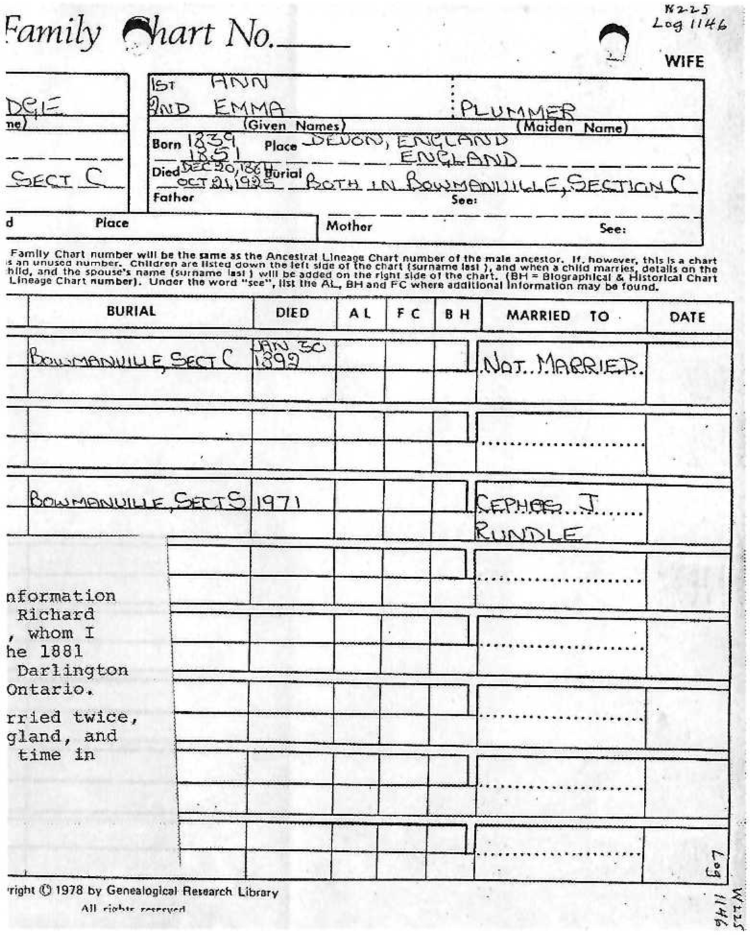
Note by Kathy Witheridge



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Family Chart No.____

**WIFE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DGE ne) | 1ST ANN<br>2ND EMMA (Given Names) | PLUMMER (Maiden Name) |
| | Born 1839<br>1851 | Place DEVON, ENGLAND<br>ENGLAND |
| SECT C | Died DEC 20, 1864<br>OCT 21, 1925 | Burial BOTH IN BOWMANVILLE, SECTION C |
| | Father | See: |
| d Place | Mother | See: |

Family Chart number will be the same as the Ancestral Lineage Chart number of the male ancestor. If, however, this is a chart s an unused number. Children are listed down the left side of the chart (surname last ), and when a child marries, details on the hild, and the spouse's name (surname last ) will be added on the right side of the chart. (BH = Biographical & Historical Chart Lineage Chart number). Under the word "see", list the AL, BH and FC where additional information may be found.

| BURIAL | DIED | AL | FC | BH | MARRIED TO | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BOWMANVILLE, SECT C | JAN 30 1892 | | | | NOT MARRIED | |
| | | | | | | |
| BOWMANVILLE, SECT S | 1971 | | | | CEPHAS J. RUNDLE | |

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Darlington
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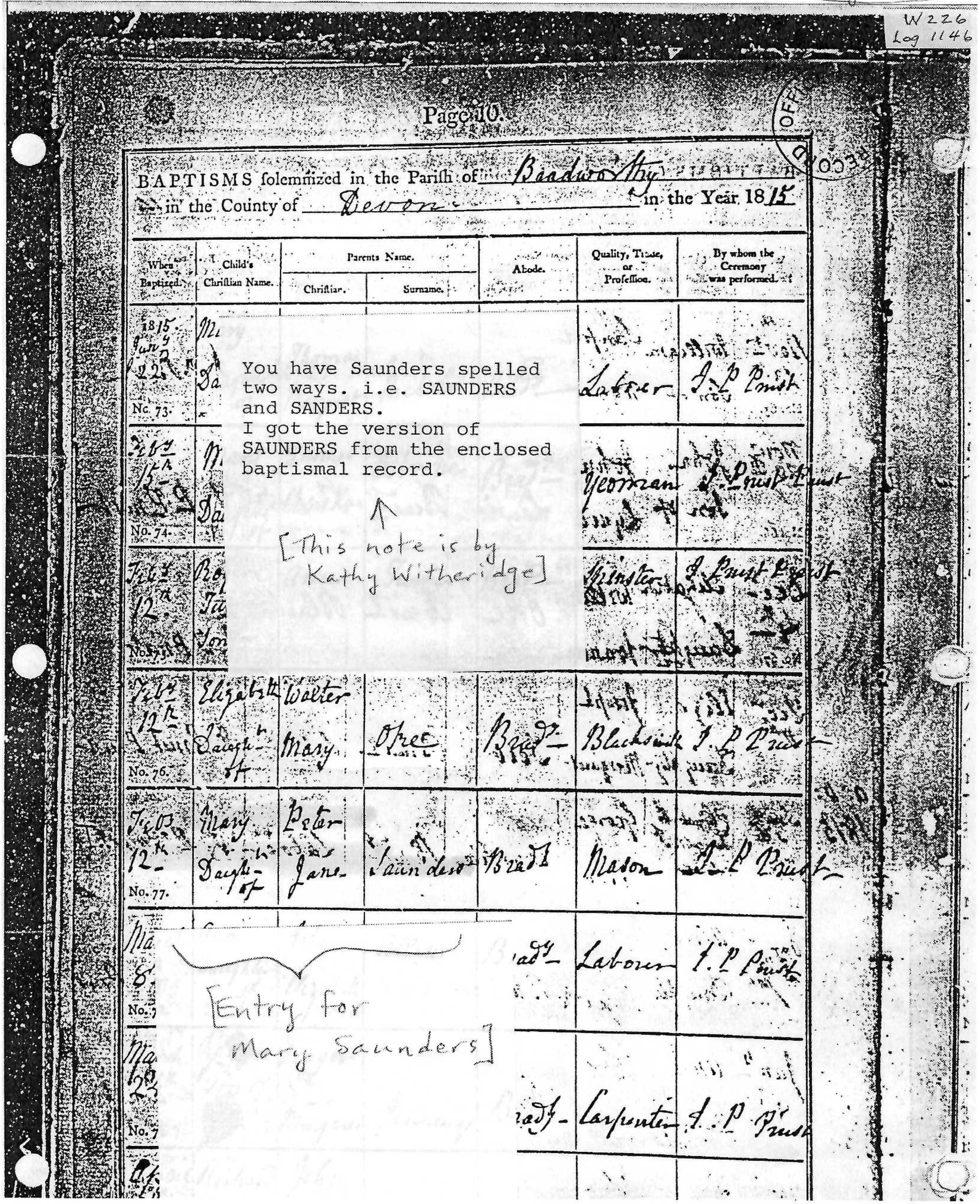

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Bradworthy in the County of Devon in the Year 1815

| When Baptized. | Child's Christian Name. | Parents Name. |  | Abode. | Quality, Trade, or Profession. | By whom the Ceremony was performed. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  | Christian. | Surname. |  |  |  |
| 1815 Jany 22 No. 73. | Ma Da |  |  |  | Labrer | J. P. Priest |
| Feby 15 No. 74. | M Da |  |  |  | Yeoman | J. P. Priest |
| Feby 12 No. 75. | Ro Ja Jon |  |  |  | Minster | J. Priest |
| Feby 12th No. 76. | Elizabeth Daughter of | Walter Mary | Obee | Bradw | Blacksmith | J. P. Priest |
| Feby 12th No. 77. | Mary Daughter of | Peter Jane | Saunders | Bradw | Mason | J. P. Priest |
| Mar 8 No. 7 |  |  |  | rady | Laborer | J. P. Priest |
| Mar 22 No. 7 |  |  |  | radw | Carpenter | J. P. Priest |
| Ap |  |  |  |  |  |  |

You have Saunders spelled two ways. i.e. SAUNDERS and SANDERS.
I got the version of SAUNDERS from the enclosed baptismal record.

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[This note is by Kathy Witheridge]

[Entry for Mary Saunders]

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Kathleen M. Witheridge
343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

Rev. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolia. Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

November 8th, 1988.

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

I recently obtained the enclosed death extract of Christopher Witheridge.

I came across Christopher in the 1910 Toronto City Directory, listed as a Brakeman with CPR and residing at 44 Hook Street, Toronto.

I had written the Toronto Trust Cemeteries, asking them information on any Witheridge's buried in Toronto. On the list that they forwarded to me, it had Christopher Witheridge, died March 4th, 1935, in Toronto, at the age of 57 years, being the Wife of Charlotte Witheridge of 26 Havelock Street, Toronto, and buried in Prospect Cemetery, 1450 St. Clair West, Toronto.

I was even more anxious to find out more about him, as I could not fit him in with the Witheridge's of Canada.

I sent for a death extract, and as you can see, he was born in England, being the Son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Witheridge.

I looked on the lists which you kindly forwarded to me, of the Bradworthy Witheridges, and could only find the following:

Nathaniel - Bapt. Jan 5, 1632/3 - Ilfracombe,
had two wives (1) Joane (2) Emma Eastaway
Son of James Witheridge and Joane Moule
(This one is too far back)

Nathaniel - Bapt. Mar 13, 1678 - Ilfracombe
bur. Apr 25, 1750 - Ilfracombe
Son of Nathaniel Witheridge and Emma Eastaway
(This one is too far back)

Nathan - Birth 1839 - Bradworthy
Son of John Wetheridge and Grace Grills
Brother of George who emigrated to Canada

This too is a little far back, it would make Nathan around 39 when Christopher was born. I suppose this could be the one.

I was wondering if you could help me out at all, do you have any more information.

Also, do you have any information on the Church in Bradworthy, Devon. I think I told you, that we leave for Britain on December 12th, and we are hoping to visit Devon.

I do have quite a large amount of Genealogy Extracts of Births, Marriages and Deaths, on our Witheridge family, if you would like copies I would be pleased to forward them to you.

I did hear from the Witheridge Society, and now have a copy of the Witheridge Times, Volume 2 Number 2, and find it all very interesting.

I do plan on sending Joyce Browne, copies of all my Extracts, as per her request, but thought I would take them back to England myself, and maybe mail them there. I am also anxious to find out if she has any Certificates of the Witheridges of Bradworthy, prior to visiting St. Catherine's House.

Well, I think that's about all for now. Thanking you for any help you can offer.

Kind regards,

Kathy

Kathleen M. Witheridge

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General
Ontario

Office of the Registrar General

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## Information Extracted for Genealogy

# Death

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of Deceased: | WITHERIDGE, CHRISTOPHER |
| Date of Death: | MARCH 4, 1935 |
| Place of Death: | TORONTO |
| Age or Date of Birth: | 57 YEARS |
| Marital Status: | MARRIED |
| Place of Birth: | ENGLAND |
| Occupation: | RAILWAYMAN CPR |
| Names of Parents: | WITHERIDGE, NATHANIEL<br>WITHERIDGE, ELIZABETH |
| Father's Birthplace: | ENGLAND |
| Mother's Birthplace: | ENGLAND |
| Informant: | MRS. CHARLOTTE WITHERIDGE |
| Cemetery: | PROSPECT |
| Registration Number: | 1935-05-002891 |

Issued at Toronto, this 28 TH

day of OCTOBER 19 88.

Despina H Georgas

D.H. Georgas
Deputy Registrar General

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11/15/88

Dear Kathy,

Because you are leaving for England on Dec. 12, I'm just sending a quick note. I've looked through all my records and don't find any Nathaniel but the ones you listed. However, Kim Cook has a more complete index and may have some others. She's also trying to compile all the Witheridge/Wetheridge entries in the St. Catherines House Indexes and may have the reference for Christopher. That would be the best place to start. You should write directly to Kim and also try to call her when you're in England.

Unless some other Nathaniels turn up, it's quite possible that the Nathan born in 1839 in Bradworthy was the father of Christopher. That might also confirm my conjecture that the Thomas Witheridge married in 1698 in Bradworthy was the son of Nathaniel of Ilfracombe. But that remains to be proven.

Thank you for your Oct. 14th letter with all its information. I haven't time to write any more at this time.

Sincerely,
David Witheridge

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W23
Log 11

March 4,1989

Dear Kathy,

I hope you had a most wonderful trip to England in December, and I look forward to having a report from you when you have a chance to write. For several months I've been hoping to write to you, but couldn't seem to find the time. What prodded me into action was the enclosed copy of a letter I recently received from Philip Hookway in Nuneaton. His Witheridge ancestry is in Devon, but we haven't yet discovered the connection between our families.

You will note that in addition to all the Hookway references, Ruth Stevens mentions John Manning who married Grace Witheridge, a relative of your husband. Ruth also found the grave of William Witheridge, Grace's brother, though the year (1846) was apparently copied wrong from the stone. She also found the grave of their father, John Witheridge, though here again there is a discrepancy in the date of death. According to his age given (77), this should be 1859, and perhaps the date I have (June 27) is the date of burial, and hers (May 21) is the actual death.

In any case, since she is in contact with some Manning descendants (her fourth cousins), you may want to get their addresses from her and write to them. They may know more about their Witheridge ancestry, or they may enjoy helping you find out more about it!

Before writing this letter I took the time to go through all the records and items you sent me, and I have made the proper additions to my own records. Thank you very much for this information. You asked if I would like to have copies of extracts you have of births, marriages, and deaths. Yes, I'd be very glad to have them, and I'll be glad to reimburse you, if you will let me know the cost.

Another question you asked was about wills in England. I have had very little success in this regard, as the Devon wills were all located at the Exeter Cathedral, which was badly damaged by bombs in World War II. There are some earlier extracts available, but very few of Witheridge wills. The place to check is the Devon Record Office. Later wills (after 1858) should be at Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LP.

I have also had very little luck as yet with land records. Unlike the vital records, land records are not available here on microfilm, and even at the county record offices in England they are not usually indexed. Not living in England, I have more or less ignored them. Perhaps you can discover a way of using them. If so, please let me know!

Well, that is all I have time for now.

Sincerely,

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Rose Manley (Roses and Manleys)

27.5.1799. ~~sold to~~ Elizabeth Knill, Mary Witheridge, Thomas Witheridge and John Witheridge sold to Thomas Watts.

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✓ 1842 Tithe Map John Witheridge was owner/occupier of house now known as "High Cross * (Church Corner).
He was also tenant (from Mary & Charlotte Cutcliffe of 3 fields totalling 5 acres between Shute Lane & Genesis Lane.

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✓* Confirmed by 1851 Census: JPW512-1C2.211

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Witheridge | aged 49 | Mason | born CM |
| Mary Hammock | ~ 46 | Wife | ~ CM |
| Mary ~ | ~ 18 | Daughter | ~ CM |
| Thomas ~ | ~ 14 | Son | ~ CM |
| John ~ | ~ 12 | Son | ~ CM |
| James ~ | ~ 9 | Son | ~ CM |
| Emily ~ | ~ 4 | Daughter | ~ CM |

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✓ALSO JPW32

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|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Witheridge | aged 58 | Farm Labourer | born CM |
| Mary [illegible] ~ | ~ 49 | Wife | ~ CM |
| Susan ~ | ~ 12 | Daughter | ~ CM |
| William ~ | ~ 9 | Son | ~ CM |
| George ~ | ~ 14 | Lodger - Lime Quarry Labourer | born Cothwell |

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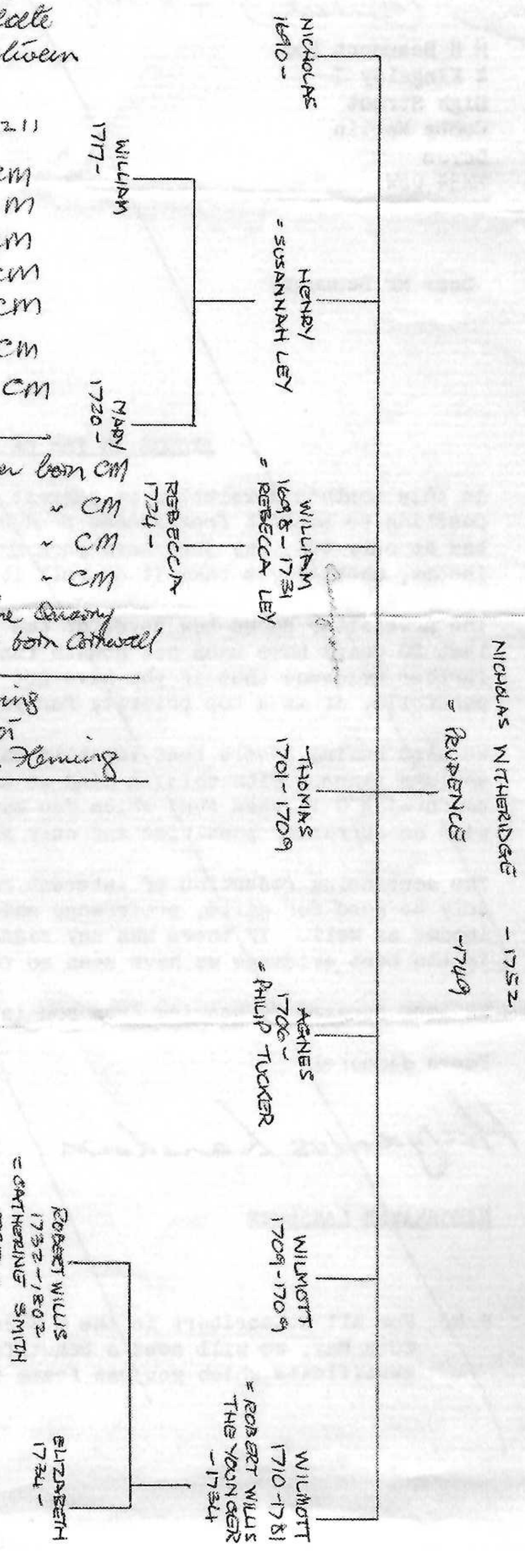
? Amy Witheridge aged 52 Widow Lodging House Proprietor born Bratton Fleming


NICHOLAS WITHERIDGE
= PRUDENCE
-1749
-1752
NICHOLAS
1690-
HENRY
= SUSANNAH LEY
WILLIAM
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MARY
1720-
WILLIAM
1698-1731
= REBECCA LEY
REBECCA
1724-
THOMAS
1701-1709
AGNES
1706-
= PHILIP TUCKER
WILMOTT
1709-1709
WILMOTT
1710-1781
= ROBERT WILLS THE YOUNGER
-1734
ROBERT WILLS
1732-1802
= CATHERINE SMITH
1733-
ELIZABETH
1734-

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From (Michael) + Hilary [Dau. - Michelle Boyd]

M H Beaumont Esq
4 Kingsley Terr.
High Street
Combe Martin
Devon
EX34 0EW

Dear Mr Beaumont

## INCOME IN THE UK - GROWTH IN J

In this month's Newsletter we suggest that all inve
position to benefit from income producing assets.
tax at only 40%, why just have pure growth investme
income, whether you take it or roll it up, as well.

The newsletter shows how seven of the top ten incom
last 20 years have been not growth funds but actual
further evidence that if you have not got income un
portfolio, it is a top priority for your investment

We also remind people that volatile markets are idea
savings plans. With this in mind we have included
performing G T Japan fund which you may invest in by
with no surrender penalties and only minimal bid and

The continuing reduction of interest rates in the U
only be good for gilts, preference shares, convertib
income as well. If there was any signal that the be
is the best evidence we have seen so far.

MICHAEL AND
HILARY BEAUMONT.

4, KINGSLEY TERR.
Combe Martin
TEL. 2636.
NEXT TO POST OFFICE.

PLEASE CALL
ANYTIME.

Michelle Boyd
(daughter)

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Hargreaves Lansdown

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To: Mr. Michael Beaumont, 4, Kingsley Terrace, High Street, Combe Martin. EX34 OEW.

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Name (Block letters) ☐

Address ..................................................

Telephone Number ................

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
February 10, 1997

Dear Michael,

I'm sure you must have heard from Una Parsons about the Witheridge celebration to be held in Tiverton on the Bank Holiday, May 3-5. I'm writing to make sure you are well informed and to urge you and Hilary to make a special effort to go, especially on Saturday--as well as Michelle and her husband, if they can make it.

= It's really going to be an outstanding odcasion, as there will be Witheridge descendants from many parts of the world besides Britain. I already know many from the United States, Canada, and Australia who are going, and there may be other countries represented. Quite a few are descended from the Combe Martin branch, so you will get to meet these distant relatives of yours, plus many from other branches that we haven't yet connected to ours. I'm looking forward to getting acquainted with each of them and hearing their stories, as they must all be very special people.

Because so many of the Witheridge descendants stem from Combe Martin, I'm wondering if there are still copies of your book about Combe Martin available. If so, I think you should bring some to Tiverton, because I'm sure there would be people who would like to buy them.

I'm also looking forward to being able to be in Combe Martin again via the coach tour. I have fond memories of the place and the people there, and this will give me a chance to see many of my non-Witheridge relatives.

Well, that's all for now. Please do your best to get to Tiverton in May.

Yours sincerely,

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
March 13, 1989

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Beaumont
4 Kingsley Terrace
High Street
Combe Martin
Devon EX34 0EW
England

Dear Michael and Hilary,

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to write to you after our trip to England last summer. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting many relatives and friends. One of the most interesting times was our gathering with distant relatives in Combe Martin.

We arrived home with dreadful colds that lasted several weeks. In addition we found they were in the midst of a severe drought and heat wave here, so our energy level was very low. It seemed to take forever to do all the things needing to be done after our trip.

[Private medical information redacted here]

Finally, here I am, and I do want to establish contact with you. When I got around to comparing the little Witheridge chart you gave me with my other Witheridge records, I had no trouble tying it in. I know you're a distant cousin, Michael, but I'm not sure of the exact relationship, because of a discrepancy between your information and mine. I'm enclosing two family group sheets for you to compare with your records.

You will see that my record of the children of Nicholas and Prudence Witheridge lists only six children, omitting William, who married Rebecca Ley. According to my records, William was born in Berrynarbor, the son of Thomas Witheridge and Mary Sherman. If you have other evidence showing William to be the son of Nicholas and Prudence, I'd be very grateful to receive it.

I was grateful to have the information that Wilmot Witheridge married Robert Willis. I had Thomas Bussacott as the husband of this Wilmot, but he must be the husband of another Wilmot, whom I haven't discovered yet. I also had Susanna Ley as the wife of a different Henry Witheridge, because I had only recently heard about this Henry from a third cousin of mine, Marjorie Packer. So you did help me in several ways with your information. If you have any other corrections or additions, please let me know.

My recollection, Michael, from our visit to Combe Martin is that you and John Sharp have been involved in starting the Combe Martin Historical Society. I was very happy when I heard about this society, and I'd like to become a member and receive its publications. My ancestors lived in that small part of North Devon over 300 years--first in Berrynarbor and then in Combe Martin--so I feel very close to that area. Here is 5.00 to get me on the list. Please let me know what the annual dues are.

I hope you will enjoy the enclosed pictures as a reminder of our get-together. I discovered that Michael was one of a few people I missed in my picture taking. I didn't have the process well organized, and I did try to talk to everyone for at least a few minutes, so time seemed to run out that evening. Perhaps you would give Michelle the one she is in and tell her we did enjoy meeting her.

Now I must close, as I still have a number of other letters to write. Best wishes to all of you.

Yours sincerely,

## Editor's Note

According to DEW's marginal notes in document calendars 139 and 140, all documents ranging from W233 to W243 were to be found in a file called "Witheridge New Jersey. Unfortunately, that file is missing. If it turns up, or if documents in that range are found in another file or files, I'll insert them at appropriate spots in the document collection. For example, documents W242 and W243 were actually located in files named for the people involved, and they are presented here in proper numerical order.

The following documents summarized in document calendars 140 and 141 are also missing: W246 to W247, W251 to W254 and W258 to W259. DEW's marginal notes in the calendars suggest several places to look for the missing documents ("Unans. Geneal. Letters," "Unans. Personal Letters," and "Inf. to be Recorded"), but as of today I have been unable to find files with those labels. All I can do is apologize and hope that many of these documents will eventually turn up.

Tom Witheridge
December 28, 2021

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 9. 1989

Mrs. Thomas Gilmore
18 Cleveland Road
Union, NJ 07083

(908)-964-1973

[Ellen is her second cousin in Rahway]

Dear Martha,

Your mother probably told you I talked to her on the phone a week or so ago, and you probably saw the letter I wrote in March. I was pleased to learn that you might be interested in finding out more about your Witheridge ancestry and relatives.

As you see, I am enclosing another copy of the list of Witheridges from the recent book, "Witheridges Across America." Although it isn't complete, it shows how scarce the name really is. All those starting with William N. Witheridge are relatives of mine, and the rest are from New Jersey (some by way of Nanticoke, Pa.). It looks to me like just two main family groups.

At this point I would guess that the three brothers and one sister your mother told me about were children of George Edwin Witheridge, who was born in Lamerton, Devon, and came as a boy to Wharton, N.J., with his father, John Phillip Witheridge. This is one thing I hope you will help me confirm or disprove.

Enclosed is my family group sheet for John Phillip Witheridge and his children, and also a projected one for George Edwin Witheridge and his children. I'J be very grateful if you would fill in any names, places, and dates you can discover, especially for George Edwin Witheridge's family (if this actually is). The easiest place to start would be the death record or an obituary of your grandfather, Creighton. By the way, I'm sending similar material to your sister Janet, so you may want to work together in some way.

I'm also enclosing a family group sheet for your own family. I hope you will fill this in and send me a copy. What you should do is add what you can to all these sheets and then send me a photocopy of the corrected sheets.

Your mother also told me you had been buying a special perfume from Devon and have now discovered you can get it from a company here in Minneapolis. I'd be interested in hearing about this from you.

That will be all for now. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 9, 1989

Mrs. Janet Sautter
2 Nell Court
Fairfield, NJ 0700~~6~~4

(973)
(~~201~~) 575-9289

Dear Janet,

Your mother may have told you I talked to her on the phone a week or so ago. I was trying to reach your father, whom I had written to in March, not realizing he had died. Perhaps you saw or heard about that letter. I hope you will be interested in finding out more about your Witheridge ancestry and relatives.

I got your father's name and address from the enclosed list, which is out of a recent book, "Witheridges Across America." Of course, the list isn't 100% complete, but it shows how scarce the name really is. All those starting with William N. Witheridge are relatives of mine, and the rest are from New Jersey (some by way of Nanticoke, Pa.). I think there are just two family groups represented.

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Enclosed is my family group sheet for John Phillip Witheridge and his children, and also a projected one for George Edwin Witheridge and his children. I'd be very grateful if you would fill in any names, places, and dates you can discover, especially for George Edwin Witheridge's family (if this actually is). I've also asked Martha to work on this, so you may want to confer with her and work on this together. I suggested the easiest place to start would be the death record or an obituary of your grandfather, Creighton.

I'm also enclosing a family group sheet of your own family. I hope you will fill this in and send me a copy. What you should do is add what you can to all these sheets and then send me a photocopy of the corrected sheets.

Thank you for any help you can give. I look forward to hearing from you after you confer with Martha.

Yours sincerely,

David F. Witheridge

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
May 22, 1989

Mr. and Mrs. John Pegler
Devonia Castle Street
Combe Martin
North Devon EX34 0JF
England

Dear Mavis and John,

I'm sure you will be surprised to get a letter from me so long since our trip to England last year. (In fact, it's just about a year since we arrived there last May.) I won't try to explain why it has taken me so long to write to you. It has just been a very busy year and full of many distractions and responsibilities.

We greatly enjoyed our visit to Britain, and we remember our evening get-together in Combe Martin as one of the high points. Enclosed are a couple of pictures to serve as a pleasant reminder of that delightful gathering. I intended to send them to you many months ago.

Mavis, I have known since our visit in 1980 that you are a distant Witheridge relative of mine, but I have never pursued the matter to define the relationship. Now I find in my notes that you are a cousin of Una's and that you and she share the same grandmother--Emma Witheridge, who married Henry George Parsons. This means that, like Una, you are my (ninth) seventh cousin. It's fun to have relatives still living in my old ancestral home of Combe Martin!

I see that Una didn't give me much information about your grandparents, Emma and Henry Parsons and their family. I'd really be grateful if you would send me a list of their children in chronological order --in other words, Una's father Herbert, your mother or father, and any brothers or sisters they had.

I guess that's all for now. We look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Private medical information redacted here.

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Dear Elizabeth + David —

Think of you often but just don't seem to get around to writing. We are all fine. Bob keeps busy delivering motor-homes, when we are not out with our own. We spent 4 mo in ours this past summer. Had a wonderful time. We visited Larry in Denver. They have another little girl born June 1st Kate Susanne was born in Manitou Springs Colo. They moved to Denver so it would be better for Larry and his work with Santa Fe.

It is hard at Christmas to be away from our boys and their families. We will be with Joan and her family.

Hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Love
Lois

(Mrs. Robert E. Witheridge)

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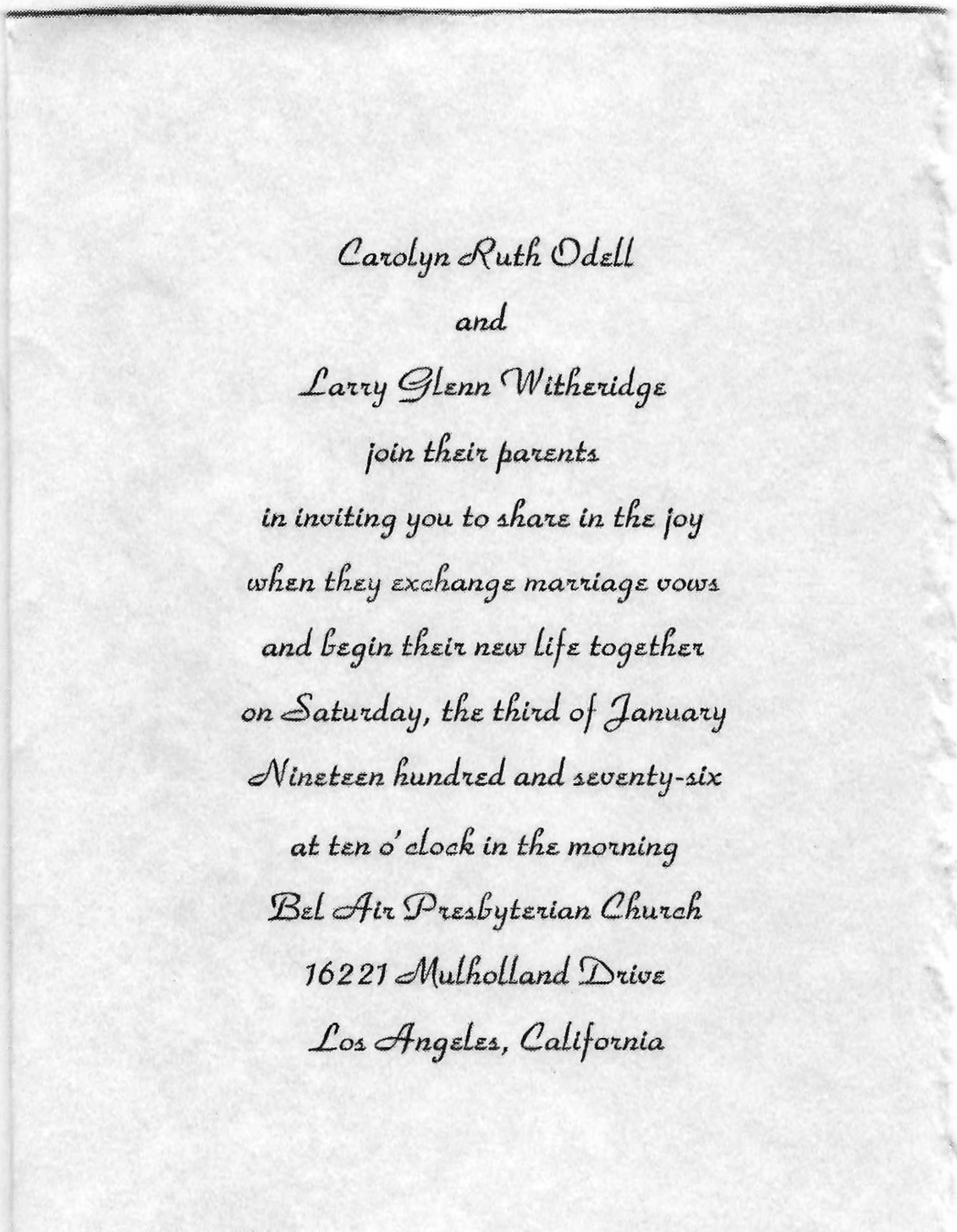

*Carolyn Ruth Odell*
*and*
*Larry Glenn Witheridge*
*join their parents*
*in inviting you to share in the joy*
*when they exchange marriage vows*
*and begin their new life together*
*on Saturday, the third of January*
*Nineteen hundred and seventy-six*
*at ten o'clock in the morning*
*Bel Air Presbyterian Church*
*16221 Mulholland Drive*
*Los Angeles, California*

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Kathleen M. Witheridge

343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

August 22, 1989

Rev. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis. Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

First of all my apologies for taking so long to write you, but life has been very hectic around here.

For the month of July, we had my sister and brother-in-law and another couple over from England visiting us, so of course, we had to do the grand tour of Ontario; Toronto, Kingston, Upper Canada Village, Ottawa, Montreal, Algonquin Park, Muskoka, and all down Lake Huron, back home. We even stopped in at the graveyard in Darlington Twp, to show our visitors just where the Witheridges lived and died on their arrival from Devon, England, in 1842.

Since then, we have been very busy doing major renovations to our house, it's a lot of work, but it should be lovely when eventually finished.

I am also back to work, I do keep trying to retire, but as soon as the lawyers in town find out I am at home, they have to call me to work. There is a very bad shortage of legal secretaries in town.

In November, we are flying to Los Angeles, California, for two weeks. Paul is doing a one week business stint in Newport Beach, we then extend the trip for an additional week and move on to Hollywood. It should be a lot of fun, as we have never been there before. My mother tells me that she has a cousin in Beverly Hills, so I am thinking seriously about paying her a visit, as she may be able to give me information about her father, who was my grandfathers brother.

I now go back to May 1st, I got so depressed that day because I couldn't take my mind off thinking about the great day in England. I had spent a great deal of time printing posters etc., for "Witheridge Day", and felt so sad because I couldn't be there. I thought about you, and probably you felt sad too, because the previous year you had attended.

I did think very seriously of calling, but I had no telephone number for the Hall where the event was taking place, and I knew that I wouldn't reach anyone at Phils home.

We are hoping to return once again to England next year, but I don't think it will be in May. We really enjoy September in England, and seem to keep to that month. A few years ago, we did go for 3 weeks in May, and it rained every single day. On the other hand, we have been in September 3 times, and each time have had wonderful weather.

I did try my hand at writing an article for the "Witheridge Times" and am enclosing a copy for you to look at. I could have probably gone on for ever, but didn't wish to bore members.

I am having a really hard time trying to locate an L.D.S. Church, were I could view some records. I had read in a book that there was a new L.D.S. Church here in Sarnia, so I wrote and asked if they had a library there. My letter was today returned "No Mail Receptacle".

I was having a great deal of difficulty with Paul's great-great grandmother, Susan McWaters, who married George Witheridge, Jr, on or about the year 1867. I knew that Susan was born in Ireland, as the census told me so, but I had no idea as to where or which part of Ireland. I have spent quite a lot of time researching this name, and now find that she was the daughter of John McWaters, who came to Canada from County Armagh, Northern Ireland.

John McWaters, was born on or around the year 1808, and was married 3 times, his first wife was Susanna J. Johnston, born on or about the year 1812, and was the daughter of John Johnston. John McWaters and Susanna J. Johnston had 3 children.

John McWaters second wife, and the mother of my Susan, is unknown at the present time, but there were 2 children of this marriage, Thomas McWaters born on or around the year 1844, and my Susan, who was born on or around the year 1845/46.

John McWaters third wife, Jane Copeland, born on or around the year 1822, the daughter of Agnes Copeland, and there were 11 children of that marriage.

It is thought that Susan McWaters was quite young when she arrived in Clarke Township, Canada, which is right next to Darlington Township.

I am a member of the Ontario Genealogy Society and also a member of the Branch of Whitby/Oshawa, where the Witheridge family arrived from England.

I have obtained an abundance of information from the Branch, and was advised by them, that a Barbara DiMambro of Richmond Hill, Near Toronto, had an Ad in the O.G.S. magazine, she was looking for George Witheridge and Susan McWaters. I immediately contacted her and told her that these were the great-great grandparents of my husband Paul. They also turned out to be her great-great grandparents. She had very little knowledge about the Witheridge family, so I immediately offered my assistance. Whilst returning my family to Toronto Airport in July, we called in to see Barb, and took her a huge box of information, certificates, etc., on the Witheridge family. As you can well imagine, she was delighted to say the least.

Between Barb and I, we have now come up with a date of death and place of burial for George and Susan. I did have a date of death for George, but never had one for Susan.

We are now both anxious to find out more about Susan, and that is why I am anxious to view some of the L.D.S. records.

Well, I think that I have probably gone on long enough, and hope that you are both keeping well.

Kind regards,

Kathy

Kathleen M. Witheridge

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# "THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY"
# THE WITHERIDGE FAMILY WHO EMIGRATED TO CANADA FROM BRADWORTHY, DEVON

Canada, is a Nation of Immigrants, we or our ancestors travelled to Canada to build a new life. It is not known why the Witheridge family moved from the lovely village of Bradworthy, Devon, but it is evident that George Witheridge along with his recent bride, Mary Sanders and their two year old Son, John, emigrated to join other family members and share their wealth in a relative new country.

George Witheridge, the great-great-great grandfather of my husband Paul Witheridge, was the son of John Witheridge and Martha Sanders. It is only in recent months that the mother of George has been found. It was thought that his mother was Grace Grills, as she was the mother of his six brothers and two sisters and the wife of his father. All my records indicated that George was born on or around the year 1807, but John Witheridge did not marry Grace Grills until August 6th, 1815, and, as Grace Grills was born in 1793, she would have only been fourteen years old when George was born.

The Reverend Peter Sutton, of Bradworthy Parish Church, Devon, was preparing for me, a Witheridge Pedigree, and when it arrived, there was a notation against the name of John Witheridge indicating that on September 3rd, 1808, he entered into a Bond in respect of a child expected by Martha Sanders of Milton Damerel, Devon, of whom he was the alleged father. (4 mi. ESE of Bradworthy)

As a baptism record for George had never been found in Bradworthy, Devon, it was presumed that his year of birth was on or about 1816. I now felt certain that the illegitimate child expected by Martha Sanders was George. I then obtained a copy of the baptism register from Milton Damerel, showing George Witheridge, son of Martha Sanders was baptized on December 18th, 1808. My suspicions were now confirmed.

George Witheridge married Mary Sanders, at Bradworthy Parish Church, on March 25th, 1839, and on December 22nd, 1839, their first child, John Witheridge was born at Cleverdon, in the Parish of Bradworthy.

It is believed that George Witheridge, his wife Mary, and their son John, emigrated to Canada in or around the year 1842. Their second child, Mary Jane, was born in Upper Canada in 1842, and George Witheridge appeared in the 1843 census for Darlington Township, Upper Canada.

Darlington Township was a relatively small farming community, being thirty miles east of Toronto and five miles west of Bowmanville, which is now in the Province of Ontario.
In 1866, the Ebenezer Chapel was opened in Darlington Township, this being the Bible Christian Church, which was of the Devon origin. Many of the Devon families attended the chapel, including the Witheridge family.

It is interesting to walk through the older section of the Ebenezer Cemetery today, and find such names as Grills, Harris, Littlejohns, Oke, Osborne, Sanders/Saunders and of course, Witheridge, all buried in the cemetery, and all names which appear in my Witheridge family tree, and originate from Bradworthy, Devon. In fact, the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, have placed a plaque in front of the chapel, which reads as follows:

### THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

> "Perhaps the most fervent of the Methodist sects, the Bible Christian Church was formed in southwestern England in 1815 and established in Upper Canada during the 1830's. Served by itinerant preachers, its small but loyal membership increased gradually, largely among British emigrants from Devon and Cornwall who had settled in rural areas in Northumberland, Durham and Huron Counties. In 1855 the Canadian mission, noted, as was the parent English body for its emphasis upon lay-ministered co-operation in church government, became an independent conference and by 1870 numerous chapels, including this structure, had been built. However, inability to gain support in emerging urban centres and mounting financial difficulties arrested the sect's growth. In 1884 the Bible Christian Church entered into a union with other Methodist bodies."

On October 27th, 1853, George Witheridge bought a 96 acre farm, being Part Lot 21, in the First Concession, for the Township of Darlington, County of Durham, for the sum of One thousand and twenty-eight pounds ten shillings of lawful money of the Province of Canada.

On the south-west corner of the Witheridge farm there was a school, which was built in 1840 of log construction. In January, 1857, George Witheridge sold off a small portion of his land in the south-west corner to School Trustees of School Section Number Three, in order that the school could be extended. He sold yet another small piece of his land to the School Trustees in 1875, possibly to extend the school even more.

This was no doubt the school where the six Witheridge children attended, and would have only been a short walk for them in the winter time. This school is now long gone but records which I obtained from the Provincial Archives, showed the following information:
"Darlington Township School Number Three was built in 1840 of log construction. In 1856 the school was open nine months and nineteen days. Total inhabitants in the school district were 249, young and old, 71 of which were between the age of 5 and 16 years, 30 of which were boys, 35 were girls and 5 of the students were non-residents from other sections.

7 scholars attended school less than 20 days in the year 1856.
27 scholars attended school between 20 and 50 days;
17 scholars attended school between 50 and 100 days;
8 scholars attended school between 100 and 150 days;
6 scholars attended school between 150 and 200 days;
No scholars attended the full 260 days.

10 scholars were in the lowest class or the First Book of the National Readers;
11 scholars were in the 2nd class or Second Book of the National Readers;
19 scholars were in the 3rd class or Third Book of the National Readers;
10 scholars were in the 4th class or Fourth Book of the National Readers, and
15 scholars were in the 5th class or Fifth Book of the National Readers.

42 students studied arithmetic
13 students studied grammar
12 students studied geography
No students studied history and
44 students studied writing.

The school teacher in 1856 was E.G. Power."

It is quite obvious that the children were encouraged to work rather than attend school. The males usually worked around the farm and the girls went into service.

George Witheridge lived on the farm until his death on April 18th, 1884, aged 77 years. His Will read that his wife Mary, was to remain on the property until her death. He gave to his eldest child, John Witheridge, 46 acres, being one half of the farm more or less, and the remaining 46 acres to his youngest child, William Thomas Witheridge. In turn the said John Witheridge had to pay to his sister, Jane Oke, the sum of $460.00, and to his brother George Witheridge Jr. the sum of $60.00. The said William Thomas Witheridge, along with his mother, Mary Witheridge, was to pay to the said George Witheridge Jr. the sum of $400.00, and the sum of $400.00 to his sister Sarah Witheridge. The remaining child, Elizabeth Witheridge had died on February 21st, 1865 at the age of 20 year 1 month.

The witnesses to the Will were Thomas and Grace Yeo, who were from Bradworthy, Devon.

The farm was held by the two brothers until January 6th, 1905, when it was sold to Walter Foley. I might add at this time that the farm is still in existence today, with many changes of course, and is still owned by the Foley family.

by Kathy M. Witheridge
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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
September 8, 1989

Mrs. Ronald Goins
12016 Versailles Court
San Diego, CA 92128

Dear Carol,

Thank you for your telephone call. I'm sorry I couldn't remember the facts about your family at first, but I looked up the notes I took during your first call, and I see that you are a descendant of Francis Witheridge and Ann Eastaway of Berrynarbor and Ilfracombe. You are definitely a very distant cousin of mine — I think about ninth cousin — but I can't figure it out exactly until you send me information about how you are related to Francis and Ann Witheridge.

I have met or corresponded with several other descendants of Francis and Ann Witheridge. They are thus more closely related to you than I am. They are John James of Vancouver, B.C.; Neil Witheridge of Stonehaven, Scotland; his nephew, Robin Witheridge of London; Una Parsons, Mavis Pegler, and Kenneth Norman of Combe Martin; and Una's niece, Robyn Connett of Exeter.

I haven't time to write more at this time, but I look forward to a letter from you containing more information.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

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Shel-Roc. Castle St.
Combe Martin
N Devon EX34 0HY

7 Sept 1989

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Log 1200

Dear Mr Witheridge,

Many thanks for your letter of the 16 June enclosing the picture which you took of myself with Mavis Pegler. - the Parsons family have been known to me for many years.

I am so glad you enjoyed your meeting with the many interested people of Combe Martin

At present we are having the most glorious weather, so lovely that I can only remember one year similar, and that was in 1947. This summer has been overshadowed by a threatened drought and we are extremely anxious that we do not get rationing even now.

Yes, I am very interested in music especially the Baroque period

1600 - 1750. I have played at the Baptist church for about half a century allowing for five years when on war service.

Incidentally, this year - June I, with fifty eight other organ "buffs" went to E Germany. Our tour was arranged by Inter Church Travel and it took in Leipzig, Dresden and Erfurt. Really we were looking and listening to the organ works of J S Bach played on the magnificent Silbermann organs which Albert Schweitzer admired. Our recitalist and lecturer was Peter Hurford the English international organist.

We had two American ladies in the party and from Canada there was a coloured organist - a fine player his name was Foster Hill and he played a four manual Cassavant organ at a large Presbyterian Church somewhere in

Ontario. At one time he told me he had had lessons from Virgil Fox.

I've also been to Saas Fee in Switzerland where four of us did some long walks to Mountain huts. In the party was a Mr and Mrs Gammon – he is circuit Treasurer for several Methodist churches in the Bradford circuit and Una Stock came with me. Una is a geographer and is very keen on taking photos of geographical scenes for teaching purposes. She is also the person with whom you communicate from time to time.

Now as to the Bray family I am not able to help you to any great degree. My Father William Bray was born in the Parish of Kentisbury – three miles from Combe Martin in 1877. – he died at age 91 in 1969. My grandfather was John Bray who died in 1920/1 and while most of his life was spent at Kentisbury he came from Braunton. In Braunton there were other Brays and my grandfather's brother was one of the many sea captains sailing out of Braunton on the vessels which plied their trade perhaps as far afield as Ireland but mainly in the Bristol Channel. This brother was call Richard "Dick" Bray and he is mentioned as owning a Vessel called the Lavinia in a book called "Victorian Braunton" by Arthur Slee. I cant go back further at present.

Yes, I am aware of Mrs Annie Bray who was Kenneth Norman's grandmother. I have always understood that the Bray she married was a Berrynarbor Bray. One of the Brays of Berrynarbor was organist at the Parish church for 45 years and I believe (the family) they owned the ancient Globe Inn. at one time.

At the present time I regret that I cannot offer more assistance. In view of the fact that there would appear to be no relationship to the Berrynarbor Brays I cannot see that a relationship exists between the two of us.

Perhaps as Autumn comes and I'm not so busy I will go to the new library at Barnstaple and try to consult their archives, and take Una Stock with me for she has done considerable research on the Irwins.

I do hope you and your wife are keeping well

Yours sincerely
Bill Bray

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Telephone from Carol Goins in Calif. - 12/7/89

Called to wish us Merry Christmas before she leaves for England.

Had a letter from her third cousin in New Zealand:
Velma Metcalfe [49 Chester Road, Tawa, Wellington, NZ] (Kin)
Working on her Witheridge ancestry
Stuck about 1775
Corresponded with Carol's brother in England and with The Witheridge Society
Connected up with my information going back to 1500's
She has written a history of the Witheridges in New Zealand to be used in "The Witheridge Times", but it hasn't come out probably because Philip Witheridge's wife has Multiple Sclerosis

Carol's brother does a great deal of genealogy and has been to St. Catherine's house several times. He is not working, as he has degeneration of the spine, which he has had about 10 yrs. He is in his 50's

Carol's husband has French ancestry - both his father and his mother.

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Dear Elizabeth & David

We were so glad to get your Christmas letter and to hear about your family, + your trips to England.

We have been pretty busy. Bob is still delivering motor homes and I go with him a lot of the times. We spent 4 mo. in our own this past summer.

Our Bob is still in Pt. Townsend. He hasn't married. He gets his little boy quite often and keeps close to him. Larry and Carol and Christy Ann now live in Colorado Springs. He is working for Santa Fe railroad. They love it ___ but we miss them so much. We spent some time with them this summer.

Joan + family are busy as ever. Laura + Lance are growing up. She is 22 and he is 19. They are both in school.

We haven't seen Margaret for 2 years + as she was gone when we were there. She hasn't been too well but in her last letter she said she was feeling better and had gained 7½ lbs. She was down to 100. She is such a wonderful person.

Do have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year

Love

Lois + Bob

← [Bob was Robert Edward Witheridge (b. 1916); Lois was his wife.]

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Kathleen M. Witheridge
343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

December 29, 1989

Rev. & Mrs. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis. Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

First of all I must wish you both all the very best wishes for 1990. Another decade! how time flies.

Having just returned from a vacation in Los Angeles, California, and a wonderful trip I might add, I am now anxious to plan our next holiday.

We are thinking of going to England in May, to attend the "Witheridge Day Celebrations". It is a dream of mine and has been since I first heard about the "Witheridge Society".

I am getting more and more involved with my Family Tree, and have found Paul more distant cousins than he ever thought possible. We felt that Paul was the last of the Witheridge line in Canada, but we are now corresponding with John Witheridge, a school teacher from Orono, Ontario, (very close to where the Witheridge family settled upon their arrival from Devon). He has two sons, the eldest of which is named Devon Edward Witheridge, and he made it quite clear to me that he knew of his roots.

John's father, Clarence Howard Witheridge, is still alive and resides in Kingston, Ontario. He also has a cousin, Robert Henry, whose mother was a Witheridge, who lives in Victoria, British Columbia, and whom I have been corresponding with. He gave me quite a lot of history on the Witheridge family, who apparently, moved all over North America.

— John James

One of the Witheridge girls, Marguerite Witheridge, a sister of his grandfather, moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, U.S.A. and married a Carl Tomblen, a State Senator for Idaho. A few of the Witheridge family moved to North Dakota, some to Marysville, Washington, and Everett, Washington, and others took up farming in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The name could now be pretty wide-spread across North-America, I will have to do some more digging.

He also sent me a lovely old photograph of his grand parents, who would have been Paul's great-great uncle and aunt.

If you can be of any assistance in advising me how to locate families in U.S.A., I would appreciate any help you can offer.

Once again, all the very best to you both.

Kind regards

Kathy

Kathleen M. Witheridge

See also
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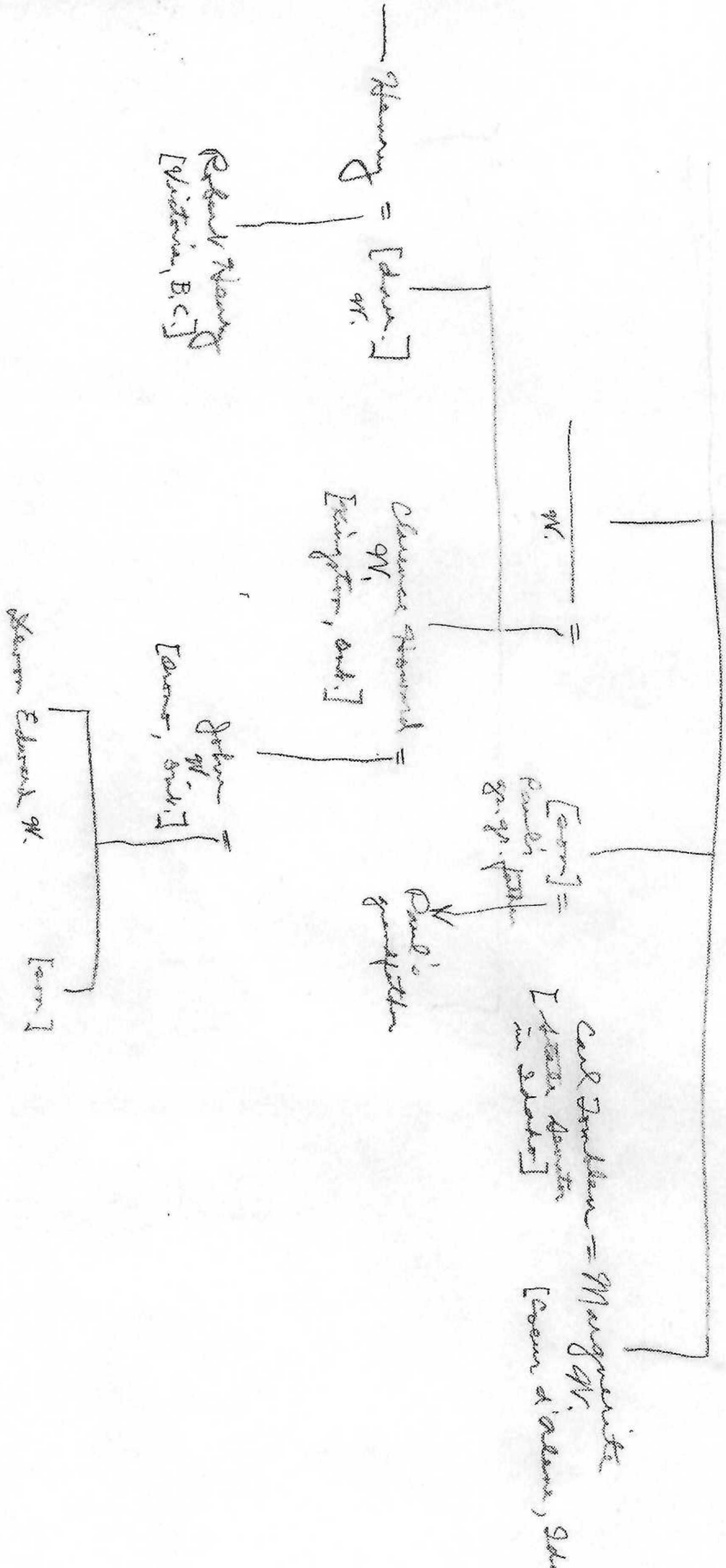
This sketch is
DEW's attempt
to summarize
Kathy Witheridge's
discussion on
the two
previous pages.

Tom Witheridge
Dec. 31, 2021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[Kingston, Ont.]
Paul's grandfather
Robert Henry
[Victoria, B.C.]
John W.
[Orono, Ont.]
Aaron Edward W.
[son]

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# The Combmartin & Berrynarbor Family

by Kim Cook

In this issue we are again looking at a simplified family tree; this time it is for the Witheridges of Combmartin and Berrynarbor in North Devon. This branch of the family is perhaps the most prolific, and it is not possible to fit the full family tree into the format of our magazine.

In selecting the parts to include, I have borne in mind our members Joan and Harry Payne (035 & 055) of Cheltenham, and Dave and Elizabeth Witheridge (042 & 043) of Minneapolis. This chart shows very clearly the relation-ship (7th cousin) between them, and I am very grateful to both families for much useful information included in this article.

The earliest recorded Witheridges in Berrynarbor are John (c1500-1541), William (c1507-1565), Thomas (c1509-1553), Humfry (c1511-1544) and Edward (c1513-1550). These five men may have been brothers or cousins, and it seems that at least four of them produced descendants. It is believed that Thomas may have been the father of Nicholas (see top of tree), and of a daughter Katherine, but the evidence is not conclusive. In some early records the surname is spelled Witherygg.

The family were still in Berrynarbor at the time of David and Joan's common ancestor Thomas, who was baptised in Berrynarbor on 29th December 1650. His marriage to Mary Sherman took place in Fremington, but their children were all baptised in Berrynarbor. However, subsequent generations began the exodus, first to neighbouring villages and towns, and then further afield.

From the junior branch William (1690-1731) and Rebecca moved to Combmartin where their two children were baptised in 1724 and 1727. This branch of the family stayed in Combmartin until John (1828-1905) his wife Clara and their children moved to South Wales in the early 1870's. The family lived in Cwmaman, Aberdare and John worked as a collier.

In 1877 their eldest son William, his wife Mary Jane and their five children made the long sea journey to America, settling first in Sherrodsville, Ohio, where three further children were born. Later the family moved to Saginaw, Michingan, where their grandson David was born, and where he met and married Elizabeth. Incidentally, one section of this branch stayed in North Devon, and has descendants still living at High Bray, near Brayford.

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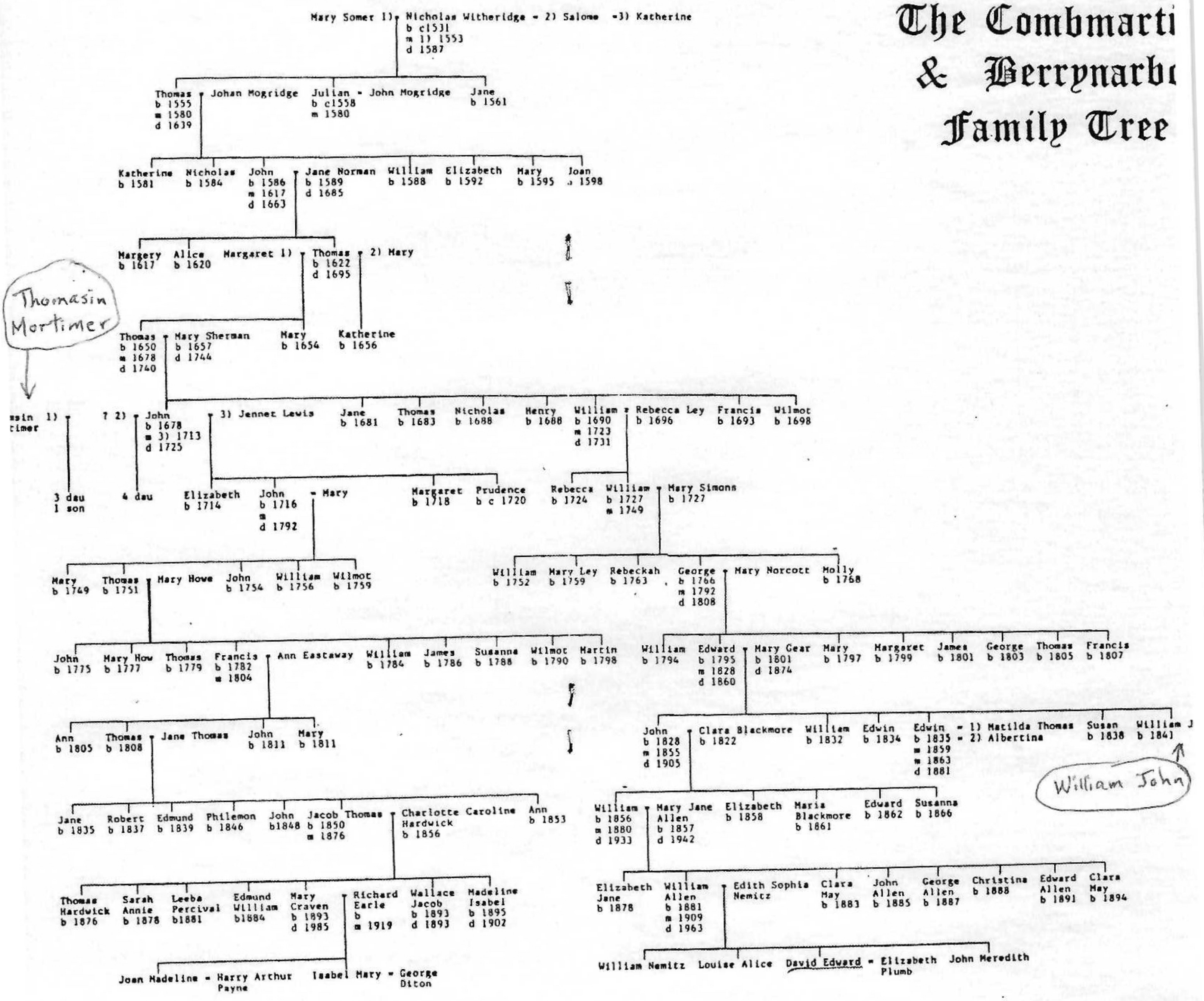
# The Combmarti & Berrynarb Family Tree



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Katherine b 1581
Nicholas b 1584
John b 1586 m 1617 d 1663
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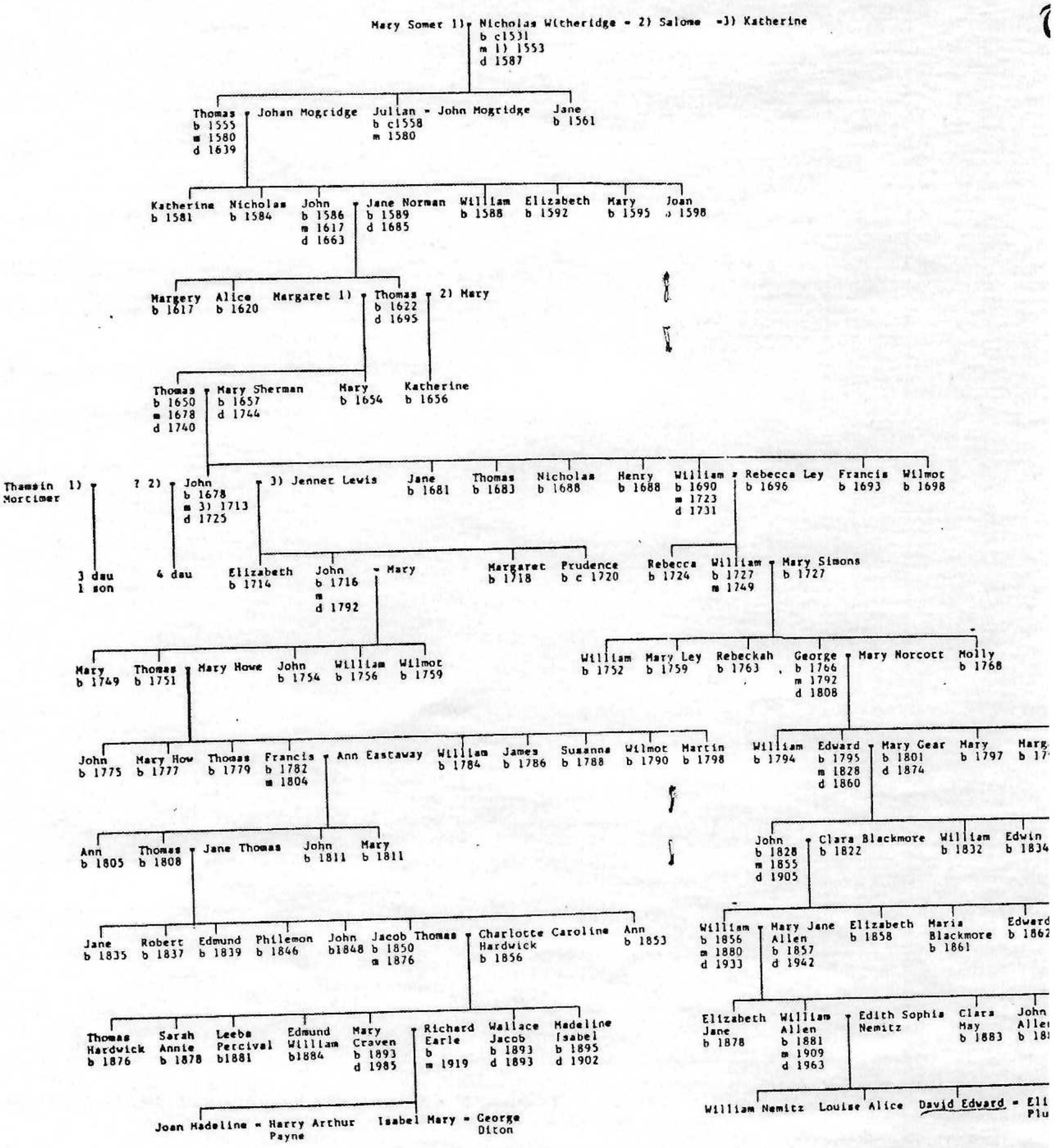
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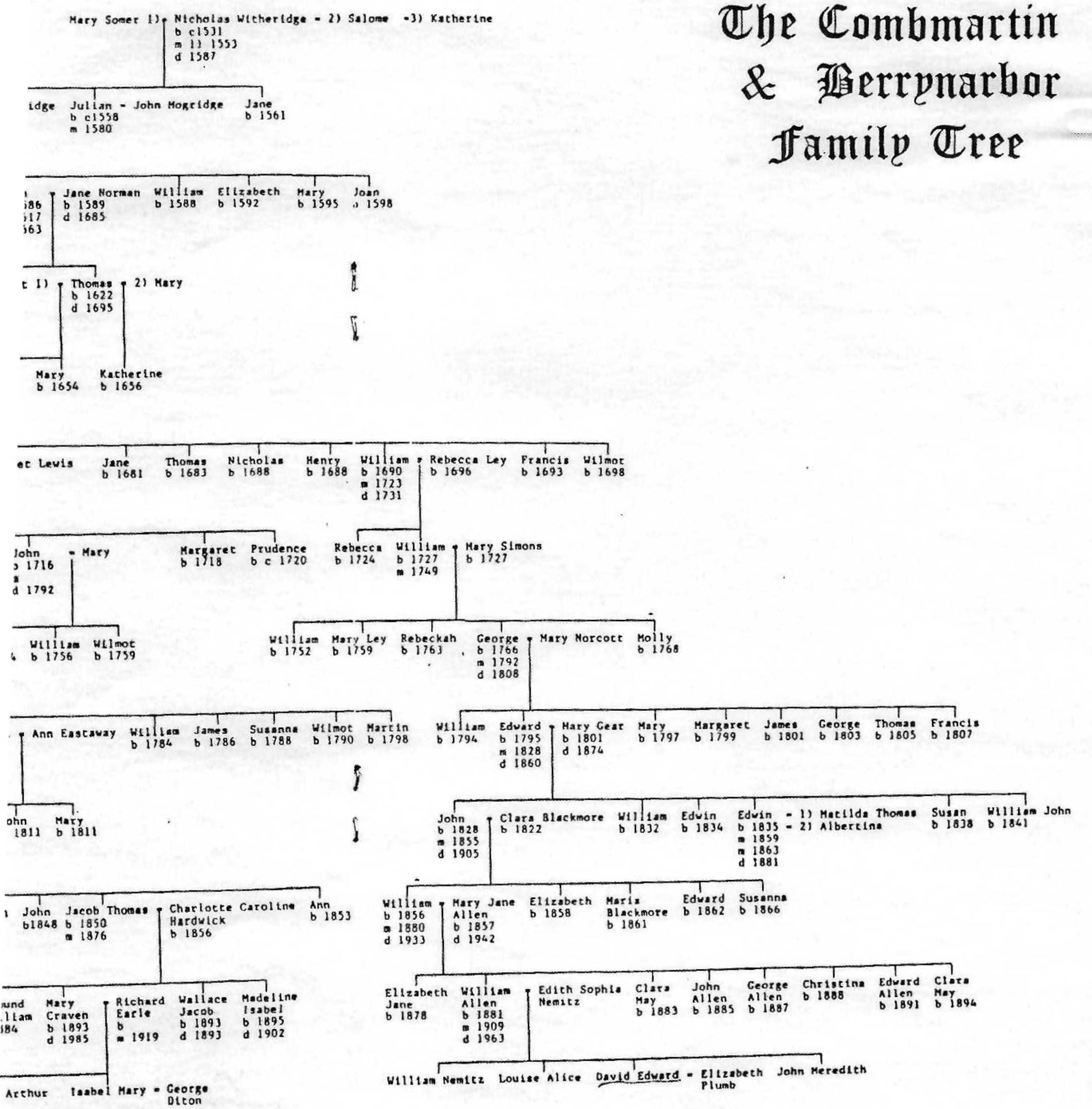
# The Combmartin & Berrynarbor Family Tree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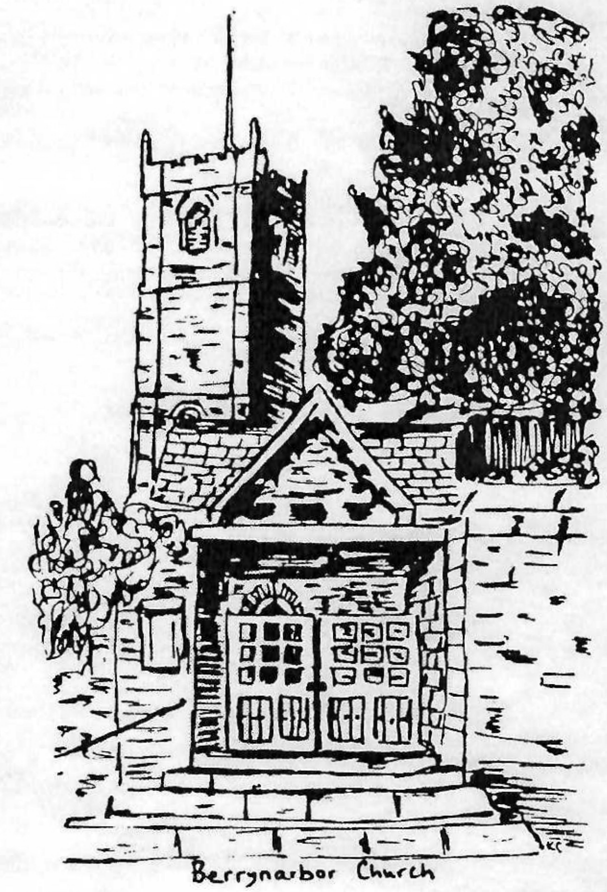
The senior branch stayed a little longer in Berrynarbor. Thomas (b1751) and Mary were married there and both their children were baptised there. However, their eldest son, John, married in Combmartin, and his son, also John, was baptised there. Francis (b1782) married Ann Eastaway in Ilfracombe, where their four children were baptised.


Berrynarbor Church

The most mobile was Thomas (b1808), probably because of his job as a coastguard. Of his children, Edmund was born in Lymington, Hants, Philemon and John in Watchet, Somerset, Jacob Thomas in Barnstable and Ann in Porthleven, Cornwall. I believe Thomas died in Cornwall in 1871 at the age of 62, while his wife Jane lived on until she was 80 in 1893.

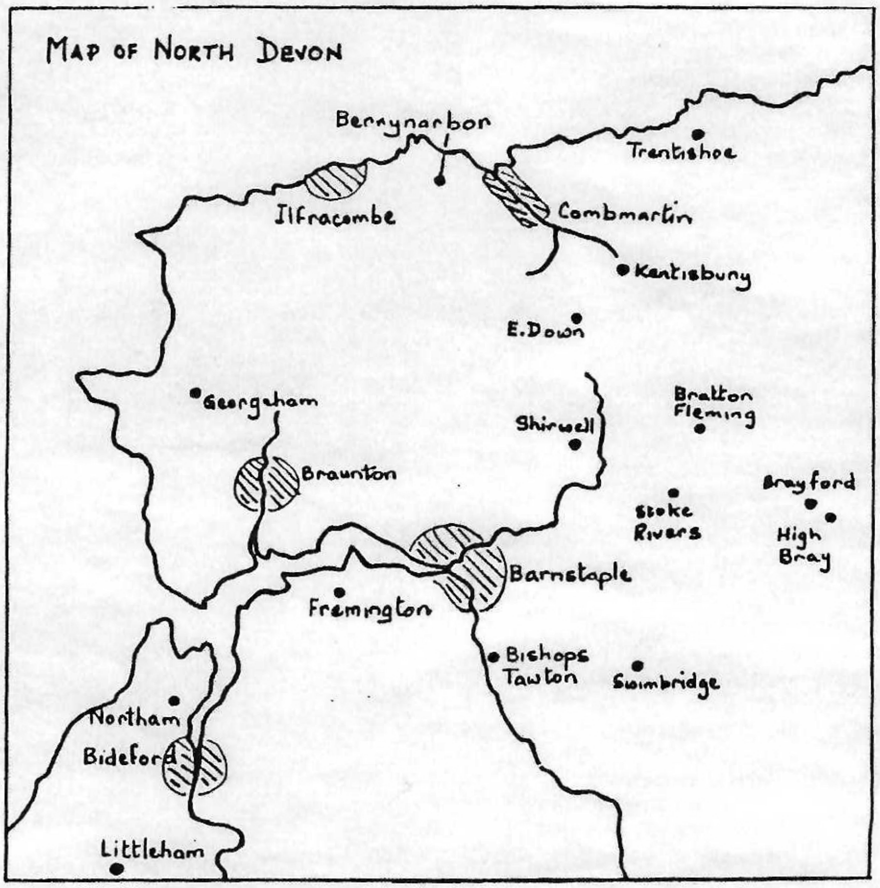
Their son Jacob was originally a joiner, so I don't know what took him to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne area, where in 1876 he married Charlotte Caroline Hardwick. Their first two children were born in the Newcastle area, but by 1881 the family was living in Fulham, London, where Jacob died in 1923. Mary Craven (mother of Joan Payne) was a younger and only surviving twin. After Jacob's death the family resided for a while in Whitton, Middlesex, where Joan's own daughter Joan Mary, was married in 1970.

Both the branches have come a long way, geographically and socially, from those first Witheryggs in Berrynarbor. But some things have survived, including the names Joan and Thomas (David's younger son is also Thomas).

Another interesting name (which does not seem to have survived) is Wilmot. This, surprisingly, is a female name, and one which seems peculiar to North Devon. Tamsin (Thamosin, Thomasin) is another West Country speciality, a feminine form of Thomas.

Another member of the family who moved from Combmartin was Edwin (b1835). He married Matilda Thomas in 1859, but thereafter disappears from the locality. For a long time it was believed that he had died without issue. However, I recently did some detective work on this and discovered that Matilda died in Clifton, Bristol, in 1860, where three years later Edwin married his second wife Albertina and had eight children!

I have been in touch with some of Edwin's descendants and hope to include that branch of the family tree in a future issue of Witheridge Times.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Greetings.

I hope this note finds you both well.

We both retired in May and are enjoying all the leisure. We keep busy with our various interests. Pat is very busy on various church committees both at our local church and at the provincial conference and national level. I'm busy too but not nearly to the same extent.

We enjoyed a holiday to Spain and Morocco this year. Morocco was especially fascinating. Like going back in time the further south we travelled. Something of a Biblical flavour to the various scenes.

Our "girls" are a great joy. I guess they will always be "girls" no matter what age. Cath, the eldest, is expecting in June so we have an especially wonderful 89 to look forward to. Our first gr. ch.

Pat is in seventh heaven (where did that phrase come from I wonder) She has started knitting!

Ive got to crank up the genealogy fires soon. With all this leisure Ive no excuse. Regrettably I do owe a few letters.

With Best Wishes
John + Pat

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Best Wishes for a
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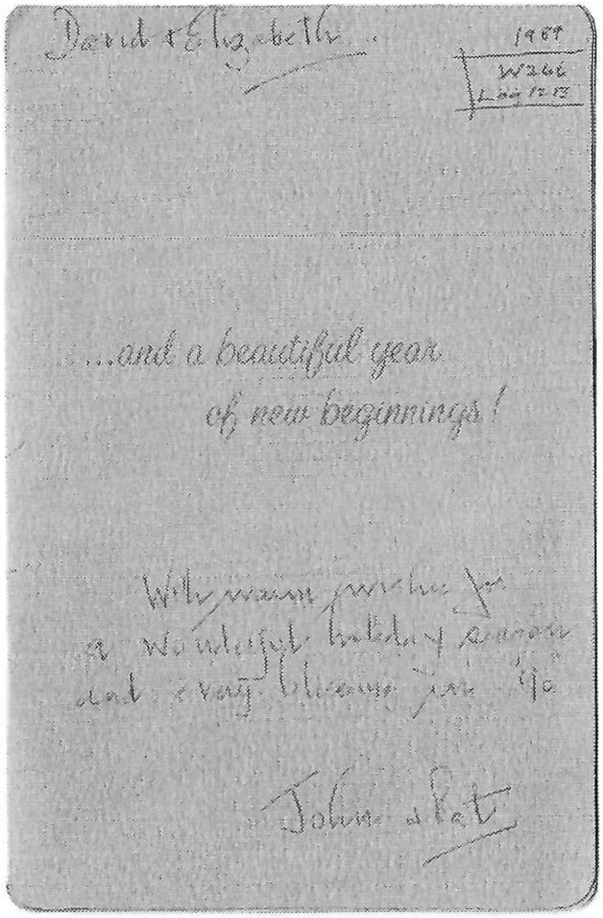

David + Elizabeth

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...and a beautiful year
of new beginnings!

With warm wishes for
a wonderful holiday season
and every blessing for '90

John + Pat

[John + Pat
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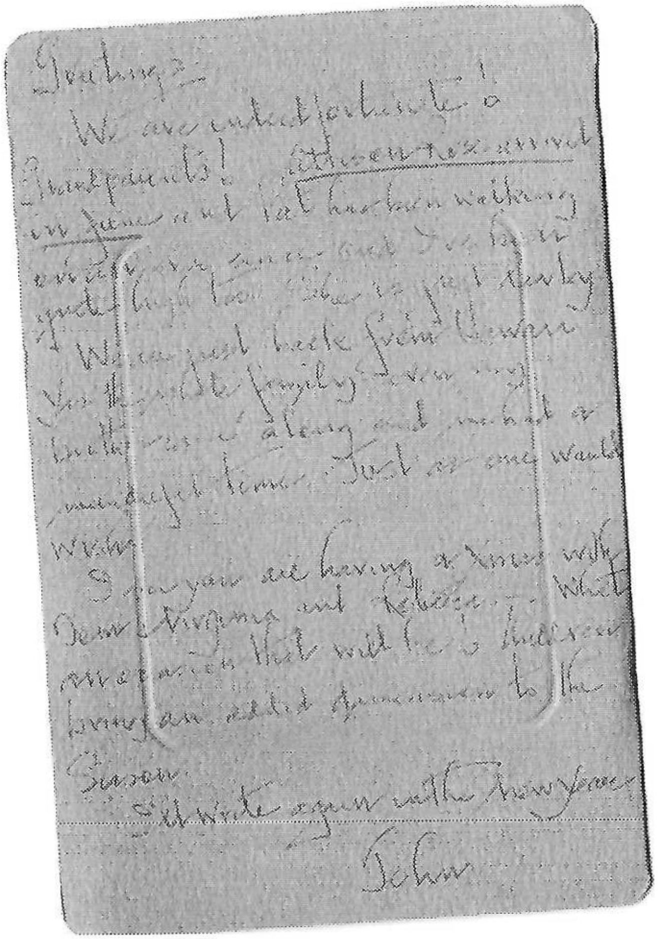

Greetings:

We are indeed fortunate to be grandparents! Athena Rose arrived in June and Pat has been walking on air ever since and I've been quite high too. She is just lovely.

We are just back from [illegible] for the whole family [illegible] the weather was along and we had a wonderful time. Just as one would wish.

So you are having a Xmas with Dean, Virginia and Rebecca. What an occasion that will be! Rebecca will bring an added dimension to the season.

I'll write again in the New Year.

John

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Kathleen M. Witheridge
343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5
1-(519) 336-9272

July 25, 1990

Rev. & Mrs. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis. Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

I have just returned from a visit to our local library, and was most interested in something I read.

I was browsing through the Ships Passenger Lists Volumes, and found the following:

WITHERIDGE, John - n.a. - Maine, 1622 - 8880 p.19

I asked just what this meant, and was told that John Witheridge, age not known, arrived in Maine, U.S.A. in 1622. The 8880 is a reference to a book entitled "Pioneers on Maine Rivers" by Spencer.

Having never looked at the Passenger Lists Volumes before, I am not familiar with how they work. I thought maybe you could assist me.

I have checked the IGI for John Witheridge, but as we do not have an age for the above named, it could be very difficult.

I have no idea if this would be your line or Paul's, as I am informed that it was usual to land in the U.S. then travel to Canada.

I believe you once told me that your family emigrated to U.S.A. in 1880, so it could well be a little early for you.

Do you have any records for John Witheridge/Wetheridge, who would probably have been born near the end of the 1500's with no burial records in England.

I am going to return to the library to take another look when I have a little more time.

In the meantime I have requisitioned the book "Pioneers on Maine Rivers" on an inter-library basis, to see if that tells me anything.

It would be most interesting to learn that the Witheridge family emigrated to North America in the early 1600's.

I am also going to write to Kim, to see if she can come up with anything, although I am sure that you hold most of the records which Kim has.

I hope you had an enjoyable vacation with Kim and Roy. If you are ever in Ontario, please feel free to visit us, you would always be more than welcome.

Kind regards,

Paul & Kathy

P.S. I am enclosing two photographs taken on "Witheridge Day".
On the group picture, I am second from the right on the front row and Paul is the one with the beard, first right
second row. The other picture is the "Wetherherd Pie" competition. Phil did the large one, and won, and June Witheridge did the smaller ones, they were exceptionally good too.

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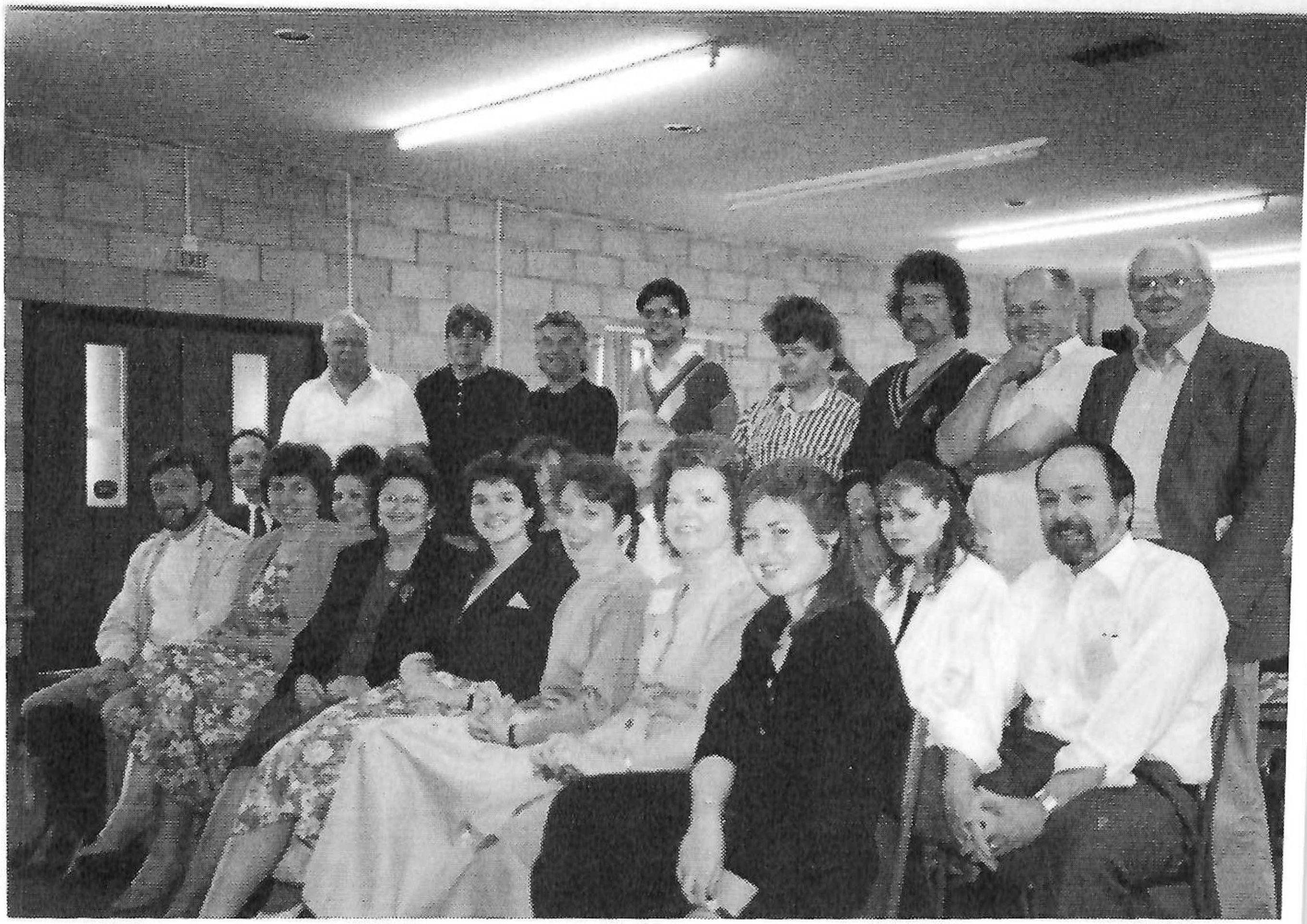
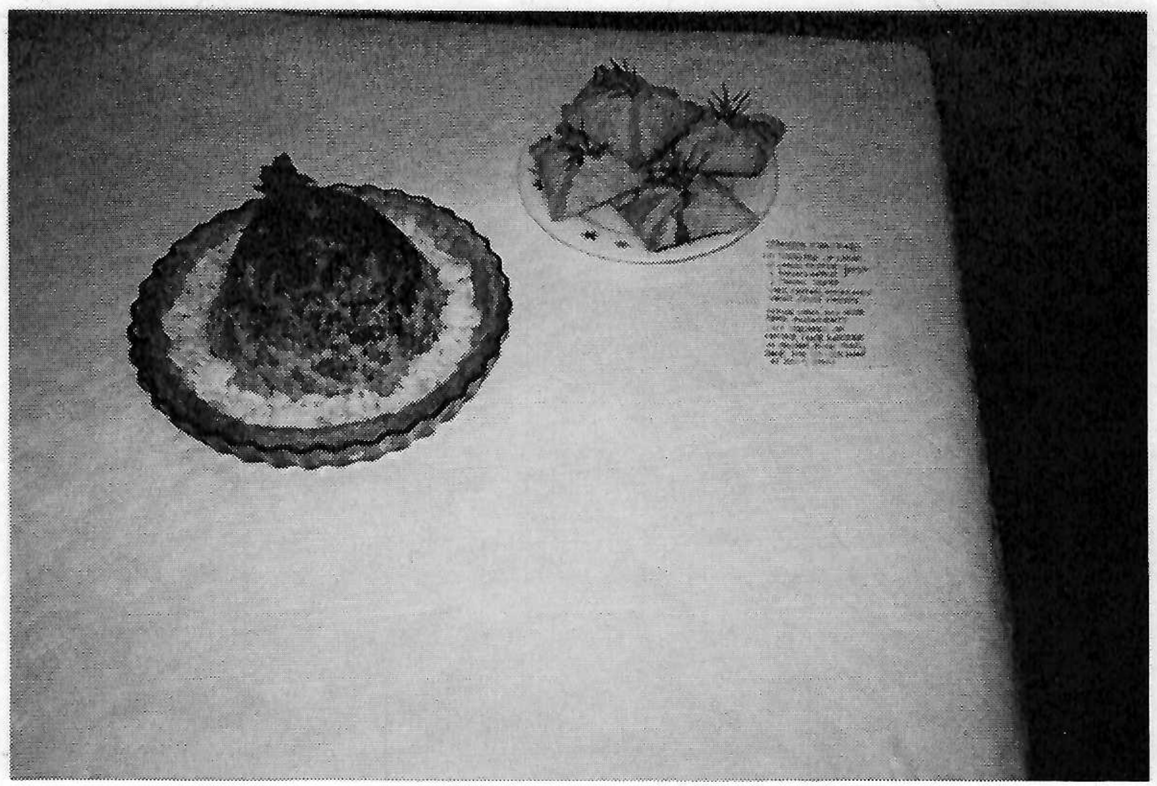


[DEW's notes on back of photo]

Witheridge Day - May 7, 1990
Village Hall at Alderton near Cheltenham in
Gloucestershire

Roy & Kim Cook are at the left of the front row.
Their son Jason is fourth from the right in
the back row with the striped shirt.
Paul Witheridge is at the far right of the secon
row, and his wife Kathy is second from the
right in the first row.



Witheridge Day - May 7, 1990
Winning entries in "Wetherherd Pie" competition
1st place at left - Phil Witheridge
2nd place at right - June Witheridge

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[DEW's notes]

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August 5, 1990

Dear Kathy and Paul,

We just loved getting your letter and seeing how you are still making progress on the Witheridge line. Yes, I have been aware of the John Witheridge who was a ship master around 1600, and I now have a number of items about him that I am enclosing. I learned about him from the same volume where you found him, and I was able to get the book and copy the pertinent pages. I also found a reference to him in The Devon Family Historian (publication of the DevoonFamily History Society), which I am enclosing. Finally, I got a little item about him from Harry Witheridge of Virginia Water, Surrey, not far from London, who had been given it by a friend. It tells about a collection taken for John Witheridge and Nicholas Paige in a London church. I think these are all fascinating reading.

I believe I know who this John Witheridge was, though I don't have definite proof. I think he was the one born in Barnstaple in 1572, the son of John Witheridge and Elizabeth Stephyns. I'm enclosing the record sheets of this family. Hopefully, other records will continue to turn up concerning John, the mariner. It seems unlikely that he or his family ended up permanently in America, as he doesn't appear in any other records here.

Thanks for your pictures from the Witheridge Day in May. We were delighted to have a picture showing you two. We're sure you had a wonderful time. Kim brought us one of your framed potpourri sachets (or whatever you call it). We think it is just lovely, and we enjoy having something you made and took all the way to England! I'm enclosing a picture of Elizabeth and me taken in England in 1988.

We did have a most wonderful time with Kim and Roy when they were here, and we think they enjoyed it, too. We drove through Wisconsin to Chicago one weekend and visited our son Tom and his wife Virginia and daughter Rebecca, then drove back along the Mississippi River. On another day we drove up past Duluth to the North Shore of Lake Superior and back again to Minneapolis that evening.

That's all I have time for now.

Best wishes,

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[This is DEW's reply to Kathy Witheridge's letter of Dec. 29, 1989, document W263, folder 1.63h]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
February 10, 1990

Dear Kathy,

I was greatly intrigued by your letter, but I've been too busy until now to answer it. Before doing so, I had to look over our former correspondence to remind me of all the details, and I see I have several things to write about.

First, I'm pleased to hear that you may go to England in time for the Witheridge Day celebration. I hope that you will be able to work it out and that you will have an excellent time.

Secondly, I'm glad you've found some of Paul's relatives, especially some who know about their family and background. For a number of years I've been in touch with John James, a Witheridge descendant and a distant cousin of mine, who lives in Vancouver; so I was excited to see that Robert Henry lives there. I know they will want to get together.

John's Witheridge line stems back to Berrynarbor, where mine began, and they lived for a while in Ilfracombe, where I think Paul's ancestor, Thomas Witheridge, may have been born in 1673. I think this Thomas was the son of Nathaniel Witheridge and Emma Eastaway, but that still is just my conjecture. It's interesting to note that John's ancestors in Ilfracombe were Francis Witheridge and Ann Eastaway. I've never had time to piece together the Eastaway family, but there were several Witheridge-Eastaway marriages over the years. If you want to pass on John James' address to Robert, it is 6276 Yukon St., Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 3S8.

Your question about other Witheridges in America (U.S.A) is one I've been working on for some time. My grandmother said ours was the only Witheridge family that had come to America, but I didn't believe that could be true, though it is a very rare name, even in Britain. Many years ago I discovered a Keith Witheridge, who was a school principal in Annapolis, Maryland. We have corresponded over the years, and I know his family also came from Devon (Lamerton), but we don't know his ancestry back before 1800, so we can't tell if we're related.

Last year I got a mailing advertising a book about to be published on Witheridge genealogy. From what I had heard, I knew it was apt to be a fraud in terms of tying all the Witheridges into a family tree, but I figured it would list all the Witheridges they had found in various computerized listings (probably city directories and phone books). I wanted to confirm my notion that the name was scarce in the U.S.A., and I thought the list might be of use to the Witheridge Society, so I ordered a copy, called "Witheridges Across America."

Just as I had thought, it was mostly general information on how to do genealogy, but it did contain a page listing all the Witheridges they had found--eighteen addresses in all. I'm enclosing a copy of that page. As you see, all those starting with William N. are members of my family. I wasn't sure about the one in Indianapolis, but I figured every one above that was part of Keith's family, because he came from Nanticoke, Pa., and his grandfather settled first in New Jersey when he came to America.

I started writing to these people about a year ago, and had great difficulty making contact. I found that the M.R.Witheridge of Indianapolis is also part of the New Jersey grppp, as she is the widow of Ernest Witheridge from Newark, N?J. I found that N. Witheridge of Newark and Nellie of Brick, N.J., were one and the same--Nellie (deceased), the mother of Ernest (deceased) and Mrs. Helen Witheridge Firman, who responded, but didn't know anything about her ancestry. She thinks George of Rahway is some kind of cousin, but is out of touch with him. George never did reply, and he has an unlisted phone number. Similarly, S. Witheridge of Lakehurst never replied and is not known by the others.

John O. Witheridge of Orange, N.J., is deceased, but I talked to his widow on the phone and found out he was also a cousin of Ernest Witheridge and Helen Firman, but they do not know their ancestry in England. I talked to Allen Witheridge's daughter Cathy, but she only knew that his father's name was Robert. That accounts for the whole list, and I still think the Witheridges in New Jersey are all related to Keith Witheridge, but I haven't done any further research.

So you see, there may be many Witheridge descendants in America by various other last names, but probably not many by the name of Witheridge. If you find any, please let me know!

I'm sorry I never answered your August 22nd letter, but when it came, I put it aside, because I knew I had to compare the new information with what I already had. I enjoyed your article on "The Ones that Got Away" and hope they get around to publishing it in "The Witheridge Times." By the way, I had a telephone call from Kim Cook on Christmas Day, which of course was very welcome. On our Christmas card to them I had mentioned that we hadn't received an issue of "The Witheridge Times" for quite a while. She said Philip Witheridge's wife has multiple sclerosis, which has seriously hampered things with the Witheridge Society. We were thrilled to hear that Kim and her husband Roy are planning a trip to Minneapolis in May or June, and we hope they will be able to stay with us for a couple of weeks.

I was delighted to hear of your discovery of Barbara DiMambro, and I know you and Paul will enjoy your contacts with her. I am reminded of the material I sent you last spring from Philip Hookway giving the address of Ruth Stevens in Exeter and her connection with John Manning and Grace Witheridge of Bradworthy. Did you ever write to her about their descendants who are fourth cousins of hers? Did you get their address and write to them? They are obviously distant cousins of Paul.

This has become much too long, but I have let this all pile up and should have written sooner. You write wonderful letters, and I look forward to another one some day.

Very sincerely,

See also
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# Editor's Note

I ran across several items pertaining to the book, *Witheridges Across America*, in Dad's files. I've decided to place them here, in a clump directly following his February 10, 1990, letter to Kathy Witheridge (document W271, folder 1.63h), because that letter contains his fullest description of the scheme and how he took advantage of it.

Dad recognized it as a fraud, but a potentially useful one — *cf.* Vladimir Putin's recognition that fraudster Donald Trump was an idiot, and a useful one indeed.

Enjoy!

Tom Witheridge
January 5, 2022

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Tom Witheridge
Jan. 6, 2022

# WITHERIDGES ACROSS AMERICA

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ALLEN, 905 W. LAKE AV., RAHWAY, NJ 07065 Talked on phone to his daughter. Knows only his father was a Robert
GEORGE, 2354 ELIZABETH AV., RAHWAY, NJ 07065 Probably cousin of Ernest + Helen
N., 256 N. 11TH ST., NEWARK, NJ 07107 } Mother (deceased) of Ernest Witheridge + Helen Firman
NELLIE, 96 PINEHURST RD., BRICK, NJ 08723 }
S., 6 LARK ST. APT. C., LAKEHURST, NJ 08733 No response. Unknown by others
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THOMAS F., 1425 W. LILL AV., CHICAGO, IL 60614 }
LARRY, 132 PALISADE CIR., MANITOU SPGS, CO 80829 } My first cousin (Robt. E.) and his two sons
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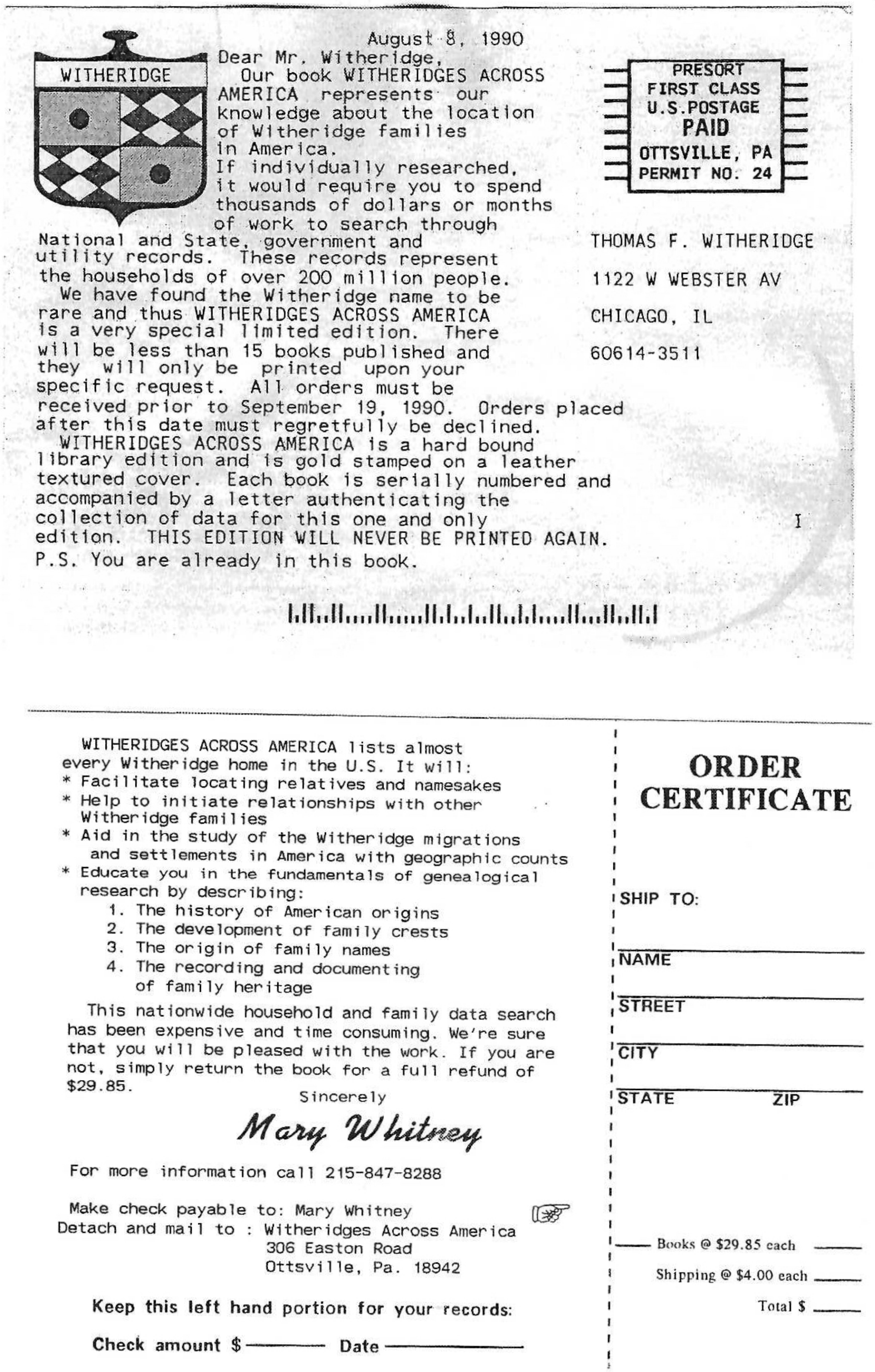

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**Kathleen M. Witheridge**

343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

August 21, 1990

Rev. & Mrs. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis. Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Just a few lines hoping to find you both keeping well.

For some time now, I have been trying to locate members of the Witheridge family, who migrated to U.S.A. from Darlington Township, Ontario.

I had heard that some of them had gone to Tacoma, Washington, so last year I wrote Tacoma Public Library. Yesterday, I received their reply.

I am enclosing a copy of their correspondence, hoping that it may be of some interest to you.

Irvin G. Witheridge, Ada Witheridge, Greta Witheridge and Ernest Witheridge, are of the same line as Paul, but I have a feeling that Mabel D. Witheridge and Edward A. Witheridge, may well be of your line. I noticed that they were from Port Townsend, Washington, and I see from your list of Witheridges across America, you have a first cousin, Robert A. Witheridge of Port Townsend, Washington.

Maybe this is purely coincidental, but I would like you to advise me if this is so.

It looks, from the information received from Tacoma, as though there may be members of the Witheridge family in San Francisco, California. It would appear that Morley Witheridge, son of Irvin and Ada Witheridge, moved to California around 1943/1944, so I will now investigate that possibility.

I did find Sarah Maude Ayre (nee Witheridge), sister of Irvin G. Witheridge, in Edam, Saskatchewan. She and her husband, Thomas H. Ayre, moved to Saskatchewan, as Homesteaders, after their marriage in 1905. It is believed that Maude lived until she was 99 years old.

I am enclosing some of the information which I have on the Ayres, as it is quite interesting.

I today received the book "Pioneers on Maine Rivers", but I really didn't need it any more, as you had so kindly forwarded copies of the appropriate pages for me. However, it is a very interesting book.

I must close now,

Kind regards,

Paul & Kathy.

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**Kevin Hegarty**
*Library Director*

August 11, 1990

Kathleen M. Witheridge
343 Bright Street
Sarnia, Ontario, Canada N7T 4G5

Dear Mrs. Witheridge,

Long ago (last Spring) you wrote asking about a Witheridge who had migrated from Ontario to Tacoma.

I believe the enclosed copies will identify the migrant.

The Tacoma City Directory of 1928 was the first to include the name, so the family probably arrived here in 1927. They immediately bought a garage/service station, and operated it for several years. Son Morley evidently moved to San Francisco during World War II. He was listed in the 1942 directory, not listed in the next-published directory of 1945. There may have been a divorce in the meantime, also. Wife was listed as Allie M. then later as Frances L. No similar name is listed on the death certificate index.

There have been very few Witheridge families in Washington. From the Washington State Death Certificate Index there are only three of that last name in addition to the Irvin G. family here in Tacoma. (Years available, 1907-1979; years viewed, 1930-1979.) In case the additional names will help your genealogical research, I am also including the information here.

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| Greta " | 65, | " " " | 4/19/1970 | " #9094 |
| Ernest Witheridge | 34, | " King County (Seattle area, but not city of) | 12/4/1944 | #1108 |
| Mable D. " | 75, | " Jefferson County, resident Port Townsend, Wash. | 8/23/1965 | #16325 |
| Edward A. " | 83, | " Port Townsend, Wash. | 1/7/1975 | #297 |

The death certificates, should you wish them, are available from:
Vital Records, P.O. Box 9709, Olympia, WA 98504
The fee now is $11.00 per certificate.

Good luck with your research.

Sincerely,

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He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his wife, Jane; two sons, Edward and Robert, both of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

Services are announced Wednesday by Mountain View Funeral Home.

## IRVIN WITHERIDGE

Irvin G. Witheridge, 90, of 411 N. J St., died Wednesday in a local hospital.

He was born in Bowmanville, Ont., and moved here from North Dakota in 1927. He was a retired North Dakota farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Ada; a son, Morley, of San Francisco; two daughters, Greta Witheridge, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Alvin (Ethel) Ball of Sarles, N.D.; a brother, Edward, of Bowmanville; a sister, Mrs. Maude Ayre, of Edam, Sask.; a grandson; a great-granddaughter; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be announced by Buckley-King Mortuary.

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## INFANT BENSON

Frank Bruce Benson Jr., newborn son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Benson Sr., of 3308 S. M St., died Sunday in a local hospital.

Survivors, besides his parents, are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Benson, of Centralia; and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dickjose, of Tacoma.

Private services were held under the direction of Buckley-King Mortuary.

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Surviving are her husband, the Rev. Francis G. Watkins, a retired minister; three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Bilderback, of Colville, Mrs. Ruth O'Brien, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Mary Samuelson, of Lynwood; a son, the Rev. Stanley Watkins, of Seattle; and nine grandchildren.

Services are announced by Mountain View Funeral Home.

### MRS. ADA WITHERIDGE

Mrs. Ada Witheridge, 87, 411 N. J St., died Thursday in a local nursing home. She was born in East-Whitley, Ont., had lived in the Tacoma area 36 years, and attended the Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Morley, of Tacoma; two daughters, Miss Greta Witheridge, of Tacoma, and Mrs. Alvin (Ethel) Ball, of Sarles, N.D.; one grandson; one great-grandson; one great-granddaughter; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be announced by Buckley-King Funeral Home.

### THOMAS RUSSELL

Thomas Russell, 77, of 1148 Main St., Buckley, died Wednesday in an Enumclaw hospital, following an extended illness. He was born in Ireland, came to Western Washington from Canada 55 years ago and has lived in King and Pierce counties ever since.

A retired dairy farmer he moved to Buckley about two years ago from Enumclaw, where he had lived for several years following his retirement in 1955. He was a member of the Enumclaw congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are five sons, Thomas L., of Buckley, Donald H., of Fife, Harry A., of Tacoma, Ernest W. and James C., of Oroville, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Clyde (Tannis) E. Greenwood, of Sumner; a brother, Alex, of Calgary, Alta.; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are announced by the Whitmore Funeral Home, of Buckley.

### WESLEY C. SPANGENBERG

Wesley C. Spangenberg, 61, of Rt. 5, Box 1418, (Healy Palisades) died Tuesday in the veterans' hospital in Seattle.

He was born in Windsor, Mo., coming to Tacoma in 1941 from Missouri. He was a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Spangenberg was an auto parts salesman for the Hobreg Distributors of Bellevue. He was a member of the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club, Tacoma-Olympia and Paine Field gun clubs, and was a well known trapshooter.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel; a daughter, Mrs. Marvin Hall, of Macomb, Ill.; two sisters, Mrs. Ernestine Beshears, of Burbank, Calif., and Mrs. Frances Pogue, of Lincoln, Mo.; four grandchildren; and two nephews.

Services are announced by C. C. Mellinger Funeral Home.

### LEWIS F. ELLISON

Lewis F. Ellison, 91, of Enumclaw, a former resident of Fircrest, died Wednesday in a local hospital.

He was born in Kansas and moved to Washington with his family when he was 14. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, a charter member of the Tacoma Kansas Club and a longtime member of the Townsend Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Estella Welling, of Enumclaw; three sons, William T., of Orting, and Oscar E. and Owen L., both of Tacoma; 14 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be announced by the Lynn Funeral Home.

### EARL BODLEY

Earl Bodley, 90, of 16 N. Broadway, died Wednesday in a local nursing home. Born in Branch County, Mich., he came to Washington in 1906 and had lived in Tacoma the past five years. He was a retired farmer, a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a Spanish-

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Sweden, moved to Tacoma in 1911 and to Seattle a short time ago. She was a retired cook for the Tacoma School District. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three sons, John and Albert Anderson, both of Tacoma, and Carl Anderson, of Seattle; and five grandchildren.

Services are announced by Mountain View Funeral Home.

### MRS. GRETA WITHERIDGE

Mrs. Greta Witheridge, 65, of 411 N. J St., died Sunday.

She was born in North Dakota and had lived here 52 years.

She was a retired clerk for the Allenmore Pharmacy and a member of the local retail clerks' union.

Survivors include a son, George W. Drowley, of Indio, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Ball, of North Dakota; a brother, Morley Witheridge, of San Francisco; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be announced by Buckley-King Mortuary.

### ARCHIE RASMUSSEN

Archie C. Rasmussen, 65, of 16308 E. D st., died Sunday.

He was born in Elma and lived in Tacoma for the past 30 years.

Mr. Rasmussen was a retired Civil Service employe at Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot and later retired from the Puget Sound Auto Electric Co.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War I.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Clover Lodge No. 90 F&AM, White Clover Lodge 31, OES, Low Twelve Club, Past Patron of Paradise Court 81, Order of Amaranth and was a former grand representative of Amaranth.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel; a son, Robert C., of Portland; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Joanne) Rowland, of

Seattle.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ward (Mozella) Pooley, of Tacoma; five sisters, Mrs. Babe Hulbert, and Mrs. Ben Flett, both of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Carl Glorfield and Mrs. George Doepke, both of Opportunity, and Mrs. Walter Dorsey, of Tekoa; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be announced by Mountain View Funeral Home.

### RODERICK D. DENNEY

Roderick D. Denney, 54, of 810 E. 57th St., died Monday.

He was born in Tacoma and lived here all his life.

Mr. Denney was a cable tester for the Boeing Aircraft Co.

He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Teamsters Union, Local 567.

Survivors include his wife, Leone; two sons, Franklin, of the home, and Roderick C., of Tacoma; a daughter, Mrs. Sharon Reis, of Puyallup; his mother, Mrs. Merle Denney; a sister, Mrs. Ione Wardlow, both of Tacoma; and five grandchildren.

Services will be announced by Mountain View Funeral Home.

### JOSEPH M. JONES

Joseph M. Jones, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Jones, of 3905 Gay Road, died Saturday.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include a brother, Jerry J., at home; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Olson, of Tacoma, and Marion M. Sloderbeck, of Graham, and Mrs. Pat Lynch, of Milton.

Services are announced by Hill Funeral Home, Puyallup.

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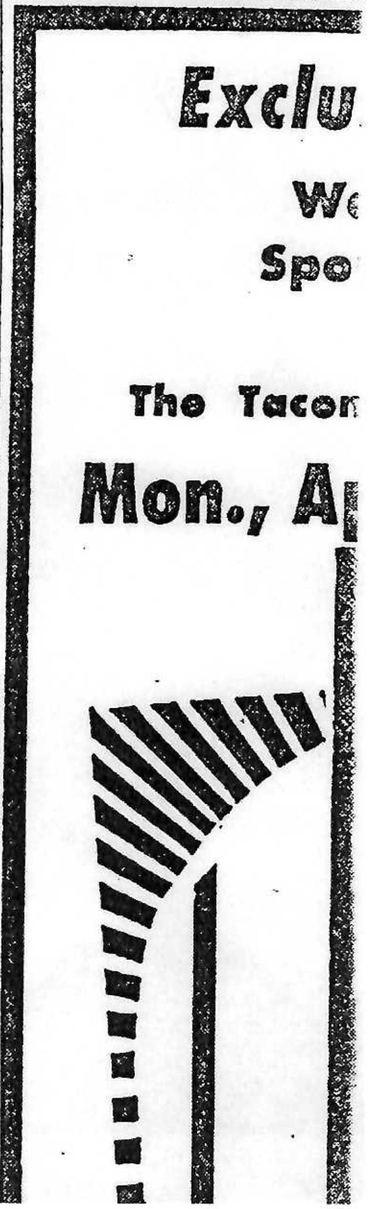
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Witenberg Abr A (Mary E) h832 N Oakes
" Amelia H Mrs pkr HCCo h4636 So L

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" Favius E r2420 N Union av
" Leon (Mabel) sub clk PO h1610 S 55th
" Philip (Amelia) lab JEBMCo h4636 So L
" Ruth V slswn Helen Davis r2420 N Union av
Witherell Mary R r520 N Cushman av
Witheridge Ethel F sten r1201 N Fife
" Greta slswn W&G r1201 N Fife
" Irvin G (Ada C) gdnr h1201 N Fife
" Morley E (Frances L) eng CBCo h 4424 6th av
Withers Naomi L h6408 Montgomery
Witherspoon Saml A (Hazel) h445 S 96th
" Wm J (Florence G) architectural supvr ABC h3624 N Mason av
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" Eug M (Eva) gas sta 2402 6th av h Puyallup Wn
" Everett W (Lillian M) printer TNT h311 S 9th apt 308
" Harold L (LuCylle B) lab CS&DCo h Puyallup Wn
" Helen W Mrs sec Rio Grande Tavern Inc h2827 S Ainsworth av
" Lee N (Helen F) mech h227 E 96th
" Lenore F tchr r227 E 96th
" Lillian M Mrs bkpr Nelson Radiator & Fender Wks h311 S 9th
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" T R millwkr PMfgCo h Puyallup Wn
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" Wavan C elec eng SP&TLCo h313 E 96th
" Wayne (Ren) h3202 Durango apt 3
" Whitelaw R (Esther) driver SP&TLCo h724 E 52d
Witkopf Jim millwkr BL&MCo r1210 S Yakima av
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" Ralph M (Vera M) lab TS h3011 N 17th
Witser Chas A carp h RD76 box 75K
Witt Alfd F printer TNT r726 St Helens av
Witte Gust W (Hattie) carp h3407 S 74th
Witter Frank R r802 A
" John G lab TS h1747 Sunset dr
" Robt N clk SFCo r1747 Sunset dr
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" Robt L (May E) mach TBCo h6312 So D
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" Leon (Mable E) clk PO h1616 S 55th
" Philip (Amelia H) whsmn PofT h 4636 So L
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Witherell H L (Luella) plmbr McChord Field h6222 S Alder apt 4
" Mary R r520 N Cushman av
" Patricia A emp MROD r6222 S Alder apt 4
Witheridge Greta clk McMillan Bros Inc h415 6th
" Irvin G (Ada C) h5615 S Park av
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BATTLEFORD, SASK.

Thomas H. Ayre

SITUATE IN THE

Prov. of Saskatchewan

Township 50

Range 18 West of 3rd Mer.

Section N. E. ¼ of 6

Acres 159

DATED 3rd October 1910

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3.

I certify the within to be a true and correct copy of Certificate of Title No. E 3147 of record in the Land Titles Office for the Battleford Land Registration District at Battleford, Saskatchewan, as at the registration of the last instrument on Mar 16, 1990, as No. 90B03676

Registrar

DEPUTY GOVERNOR.

# CANADA.

**George the Fifth**, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Br
Dominions beyond the Seas KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come—GREETI

**Whereas** the lands hereinafter described are Dominion Lands within the meaning of the *Dominion Lands Act*.

AND WHEREAS Thomas H. Ayre of Township Fifty, Range Eighteen, West of the Th Meridian, on the Province of Saskatchewan, in Our Dominion of Canada, Farmer. hereinafter called the grantee, has applied for a grant of the said lands and after due investigation has been found entitled to such grant in the terms herein embodied.

**Now Know Ye**, that by these presents We do grant unto the grantee all that Parcel or Tract of Land, situate, lying and being in the Fiftieth Township, in the Eighteenth Range West of the Third Meridian, in the Province of Saskatchewan in Our Dominion of Canada, and being compo

The North-East quarter of Section Six of the said Township, as shown upon a or plan of Survey of the said Township, approved and confirmed at Ottawa, on the 23rd day of July A.D. 1904, by Edouard Devi Surveyor General of Dominion Lands and of record in the Department of the Interior.

containing by admeasurement One hundred and fifty-nine (159) acres, more o

SAVING AND RESERVING, NEVERTHELESS, unto Us, Our Successors and Assigns, the free uses, passage and enjoyment of, in, over and upon all navigable waters that now are or may be hereafter found on or under, or flowing through or upon any part of th Parcel or Tract of Land; also reserving all mines and minerals which may be found to exist within, upon or under such lands, together with full power to work the same, and for this purpose to enter upon, and use and occupy the said lands or so much thereof and to su extent as may be necessary for the effectual working of the said minerals, or the mines, pits, seams and veins containing the same, and also reserving thereout and therefrom all rights of fishery and fishing and occupation in connection therewith upon, around and adjacent to th lands, and also the privilege of landing from and mooring boats and vessels upon any part of the said lands and using the said lands in connection with the rights of fishery and fishing hereby reserved, so far as may be reasonably necessary to the exercise of such rights.

**To have and to hold** the same unto the grantee in fee simple.

**Provided**, and, in pursuance of the *Irrigation Act* it is hereby declared, that these presents shall not vest in the grantee any exclusive or other property or interest in or any exclusive right or privilege with respect to any lake, river, stream or other body of water, or in, o respect to the water contained or flowing therein, or the land forming the bed or shore thereof.

**GIVEN** under the Great Seal of Canada:—**Witness**, Charles Jerome Jones, Esquire, a Companion of Our Imperial Service Or Deputy of Our Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honourable Sir Albert Henry George Grey, Viscount Howick, Baron Grey of Howick, in the County of Northumberland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross o Royal Victorian Order, &c., &c., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

At OTTAWA, this Third day of October in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten and in the first year of Ou

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BY COMMAND.

Recorded in the Department of the Interior.
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# Certificate of Title

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WEST SASKATCHEWAN Land Registration District

*This is to Certify* that Thomas H Ayer
of Township Fifty Range Eighteen West of the Third Meridian, in the Province of Saskatchewan in the Dominion of Canada Farmer

*is now the owner of an estate in fee simple*

*of and in* The North East quarter of Section Six (6) in Township Fifty (50) in Range Eighteen (18) West of the Third Meridian in the Province of Saskatchewan in the Dominion of Canada as shown upon a map or plan of Survey of the said Township approved and confirmed at Ottawa, on the 23rd day of July A.D 1904 by Edouard Deville Surveyor General of Dominion Lands and of record in the Department of the Interior containing One hundred and fifty nine (159) acres more or less.

I certify the within to be a true and correct copy of Certificate of Title No. A W 3 of record in the Land Titles Office for the Battleford Land Registration District at Battleford, Saskatchewan, as at the registration of the last instrument on Mar 16 1990, as No. 90B03676
Registrar

Reserving to the Crown all Mines and Minerals.

Transmission
This Certificate is CANCELLED and a new Certificate of Title No. Q.J. 205 issued to Maud Ayer, exec.
Instrument dated Dec. 30/42. registered at 10.06 o'clock A. M. 21 day of Jan. 1943 as No. B.W. 1962.
REGISTRAR

*subject to the incumbrances, liens and interests notified by memorandum underwritten or indorsed hereon, or which may hereafter be made in the register.*

**In Witness Whereof** *I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal this* sixth *day of* December *A.D.* 1910

E W Brown Registrar
WEST SASKATCHEWAN Land Registration District
Seal

Post Office Address Baljennie Sask

[illegible] Mortgage Association [illegible] of $ 850.00 [illegible] rate of 8% [illegible] April 1913 [illegible] 10.78 [illegible]

2 The Mortgage No. J1174 [illegible] by Discharge of Mortgage, dated Jan[illegible] Canadian Mortgage Association 10.17 o'clock a. M. on the 10 day of April [illegible] as No. 7375

This is the last Will and Testament of Thomas Henry Ayre as I verily believe

This is the last will and testament of me Thomas Henry Ayre of the District of Edam in the province of Saskatchewan, Farmer,

I hereby revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

I give, devise and bequeath all my property, real and personal, to my wife, Maud Ayre of the District of Edam, Sask., for her own sole and absolute use during her life with full power to sell, lease, mortgage or encumber or otherwise deal with the said property as she may think and see fit in her interest and in the interest of my children. I wish and will that my said wife at her death leave all that may be left of my said property to my children to be devided between them in equal shares.

I appoint my said wife as the executrix of this my last will and testament.

Dated this 9th day of May 1923 at the Village of Edam in the province of Saskatchewan.

Signed and delivered by Thomas Henry Ayre, the testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us both present together at the same time and, in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto signed our names as witnesses to the due execution thereof.

T. H. Ayre

Witnesses.

Max Schorron Edam

H. G. Runnels Edam Sask.

No. 1280776

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

1906

From Chas. Pilling
Grand Forks

Date 24/9

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Subject: Extension re C.C. 6-
51-19-W3 for Thos. H. Ayre

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# Department of the Interior.

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Sir :—

I have to inform you that a patent for N. E. ¼ of Section 6 in Township 50 Range 18 West of the 3rd Meridian, bearing date the 3rd October 1910 has issued in your name, and that it has been forwarded to the Registrar of the Land Registration District of WEST SASKATCHEWAN who will issue the certificate of title upon receipt of your application to him therefor, and upon payment of the proper fees, if any.

For this purpose please place yourself in communication with that official, giving him your full name and your Post Office address.

His address is THE REGISTRAR,
Battleford, Sask.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
PERLEY G. KEYES,
Secretary.

To Thomas H. Ayre Esq
Daysville
Sask.

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# Sworn Statement of Thos H. Ayre, in support

of his application for Homestead Patent for N. ½

of ____ Sec. 6 Thp. 50 Rge. 18 of 3 Meridian.

1. What is your name in full, age, occupation and Post Office address? Thomas Henry Ayre. farmer. 29 years Dayrille S

2. (1) Are you a British subject at the present time? and (2) have you always been one? (3) are you a British Subject by Birth, Naturalization or Repatriation? (1) Yes, (2) yes (3) By birth

NOTE.—If by naturalization or repatriation, certificate must be furnished. If through parents, certified copy of certificate required, or description of land homesteaded by Father or Mother.

3. (a) When did you obtain homestead entry, (b) when did you build your house thereon, and (c) when did you commence actual residence thereon?
(a) 22 June 1906.
(b) may 1907.
(c) 1 may 1907.

4. What portion of each year since commencement of residence have you lived upon the land, *giving actual dates*?
1907. 1 may to ~~25~~ nov 1st
1908. 1 may to 31 Dec
1909 1 Jan to 25 July 1910.

5. When absent from your homestead where have you resided and what has been your occupation? among township, farming

6. Of whom do your family consist; when did they first commence residence upon this homestead, and for what portion of each year since that date have they resided upon it? wife & self. 15 may 1907 to date,

7. If residence has been performed on land owned by yourself or duly authorized relative, describe such land:— Section ____ Thp. ____ Rge. ____ Mer.

(a) When (1) and how (2) was such land acquired? (a) (1) ____ (2) ____

(b) By whom (1) was the land acquired, and who (2) is the present owner thereof? (b) (1) ____ (2) ____

(c) What buildings are on such land, and what is the present value thereof? (c) ____

(d) State each month or part of month you have resided on your land. ____

(e) State each month or part of month you and your (Father mother, son, daughter, sister, brother) have resided on the latter's land. ____

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8. How much breaking have you done upon your homestead in each year since you obtained entry, and how many acres have you cultivated each year?
Year 1907 Broke 5 acres, cropped ____ acres
Year 1908 " 20 " " 5 "
Year 1909 " 10 " " 25 "
Year 1910 " 25 " " 35. "
Year 1____ " ____ " " ____ "
Year 1____ " ____ " " ____ "

9. What stock of which you are the owner have you had on your homestead each year since date of perfecting entry?
1907. 3 horses, 2 Cattle,
1908. 5 " 3 "
1909 7 " 5 "
1910 9 " 11 "

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| 10. What is the size of your house on your homestead, of what material, and what is its present cash value? | 16 x 20 logs. $200.00 |
| 11. What other buildings have you erected on your homestead? What other improvements have you made thereon, and what is the cash value of the same? | Stable $150.00<br>Granary $75.00<br>Shed $50.00 Henhouse $25.00 |
| 12. What extent of fencing have you made on your homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof? | 148 acres $80.00 |
| 13. Are there any indications of minerals or quarries on your homestead? If so, state nature of same, and whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than any other purpose. | No. |
| 14. Have you had any other homestead entry? If so, describe it and say what became of it. | No |
| 15. Have you mortgaged, assigned or transferred, or agreed to mortgage, assign or transfer your present homestead or any part thereof? If so, when and to whom? | No. |

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To Wit:

I, Thos H. Ayre, do solemnly swear that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct in every particular. That I claim a Patent for this Homestead under the provisions of the "Dominion Lands Act."

That I obtained an entry, and claim a Patent for the same for my own benefit, and not in the interest or for the benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn before me at Battleford
25 July A.D. 1910
Thos H. Ayre

Having first been read over and explained to the said applicant.

J G Prince
actg Agent of the Dominion Lands, or ~~Homestead Inspector~~ for the Battleford District.

I recommend the foregoing application for Patent, believing that the homestead requirements of the "Dominion Lands Act" have, in this case been complied with.

Dated at BATTLEFORD
AUG 5 1910 A.D. 19

Local Agent of Dominion Lands for BATTLEFORD District.

Ottawa, AUG 31 1910 19

Accepted as sufficient,
F. FitzRoy Dixon
Assistant Deputy Commissioner.

I hereby certify that ........ has to-day produced evidence showing ownership of the ........ of Section ........ Thp. ........ Rge. ........ Mer., from the ........ day of ........ to the present time.

Date ........ 19 ........

**The Officer taking this application for patent is requested to exercise particular care that the name of the homesteader is given in full and correctly spelt.**

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# Sworn Statement of J.K. Robins

of Sec. S.W. 18 Thp. 50 Rge. 18 of 3, Meridian, in reference to the application for patent of J. Hague for N ½ of Sec. 6 Thp. 50 Rge. 18 of 3 Meridian.

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| 1. What is your occupation, and how long have you known the applicant? | farmer. May 1907. |
| 2. Where have you resided, since you have known the applicant, give places and dates? | On my Hd since |
| 3. (1) When did he build his house? and (2) when did he commence actual residence therein, making it his permanent home? | (1) May 1907. (2) 1 May 1907 |
| 4. (a) What portion of each year since commencement of residence has he lived upon the land? *Give actual dates.* | 1907, 1 May to 1 Nov<br>1908, 1 May to 25 July 1910. |
| (b) If his residence has been on land owned by himself, or duly authorized relative, describe such land, and give actual dates of residence together with father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, as the case may be. | 2204662 |
| 5. Has homesteader's family resided with him? Give actual dates. | Yes. 15 May 1907 to date |
| 6. How much breaking, and what area has been cropped in each year upon his homestead? | Year 1907 Broke 5 acres, cropped acres.<br>Year 1908 " 2 " " 5 "<br>Year 1909 " 10 " " 25 "<br>Year 1910 " 25 " " 35 "<br>Year 1 " " " "<br>Year 1 " " " " |
| 7. What stock of which applicant is owner has he had on his homestead or purchased land each year since date of perfecting entry? | 1907. 3 horses. 2 cattle<br>1908. 5 " 3 "<br>1909. 7 " 5 "<br>1910. 9 " 11 " |
| 8. What is the size of his house on his present homestead, and what material, and what is its present cash value? | 16 x 20 logs. $200.00 |
| 9. What extent of fencing has he made on his homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof? | 148 acres $80.00 |
| 10. What other buildings have been erected on his homestead? What other improvements have been made thereon, and what is the cash value of the same? | Stable $150.00<br>Granary $75.00<br>Shed $50.00 icehouse $25.00 |
| 11. Have you any interest, direct or indirect, in this application? | No |
| 12. Do you believe the claimant has acted in good faith in obtaining his entry, and in making his application for patent? | Yes. |

Canada,
Prov. Sask.,
To Wit:

I J.K. Robins of Daysville Sask make oath and say that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct in every particular.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn before me at Battleford this 25 day of July 1910. } J.K. Robins

Having been first read over and explained to the Witness.

J. Prince
Actg. Local Agent of Dominion Lands or Homestead Inspector.
for the Battleford District.

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# Sworn Statement of J G Paradis

of Sec. N 22 Thp. 50 Rge. 19 of 3 Meridian

reference to the application for patent of J. Hayne

for N ½ of Sec. 6 Thp. 50 Rge. 18 of 3 Meridian.

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| 1. What is your occupation, and how long have you known the applicant? | farmer, May 1907, |
| 2. Where have you resided, since you have known the applicant, give places and dates? | On my H'd since |
| 3. (1) When did he build his house? and (2) when did he commence actual residence therein, making it his permanent home? | (1) May 1907 (2) 1 May 1907. |
| 4. (a) What portion of each year since commencement of residence has he lived upon the land? *Give actual dates.* | 1907, 1 May to 1 Nov<br>1908 1 May to 25 July 1910 |
| (b) If his residence has been on land owned by himself, or duly authorized relative, describe such land, and give actual dates of residence together with father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, as the case may be. | |
| 5. Has homesteader's family resided with him? Give actual dates. | Yes 15 May 1907, to date, |
| 6. How much breaking, and what area has been cropped in each year upon his homestead? | Year 1907 Broke 5 acres, cropped ...... acres.<br>Year 1908 " 20 " " 5 "<br>Year 1909 " 10 " " 25, "<br>Year 1910 " 25, " " 35, "<br>Year 1...... " ...... " " ...... "<br>Year 1...... " ...... " " ...... " |
| 7. What stock of which applicant is owner has he had on his homestead or purchased land each year since date of perfecting entry? | 1907, 3 horses, 2 cattle,<br>1908. 5 " 3 "<br>1909, 7 " 5 "<br>1910 9 " 11 " |
| 8. What is the size of his house on his present homestead, and what material, and what is its present cash value? | 16 x 20 logs $200.00 |
| 9. What extent of fencing has he made on his homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof? | 148 acres $80.00 |
| 10. What other buildings have been erected on his homestead? What other improvements have been made thereon, and what is the cash value of the same? | Stable $150.00<br>Granary $75.00<br>Shed & Stairs, ice house $25.00 |
| 11. Have you any interest, direct or indirect, in this application? | no |
| 12. Do you believe the claimant has acted in good faith in obtaining his entry, and in making his application for patent? | Yes, |

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To Wit:

I J G Paradis, of Daysville Sask,
make oath and say that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct in every particular.
SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn before me at Battleford,
this 25 day of July 1910, J G Paradis

Having been first read over and explained to the Witness.

J G Prince
Act'g Local Agent of Dominion Lands or ~~Homestead Inspector~~.
Battleford

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Dear Kathy & Paul,

I enjoyed your letter very much with the information and enclosures. I'm glad to know about these other Witheridges in the U.S.A.

Yes, you are right about Edward and Mabel Witheridge of Port Townsend, Washington. He was my uncle – my father's brother – and she was his first wife. He grew up in Saginaw, Michigan where Elizabeth and I also grew up. Uncle Ed moved west in 1920, settling first in Portland, Oregon, then moving to Port Townsend, where he and a partner owned

a hardware and furniture store. We saw him occasionally when he came to Michigan to buy a car and drive it back to Port Townsend.

Fortunately, Elizabeth and I saw him and talked to him at length about family matters when we drove out there less than a year before he died.

This is all I have time for now, but I wanted you to have this bit of information right away.

Did I ever write to you on this note paper? We found it at the church in Witheridge, but when we tried to order more, we found they were all out and weren't going to get any more. So we had some printed locally.

Love,

David & Elizabeth

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**Kathleen M. Witheridge**
343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

August 10, 1990

Rev. & Mrs. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis. Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

[DEW corrects the reversed authors' names]

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Thank you so much for your welcome letter received today.

The information which you so kindly forwarded on John Witheridge, was absolutely fascinating.

I was back to the library the other day and in the same "Passenger and Immigration Lists Index" came across the following:

WITHEREDGE, Edward (no age) Boston, Mass, 1643 - 1936 Page 326
WITHEREDGE, William (no age) Virginia, 1637 - 6220 Page 65

Code Book Source 1936 was, "A Genealogical Register" by ~~Nugent~~, Farmer
and
Code Book Source 6220 was, "Cavaliers & Pioneers" Volume One, by ~~Farmer.~~ Nugent

Would you know anything about these names?

From the information which you forwarded to me, the above named, John Witheridge, had a son named Edward, baptized July 26th, 1616 at Barnstaple, Devon, and also a son named William, baptized December 1st, 1610 at Barnstaple, Devon. It would appear that John's two sons were also mariners.

I looked through the Witheridge Society Handbook, and found that none of the members have lines back to Barnstaple in the 1500's and 1600's. It would appear that Paul's line would be the nearest, as I am back to 1604, James Witheridge of Fremington. On the Devon map, Fremington is very close to Barnstaple, so maybe there could be a connection there.

I don't believe I mentioned to you the trouble I am having with Paul's grandparents. I am enclosing a write-up of the incidents so you can read about my dilemma. Maybe you can come up with a suggestion for me.

By the way, the picture which you sent of yourselves taken in England is lovely.

If you are ever travelling near to Ontario, please come and visit us, we would simply love to meet with you both.

Kind regards,

Paul & Kathy.

[This was stapled to document W277.]

# A GENEALOGISTS NIGHTMARE

My husband's grandfather was born in the small village of Little Drayton Common, Shropshire, on July 24th, 1876. His name at birth being, **ARTHUR AUSTIN**, son of William Austin and Mary Austin (nee Barrow).

On March 3rd, 1902, the said **ARTHUR AUSTIN**, (then aged 25 years), married Mabel Kate Painter, (then aged 20 years), daughter of Charles Painter deceased and Elizabeth A. Painter (nee Clutterbuck), at Hunslet, Near Leeds, West Yorkshire, England.

It is not known why they decided to marry in Leeds, as Arthur came from Shropshire and Mabel came from Gloucestershire. The only reason I can come up with is, Mabel appeared to be seven months pregnant at the time of the marriage.

I am now in the possession of the birth certificates of their children, as follows:

**DORIS MAY AUSTIN**, daughter of Arthur Austin and Mabel Kate Austin (nee Painter), born May 13th, 1902, at Leonard Stanley, Gloucestershire.

**REGINALD ARTHUR**, (I do not have a birth certificate for this child). Born February 21st, 1904.

**MABEL KATE AUSTIN**, daughter of Arthur Austin and Mabel Kate Austin (nee Painter), born December 17th, 1905, at Little Drayton, Shropshire.

**RONALD AUSTIN**, son of Arthur Austin and Mabel Kate Austin (nee Painter), born September 2nd, 1907, at Little Drayton, Shropshire.

**ARTHUR CHARLES AUSTIN**, son of Arthur Austin and Mabel Kate Austin (nee Painter), born October 21st, 1910, at Little Drayton, Shropshire.

Some time in this time era, the said **ARTHUR AUSTIN** served six years with the Shropshire Light Infantry, but the dates are not known at this time. I have written to Ministry of Defence in London, England on two occasions, with two stamped addressed envelopes, but unfortunately, have not had the courtesy of a reply. I have also hired a genealogist in Barking, Essex, to try and obtain this information on my behalf.

It is believed that the family emigrated to Canada between October, 1910 and September 15th, 1914, when the next child was born in Canada, namely, **MARY ELIZABETH BEECH**, born September 15th, 1914, at Petrolia, Ontario, Canada. Unfortunately, I do not have a full birth certificate for Mary, so it does not state the names of her parents. I have however, applied for a full certificate.

The next records in my possession are Army papers for **ARTHUR JOHN BEECH**, dated July 29th, 1915, at which time he joined the Canadian Overseas Expenditure Force. These papers give his date of birth as July 21st, 1976, and place of birth as Market Drayton, Shropshire. It also states on these papers that he served six years in the Shropshire Light Infantry.

The next record in my possession is the Canadian Passport of **ARTHUR J. BEECH**, which is dated June 5th, 1919. This document shows his date of birth as July 21st, 1876, and place of birth as Shropshire. It listed is age at that time as 42 years.

I have written to the PRO at Chancery Lane, London, asking about the British Passport which they must have had to leave Britain, or alternatively, Emigration documents, but they advise me that I would have to attend personally and look up this information, they do not appear to assist in research.

I have now got the change of name down to October 1910 and September 1914.

The National Archives in Ottawa, Canada, have agreed to forward Passenger Lists, on an inter-library basis, on ships arriving in Montreal and Halifax between the time period 1910-1914. At the time of the arrival of the micro films, twelve in all, I will have to go through them to see if either the name Austin or Beech appears.

There is still one aunt living, namely, Mabel Kate Beech, who is now 85 years old and resides in Toronto, Ontario. She never married and goes under the name of Beech, although her birth certificate shows Austin.

I am afraid that there may be a "Skeleton in the Closet", as when I bring up the subject of name change, she changes the subject immediately. She did once tell me that she thought the name had been double-barrelled at one time, Austin-Beech, and that the Austin part had been dropped. I do not really believe this, as no records show it as such and, where did Beech come from, and why was the original name of Austin dropped. None of this makes any sense to me.

I do not for one minute believe that one can change one's name in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, which is how it looks right now. I do have a few more steps I can take, unfortunately, this is very expensive and very time consuming, but I am, determined to solve the mystery.

I was once advised that maybe the children did not have the same father, but all the dates and place of birth, appear to look in one direction.

I still have to look through the twelve reels of passenger lists micro film, to see if I can find either an Austin or a Beech. This will tell me which side of the ocean the name change took place. If they sailed under the name of Austin, I then have to look to Canadian sources for change of name, but if they sailed under the name of Beech, I have to look to the Passport Office in Britain and the Supreme Court Enrolment Books in Britain, whereby records of change of name by deed poll are kept.

Should anyone come up with any other ideas, I would gladly like to hear from you.

Kathy Witheridge

Aug. 10, 1990 ↖

DEW's note

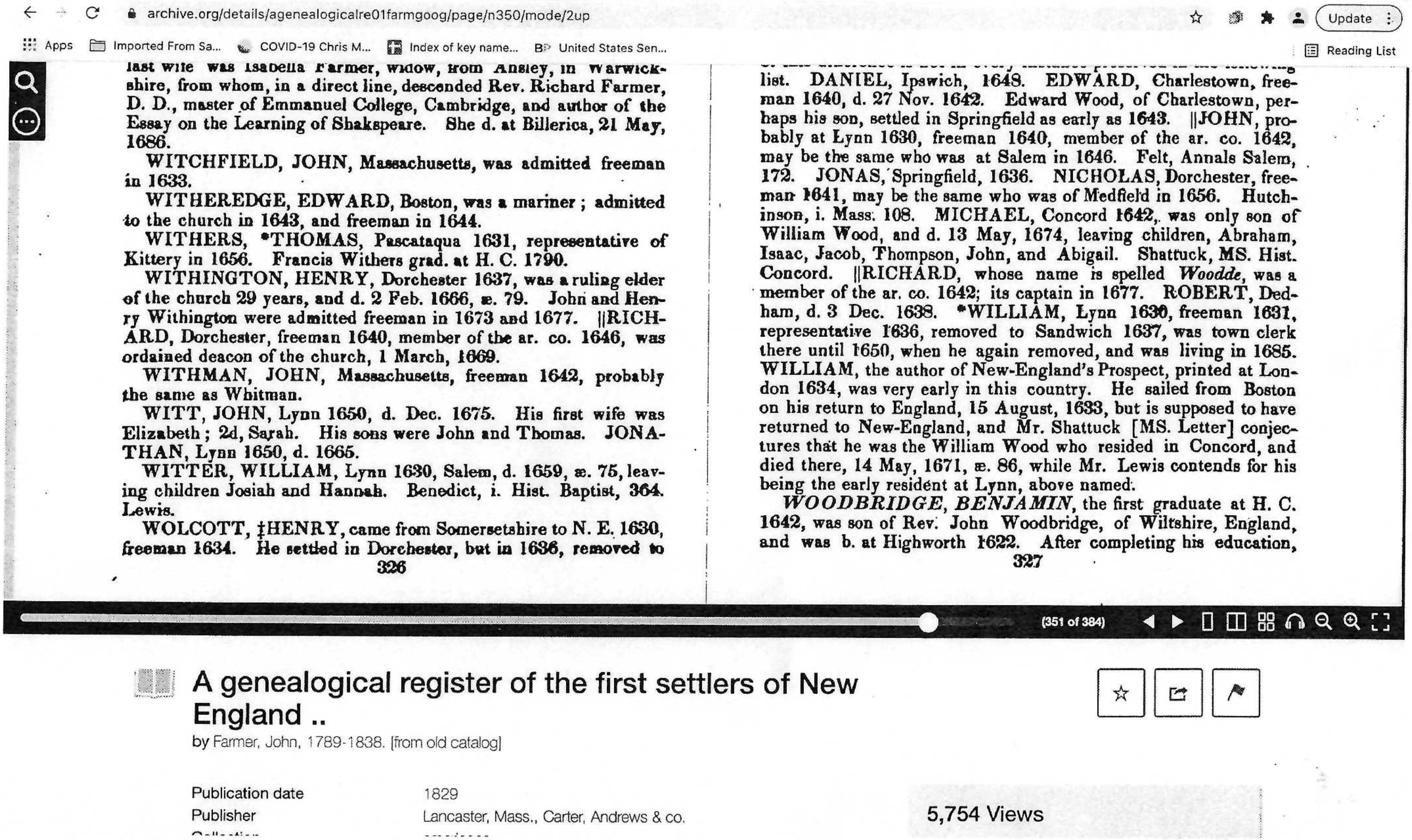
# Editor's Note

The document on the preceding pages (Kathy Witheridge's [q.v.] August 10, 1990, letter to DEW, document W277, folder 1.63h) makes reference to two "Witheredges" she was able to locate at her local library in two different genealogical classics: John Farmer's (b. 1789) *A genealogical register of the first settlers of New England [etc.]*, published in 1829; and Nell Marion Nugent's *Cavaliers and pioneers [etc.]*, published in 1934. Both books are in the public domain and are now available free of charge online at *Internet Archive* (the latter book in the *Archive*'s *Open Library*).

I went to both books online today and made screenshots of four relevant pages, which follow this editor's note as new elements of document W277:

- Farmer, page 326 (see "Witheridge, Edward"), plus a portion of the book's *Internet Archive* information page.
- Nugent, *Internet Archive Open Library* information page.
- Nugent, page xxxv (which explains the abbreviations used in the book).
- Nugent, page 65 (see the last five lines of the "THOMAS TODD" entry).

Tom Witheridge
January 7, 2022



last wife was Isabella Farmer, widow, from Ansley, in Warwickshire, from whom, in a direct line, descended Rev. Richard Farmer, D. D., master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and author of the Essay on the Learning of Shakspeare. She d. at Billerica, 21 May, 1686.

**WITCHFIELD, JOHN,** Massachusetts, was admitted freeman in 1633.

**WITHEREDGE, EDWARD,** Boston, was a mariner; admitted to the church in 1643, and freeman in 1644.

**WITHERS, *THOMAS,** Pascataqua 1631, representative of Kittery in 1656. Francis Withers grad. at H. C. 1790.

**WITHINGTON, HENRY,** Dorchester 1637, was a ruling elder of the church 29 years, and d. 2 Feb. 1666, æ. 79. John and Henry Withington were admitted freeman in 1673 and 1677. ||RICHARD, Dorchester, freeman 1640, member of the ar. co. 1646, was ordained deacon of the church, 1 March, 1669.

**WITHMAN, JOHN,** Massachusetts, freeman 1642, probably the same as Whitman.

**WITT, JOHN,** Lynn 1650, d. Dec. 1675. His first wife was Elizabeth; 2d, Sarah. His sons were John and Thomas. JONATHAN, Lynn 1650, d. 1665.

**WITTER, WILLIAM,** Lynn 1630, Salem, d. 1659, æ. 75, leaving children Josiah and Hannah. Benedict, i. Hist. Baptist, 364. Lewis.

**WOLCOTT, ‡HENRY,** came from Somersetshire to N. E. 1630, freeman 1634. He settled in Dorchester, but in 1636, removed to

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list. DANIEL, Ipswich, 1648. EDWARD, Charlestown, freeman 1640, d. 27 Nov. 1642. Edward Wood, of Charlestown, perhaps his son, settled in Springfield as early as 1643. ||JOHN, probably at Lynn 1630, freeman 1640, member of the ar. co. 1642, may be the same who was at Salem in 1646. Felt, Annals Salem, 172. JONAS, Springfield, 1636. NICHOLAS, Dorchester, freeman 1641, may be the same who was of Medfield in 1656. Hutchinson, i. Mass. 108. MICHAEL, Concord 1642, was only son of William Wood, and d. 13 May, 1674, leaving children, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Thompson, John, and Abigail. Shattuck, MS. Hist. Concord. ||RICHARD, whose name is spelled *Woodde*, was a member of the ar. co. 1642; its captain in 1677. ROBERT, Dedham, d. 3 Dec. 1638. *WILLIAM, Lynn 1630, freeman 1631, representative 1636, removed to Sandwich 1637, was town clerk there until 1650, when he again removed, and was living in 1685. WILLIAM, the author of New-England's Prospect, printed at London 1634, was very early in this country. He sailed from Boston on his return to England, 15 August, 1633, but is supposed to have returned to New-England, and Mr. Shattuck [MS. Letter] conjectures that he was the William Wood who resided in Concord, and died there, 14 May, 1671, æ. 86, while Mr. Lewis contends for his being the early resident at Lynn, above named.

***WOODBRIDGE, BENJAMIN,*** the first graduate at H. C. 1642, was son of Rev. John Woodbridge, of Wiltshire, England, and was b. at Highworth 1622. After completing his education,

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A genealogical register of the first settlers of New England ..

by Farmer, John, 1789-1838. [from old catalog]

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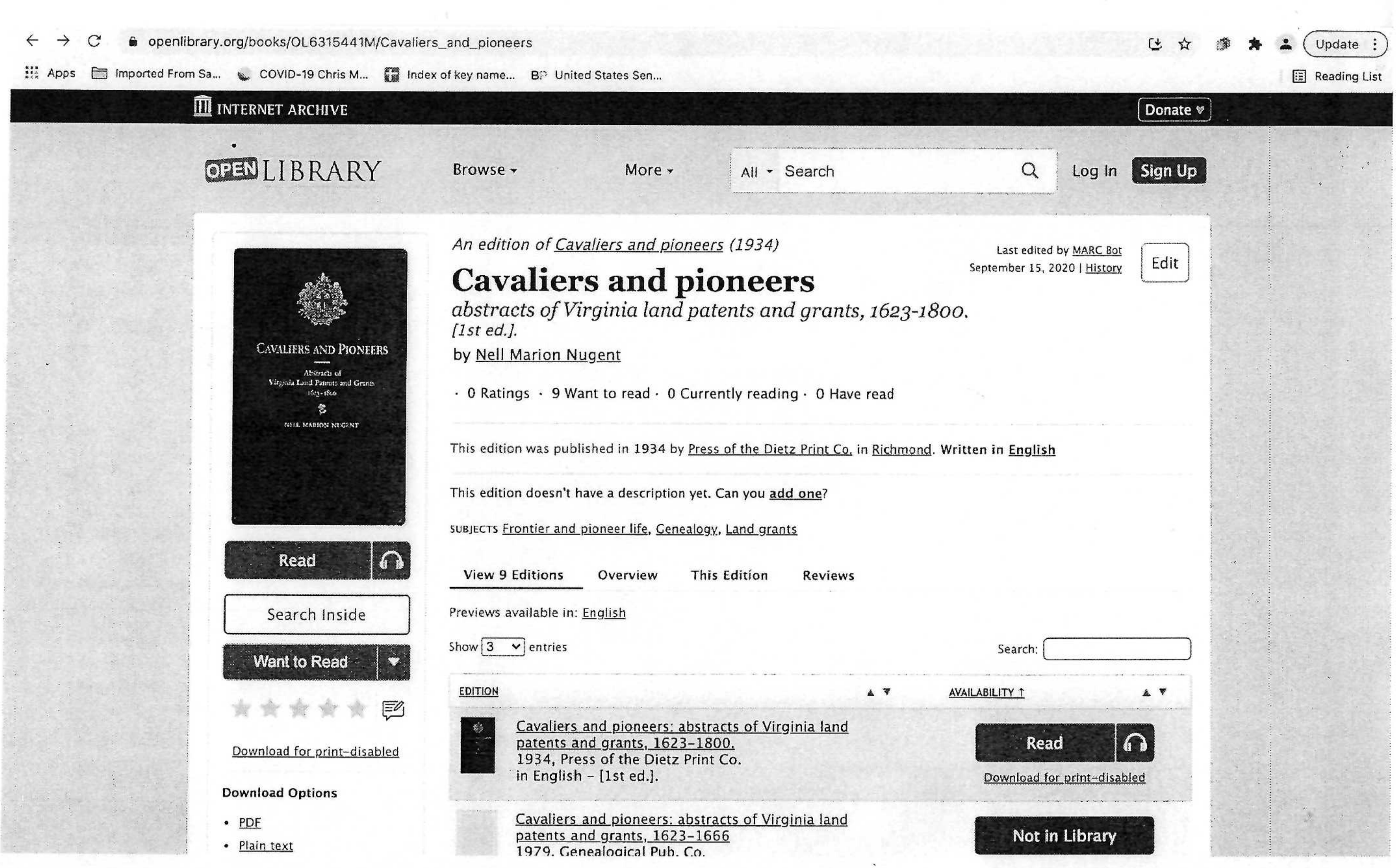

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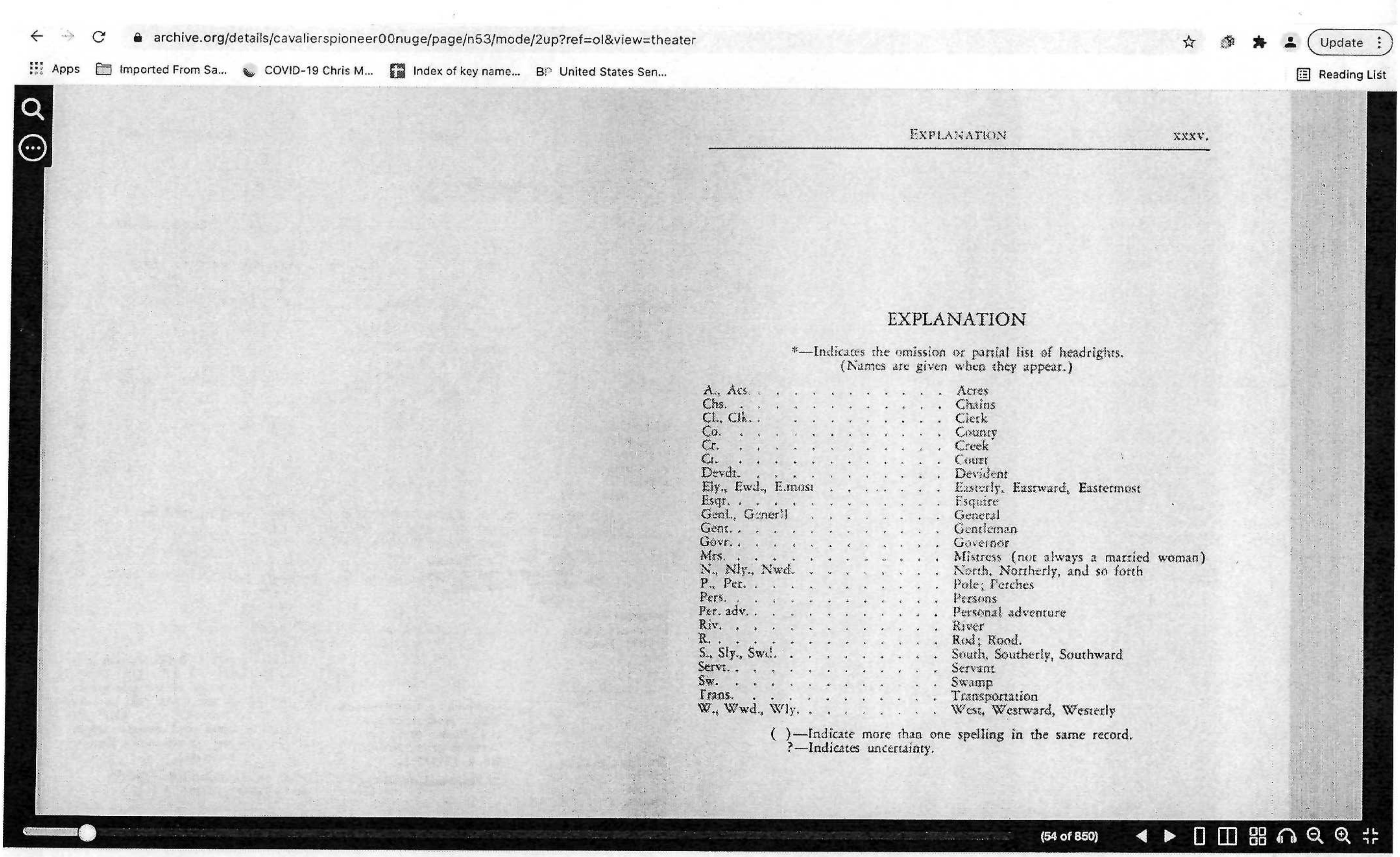
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# EXPLANATION

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| A., Acs. | Acres |
| Chs. | Chains |
| Cl., Clk. | Clerk |
| Co. | County |
| Cr. | Creek |
| Ct. | Court |
| Devdt. | Devident |
| Ely., Ewd., E.most | Easterly, Eastward, Eastermost |
| Esqr. | Esquire |
| Genl., Generll | General |
| Gent. | Gentleman |
| Govr. | Governor |
| Mrs. | Mistress (not always a married woman) |
| N., Nly., Nwd. | North, Northerly, and so forth |
| P., Per. | Pole; Perches |
| Pers. | Persons |
| Per. adv. | Personal adventure |
| Riv. | River |
| R. | Rod; Rood. |
| S., Sly., Swd. | South, Southerly, Southward |
| Servt. | Servant |
| Sw. | Swamp |
| Trans. | Transportation |
| W., Wwd., Wly. | West, Westward, Westerly |

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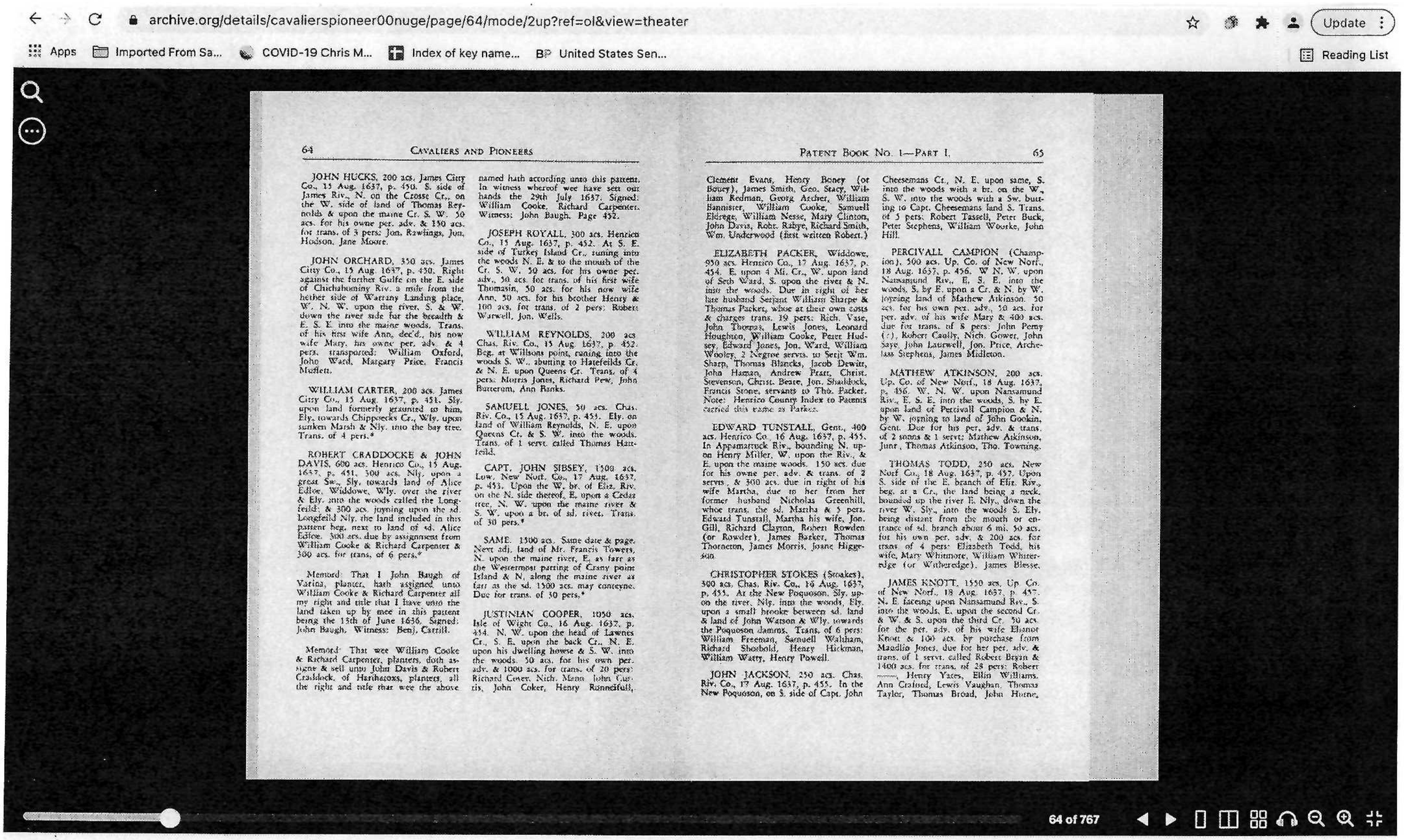

JOHN HUCKS, 200 acs. James Citty Co., 15 Aug. 1637, p. 450. S. side of James Riv., N. on the Crosse Cr., on the W. side of land of Thomas Reynolds & upon the maine Cr. S. W. 50 acs. for his owne per. adv. & 150 acs. for trans. of 3 pers: Jon. Rawlings, Jon. Hodson, Jane Moore.

JOHN ORCHARD, 350 acs. James Citty Co., 15 Aug. 1637, p. 450. Right against the further Gulfe on the E. side of Chichahominy Riv. a mile from the hether side of Warrany Landing place, W. N. W. upon the river, S. & W. down the river side for the breadth & E. S. E. into the maine woods. Trans. of his first wife Ann, dec'd., his now wife Mary, his owne per. adv. & 4 pers. transported: William Oxford, John Ward, Margary Price, Francis Mufflett.

WILLIAM CARTER, 200 acs. James Citty Co., 15 Aug. 1637, p. 451. Sly. upon land formerly graunted to him, Ely. towards Chippoecks Cr., Wly. upon sunken Marsh & Nly. into the bay tree. Trans. of 4 pers.*

ROBERT CRADDOCKE & JOHN DAVIS, 600 acs. Henrico Co., 15 Aug. 1637, p. 451. 300 acs. Nly. upon a great Sw., Sly. towards land of Alice Edloe, Widdowe, W'ly. over the river & Ely. into the woods called the Longfeild; & 300 acs. joyning upon the sd. Longfeild Nly. the land included in this pattent beg. next to land of sd. Alice Edloe. 300 acs. due by assignment from William Cooke & Richard Carpenter & 300 acs. for trans. of 6 pers.*

Memord: That I John Baugh of Varina, planter, hath assigned unto William Cooke & Richard Carpenter all my right and title that I have unto the land taken up by mee in this pattent being the 15th of June 1636. Signed: John Baugh. Witness: Benj. Carrill.

Memord: That wee William Cooke & Richard Carpenter, planters, doth assigne & sell unto John Davis & Robert Craddock, of Harihatoxs, planters, all the right and title that wee the above named hath according unto this pattent. In witness whereof wee have sett our hands the 29th July 1637. Signed: William Cooke, Richard Carpenter. Witness: John Baugh. Page 452.

JOSEPH ROYALL, 300 acs. Henrico Co., 15 Aug. 1637, p. 452. At S. E. side of Turkey Island Cr., runing into the woods N. E. & to the mouth of the Cr. S. W. 50 acs. for his owne per. adv., 50 acs. for trans. of his first wife Thomasin, 50 acs. for his now wife Ann, 50 acs. for his brother Henry & 100 acs. for trans. of 2 pers: Robert Warwell, Jon. Wells.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS, 200 acs. Chas. Riv. Co., 15 Aug. 1637, p. 452. Beg. at Willsons point, runing into the woods S. W., abutting to Hatefeilds Cr. & N. E. upon Queens Cr. Trans. of 4 pers: Morris Jones, Richard Pew, John Batterum, Ann Banks.

SAMUELL JONES, 50 acs. Chas. Riv. Co., 15 Aug. 1637, p. 453. Ely. on land of William Reynolds, N. E. upon Queens Cr. & S. W. into the woods. Trans. of 1 servt. called Thomas Hattfeild.

CAPT. JOHN SIBSEY, 1500 acs. Low. New Norf. Co., 17 Aug. 1637, p. 453. Upon the W. br. of Eliz. Riv. on the N. side thereof, E. upon a Cedar tree, N. W. upon the maine river & S. W. upon a br. of sd. river. Trans. of 30 pers.*

SAME. 1500 acs. Same date & page. Next adj. land of Mr. Francis Towers, N. upon the maine river, E. as farr as the Westermost parting of Crany point Island & N. along the maine river as farr as the sd. 1500 acs. may conteyne. Due for trans. of 30 pers.*

JUSTINIAN COOPER, 1050 acs. Isle of Wight Co., 16 Aug. 1637, p. 454. N. W. upon the head of Lawnes Cr., S. E. upon the back Cr., N. E. upon his dwelling howse & S. W. into the woods. 50 acs. for his own per. adv. & 1000 acs. for trans. of 20 pers: Richard Cover, Nich. Mann, John Curtis, John Coker, Henry Ronnefull,

Clement Evans, Henry Boney (or Bouey), James Smith, Geo. Stacy, William Redman, Georg Archer, William Bannister, William Cooke, Samuell Eldrege, William Nesse, Mary Clinton, John Davis, Robt. Rabye, Richard Smith, Wm. Underwood (first written Robert.)

ELIZABETH PACKER, Widdowe, 950 acs. Henrico Co., 17 Aug. 1637, p. 454. E. upon 4 Mi. Cr., W. upon land of Seth Ward, S. upon the river & N. into the woods. Due in right of her late husband Serjant William Sharpe & Thomas Packer, whoe at their own costs & charges trans. 19 pers: Rich. Vase, John Thomas, Lewis Jones, Leonard Houghton, William Cooke, Peter Hudsey, Edward Jones, Jon. Ward, William Wooley, 2 Negroe servts. to Serjt Wm. Sharp, Thomas Blancks, Jacob Dewitt, John Haman, Andrew Pratt, Christ. Stevenson, Christ. Beare, Jon. Shaddock, Francis Stone, servants to Tho. Packer. Note: Henrico County Index to Patents carried this name as Parker.

EDWARD TUNSTALL, Gent., 400 acs. Henrico Co., 16 Aug. 1637, p. 455. In Appamattuck Riv., bounding N. upon Henry Miller, W. upon the Riv., & E. upon the maine woods. 150 acs. due for his owne per. adv. & trans. of 2 servts., & 300 acs. due in right of his wife Martha, due to her from her former husband Nicholas Greenhill, whoe trans. the sd. Martha & 5 pers. Edward Tunstall, Martha his wife, Jon. Gill, Richard Clayton, Robert Rowden (or Rowder), James Barker, Thomas Thorneton, James Morris, Joane Higgeson.

CHRISTOPHER STOKES (Stoakes), 300 acs. Chas. Riv. Co., 16 Aug. 1637, p. 455. At the New Poquoson. Sly. upon the river, Nly. into the woods, Ely. upon a small brooke between sd. land & land of John Watson & Wly. towards the Poquoson damms. Trans. of 6 pers: William Freeman, Samuell Waltham, Richard Shorbold, Henry Hickman, William Watty, Henry Powell.

JOHN JACKSON, 250 acs. Chas. Riv. Co., 17 Aug. 1637, p. 455. In the New Poquoson, on S. side of Capt. John Cheesemans Cr., N. E. upon same, S. into the woods with a br. on the W., S. W. into the woods with a Sw. butting to Capt. Cheesemans land S. Trans. of 5 pers: Robert Tassell, Peter Buck, Peter Stephens, William Woorke, John Hill.

PERCIVALL CAMPION (Champion), 500 acs. Up. Co. of New Norf., 18 Aug. 1637, p. 456. W. N. W. upon Nansamund Riv., E. S. E. into the woods, S. by E. upon a Cr. & N. by W. joyning land of Mathew Atkinson. 50 acs. for his own per. adv., 50 acs. for per. adv. of his wife Mary & 400 acs. due for trans. of 8 pers: John Perry (?), Robert Caully, Nich. Gower, John Saye, John Laurwell, Jon. Price, Archelaus Stephens, James Midleton.

MATHEW ATKINSON, 200 acs. Up. Co. of New Norf., 18 Aug. 1637, p. 456. W. N. W. upon Nansamund Riv., E. S. E. into the woods, S. by E. upon land of Percivall Campion & N. by W. joyning to land of John Gookin, Gent. Due for his per. adv. & trans. of 2 sonns & 1 servt: Mathew Atkinson, Junr., Thomas Atkinson, Tho. Towning.

THOMAS TODD, 250 acs. New Norf. Co., 18 Aug. 1637, p. 457. Upon S. side of the E. branch of Eliz. Riv., beg. at a Cr., the land being a neck, bounded up the river E. Nly., down the river W. Sly., into the woods S. Ely, being distant from the mouth or entrance of sd. branch about 6 mi. 50 acs. for his own per. adv. & 200 acs. for trans. of 4 pers: Elizabeth Todd, his wife, Mary Whitmore, William Whiteredge (or Witheredge), James Blesse.

JAMES KNOTT, 1550 acs. Up. Co. of New Norf., 18 Aug. 1637, p. 457. N. E. faceing upon Nansamund Riv., S. into the woods, E. upon the second Cr. & W. & S. upon the third Cr. 50 acs. for the per. adv. of his wife Elianor Knott & 100 acs. by purchase from Maudlin Jones, due for her per. adv. & trans. of 1 servt. called Robert Bryan & 1400 acs. for trans. of 28 pers: Robert ——, Henry Yates, Ellin Williams, Ann Craford, Lewis Vaughan, Thomas Taylor, Thomas Broad, John Horne,

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| Enlarged copy of ad in 1907 Saginaw directory for Caledonia Coal Company (Wm. Witheridge, Treas.) | | Log 1216<br>c.1980 | W268 | Geneal. book |
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| Letter from Kathy Witheridge with entry on Edward Witheridge, Boston, 1643, from Gen. Reg. --- John Farmer | | Log 1230<br>9/17/90 | W278 | " |
| Letter from Joyce Aldrich about birth of twin grandsons Ben + Nick, and enclosing mar. cert. W280 | | Log 1240<br>5/14/91 | W279 | Joyce Aldrich file |
| Mar. cert. of Alfred Wm. Chivers and Elizabeth Witheridge, Oct. 30, 1880 | | Log 1240<br>5/14/91 | W280 | " |
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**Kathleen M. Witheridge**
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September 17, 1990

Rev. & Mrs. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis. Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Thank you so much for your letter of September 4th, 1990. Paul was most impressed with the note paper.

I have once again obtained a book from the library, entitled, "Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England" by John Farmer.

On Page 326 is the following:

WITHEREDGE, EDWARD, Boston, was a mariner; admitted to the church in 1643, and freeman in 1644.

I would imagine that this was the son of John Witheridge of Barnstaple, as he had two sons, Edward and William, who were both mariners.

Maybe you would have a little more knowledge than I, on finding out a little more about Edward. When it says he was admitted to the church, does that mean that he would be a Minister? and where are such records kept?

I am still awaiting obtaining the book "Cavaliers and Pioneers" Volume One, by Nugent, which supposedly gives information on the above named William Witheridge, brother of Edward.

I received a letter from State Historical Society in North Dakota, regarding my Witheridges who migrated to North Dakota, and then on to Tacoma, Washington. I have forwarded money to the Society, asking that they forward copies of the naturalization index for Cavalier County, to see if I can find out more about this family.

I am still waiting to hear from Kim, as she asked me if I would do some research for her in Canada, on a member of her family. I am wondering if she is still not feeling well, as I know that she was not too well after her trip to the States.

Do you ever hear how Jean Witheridge is? When we visited Phil in May, Jean was in the hospital, and we have never heard anything since. I hate to write and ask, as I would be afraid of hearing bad news.

I haven't started promoting the Witheridge Society yet, but I should get working on it in the next little while, as I would like new members to commence their subscriptions on January 1st. I don't know how much response I will get, but I am hoping for a few members, as I have handed out a lot of information on the Witheridge family.

I think I told you that Paul and I will be in Las Vegas from October 24th to November 2nd. We are both looking forward to the trip, as we have never been before. Paul will be on business at a Conference for 3 days, then we are adding some vacation to it.

I think that's all the news for now.

Kind regards,

Paul & Kathy.

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# GENEALOGICAL REGISTER

OF THE

FIRST SETTLERS

OF

# NEW-ENGLAND;

CONTAINING

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE

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MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL in the several Colonies, from 1620 to 1692;
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an assembly, as a grievance. He was a representative in 1689, and in 1690 one of the chaplains in the expedition against Canada. He d. 8 April, 1725, æ. 73. Rev. Jeremiah Wise, H. C. 1700, minister of Berwick from Nov. 1707, to 20 Jan. 1756, and Henry Wise, H. C. 1717, a merchant of Ipswich, were probably his sons. JOSEPH, Roxbury, d. 12 Sept. 1684, had sons, Joseph, born 1643; John, b. 1652; Henry, b. 1654.

WISEMAN, JAMES, Boston 1655, had a son James, born at Braintree.

*WISWALL, ICHABOD*, from Dorchester, entered H. Coll. 1644, and left without a degree in 1647, was minister of Duxbury, about 30 years. He is characterized as a gentleman of piety and learning; was the agent of Plymouth colony in England, in 1689, for obtaining a new charter. He d. 20 July, 1700. His only son, Peleg, [S. Davis] grad. at H. C. 1702, and died at Boston, 2 Sept. 1767, aged 84. *JOHN, Dorchester, a deacon of the church, was admitted freeman 1636, representative 1646, removed to Boston, and was an elder of the first church; d. 17 Aug. 1687, æ. 86, leaving an only son, John. Sexton's Monitor for Dorchester, 2, 28. THOMAS, Dorchester, about 1639, freeman 1652, removed to Newton, where he was ordained the first ruling elder of the church, 20 July, 1664. He d. 6 Dec. 1683. Ebenezer Wiswall, freeman 1675, who d. at Newton 1691, Enoch, freeman 1685, Thomas, of Newton, and Capt. Noah, killed in battle, 6 July, 1690, might be his sons. His last wife was Isabella Farmer, widow, from Ansley, in Warwickshire, from whom, in a direct line, descended Rev. Richard Farmer, D. D., master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and author of the Essay on the Learning of Shakspeare. She d. at Billerica, 21 May, 1686.

WITCHFIELD, JOHN, Massachusetts, was admitted freeman in 1633.

WITHEREDGE, EDWARD, Boston, was a mariner; admitted to the church in 1643, and freeman in 1644.

WITHERS, *THOMAS, Pascataqua 1631, representative of Kittery in 1656. Francis Withers grad. at H. C. 1790.

WITHINGTON, HENRY, Dorchester 1637, was a ruling elder of the church 29 years, and d. 2 Feb. 1666, æ. 79. John and Henry Withington were admitted freeman in 1673 and 1677. ||RICHARD, Dorchester, freeman 1640, member of the ar. co. 1646, was ordained deacon of the church, 1 March, 1669.

WITHMAN, JOHN, Massachusetts, freeman 1642, probably the same as Whitman.

WITT, JOHN, Lynn 1650, d. Dec. 1675. His first wife was Elizabeth; 2d, Sarah. His sons were John and Thomas. JONATHAN, Lynn 1650, d. 1665.

WITTER, WILLIAM, Lynn 1630, Salem, d. 1659, æ. 75, leaving children Josiah and Hannah. Benedict, i. Hist. Baptist, 364. Lewis.

WOLCOTT, ‡HENRY, came from Somersetshire to N. E. 1630, freeman 1634. He settled in Dorchester, but in 1636, removed to

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September 5, 1990

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Dear Ms. Witheridge:

Thank you for your letter concerning family history in North Dakota. I am enclosing our information forms so you can better see what we have in our collections and what services we provide. We do not have directories that would cover any of the small towns in North Dakota that we could check for the years 1900 to 1927 but there may be other searches that woudl be of benefit to you. A 1900 Census search, a search of naturalization records or other searches may provide some information for you but there are fee involved with many of these searches. Sarles is in Cavalier County and I believe that the other name might be Devils Lake and not Denba Lake which is in Ramsey County. A quick glance of the naturalization index for Cavalier County shows that a William and Irvin Witheridge had applied for final papers there, so much of your search may be centered on this county.

I wish you well in your search and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

James A. Davis

James A. Davis
Reference Specialist

**Paul & Kathy Witheridge**
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December 4, 1990

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Well, it's almost that time of year again, how time flies. I am a little disappointed that I haven't heard too much from the Witheridge Society this year. I am trying desperately to recruit new members, but if it's anything like this year, we have very little to offer new members, no magazines this year. I just hope that all is well with Phil and his family, I realize that he has a difficult family life and maybe he tries to do too much.

Last month we went to Las Vegas for 10 days, we had a good time and the weather was perfect, about 85 degrees every day. Unfortunately, we are not gamblers, but we did enjoy the many shows that we went to see. We did go to see Paul Anka, who has always been my dream man, and he is just as good now as he was when I was 16!

Paul was on business for 3 days, then we extended the trip for an extra week. Although we enjoyed our visit, I have now seen it, and I don't think I would ever go back.

It almost feels a little Christmassy today, as we had our first snowfall yesterday. I hate driving in it, but it is very nice to look at.

We will not be in England next year, as my sister and brother-in-law and another couple of friends are hopefully coming over here. We plan to drive down to Florida for a couple of weeks, coming home via the east coast of the U.S.A. stopping in at North and South Carolina and Washington D.C. It should be a nice trip, we have done it before with my mom, so I hope they all enjoy it.

I hope you are all keeping well, and look forward to hearing from you sometime.

I must close now, I have lots of letters to write.

All the very best to you for Christmas and the New Year.

Lots of love and best wishes,

Paul & Kathy

See DEW's response, next page

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January 26, 1991

Dear Kathy and Paul,

Thank you for your Christmas letter and news. We are just beginning to get back to normal after the Holidays, and I am trying to catch up on a lot of unfinished business.

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[Private medical information redacted here]

But back to your August and September letters I haven't yet answered! Naturally, I was interested in the Edward and William Witheridges you found in the Passenger and Immigration Lists Index. I was not aware of the William in Virginia, but I did know about Edward from Pioneers of Massachusetts, by Charles H. Pope, 1965, pp.315, 510. It said that he was a mariner in Boston; was adnitted to the church in Boston Dec. 24, 1643; made a Freeman (citizen) of Boston May 20, 1644; and had accounts with Sedgwich, Hill and Mills (John Mills, Boston) on Mar. 23, 1648. "Admitted to the church" merely means that he became a full member of the church, but I don't know what the procedures of requirements were. I'm inclined to agree with you that Edward and William could be sons of John Witheridge of Barnstaple, but we'll have to find confirmation somewhere.

In regard to Paul's Austin-Beech ancestry, that's a fascinating problem; but I've never had a name change to deal with, so I haven't any experience or expertise to contribute!

That's all for now. We hope you have good success with your genealogy in 1991.

Love,

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Dear David and Elizabeth, 14 May 1991

Well, we did it! Twin grandsons have arrived healthy, only a little early (they usually schedule twins 2 weeks ahead of the normal 9 month due date) and ready to start on their life journey! It has been a struggle to keep them "inside" since they are destined to be large (I wonder why - their dad is 6'7"!) and Catherine had to be mostly in bed for the last 3 months, was in and out of the hospital many times, and was on medication to keep the contractions at a minor level. Even the blood I donated so she could be sure it was "healthy" blood was not necessary - we feel very, very fortunate!

So - statistics are: Born to Eric and Catherine Aldrich twin boys, both at 8:01 (inside of the minute!), by Caesarian section, May 10, 1991, at the St. Lawrence Hospital, Ingham County, Lansing, MI. The "first out" was Benjamin Jay (to be known as Ben) weighing in at 7 lbs 12 oz, and then came Bruce Dominic (to be known as Nick) who weighed in at 7 lbs 3 oz. They have had absolutely no trouble, born on Friday morning and came home on Monday. Catherine is a very happy, if sore and tired, mother, and Eric - although expressing the fact that this didn't seem like a whole lot of FUN - is thrilled and relieved that they are well and have all their "parts".

Their daughter, Elizabeth, was one on May 1 - so we are not sure what she is thinking! She is a sturdy, curly dark haired beauty, and has stayed with me since the day before the birth, and many, many times before the births. It is such a privilege to be able to care for a child that age - although she wears me out during the day - especially when I pick her up after a full day at my office! - the time from bath to putting her in her crib makes it all worth while. She is very bright and talking a lot of gibberish - we recognize "no" (wonder why!) and "Grandpa", and "cookie" and a few others, especially Daddy since she and Eric have spent a lot of time together out of necessity, these past few months.

DEW's note: lumbering or sawmill)
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(lumbering or sawmill)

Aside from new babies, I have other news you may be interested in: Through my friends Joy and Alan Webb of Lincolnshire, I have received an official copy of the marriage of my grandfather Alfred William Chivers and Elizabeth Witheridge, and according to the names on it his father's name was not John as you (and I) have it - it was George! And, by the way, what is a "Sawyer" under profession?) If this original information came from anyone besides my mother I would shrug it off - but she was not wrong about much! But, in any event, I feel we have to trust an "official copy", don't you? Perhaps now I can pursue that line and get somewhere! Joy and Alan also sent me an official copy of the birth of my mother and several certificates on my Dad's side which are helpful. I know you don't go anywhere with the Chivers family, but this information should be corrected on your family record sheet. By the way, any idea of pulling this all together in a book of sorts? I received a copy of the Redburn Family - our line has not connected as yet - and it is simply copies of family record sheets, etc. Perhaps that would be a way to go, if you have any interest in publishing. We have not worked much on our family records since before the births of our latest four grandchildren, and since they all live so close it is more fun to play and visit than work with books and records! Perhaps one day...... (how many times have I said that line!)

Other children and Bruce are doing well. All of our grandchildren are born between May 1 and July 1 - so everyone is turning a year older, with our granddaughter Tara Fellows being the oldest and turning 11 in June. Birthday parties galore!

The economy the way it is our property still is the same, no development as yet. I, personally, hope it can stay that way for a while longer - I am not ready for suburban living. I prefer the open fields, as do the children, and so I don't feel bad at all - except, perhaps, financially!

All of my sisters and brothers are well and doing fine. Roy has been in the hospital for a short stay, but is well now.

Best close and get this in the mail to you. Hope you two are well and enjoying the season.

Love to you both, Jo

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September 16, 1991

Rev. & Mrs. David E. Witheridge,
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U.S.A. 55405.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

First of all my apologies for not writing you in so long - my how time flies. It's hard to believe that the summer is over once again.

On June 18th, 1991, I flew to Britain alone, to visit with my mother. I just decided on a spur of the moment thing, booked one week and flew the next. I had a good time but it was no holiday, I assisted with the moving of my mother who moved from the home which she had lived in for some 27 years into a senior citizen apartment.

On September 29th, 1991 my sister and brother-in-law arrive from Britain for three weeks, we are going to Florida for 8 nights then spending a week returning to Canada via the east coast, stopping in at Washington D.C. for a few days.

I have now persuaded Paul into going to Britain next year to attend the Witheridge Day celebrations, so we will probably be going for the month of May. I was hoping that maybe you would be attending also, as it is a few years since you were last there.

For some years I have been trying to contact a Reg Walter of Erith, Kent. I had received a copy of an old letter written in February, 1871, by a James Moore of Darlington Township to his mother-in-law Miriam (Trathen) Walter. I showed the letter to Kim on our last visit to the Witheridge Day, and she said she would try and find this Reg Walter for me, however, I never heard anything more from her. Last year I joined the Devon History Society, and whose name and address should be in the book but Reg Walter. I wrote to him and received a reply last week. I am enclosing a copy of the letter and a copy of the letter from Mr. Walter for you.

I have done quite a lot of research on the Moore family, as I found it most interesting, and as you can see from the old letter, Miriam Moore married John Witheridge, the eldest child of George and Mary Witheridge (Paul's great-great-great grandparents).

I am enclosing a copy of your family sheet on Ann Witheredg, c. 1702? and wondered if maybe you had any additional information on this name in order that I may forward same to Mr. Walter.

Well, I must close now, hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

Kathy

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74 Belmont Road.
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DA8 1LB

Dear Mrs Witheridge                Warm Wednesday 21st August 91

Thank you for your most interesting letter of the 12th August with enclosures — greatly appreciated.

I confess to being very intrigued by your research and the data given for the lands purchased by James Moore and George Witheridge in Ontario during the last century.

Alas, you are wrong in assuming I have seen or possessed the original letter written by James Moore of Darlington Ontario to his mother-in-law Miriam (Trathen) Walter of Whiteley, an ancestress of mine, in February 1871.

My typewritten copy of this unusual and interesting letter was given to me during correspondence I had with a Mr Ron Moore of 8 Chicora Avenue, Toronto, Ont M5R 1T6 in the years 1973/74 He being a descendant of James Moore who married Mary Ann Walter in 1827 at Bradworthy, who subsequently died in 1848, and who was just beginning to research his family history as the result of papers left by his late cousin Ray Moore of Goderich. Also assisting him was a Mrs Mary Sieber also of Goderich, a descendant of the Trathen family who I believe supplied him with a copy of James Moore's letter.

Wonder how this letter got back to Canada if it was addressed to Miriam Walter in England? More interesting is, did she answer his letter assuming she could write which I very much doubt as her signature on her marriage in 1809 was not all that significant!

Unfortunately, a number of old time settlers despaired of receiving news from those back home from what I have seen in correspondence of those times

Ron Moore was a Mathematics & Physics instructor at Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in Toronto and now I believe in his early 50's, so might well be able to provide information concerning the whereabouts of 'the latter'.

He certainly provided me with some very useful contacts and was an energetic beaver as regards chasing up family connections besides being a delightful correspondent.

I understand that James Moore originally emigrated to North America in 1853 following the death of his first wife Mary so presumably he returned to the UK prior to going back to Canada with some of his grown up family in 1873. He was it is said a favourite grandson of Miriam Walter (1788–1880) and saw the family off to Bideford to catch the train to the port of embarkation. It appears that several of his children and grandchildren were well educated and did well in Canada.

I really delight in hearing of their progress.

Like you I have accumulated quite a collection of photos and bits and pieces in respect of these hardy pioneers of the 1840's and 1850's and always pleased to share info. where I can.

Enclosed are 'trees' of families connected with the Walter's of Bradworthy and their only connection with the Witheridge family (mother of our ancestress Elizabeth Tremeer (1723–1806)) Can you provide any further details of Ann Witheridge?

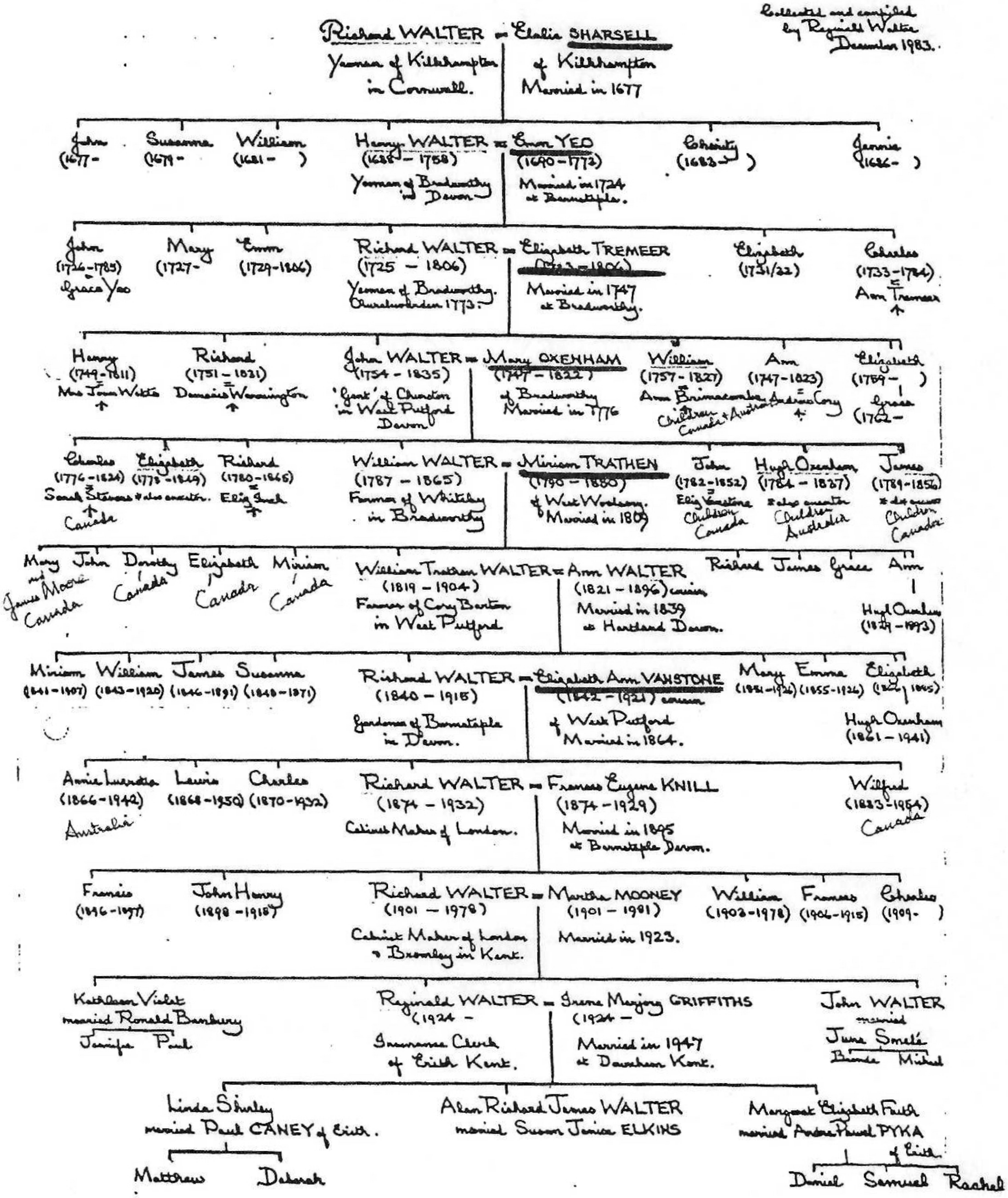
Hoping I may have been of some further assistance in your enquiries and I might hear from you again.

Every success in your endeavours and best Wishes

Sincerely Reg Walter

# THE WALTER FAMILY

Collected and compiled
by Reginald Walter
December 1983.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Yeoman of Kilkhampton in Cornwall.
of Kilkhampton Married in 1677
John (1677-
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Henry WALTER = Emm YEO
(1688 – 1758)
Yeoman of Bradworthy in Devon
(1690 – 1772)
Married in 1724 at Barnstaple.
Christy (1683- )
Jennie (1686- )
John (1726-1783) = Grace Yeo
Mary (1727-
Emm (1729-1806)
Richard WALTER = Elizabeth TREMEER
(1725 – 1806)
Yeoman of Bradworthy. Churchwarden 1773.
(1723 – 1806)
Married in 1747 at Bradworthy.
Elizabeth (1731/32)
Charles (1733-1784) = Ann Tremeer
Henry (1749-1811) = Mrs Jane Watts
Richard (1751 – 1831) = Damaris Warrington
John WALTER = Mary OXENHAM
(1754 - 1835)
'Gent' of Churston in West Putford Devon
(1747 – 1822)
of Bradworthy Married in 1776
William (1757 - 1827) = Ann Brimacombe
Children Canada + Australia
Ann (1747-1823) = Andrew Cory
Elizabeth (1759- )
Grace (1762-
Charles (1776-1824) = Sarah Stevens + also ancestor.
Canada
Elizabeth (1778-1849)
Richard (1780-1866) = Eliz Snell
William WALTER = Miriam TRATHEN
(1787 – 1865)
Farmer of Whitley in Bradworthy
(1790 – 1880)
of West Woolsery. Married in 1809
John (1782-1852) = Eliz Vanstone
Children Canada
Hugh Oxenham (1784 – 1837)
* also ancestor
Children Australia
James (1789-1856)
* also ancestor
Children Canada
Mary and James Moore Canada
John
Dorothy Canada
Elizabeth Canada
Miriam Canada
William Trathen WALTER = Ann WALTER
(1819 – 1904)
Farmer of Cory Barton in West Putford
(1821 – 1896) cousin
Married in 1839 at Hartland Devon.
Richard
James
Grace
Ann
Hugh Oxenham (1829 – 1893)
Miriam (1841-1907)
William (1843-1920)
James (1846-1891)
Susanna (1848-1871)
Richard WALTER = Elizabeth Ann VANSTONE
(1840 – 1918)
Gardener of Barnstaple in Devon.
(1842 – 1921) cousin
of West Putford Married in 1864.
Mary (1851-1926)
Emma (1855-1926)
Elizabeth (18[illegible]–1865)
Hugh Oxenham (1861 – 1941)
Annie Lucretia (1866-1942) Australia
Lewis (1868-1950)
Charles (1870-1932)
Richard WALTER = Frances Eugene KNILL
(1874 – 1932)
Cabinet Maker of London.
(1874 – 1929)
Married in 1895 at Barnstaple Devon.
Wilfred (1883-1954) Canada
Francis (1896-1897)
John Henry (1898 – 1918)
Richard WALTER = Martha MOONEY
(1901 – 1978)
Cabinet Maker of London + Bromley in Kent.
(1901 – 1981)
Married in 1923.
William (1903-1978)
Frances (1906-1915)
Charles (1909- )
Kathleen Violet married Ronald Banbury
Jennifer
Paul
Reginald WALTER = Irene Marjory GRIFFITHS
(1924 –
Insurance Clerk of Erith Kent.
(1924 –
Married in 1947 at Dartham Kent.
John WALTER married June Smelé
Brenda
Michael
Linda Shirley married Paul CANEY of Erith.
Matthew
Deborah
Alan Richard James WALTER married Susan Janice ELKINS
Margaret Elizabeth Faith married Andrew Pawel PYKA of Erith
Daniel
Samuel
Rachel

P.T.O.

Reg Walter

amily Group Chart TREMEER Branch. Generation Chart No

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| de | Husband<br>John TREMEER | Date Married.<br>27th April 1722 | Wife-Maiden Name<br>Ann WETHERIDGE | Place Married<br>St John's P.C. Bradworthy Devon |
| | Date Baptised.<br>28th Decr 1693 | Place Born<br>Bradworthy | Date Baptised | Place Born<br>? |
| | Date Buried.<br>25th Jan'ry 1767 | Place Died<br>Lent Meadow in Bradworthy | Date Buried<br>30th Jan'ry 1787 | Place Died<br>Bradworthy Devon |
| | Father's Name<br>John TREMEER (16 -1712) | | Father's Name | |
| | Mother's Maiden Name<br>Grace (16 -1702) | | Mother's Maiden Name | |
| | Name-Other Spouse | | Name Other Spouse | |

| de | Children | Bapt-Date<br>Birthplace | Burial-Date<br>Place | Date Married<br>Name Spouse | Spouse-Born<br>Spouse-Died |
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| 1 | Elizabeth | 15th April 1723 | 24th April 1806 (83)<br>Blackborough Fm Bradworthy | 3rd March 1746 at Bradworthy<br>Richard WALTER of " | 21st February 1725<br>28th April 1806 (81 |
| 2 | Grace | 27th November 1724 | | 21st May 1745 at "<br>George ROD | |
| 3 | Mary | 22nd January 1726 | | 31st January 1749 at "<br>James HARY | |
| 4 | John | 22nd March 1729 | 19th September 1796 at Brad'y<br>West Yeoton in Morwinstow | 1st May 1755 at "<br>Emm WALTER " | 19th July 1729<br>19th February 1803 (72) |
| 5 | James | 28th February 1730 | | 2nd July 1755 "<br>Elizabeth MARSHALL " | 27th November 1734 (H<br>13th June 1780 |
| 6 | Ann | 10th September 1733 | (died) 5th July 1810 Aged 81 (M.I)<br>Braxworthy Bradworthy Devon | 23rd February 1759 "<br>Charles WALTER | 24th Sept 1733<br>19th Novr 1784 (52) |
| 7 | Margaret | 3rd August 1736 | (died) 9th August 1781 Aged 45 (M.I)<br>Clawsdon Bradworthy Devon | 23rd February 1759 (M.I.) "<br>Samuel ASHTON of Sutcombe Devon | 1738<br>9th February 1801 |
| 8 | Alexandra | 13th December 1741 | (died) 5th March 1830 Aged 89 (M.I)<br>Dowland in Bradworthy | 21st March 1768 "<br>Elizabeth LITTLEJOHNS " | 25th November 1751 H<br>1st December 1819 (6 |
| 9 | Honor | 3rd June 1744 | (died) 11th January 1822 Aged 77<br>(Hartland) Buried at Alwington | 11th February 1765 "<br>Roger BROOKS of Alwington | 26 Janry 1737 (North<br>10th Septr 1796 |
| 10 | William (Colmady lease) Plymouth Records Office | ? 1739 | 16th August 1804<br>Milton Damarel Devon. | 4th April 1766 Milton Damerell<br>Mary ALLIN of " " | 21st Decr 1739 Milton<br>11th Sept 1797 |
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Reginald Walter

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DARLINGTON, February 1871

My very much respected Mother, after a long silence between you and me i.now take the opportunity of advifsing you with a few lines hoping it will find you in perfect health as it leaves me at Present thank God for it, i shall make a few statements in the way of apology for this long silence between us. (first) in goneby days i wrote two letters and sent them to my Brotherinlaw - John - Walter - and on them letters i inserted my best respect to you stating my circumstances also and i also desired of Brother John Walter to write me a letter in return and let me know how all the family was, including your self on the letter that he ought to have sent me as an answer to what i sent him. another reason was that i did not write i thought you would not believe me if i wrote the whole truth - i could sign some other reasons but let this suffice at Present, - and i do hope when you receive this letter you answer it imediately as i should like to hear from you and all your family in england - My wife and me have a great many times told together of you when the day is over and retired from labour and sitting by a cheerful fireside - its then we have a social chatt of old times, we have very often wished you here to partake of a cup of tea with us, as we have generaly plenty of tea of the first rate quality in the House and we dont forget to replenish the teapot with it three times a day - sometimes with the best curleygreen - and different sorts we use besides of Exelent - quality. so that we can at any time furnish the table and suit the taste of all friends and neighbours that pay us a visit, - i will endeavour in this short Epistle - to describe where we live and manner of living, in the first place - we live in the township of Darlington - its close by a road side surounded by a great number of kind people. about 3 Miles from the flourishing town of Bowmanville where we can purchase any sort of thing we need. - perhaps you may suppose that we are deprived of many comforts. which you enjoy. but thank God we never once regreted of coming to this country as yet - we have a very fine house to live in - i dont mean to say we have a gentleman's seat to reside in - we have our House very neatly furnished with good furniture we have two good feather Beds all fitted out such as curtains counterpanes Quilts Blankets Sheets - our rooms are lay'd with double flooring and our rooms are all paperd - and our bed room floors are covered with carpets -

i have in addition to my house one acre and half of good land i consider the land to be as good as any on Whitley farm i have on some part of it a good Orchard. - i have had some years - more then one Hudred Bushels of apples so we can always have plenty and some to spare, i have a nice Mare - she is 7 years old - so when we want to go on a Visit or to church - or Market we need not walk. - i have two Buggys - one when new cost 20£ pound the other cost 40 pounds - the mare - i drive is worth now this Present time 30£ - Harnefs cost - me 6£ - i have two Cows and we generaly raise two pigs every year - which gives us plenty Pork - i almost forgot to tell you we have a good cutter to ride in so that we can in winter get over the snow without much trouble so now to sum up the whole i dont know we want any thing to make us comfortable, at Present, James Moore Jr.[1] and Mary your grand Children give their love to you they have 6 fine Children, - they rent a farm - not far from us 112 Acres they are doing well - got a good stock of Horses & Cattle and some Money out on Interest. i believe they live equal as well as any farmer in Bradworthy.

Mary Ann[2] is living a long distance from us i think its about 200 Miles - She is maried to a man called Elias Perkin - she has 7 Children. the last birth was two twin Boys her husband is a very nice christian man a clafs leader belonging to the Weslyan Methodist - they have 100 Acres of land of their own they are getting along very comfortable they live in the township of Repel near Owen Sound County of Grey. - John W Moore[3] is a Methodist Minister been traveling Preacher for the last two years. He is married about 18 Months ago, Miriam[4] and her Husband which is John Witheridge give their love to you they are living close by us, their farm joins with my place. Miriam hath four children - alive - Buried two - John Rents his fathers farm. Lot 31. Con. 1. they are getting along verywell - Joshua[5] & his wife give their love to you they have one child Joshua is a school Teacher - gets 97£-10s per year we saw him & his wife yesterday. they were well - he told me he should not teach school much longer - 2 years would be the most. - he has made a great Proficency in learning - he is thoroughly acquainted with all the english Branches - he is also a Clafsical Scholar - understand Latin Greek - Hebrew and French - can translate it into English

Joshua your Grandson, intends when two years is expired to go to a Colledge to study for a Minister and after that he will be able to get a situation and live a gentleman not only so he may be an instrument in the hand of God of winning souls to christ - and in the mean time directing his own steps through Gods afsistance that he may at last be saved, - i have made mention of all you Grand Children - except - Richard 6. - and i am sorry to say i cannot inform you much about him. - when i came to Canada first - i put him with Mr Samuel Mason to learn the Harnefs and saddle making, when out of his time. and he had learned his bufsinefs, he went to the United States - about 10 years ago, and i have not heard from him since.

Dear Motherinlaw grattitude flows in streams from my very heart when i think of your kindness to me and my children i never shall forget it this side of the grave. where we are all fast Hastening - i have longed to see you many a times to converse with you about all my temporal concerns and also of our spiritual welfare, but it does not appear at Present that ever we shall meet on this earth but i hope to meet you in heaven. the Lord hath promifsed in his holy word that he will not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly and it is shown to me by God in every instance Blefsings temporal & Spiritual i have received at his hands i have no reason to complain in the least of temporal blifsings - food and raiment House home and habitation is given to us by the Lord - our table is always at meal times spread with abundance of food - such as good white Bread & Butter pies and cakes besides meat & Potatoes in sumer we get Plenty of fruit - such as Gooseberrys Currants Red and Black, - rasberrys - three kinds Red Black & White. pears plums and Cherrys. strawberrys in abundance and many other sorts besides to numerous to mention, we gather them and then Preserve them for the winter use - i heartily wish you was here. to join with us to morrow so that we might have a merry meeting round our table, and partake of our preperations above described - we generaly purchase on pound of tea at a time. and 3 pound of currants - and sugar more or lefs we have always in the House - we can get all sorts of Groceries of the best quality at moderate Prices - we very often grind 6 Bushels of Wheat at a time.

(worn) s you would like to know a little about the Climate in this country - i am well aware that England is a more moderate clime [than ou]rs in Canada - but what of all that. we pafs our time along in Canada a great deal more cheerful that a great many people in England. (perhaps you would ask for what reasons) i can quickly tell you, first, it is a free country and the people in general are more accomadating in this country and willing to render afsistance when its needed. the labouring man can earn more, he can earn a great deal more wages and when employed by the farmer he always gets his board and sits with his employer at the same table, and if you will allow me to draw the contrast between this country and england. - i now insert it as a stuborn fact that cannot be denied by a truthful man. that the labouring clafs of People live better then the generality of farmers in England.

there is another thing that i shall mention before i close these temporal statements - we are not shorn of Religous Priveliges we have the same lord over us as you have in england and his bounties are shed forth upon us in very rich abundance our land is filled with plenty of every good and desireable thing, he giveth us our crops in due season so that we can enjoy them, only view the contrast for one moment between Canada and England, both under British Government, same laws and every thing, but the aristocracy appear to be of a very different disposition. to what they are in england, they dont look with disdain on a poor man in this country as they do home, people here dont hate to see a man wear a good coat or a good pair of Boots or any other suitable garment to apear decent on the sabbath day - as the do in england if a man is sick and need releif the give it to him with a free heart dont force him to sell his cow or starve as they do in england.

Dear Motherinlaw Please excuse me for freedom of plain truths. i am well aware that you are exempt from all these things that i have just Hinted above. for i know that you was always kind and affectionate to every Person. and gave away all your abilities would afford i am sure it will be said of you as of good Corneilus thy Alms - are come up for a Memorial before - God - Prayer to god is also required of us which i hope you are constantly engaged in i pray for you in my simple way every day and all my relations may God afsist us to do his will on earth that at last we may meet in heaven where parting will be no more.

Dear Motherinlaw i must now by way of conclufsion for this time draw to a close, only Please give my best respects to all your children and Grandchildren be so kind to remember me to all enquireing friends i also give my love to my son Wm[7.] & his wife and Children he hath sent to his Brothers about coming to Canada - i think they will help him if he is fully bent of coming tell him to send them a letter again imediately - stating all Pertickulars

See also next page

is she 2nd wife Christian Oke Barbwell?

what money he needs i shall not Persuade him any more my self observe his own mind. as he is wel aware what he can do for himself in Canada, my wife Christian Moore Remembers her love to you and to her Brother Wm Oke and Betsy and to all their Children and to all enquireng friends she wishes to get a letter from her Brother - or her Nephew young Wm or some of the family - tell her Brother Wm Oke that Christian thinks that he cannot think that he has a Sister existing. because she hath sent to him a great many times by letters, and mefsages by people going home and it avails nothing as yet but when people get up in the world i suppose they learn the way in forgetting their own relations and dont count them worthy of notice

Please tell Wm Oke his (worn) still survives although now very weak - she has been nearly three years confined to her Bed but during her sicknefs she has not wanted any thing. So no more at Present - Please write imediately and send all the news you can if you write little or much i shall gladly receive it - but if you write as much as I have written to you i shall be better pleased still - after that communications i hope will not cease between me an you as long as life shall last —

i still Remain your
Affectt Soninlaw
JAMES MOORE age 67.

My adrefs
James Moore - Sen^r^ Base Line
Darlington Bowmanvill P.O.
Ontario

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The above letter was written by James Moore (1804-1885) to his mother-in-law Miriam [Trathen] Walter (1788-1880) of Whiteley Farm, Bradworthy, Holsworthy, North Devon. James had been in Canada for over ten years.

Helen Schmid Orono, Ont.
(sent to me by Reg. Walter of Erith, Kent, England)

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Editor's note:

The early documents pertaining to correspondence between Kathy Witheridge (q.v.) and Dad are identified by numbers in the "W series" — see documents W190-95 and W219-23 (folder 1.63g); documents W224-30, W255-56, W263, and W269-77 (folder 1.63h); and documents W278 and W281-83 in the present folder (1.63i).

Starting at this point, their correspondence appears in unnumbered documents that will continue chronologically from where the numbered documents left off. That is, the final numbered document sent by Kathy — document W283 in this folder, which was logged by Dad on September 16, 1991 (see the previous page) — is followed directly by a letter from Dad to Kathy dated November 16, 1991 (see the next page).

Tom Witheridge
January 14, 2022

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
November 16, 1991

Dear Kathy,

I'm sorry I have not written to you sooner, but I must just use the same old excuse - too busy. I can't go into great detail, but most recently we have had the great pleasure of a house guest from Scotland for twelve days - Mrs. Isobel Clarkson, who was here to judge a Norwegian Elkhound specialty show in Minneapolis. We met her on our first trip to Britain in 1976 and have kept in touch with her ever since, including visits to her house again in 1980 and 1988. She judged the Elkhounds at the Crufts show in England last year (like our Westminster Dog Show in New York City), and we finally convinced the local association to invite her here. Unfortunately, the day after she arrived we experienced the worst snowstorm in our history - 28 inch in three days, but otherwise everything came off well. We have had three Norwegian Elkhounds over the past 35 years, and she became very fond of our present one, Rokk, as we are, of course.

Now, to answer your question, no, I have not done any more work on the family connections of Ann Witheridge, who married John Tremear. There may be more information in the updated L.D.S. computerized International Genealogical Index, but I have not been able to spend any time at that library for a long time. In fact, my genealogical activities of late have been almost nil, and I am very unhappy about that.

Thank you for the information you passed on from Reg Walter. I'll try to get it on my sheets right away so it doesn't get lost. Thanks also for that very fascinating letter from James Moore back to his mother-in-law in England.

We're delighted that you and Paul are planning to go to England next May. I wish we could go, but I'm sure we won't be able to. By the way, we finally got a long and welcome letter from Kim in September. Their lives have been full of difficult events this year, such as her mother's illness and death, their dog's serious illness and operation, Kim's fall and injuries that lasted from February to September, hectic problems caused by the growth of their business, and so on and on. But they finally got a week's holiday in Devon, during which she wrote this seven-page epistle.

We love to get your letters and hope to meet you both some day if we ever get back to Michigan to see our dear friend Mabel Butterfield, who lives in Lapeer - half way between Flint and Port Huron. (Probably we told you we both grew up in Saginaw.) Please don't despair when it takes me forever to answer.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

**Kathleen M. Witheridge**
343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario. N7T 4G5

April 3, 1992

Rev. & Mrs. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis. Minnesota,
U.S.A. 55405.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

First of all I hope that you are both keeping well, it was such distressing news to learn that Elizabeth had not been feeling too well. I hope that she is now recovered from her hip injury.

The weather here has been dreadful this year, April already and we still have snow on the ground. It feels as though Spring will never arrive.

Only another three weeks and we will be on our way to England, how time flies these days. We leave Toronto on April 28th, 1992 and return to Canada on May 27th, 1992. My mother is getting so excited, she just loves me to go "home", being 77 years old and not being able to visit us in Canada any more. I do try my best to return each year to see her.

Paul and I are looking forward to attending "Witheridge Day" once again, but I must admit, I am very nervous about giving the presentation this year. I have put a lot of hard work into my research on "the Devonians who emigrated to Upper Canada in the mid 1800's), but it is still not exactly as I would like it to be yet. Having never spoken before the public before, I am really up tight about it, but Paul seems to feel it will do me the world of good, so I guess I have to follow his thoughts.

I have been extremely busy with Paul's family tree recently, and have made one or two breakthroughs, it always feels so good to score "another goal" after years and years of nothing.

I had learned that the children of John Witheridge and his wife Miriam (Moore) Witheridge (John was the eldest child of George and Mary Witheridge, Paul's 3 x great grandparents who emigrated to Canada in 1841) had all moved West after a family quarrel. I learned as follows:

Their eldest child: William John Witheridge - moved to North Dakota, on or about 1896.

Ida Edith (Witheridge) Oke - moved to North Dakota, on or about 1909

Anna Louisa Witheridge - never found her

Anniter (Witheridge) Thorne - married in Bowmanville on March 14, 1897 and died in Bowmanville, Sept 2, 1900, aged 30 years

Edgar John Witheridge - lived and died in Bowmanville

Irvine George Witheridge - moved to North Dakota, (date unknown), then moved to Tacoma, Washington, in 1927, where he died in 1965

Florence Mabel (Witheridge) Wood - moved to North Dakota, date unknown, but she was in the 1910census for Cypress Twp, County of Cavalier. Moved to North Idaho, (date to be determined).

Sarah Maud (Witheridge) Ayre - married in Bowmanville in 1905, then moved to North Dakota to work and earn money and get some equipment before they went to homestead in Saskatchewan in or about 1907, where they lived and died. Sarah lived to be 92 years old and died in August, 1972.

Some time ago, I had obtained a copy of an obituary from a Couer d'Alene, North Idaho, of a George Carl Tomblin - George was married to a Marguerite Wood, who was the daughter of Mabel Florence (Witheridge) Wood. It gave the age of George as 89 years at his death in 1982, but did go on to list that his wife was still alive at that time, and gave the names of his sons.

I decided to make a trip to the local library, and look up some telephone numbers. I found a Carl Tomblin in Hayden Lake (just like the newspaper had told me), so I took down the address. When I arrived home, I wrote a letter to the address, thinking that this might well be one of George's grandchildren.

Low and behold, I received a telephone call that same week from Marguerite Tomblin. I just could not believe my ears - she first of all advised me that I had found another relative for Paul, and she went on to tell me, what appeared to be her life story. The one interesting point she told me was that her father was Thomas Bramwell Wood, whom she believed was born in Yorkshire, England, and that his middle name Bramwell was after the Bronte family. As you are probably aware, the Bronte family were from Haworth, Yorkshire, which is about 7 miles away from where my mother lives. We visit Haworth every single trip, as it is such a beautiful village, and always fascinates me.

Anyway, she turned out to be an extremely lovely lady, who is most interested in genealogy. Before we got off the phone, I promised her that I would send her information on her family. I immediately put together a 1½" binder, full of pertinent information on the Witheridge family and mailed it off to her.

Last week, I received a letter from Clarence R. Ayre of Edam, Sask. who advised me that he had spoken with his cousin, Marguerite Tomblin in North Idaho, and he wrote giving me details of his family, Sarah Maud (Witheridge) Ayre and Thomas Henry Ayre. He also forwarded to me details of the Witheridge family transcribed from the Witheridge family Bible. The largest break-through though was, he sent me a photograph of his grandparents (John Witheridge and Miriam (Moore) Witheridge) grave. I had never been able to trace the whereabouts of John and Miriam, after they sold the Witheridge farm in Darlington Township, in 1905, tt was as if they had disappeared from the face of the earth. However, they died in Edam, Sask, - John on November 26th, 1929, and Miriam on May 22nd, 1924.

I am enclosing a copy of the family information taken from the Bible, together with a copy of the letter which I received from Clarence Ayre, as it goes into great detail about the family.

I was quite excited about all these happenings, it had certainly filled in a few blanks in my research.

Well, I must close now, I could ramble on forever.

Paul and I would like to wish you both all the very best, and if you can ever find a few moments, please drop us a line.

Kind regards,

Paul & Kathy

Edam, Sask.,
Mar 22/92

To Mrs Kathy Witheridge,
Sarnia,Ontario.
From a relative of your Husband:

I was talking to my cousin in Hayden Lake today and she said you were gathering family information and you needed something about John & Miriam Witheridge.and some about T.H. Ayre & Sarah Maud Witheridge.

The first two are my grandparents on my mothers side and last two are my parents. After I talked to my cousin I went out to the Edam cemetery and took pictures of the two headstones, which I will enclose in my letter.

John & Miriam (Moore) Witheridge both died at my parents home Se 6-50-18-W3.
My mother died in Sunnyside nursing home in Saskatoon, Sask. Date of death was Aug/1972 at 92 yrs of age.
My father was killed instantly in farm accident with horse & wagon. The date was Oct 06/1942 -3.30 P.M. on NW 6-50-18-W3. He was just past 62 years old.
I myself married Gertrude Ethel Benson in 1939, she died Aug 15/81 in Edam Hospital (brain cancer) I married again in 1984 to Alida Peppinck and she died 13 mos.later of bone cancer. My brother Elmer born Oct 12/1916 married Jean Huff,born Sep 20/1920. My sister Vivian married Clarence L.Hamson Jul.6/40 I had no children,Elmer has four daughters, Vivian has two daughters.

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The above may contain all you wanted to know and possibly more than you need . You may find it boring but I thought I would tell a bit more about my parents and grandparents. My grandparents came up to this area in 1919 with their daughter Mabel Witheridge who was married to Bramwell Wood. My grandparents had lost what money they had in a bank failure at that time,and the Wood family thought they would go to Canada and try farming. Besides the grandparents they brought their two children: Eugene and Marguerite ; the woman you were in touch with at Hayden Lake Idaho.

They setted on fairly poor land and after about five years they moved down to Coue-d,Alene Idaho and left the grandparents at my folks. Mr Wood went to work at a lumber mill in C DAlene and also for a few years he was member of the state legislature at Boise Idaho.

My parents were married in Ontario in 1905. After marriage they went to North Dakota to work for others so that could earn some money and get some equipment before they went to homestead in Saskatchewan.

After the Wood family left, the grandparents lived in a little house in my parents yard until my grandma died and then grandfather lived with us till he died.

After a couple of years in North Dakota my parents were able able to save enough and get enough equipment to come west. That is why they had a few horses when they moved up. Marguerite told me that you had information about how many horses and cows they had for some years It amazes me how you were able to gather all that information !

However having a few horses meant that dad was able to work for other settlers,breaking new land, because oxen were not as useful for that. However it meant dad would be away quite a bit. Mother told one story,about when she was home alone, and a group of Indians came with many wagons and horseback riders and hounds. After hearing tales about Indians before she left Ontario it must have been quite frightening. However they rode around the cabin a few times and went on. There was a creek less than a mile from there and they used to camp there going from one reserve to another near Jackfish Lake. The creek was Blackfoot creek,and went across the quarter dad later owned, and where he was killed. (NW 6-50-18-W3)

The cabin I mentioned above was at first just a 10 by 14 lumber affair with tarpaper on the outside. Later when dad could gather some logs a larger log building was built with prairie sods on the roof. Of course when it rained for a day outside it rained inside for three days. Mother tells of keeping the travelling minister overnight and the only dry place was under the table

I was not around yet in those days and after 1910 when you correctly found that homestead was proved up & granted clear title:dad and mother bought the homestead just south of their own. This one had been previously proved up by a man named Ed Bell and we still call it the Bell quarter today. It had a better house and water supply.In Feb 1911 I was born but not at the home place. Mother went to within 8 miles of North Battleford to be closer to a doctor. The farmhouse whereI was born was for years known as Flanders farm with dutch wooden shoes on the gateposts. It has only about ten years ago been demolished. I was the first white child in the homestead area.

When dad came up from Dakota to select a homestead there were people in North Battleford who made a busines of taking people out to select their homesteads. Of course by 1906 you had to go quite a way from Nor.Bat. as closer places had been taken. The west was surveyed in townships of 36 sections (six miles square)four quarters to a section. Certain sections were set aside for settlers, other sections were for C.P.R. grants ,others for Hudson Bay Co. and some were designated as school sections. The school was built about 1915(Blackfoot School) and was located a mile west of our home and that is where I took all of my schooling. (grade ten).When school started 1915 it was held for a short time in the log house that my folks had just moved from, until the school building was completed.

When the railway come up in 1911 the settlement known as Edam was started. It was twelve miles from the homestead. It now has a population about 450. Like all small villages in this area there is large percentage of older people; widows and widowers like me.There are a few younger families, some are farming from here and others are teachers or nurses working here. The first hospital in Edam was built in 1917 and it was the first hospital in Sask. to be built by municipalities. I met my wife Ethel when she came to Edam to work as matron of the hospital in 1938. She had her R.N and had trained in Orangeville and Toronto Ont.

The businesses still here are: two general stores,two restaraunts,four gas stations one bulk oil, credit union, municipal office,village office, fire hall,senior citizens centre, liqour store, hotel and pub,school to grade 12, gymnasium, coverd skating rink and hall, curling rink,three sheet artificial ice , legion hall, three churches and a hospital, eight bed and twelve bed level three care. The cost was around three and a half million. We have a resident doctor, but are finding it hard to keep one. The facilties are nearly full at present.

There are also two grain elevator companies an electric shop , a resident plumber , a carpenter, seed cleaning plant, laundromat & car wash and a beauty parlor. When I read of all places I have listed I can hardly believe its the same place I live in ; because after all it is just another small village trying to stay alive.

We have natural gas available and each location has their own water system, sandpoints about eight to fifteen foot deep,and a village sewer system. There is an oil field just west of Edam and there are at present about three hundred wells. The oil is quite heavy so production is not that great and oil pricec are low just now. The oil is trucked from Edam to Lloydminster Alberta. The farming at Edam is grain, oilseeds, dairy and beef.

The town was at first mainly Dutch people , therefore the Dutch name, however it is now quite mixed with quite a few French.

My sister Vivians daughter has started geneology search also; but she has only got about three generations back. I sent a couple of family unit sheets to my cousin in Hampton Ont; for her. I have three cousins in the Bowmanville, Oshawa area. My first wife had quite a few relatives around Palmerston and London Ont; and having trained there she had a few nurse friends also. While she was living,we were down at least three times and travelled around the London Palmerston Owen Sound Sound , Listowel , Elmira areas. Twice we drove home new cars from, Oshawa,and going home through Sault St Marie, we must have passed near Sarnia.

Well I must close this some time, so I will wish you good luck in your searches. This kind of research seems quite popular these days.

Sincerely yours,

(I have been finishing
this letter Mar. 24)

Clarence R. Ayre
Clarence R Ayre

P.S. I have today received an answer to a phone call I made to my cousin in Devils Lake, North Dakota ,on behalf of my niece wanting information about the Witheridge family. I will photo-copy it tomorrow and enclose it with my letter. It may be of some use to you, or it may just cause confusion. She is daughter of the third person on the list. Her name now is

Mrs Stella Oyus.

Clarence R Ayre

FAMILY INFORMATION **WITHERIDGE**

Photo Copies:

Marriage Certificate.. John Witheridge and Miriam Moore united in Holy Matrimony at Bowmanville on the 24th day of May In the year of our Lord 1862.

In the presence of Thomas and Mary Jane Oke

Presiding Pastor - Rev. Robert Hurley.

FAMILY RECORD... FAMILY BIBLE

| Name | Place of Birth | Date of Birth, | Date of Marriage | Date of Death |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ida Mary Witheridge | Darlington, Ont. | Jan. 20, 1864 | | Feb.18,1864 |
| William James Witheridge | Darlington,Ont. | Nov. 29, 1864 | March 4, 1907 | April,1922 |
| Ida Estella Mary Witheridge | Darlington,Ont. | Oct. 14, 1866 | Oct. 21, 1895 | Apr.10,1962 |
| Annie Louisa Miriam Witheridge | Darlington,Ont. | Oct.13, 1868 | | Aug. 20, 1942 |
| Nettie Moore Witheridge | Darlington, Ont. | Sept. 2, 1870 | | Sept.2, 1900 |
| Edgar John Witheridge | Darlington, Ont. | Sept. 13, 1872 | May 27, 1903 | Aug. 30,1965 |
| Irvin George Witheridge | Darlington, Ont. | July 5, 1874 | Dec. 20, 1899 | March 19,1965 |
| Florence Mabel Witheridge | Darlington,Ont. | March 16, 1876 | Nov. 14, 1906 | Dec. 23, 1951 |
| Sarah Maude Witheridge | Darlington, Ont. | Sept. 4, 1880 | August 30,1905 | Aug. 1, 197 |
| Herman Claude Witheridge | East Whitby, Ont. | August 28,1884 | | Sept. 8, 1884 |
| Leslie Eugene Witheridge | Pickering, Ont. | May 10, 1886 | | May 10, 1886 |

John Witheridge, son of George and Mary Witheridge was born on the 22nd day of December 1839. He died on November 26, 1929. Burial in Edam, Saskatchewan.

Miriam Moore, daughter of James and Mary Ann Moore was born on the 27th day of September 1842. She died on May 22, 1924. Burial in Edam Saskatchewan.

Edgar John Witheridges wife was Emily Mercer. She died Feb. 22, 1970
I think Williams wife's name was Emma?

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 24, 1996

Dear Kathy + Paul,

I hope you had a grand time in England and are catching up on all the unfinished business at home and at work. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our June 8th get-together. I understand you plan to start out early on Friday and arrive late that evening.

I'm enclosing a map so you'll be able to find my house. Coming through St Paul keep your eyes on the signs for I-94 West and Minneapolis. In Minneapolis there will be a warning sign for a Tunnel, and just before the Tunnel take the exit labeled Lyndale-Hennepin. There are two lanes in the exit, and take the left-hand one marked Hennepin. Keep on Hennepin to 25th St. Turn right a few blocks to Irving. Turn right on Irving, and we are in the middle of the block on the right side – 2425. We'll have the light on! You may have trouble parking right in front of our house, because there are often many cars there.

Kim and Roy and I will be spending four days, June 3-6, on a trip up the North Shore of Lake Superior as far as Thunder Bay, Ontario, and we won't be back until Thursday evening. So if you need to talk to someone during that period, please call either my son Tom or his wife Virginia at (612) 322-4784, or my son Jim or his partner, David Torborg, at (612) 825-7449.

I can't go into all the details about the weekend or all the people who are coming. We'll tell you when you get here. I'd appreciate a note or a call to confirm your plans. Drive carefully.

Sincerely,

David Witheridge
(612) 377-4810

July 10, 1996

Dear Kathy and Paul,

We were all very sorry that you couldn't be with us on June 8th, and I know you were sorry, too. We had a most interesting time, and we all met some Witheridge descendants we had never met before, as well as seeing others whom we knew but hadn't seen for a long time.

I was deeply moved to be presented by Kim with a lovely framed certificate naming me Honorary Vice President of the Witheridge Society. In addition, Kim told the group all about the society and its plans for a Witheridge reunion in Devon next May in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the society.

There was great interest in the idea of going to England next year for this event, and several, including me, have already decided to go. I'm sure there are others in the U.S. and Canada who will want to go when they hear the plans. I"m trying to think of all the Witheridge descendants I know of, both in North America and in Great Britain, and I plan to write to as many as possible urging them to give careful 1 attention to the announcement when it comes from the Witheridge Society.

Kim spent several days drawing family trees of the several branches of the Witheridge family that were going to be represented at the luncheon. All were highly impressed, of course, to see their own names on the charts and to see how they and the others fitted in. I had copies of the charts made for me and another set made for you, which I am sending under separate cover. I know you will find them very helpful.

As North American Representative, Kathy, you will be interested in knowing who were at the luncheon. There were twenty-two all together. Besides Kim and Roy, there was my immediate family, all from the Twin Cities area: my older son, Jim, who is gay, and his partner with whom he lives, David Torborg, and David's mother, Margaret Torborg; my younger son, Tom, and his wife, Virginia Selleck, and their daughter, Rebecca Witheridge.

My sister-in-law, Janice Witheridge, and my nephew, Jay Witheridge, came from Saginaw, Michigan. My brother John was unable to come because of a heart attack and operation earlier in the year. My niece, Jennifer Burke, came from Royal Oak, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. My second cousin, Jean Tomlinson, came from Bella Vista, Arkansas; and her son, Dennis Tomlinson, came from Prior Lake, a Minneapolis suburb; and her daughter, Patricia Johnson, came from Shoreview, a St. Paul suburb.

Also from Minneapolis we had Paul Freed, a relative of yours. He has been living in Minneapolis since 1957, and we never knew each other existed. (I've been here since 1951.) He heard about our get-together from a relative in North Dakota and called me to ask about it. He was a professor of music (piano) at the University of Minnesota until he retired in 1992. He has a brother, Bruce Freed, who teaches philosophy at the University of Western Ontario in London. (He lives in Embro.) Bruce was visiting here, so he was able to come to the luncheon, too. They have a sister living in England, who was visiting here earlier, but had to go back. She is definitely interested in joining the Witheridge Society. I think Paul joined and gave his dues to Kim to take back to England.

A few weeks before the luncheon I got a call from a Tony Witheridge in Geneva, Illinois, whom I had never heard of. Come to find out he is originally from Australia and is the son of Dorothy Witheridge, the Australian Representative of the Witheridge Society. He had heard about the luncheon from my sister-in-law Janice. To make a long story short, he came to the luncheon and is definitely going to England next May and is sending some money to his mother as a gift so she can go.

Finally, at the luncheon we had two very dear neighbors who have lived across the street from us for 45 years, Liz and Bill Whitbeck. (Liz is also interested in genealogy.) We also had George Mellon, a former president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, and his wife Deloris, who is currently a member of its board. George is a distant relative of my wife Elizabeth in the Kendall line. So you can see it was quite an exciting affair.

Nowfor your use as North American Representative, I'm enclosing the names and addresses of all the Witheridge descendants who were at the luncheon, as well as others I can think of whom you should know about. As I get more addresses, I'll send them on to you. I guess that is all for now, and I hope all is well with both of you.

Yours sincerely,

See next two pages

[DEW made this list for Kathy Witheridge to help her as North American Rep, for the Witheridge Society]

# Witheridge Descendants

July 10, 1996 - D.E.W.

Mr. James P. Witheridge
3404 Emerson Ave. S., #304
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dr. Thomas F. Witheridge
Dr. Virginia M. Selleck
Miss Rebecca Witheridge
13942 Drommond Trail
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Mr. & Mrs. John M. Witheridge (Janice)
Mr. Jay Witheridge
P.O. Box 1807
Saginaw, MI 48605

Ms. Jennifer Burke
3920 Devon Rd.
Royal Oak, MI 48073
(My sister Louise's daughter)

Mrs. Jean Tomlinson
2 London Dr.
Bella Vista, AR 72714-5804

Mr. Dennis N. Tomlinson
18110 Cleary Lake Ct.
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Mrs. Gary R. Johnson (Patricia)
5745 Turtle Lake Rd.
Shoreview, MN 55126

Mr. Paul Freed
14 Sidney Place, S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Mr. R. Bruce Freed
Embro, Ontario
Canada
(I don't have complete address)

Mr. Anthony J. Witheridge
216 Hawley Lane
Geneva, IL 60134

Mr. & Mrs. James F. Mark, Jr. (Louise)
32600 Hwy. 74, Sp. 24
Hemet, CA 92545
(My sister)

Dr. & Mrs. James F. Mark III
Box 1716
Sackville, N.B. E0A 3C0
Canada
(My sister Louise's son)

Ms. Virginia Anne Sorensen
Mr. William Witheridge
1203 N. Harbor View
Bay City, MI 48706
(Daughter and son of my
deceased brother, William)

Miss Mary K. Witheridge
6401 Logan
Waterford, MI 483291
(Daughter of John and Janice)

Mr. Larry Witheridge
132 Palisade Circle
Manitou Springs, CO 80829
(My first cousin once removed)

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Shaw (Joan)
12619 Gladstone Ave.
Sylmar, CA 91342
(My first cousin once removed;
Larry's sister)

Mr. Robert Witheridge
206 Reed St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(My first cousin once removed;
Larry's brother)

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Aldrich (Joyce)
6555 Coleman Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48823
(My second cousin; Jean
Tomlinson's sister)

Mr. John James
#17 - 5221 Oakmount Crescent
Burnaby. B.C. V5H 4R4
Canada
(Witheridge Society member)

7/10/96 - D.E.W.

Mr. John Adams (1982 address)
400 Adelaide St.
Kincardine, Ontario N0G 2G0
Canada
(My second cousin; brother of
Irene Birdsall, Witheridge
Society member #111)

Mr. G. Keith Witheridge
1200 S. Courtenay Pkwy.
Merritt Island, FL 32952
(Retired school principal from
Annapolis, Md. You will see him
at the bottom of the Tavistock
family tree.)

Mr. Donald E. Witheridge
12720 Falcon Dr.
Woodbridge, VA 22192-3325
(Keith's son)

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Goins (Dorothea Carol)
18543 Caminito Pasadeno #379
San Diego, CA 92128
(You know about her. She is a
Witheridge Society member.)

[Kathy made this list and sent it to DEW on July 17, 1966]

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| WITHERIDGE, Bruce | R.R.1, Midland, Ontario, LOK 1PO | 705-526-2664 | Never contacted |
| WITHERIDGE, C.G. | 59 Allonsius Dr. Toronto, M9C 3N6 | 416-621-0661 | Paul's dad, deceased |
| WITHERIDGE, C.H. | 244 Indian Rd, Kingston, K7M 1T5 | 613-542-8534 | dad of former member John D. |
| WITHERIDGE, Cecil | 102 Church, Penetanguishene, LOK 1PO | 705-549-8133 | Joyce's 1/2 brother - negative |
| WITHERIDGE, D | 872 Muirfield Cres, Kingston, K7M 8G6 | 613-548-3760 | brother of John D.? |
| WITHERIDGE, Don | 717 Cedarwood Dr, Kingston, K7P 1V4 | 613-384-6821 | brother of John D.? |
| WITHERIDGE, Gordon | 4 Ellesboro Dr, Streetsville, L5N 1C1 | 905-826-2476 | dad of member Cathy Spina - dec'd |
| WITHERIDGE, I | R.R.1, Selkirk, Ontario, NOA 1PO | 905-776-3686 | Ivor John - member |
| WITHERIDGE, J.D. | 6623 Leskard Rd, Orono, LOB 1MO | 905-983-9202 | former member |
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| WITHERIDGE, W | 640 Stacy Crt, Sarnia, N7S 4M4 | 515-383-1282 | Paul's daughter |

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| WITHERIDGE, Allen | 56 Yuma Trl, Somerville, New Jersey, 08876-5485 | |
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| WITHERIDGE, Carolyn | 132 Palisade Cir, Manitou Spgs, Colorado, 80829-2640 | |
| WITHERIDGE, David E | 2425 Irving Ave S, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55405-2543 | Member |
| WITHERIDGE, Donald E | 12720 Falcon Dr, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22192-3325 | |
| WITHERIDGE, G.K. | Lusby, Maryland, 20657 | |
| WITHERIDGE, George K | 1200 S. Courtenay Pky, Apt.606, Merritt Is, Florida, 32952-3816 | contacted - 88 years old |
| WITHERIDGE, J.E. | Main Street, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, 18634 - contacted | |
| WITHERIDGE, James | 3404 Emerson Ave S, Apt.304, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55408-3969 | Rev. David's son |
| WITHERIDGE, John O | 586 Forest St, Orange, New Jersey, 07050-1330 | |
| WITHERIDGE, K | 1256 Birch St, Boonton, New Jersey, 07005-1206 | |
| WITHERIDGE, Larry | 132 Palisade Cir, Manitou Spgs, Colorado, 80829-2640 | |
| WITHERIDGE, M.K. | 6401 Logan Dr, Waterford, Michigan, 48329-2964 | |
| WITHERIDGE, N | 256 11th St, Newark, New Jersey, 07107-1206 | |
| WITHERIDGE, Nellie | 96 Pinehurst Rd, Brick, New Jersey, 08723-5451 | |
| WITHERIDGE, Robert | 1041 Ness Corner Rd, Port Hadlock, Washington, 98339-9424 | |
| WITHERIDGE, Robert | Arlington, Washington, 98223 | |
| WITHERIDGE, Robert A | 406 Reed St, Port Townsend, Washington, 98368-3905 | |
| WITHERIDGE, William N | 532 Bennaville Ave, Birmingham, Michigan, 48009-3662 | |
| WETHERIDGE, Brian | 908 Walnut Dr, Farmington, New Mexico, 87401-3874 | |
| WHITTERIDGE, Jeremy | Concord, California, 94518 | |
| WITTERIDGE, jeremy | 4830 Mallard Ct, Oakley, California, 54561-1931 | |

I would have been here, but my phone # and address were unlisted in those days. Yes, that used to be a thing!
Tom Witheridge, Jan. 19, 2022

David,
Received the tree charts in the mail
Thank You
Kathy
Will get some pictures out to you in the next little while

See paragraph 4 of DEW's July 10 letter to Kathy.

**_Kathleen M. Witheridge_**
_**343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, N7T 4G5**_

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July 17, 1996

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.

Dear David,

Thank you so much for your letter of July 10th, 1996, it is always so good to hear from you. I am also pleased to hear how well you are keeping!! You will never know how sorry we were to have missed your luncheon in Minneapolis on June 8th. It is very unfortunate that it was so soon after our return from Britain. We arrived home on the late evening of June 2nd, absolutely exhausted!! What with a very hectic month and jet lag on top of that, we were extremely tired and just couldn't drag ourselves any further!!

I did correspond via the Internet with Tony Witheridge earlier this year. He sent me a copy of his Witheridge Gazette which really impressed me!! He gave me his Internet address so we wrote back and forth a few times. On at least one of the occasions, I advised him that Paul and I were going to England for the month of May in order to attend the Witheridge Day celebrations, and also that upon our return we were going to Minneapolis to attend the U.S. celebrations. He advised me at the time that he could not make it to England this year but would try his best to attend at Minneapolis. I gave him your address and telephone number in order that he could contact you!!

I also advised Sharon and Ted Brydges of North Battleford, Sask, they too wished to attend but unfortunately Sharon had an appointment on the following Tuesday which could not be missed and they too felt it was a little far for a week-end trip. I did speak with Sharon on the telephone last evening, and she advised me that she had spoken with you on the telephone a couple of times. She also advised me that Paul Freed along with his aunt, Stella Oyos (who is now 91) visited them a couple of weeks ago. I have corresponded with both Paul and Stella, they are both very interesting people, Stella provided me with all kinds of information and photographs of the family. Paul had read one of my books at his aunt's house and telephoned me to provide him with a copy of all the family information, which I did. Sharon and Ted will be coming to visit us in Sarnia in September, as we visited them a couple of years ago!! Paul asked Sharon that we all visit his brother Bruce, here in Ontario, which of course we will gladly do!!

I am very excited about our 10th anniversary next May, and hope that we have a good turn out from north America. I was so disappointed this year as only 14 people attended and Paul and myself were included in that number. It is very sad when only a dozen people in Britain show interest!!

I don't know whether Kim advised you that my talk at Witheridge Day this year was on a Witheridge family whom I recently found in the Hamilton area of Ontario. It took me a few years to find out which line they descended, but eventually we solved the puzzle and they are of the Ermington line. Ivor John Edwin Witheridge who now resides in Selkirk, Ontario, has been corresponding with me for some time now and has provided me with all kinds of pictures and information. He is a distant cousin to John, Phil, Richard and David Witheridge, all members of the Society. I presented each of them with a copy of my presentation which they just loved. It has completed a lot of gaps for their research!! I am just in the midst of putting together more copies of my presentation, and as soon as I get it finished I will forward a copy to you as I think you may find it interesting!!

I recently looked up all the Witheridge's in the U.S. on the Internet and found 19 together with one Wetheridge, one Whitteridge and one Witteridge. I am enclosing a copy for your information!! I did write a few of them including G. Keith Witheridge of Merritt Island, Florida. Keith replied advising me that he was 88 years old and that he had a son but they did not speak to one another. I also had a reply from Jean E. Witheridge of Nanticoke, PA., who advised me that she was the widow of J.E. Witheridge together with the following information:

"Father - John Witheridge, he had two brothers and one sister, George and Tom and Emma. As far as I know the brothers and sister are dead.
Mother - Mary Renihomer? deceased. Sister - Mildred Witheridge Lewis deceased.
George Witheridge had 2 daughters and they are both deceased.
Tom Witheridge had 3 boys, Paul and Kenneth, both deceased. Keith - I don't know where he is.
I am his widow as mentioned and am 86 years old. Will be 87 in September. We had no children so there are no survivors."

When I get the information from England on Witheridge Day 96, I have arranged that I get one copy and photocopy here in Ontario and send to all the north Americans. I pray that we have a good response in order that we may have a terrific week-end in Devon next May.

Best wishes

Paul & Kathy

**Kathleen M. Witheridge**

*North American Representative of The Witheridge Society*
*343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, N7T 4G5*

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November 8, 1996

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue S
Minneapolis, MN, 55405-2543
U.S.A.

Dear David;

My apologies for not getting right back to you after we talked on the telephone. The same old excuses "extremely busy". We had visitors from Saskatchewan on October 3, another Witheridge descendent, Sharon Brydges and her husband Ted. We had a wonderful time and did a lot of travelling in the 8 days they were with us. Of course we had to visit Niagara Falls. When one has never seen it, it is a sight that must be seen. We have made the trip so many times with all of our different visitors.

We also went to visit Bruce Freed in Embro, Ontario, the brother of Paul Freed of Minneapolis. I believe that you have met the two brothers. We had a lovely visit with Bruce and his wife Anne, and I still cannot believe that we had a Witheridge descendent living so close to us that we did not know about. I had talked on the telephone with Paul some years ago, but never knew that he had a brother in Ontario, although I did know that he had a sister in England.

I have written to a total of 24 families in north America with invitations to Witheridge Day '97. I received a telephone call from Dorothea Goins a couple of nights ago. You probably know Dorothea, I think that she has been a member of the Society for a few years now. We had a lenghy chat and she told me that she spends a lot of her time in England, as all of her family are still there. She makes at least 3 trips per year, and hopefully, one will coincide with next May, although she will not know for sure until nearer the time.

I hear that the bookings are not going too good, I have a feeling that most of the British families will leave things to the very last minute. This year we had a very poor show with only 14 of us attending, that being only 12 were from Britain. I do hope that it will be a success, as a lot of work has been put into it. It looks at the present time, as though most of the bookings are from overseas.

Do you know if Paul Freed became a member of the Society when you saw him in June? John Witheridge, the membership secretary, advises me that he has no knowledge of this, although I am sure that I was told that he was a member. I have written Paul to ask him, but I believe he was in England in October, so haven't heard back from him yet.

Whilst Sharon and Ted were with us, we looked at the family trees which you so kindly forwarded to me. We did find a couple of errors on the Bradworthy tree, so I have written Kim with the correct information in order that she may make the corrections prior to next May.

I am enclosing a sheet of Paul's family for your records, as I do not believe that you have this information. A lot of it is not on the tree.

I am also enclosing a list of all the families I contacted for your records. I have corrected some of the addresses that I know have changed.

I trust that you and your family are all keeping well, and are prepared for the winter months. How I hate winters! However, it will soon be Spring and then we get to go to England once again. After the May week-end, Paul and I are going to stay in Devon for a few more days, we would like to visit Plymouth and area. We have invited Brenda Dwyne, our newest member from Ontario, to go with us, as she will be alone and her family originate from Ermington.

Must close now, take care.

Best wishes

Paul & Kathy

Paul Richard Witheridge
born - August 23, 1943 at Toronto, Ontario
married - Eileen Kowalski, July 27, 1962, Oshawa, Ontario
two children of the marriage

(1) Kelly Suzanne Witheridge
born - March 12, 1963 at Oshawa, Ontario
married - John Bruce Alexander, Sept 1, 1984 at Sarnia, Ontario
three children of the marriage

Ian Bruce Alexander - April 18, 1988 at Sarnia, Ontario
Natalie Mary Alexander - February 14, 1991 at Sarnia, Ontario
Jordan Paul Alexander - March 24, 1994 at Sarnia, Ontario

(2) Wendy Joanne Witheridge
born - April 19, 1965 at Toronto, Ontario
never married but has three children

Jessica Michelle Witheridge - May 13, 1987 at Sarnia, Ontario
Erica Susy Witheridge - October 10, 1990 at Chatham, Ontario
Paige Danielle Witheridge - October 28, 1993 at Sarnia, Ontario

Paul has one sister:

Pamela Joanne Witheridge
born July 29, 1948 at Toronto, Ontario
married - Wayne Weaver, August 16, 1969 at Willowdale, Ontario
two children of the marriage

Amanda Leah Weaver - December 27, 1974, Willowdale, Ontario
Karen Tracey Weaver - April 12, 1978, Willowdale, Ontario

My full name is:

Kathleen Mary Wood
born - October 16, 1942 at Halifax, West Yorkshire, England
married - Brian Frank Annison, March 27, 1965 at Halifax, West Yorkshire
one child of the marriage

Paul Richard Annison
born - August 4, 1966 at Halifax, West Yorkshire, England
married - Sandra Patricia Bayly, November 18, 1989 at Sarnia, Ontario
two children of the marriage

Alyssa Jane Annison - July 31, 1988 at Sarnia, Ontario
Kyle William Annison - October 25, 1991 at Windsor, Ontario

I married Paul on September 5, 1987 at Sarnia, Ontario

November 21, 1996

Dear Kathy,

I was very glad to get your letter. I had been going to write you anyway for several days, because I had this extra copy of Jo Aldrich's list of her relatives and their descendants, and I wasn't sure whether you had ever received it or a more recent one from Jo. So here it is.

When Jean Tomlinson sent it to me, she said, "Mary Beth Abu Bakr, Roy's daughter, has been married twice, and both husbands are black. This one is a Muslim, so Mary Beth and the children are also. It also accounts for the different names." I've said for some time, "The whole world is my family," and this is just another example.

Jean also said she talked to her brother Roy about the Witheridge get-to-gether in 1997, and he sounded interested. He and his wife Betty are going to Europe this fall for three weeks--the first week at a lake in Northern Italy, the second week at a lake in Switzerland, and the third week in Austria. So I guess they could afford to go to England next May. You will notice they spend the summer in Michigan and the winter in Florida. I'm hoping Jo and Bruce Aldrich will go to Witheridge Day(s) and also some of her other relatives. I've hardly met any of them, so I don't know their circumstances.

I talked to Paul Freed, and he is the one who gave Kim $10.00 for his Witheridge Society membership. I sent him an application and a genealogical chart to fill in. He has returned these, and I am just now mailing them to John Witheridge for his records. I know Kim and Roy had some very difficult personal and business problems when they got home, so I can understand how she could have mislaid and forgotten about Paul's application.

I also appreciate the information you sent about Paul's and your families, as well as the list of those to whom you have written about the upcoming celebration. There is one name missing, and I suppose it was just an inadvertent oversight. That is Tony Witheridge, who came to our luncheon and is a member of the Witheridge Society (#113). He is the son of Dorothy Witheridge, our Australian Representative, and I know he plans to go to England next May and to give his mother some money at Christmas so she can go.

I just remembered Annette Witheridge, who is also missing from your list. It seems to me that Kim said she had moved from the address we have in the 1996 membership list of the Society, but maybe you already have her new address.

Well, I guess that's enough for now.

Sincerely,

**Kathleen M. Witheridge**
*North American Representative of The Witheridge Society*
*343 Bright Street, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, N7T 4G5*

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November 13, 1997

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.

Dear David;

My sincere apologies for not writing you in such an age, but honestly, we have had a very exhausting year. After the month of May in England, we had vacations almost every month all through the summer. In August we went to visit Brenda Dwyne and her family at their cottage about 4 hours drive from us on Lake Huron. I trust that you remember Brenda, the very sweet girl from Hamilton, Ontario, and of the Ermington, Devon, line. We had a wonderful time together and hope to see them again next year.

On September 2, we went out to North Battleford, Saskatchewan and spent two weeks with Ted and Sharon Brydges (Sharon's grandmother was a Witheridge), she is also a member of the Society. I believe that you spoke with her on the phone last year. We had a great visit with them, they took us on a 6 day tour of the Canadian Rockies. How wonderful, it was all that I had dreamed Canada to be.

I have spoken on the phone a few times with Paul Freed, he was hoping to get to Saskatchewan whilst we were there, but unfortunately he got sick and could not make it. Paul is a terrific guy, it was our first time meeting him in England this year. Our family seems to be growing rapidly and I still keep on looking for more.

I had a letter from Jean Tomlinson asking about joining the Society. She told me that she had been to a re-union in Michigan in August. I have written her asking if she would be interested in a re-union in Lansing, Michigan, next year, maybe July or August. I am looking to you for some help David in trying to arrange this. I hope that between us we could arrange a really nice event. Let me know your thoughts on this and I will do all I can to arrange it. I think that we could get a good turn out, as our Canadian members should be able to attend too.

I trust that you are keeping well, and look forward to hearing from you in the not too distant future.

Best wishes

Paul & Kathy

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January 26, 1998

Rev. David E. Witheridge
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U.S.A.

Dear David,

I haven't heard from you in a long time and beginning to get anxious. I usually hear from you at Christmas time, but nothing this year. I truly hope that you are well.

In the past while I have been trying to get started on organizing a "Reunion" in Lansing, Michigan in the summertime. At the moment it looks as though it could well be mid to end of August, 1998.

I am trying to get some assistance and have corresponded with Joyce Aldrich, who originally offered help but now appears to be too busy with other things and has passed me along to her niece, Kathy Thomas. At the moment I do not have an address for Kathy. I have been corresponding with Steven Karnes via the internet, and he too has offered to assist. Unfortunately, Steve's dad passed away very suddenly a couple of weeks ago.

What I need at the present time is a suggestion for somewhere to hold the event in Lansing. Once I get some suggestions, Paul has offered to drive me to Lansing to take a look around. Hopefully, when the weather gets a little better.

Joyce did advise me that there were 50 or more who had showed interest. Also I wrote Tony Witheridge in Geneva, and he and his wife would like to attend. Also Brenda Dwyne and her family in Hamilton, Ontario. I think that maybe Paul Freed would attend and his brother, Bruce, from Ontario. So it looks as though we could have quite a turn-out.

If you are to attend I would appreciate you doing one of the "talks" and I would do the other. I really need your input on this subject.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes to you,

Paul & Kathy

February 13, 1998
2425 Irving Ave. S.
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U.S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witheridge
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Canada

Dear Kathy and Paul,

I want to follow up on the phone call we had the other day. It sounds as though you will be having a good Witheridge reunion in August, and I hope you get some good assistance from Kathy Thomas and Steve Karnes. I'm sorry I can't plan to be there, but I have a big gathering of my mother's German relatives to manage this summer, and that's all I can handle.

I hope John and Janice and Jay will get there from Saginaw, and perhaps their daughter Mary Kay from Waterford. Then there are my niece and nephew in Bay City, Virginia Anne Sorensen and Bill Witheridge, children of my brother William, as well as Jennifer Burke in Royal Oak, my sister Louise's daughter. I think I gave you all their addresses last year. Let me know if you don't have them.

Now a little more about the New Jersey Witheridges. For a long time I thought they were related to Keith Witheridge, who came from Pennsylvania, but whose father was originally from New Jersey. I wrote to all whose addresses I had, but I couldn't get any answers back. So I telephoned a few and gradually pieced some of them together. Then I ordered the New Jersey and Pennsylvania census records from the Mormon library, and I found that Keith's family and the others were not related, at least not in this country. I was able to trace the New Jersey family back to Andrew Witheridge, the first one in America.

So I wrote to Kim to see if she had the record of an Andrew Witheridge who was born about 1845. She sent back the information about Andrew Hannaford Witheridge, and it all began to fit together. She had the records back to South Milton near Plymouth about 1700. I had also written to John Witheridge, and he sent essentially the same information, but it didn't match exactly with what Kim had sent. I got busy at many other things and just let it sit.

Then the Winter 1997 issue of "The Witheridge Times" arrived with Joyce Browne's article about the South Milton family, and I got interested again. A year earlier I had talked on the phone and written to two sisters in New Jersey, Janet Sauter and Marthe Gilmore, and told them I had their ancestry back to Andrew Witheridge, the first of their line in this country. I said I was sure we'd be able to connect them up in England. So

I called them both and told them we now know their ancestry back to 1700 in South Milton, and they were thrilled.

Actually, I had tried to get them to go to Devon in May of 1997, and they would love to have gone, but couldn't work it out. Even though the Witheridge Society isn't meeting in Devon this year, I urged them again to go and meet some of their relatives and then go down to Devon to visit the towns they came from. They'd really like to go, but the big problem is that Martha has a bed and breakfast place on the Atlantic shore that she has to open up, and she doesn't have anyone she can trust to do that. I tell her she should train someone, because some day she may have illness or an accident and will need a substitute. Well, we'll see.

Then, as I told you, I was over at Jim's apartment in December, and he found on the internet a list of six "Witheridges," one of whom was Jill Pierson in New Jersey, who listed genealogy as her hobby and Witheridge as one of the lines she was searching. So we sent her an E-mail and asked how she tied into the Witheridge family. She replied that her great-grandmother was Ethel Witheridge, who was the daughter of Frank and who married Alfred Crowell Pierson. I immediately found Ethel in my New Jersey records, so was able to tell her I knew her ancestors back to 1700 in South Milton.

Finally about the middle of January I was able to complete the compilation and correction of all my family group sheets for the family in New Jersey and all the was back to John Witheridge in South Milton. So I sent copies to Janet Sauter, Martha Gilmore, and Jill Pierson. Jill was thrilled, of course, and sent me her records of the descendants of Ethel and Alfred Pierson. I told her about the Witheridge Society, and now she wants to know how she can join. Isn't that quite a story? She is just twenty years old and a college student; otherwise I'm sure she'd like to go to England herself in May.

I've told Jill about Janet and Martha, and I've told them about her. (They are second cousins of her grandfather.) She says she is going to try to get in touch with them. They're all in the same general part of New Jersey. I know you'll want them on your mailing list, so here are their addresses:

Mrs. Janet Sauter
2 Nell Court
Fairfield, NJ 07004
(973) 575-9289

Mrs. Thomas Gilmore
18 Cleveland Road
Union, NJ 07083
(908) 964-1973

Miss Jill A. Pierson
624 Valley Brook Ave.
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
(201) 896-0935
Chesnutmor@aol.com

Well, that's all for now, and the best of everything to both of you.

Love,
David

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## HOME PORT

by Joyce Browne and Philip Witheridge

This article is the result of a voyage of discovery - a cruise around the facts as they were discovered by talking to members and by intensive search of the records. This voyage starts and finishes at the natural harbour of Hooe, which is immediately south of Plymouth.

The Romans were trading and exporting sheep from Hooe before 450 AD when they left Britain. In those far off Roman days at the end of the year, the wether lambs would be separated from the breeding flocks on Dartmoor. These wether lambs would then be driven down the ridge road, off Dartmoor, and on down to where Plymouth is today. In Roman times this area was open ground and these flocks of wethers would be held against the natural boundaries of a stream which flows into Sutton Bay on one side, and the Cattewater, the tidal estuary of the river Plym, on the other.

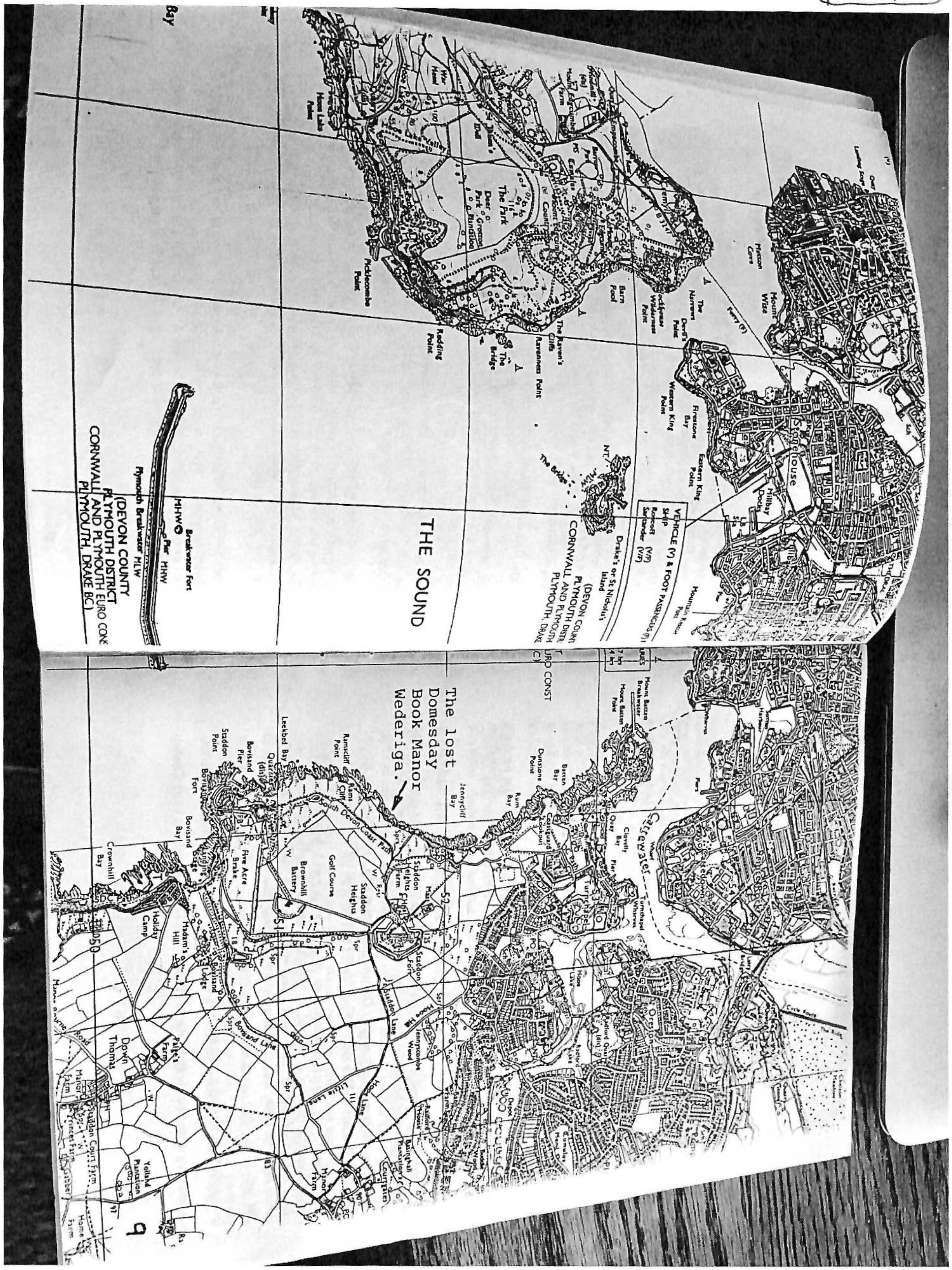
After the bartering had been completed, and the ownership decided, these wethers were driven over the Cattewater at low tide, and taken up to the grazing on Staddon Heights above Hooe. Here the flock would be stored and grazed until they were ready for shipping out of Hooe, across the Channel to feed the Roman garrisons in France.

In 1086 the Doomsday Book recorded, in the Plympton Hundred, a manor called 'Wederiga' or 'Wether-ridge'. This manor is now lost, but the 'Withyhedge Brake' overlooking Jennycliff Bay, seen on recent Ordnance Survey Maps, is believed to mark the place where this manor once stood, and from whence, we the South Devon families, derived our surname.

The Society had early success in the exploration of some of the South Devon families - Ermington and Wembury - to name two, but we soon realised that at least one other major Witheridge family inhabited this area of South Devon.

The IGI gives records of Witheridges scattered in a number of places, ie, South Huish, Modbury, Plymouth, Exeter, Newton Ferrers, etc. In the Hearth Tax list for 1674 seven Witheridges were named in South Devon at Wembury, Plymstock, Newton Ferrers, Ermington, South Milton and Woodleigh. The name 'Andrew Witheridge' at South Milton is particularly significant as this name was still in family use in this district in the last 1800s.

In the years 1619 and 1626 the government ordered a survey of mariners and shipping, and in South Devon, at Plymstock, a Christopher Witheridge, a mariner aged 20 was recorded, another Christopher, a fisherman aged 58 was found at Newton Ferrers, and at South Milton there were two fisherman, John aged 23 and William aged 50.



The lost Domesday Book Manor Wederiga.

THE SOUND
Drake's or St Nicholas's Island
(DEVON COUNTY PLYMOUTH DISTRICT CORNWALL AND PLYMOUTH EURO CONST PLYMOUTH, DRAKE BC)
Plymouth Breakwater
Breakwater Fort
Stonehouse
Millbay Docks
Mount Wise
Firestone Bay
Western King Point
Eastern King Point
Devil's Point
Barn Pool
Mount Edgcumbe
The Park
Deer Park
Redding Point
Picklecombe Point
Rame Head
Mount Batten Breakwater
Mount Batten Point
Dunstone Point
Batten Bay
Jennycliff Bay
Rum Bay
Ramscliff Point
Rams Cliff
Leek Bed Bay
Bovisand Pier
Staddon Point
Bovisand Fort
Bovisand Bay
Crownhill Bay
Holiday Camp
Madam's Hill
Bovisand Lodge
Bovisand Lane
Staddon Heights
Staddon Heights Farm
Golf Course
Brownhill Battery
Five Acre Brake
Staddon Fort
Staddon Lane
Hooe
Jennycombe Wood
Down Thomas
Paige's Farm
Yolland Plantation
Staddon Court Farm
Cattewater
Clovelly Bay
Turnchapel
South Devon Coast Path
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As we found more names in the SouthMilton/Thurlestone and South Huish area we tried to slot them into what we called the 'South Milton/Thurlestone/South Huish' family. This proved to be very difficult, not because of a shortage of names - we were overwhelmed by Johns, Williams, William Henrys, and Andrews, but by a shortage of evidence as to who belonged to whom. This difficulty was compounded as we found that the families did not always stay in one place, but moved between South Milton, Thurleston and Bantham. You can see on the map how close together these villages and hamlets are.

A Breath of Wind In the Sails

Becalmed as we were, we welcomed the freshening breeze of discovery from our friend Sheila Jewell who found some leases concerning property in Yealmpton, and with the help of the leases and parish registers we were able to disentangle the South Huish family from the others and place them with the Yealmpton family - see our article "The South Huish/South Milton/ Yealmpton Family" in the Witheridge Times, Winter 1995.

Now that we have been able to see transcripts of the parish registers of South Milton, Thurlestone and East Portlemouth, we are more confident in our interpretation of the links of this family and we have named it "The South Milton and Thurlestone Family", and you will see that on Sheet 1 of the family trees we have incorporated what we previously called "The Stoke Damerel Extension" into it.

Stoke Damerel is a district which incorporates Devonport, so it is obvious that there are other families with links to this area, but for the moment we are concerned only with those originating in South Milton.

The Family Trees - Sheet 1 (See fold over section at rear of magazine)

At the head of the tree is a John Witheridge who married a 'Mary', and you will see that the line connecting him to John, born 1700, is dotted - indicating uncertainty. We do not have absolute proof that the John born 1700 was the son of the John who died in 1748, but the probabilities point that way. The third generation John, born 1740, who married Mary Cawse, had two sons, John, born 1744, and Andrew born 1777.

Navigating our way around the descendants of these two proved to be a problem. They both named sons 'William' and 'John', born within a year or two of each other, and both Johns married girls named 'Mary Ann'! One William married Mary Hannaford, and the son of one of the Johns, James, also married a Mary Hannaford. We nearly foundered on that one!

South Milton and Thurlestone Family Tree Sheet 2

It is interesting to see how the descendants of John, born 1740, who married Mary Cawse, seem to differ in their choice of occupations and their financial circumstances:-

(Brothers)

### John born 1774

John, born 1774 married Catherine Lamble (or Lambal) and their line took to the sea. Their oldest son, William, married Mary Ralph in Liverpool and went on to father a family of eight, two of them were sailors, and one a sailmaker.

### Andrew born 1777

Andrew, born 1777 married Abigail Tabb, and he was a labourer, and his descendants lived from the land, either on farms, or in horticulture. We know from apprenticeship records that some of his family were in poor circumstances.

In 1808, John (another John!) son of Andew and Abigail Tabb "a poor child" aged seven, was apprenticed by the Churchwardens to one Roger Crimp, a yeoman of South Milton.

In 1811 the same John, aged nine was again indented to Rober Crimp, and in 1816 Andrew and Abigail's third son, Thomas, "a poor child" aged nine was apprenticed to the same Roger Crimp.

In 1840, Andrew and Abigail's grandson, John, was apprenticed to a Mr. Toyer, but at least he had reached the grand old age of eleven.

Sorrow came to this family in 1844 when another of Andrew and Abigail's grandsons, Thomas, aged ten, son of Andrew Witheridge and Mary Luckham, fell from a horse and was killed. Andrew senior had died in 1841, but Abigail lived until 1859.

### South Milton and Thurlestone Family Tree Sheet 3

The other branch of the family, personified in William born 1800, who married Mary Ralph (We have seen this name written as 'Rolph' and 'Ralp') seems to have fared better.

That is not to say that life was not hard. As a young man William was making voyages to ports around the British Isles, he married in Liverpool and formed connections there. Some of his descendants still live in the Wirral, others in Wales, and some settled in Salcombe (Kingsbridge registration district). Two of his sons became Master Mariners, one of his daughters married a Master Mariner, and another daughter married a ship's carpenter.

William's grandson, Beauchamp Henry Witheridge, went to Scotland and worked with Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite. Beauchamp married in Scotland, but eventually settled in Wales and he and his wife had seven children, the oldest of whom, George,

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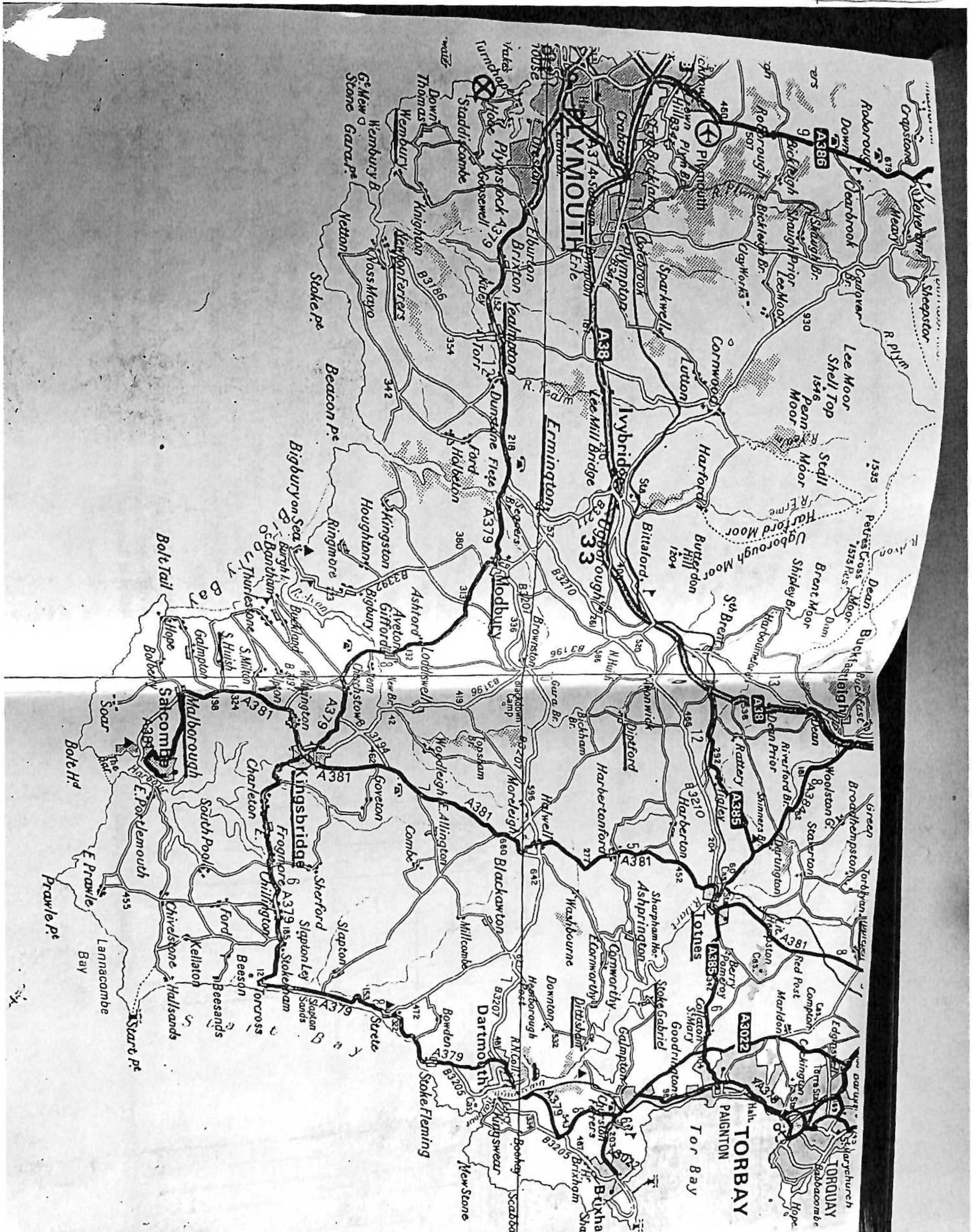

PLYMOUTH
Plympton
Plymstock
Crapstone
Roborough
Yelverton
Sheepstor
Meavy
Clearbrook
Cadover Br.
Shaugh Prior
Lee Moor
Bickleigh
Sparkwell
Cornwood
Lutton
Lee Moor
Shell Top
1546
Penn Moor
Stall Moor
Harford
Ugborough Moor
Harford Moor
Ivybridge
Lee Mill Bridge
Ermington
Ugborough
Bittaford
Butterdon Hill
Brent Moor
Shipley Br.
South Brent
Dean Prior
Buckfastleigh
Buckfast
Staverton
Dartington
Totnes
Harberton
Harbertonford
Diptford
Rattery
Ashprington
Cornworthy
Dittisham
Halwell
Moreleigh
Blackawton
Dartmouth
Kingswear
Galmpton
Churston
Brixham
Berry Pomeroy
Marldon
Compton
PAIGNTON
TORBAY
TORQUAY
Babbacombe
Tor Bay
Elburton
Brixton
Yealmpton
Dunstone
Ford
Holbeton
Modbury
Aveton Gifford
Loddiswell
Kingsbridge
Frogmore
Chillington
Stokenham
Torcross
Slapton
Strete
Stoke Fleming
Start Bay
Start Pt.
Salcombe
Malborough
Hope
Bolt Tail
Bolt Hd.
Thurlestone
Bantham
Bigbury on Sea
Bigbury
Ringmore
Kingston
Wembury
Newton Ferrers
Noss Mayo
Stoke Pt.
Beacon Pt.
Prawle Pt.
E. Prawle
E. Portlemouth
Chivelstone
Beesands
Hallsands
Lannacombe Bay
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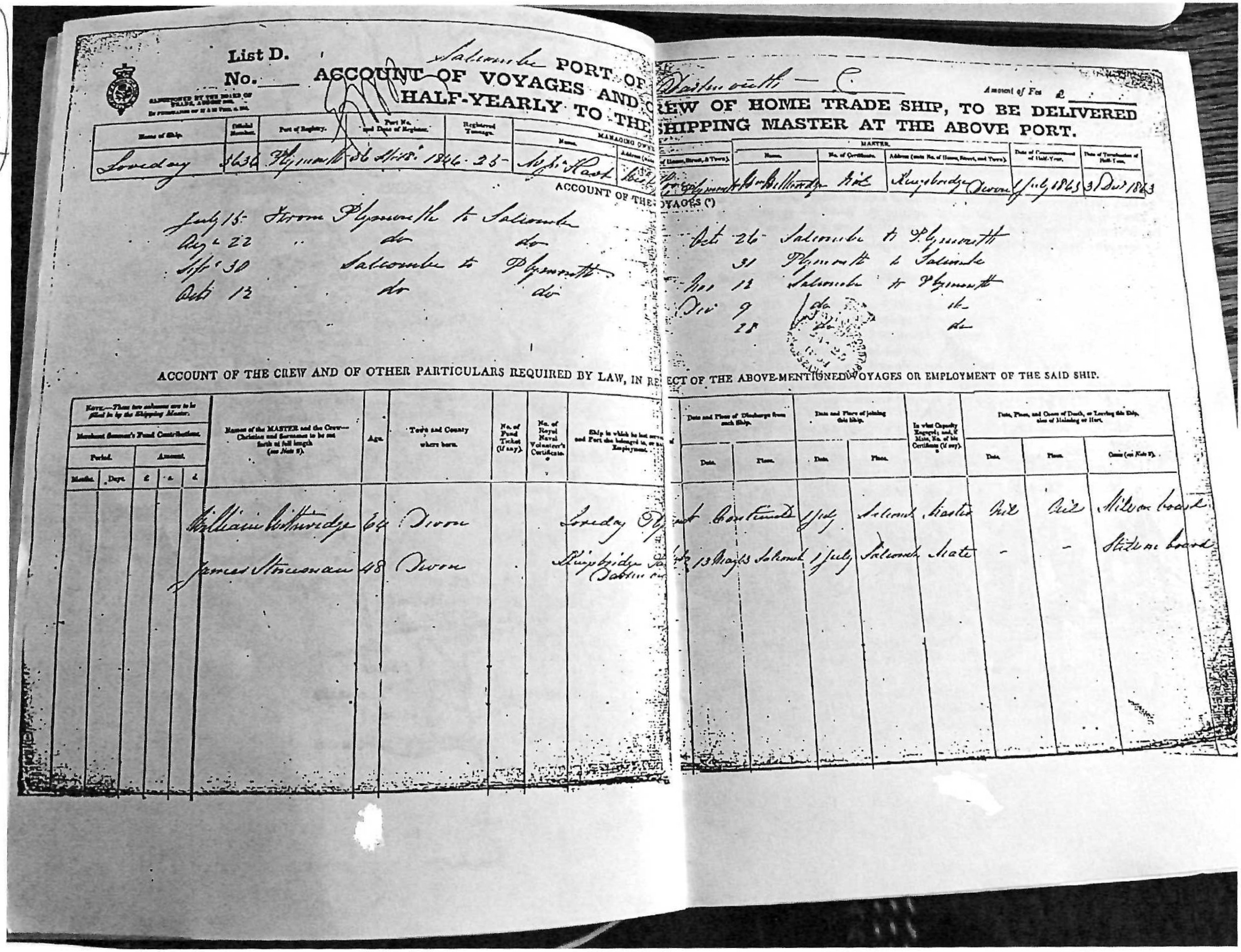

List D.

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Salcombe PORT OF Dartmouth — C

Amount of Fee £

# ACCOUNT OF VOYAGES AND CREW OF HOME TRADE SHIP, TO BE DELIVERED HALF-YEARLY TO THE SHIPPING MASTER AT THE ABOVE PORT.

| Name of Ship. | Official Number. | Port of Registry. | Port No. and Date of Register. | Registered Tonnage. | Managing Owner: Name. | Managing Owner: Address (state No. of House, Street, & Town). | Master: Name. | Master: No. of Certificate. | Master: Address (state No. of House, Street, and Town). | Date of Commencement of Half-Year. | Date of Termination of Half-Year. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Loveday | 5636 | Plymouth | 56 Mch 8 1846 | 35 | Wm Hart | [illegible] Plymouth | Wm Kittridge | Nil | Kingsbridge Devon | 1 July 1863 | 31 Dec 1863 |

ACCOUNT OF THE VOYAGES (*)

July 15 From Plymouth to Salcombe
Aug 22 .. do do
Sep 30 Salcombe to Plymouth
Oct 13 do do
Oct 26 Salcombe to Plymouth
31 Plymouth to Salcombe
Nov 12 Salcombe to Plymouth
Dec 9 do do
28 do do

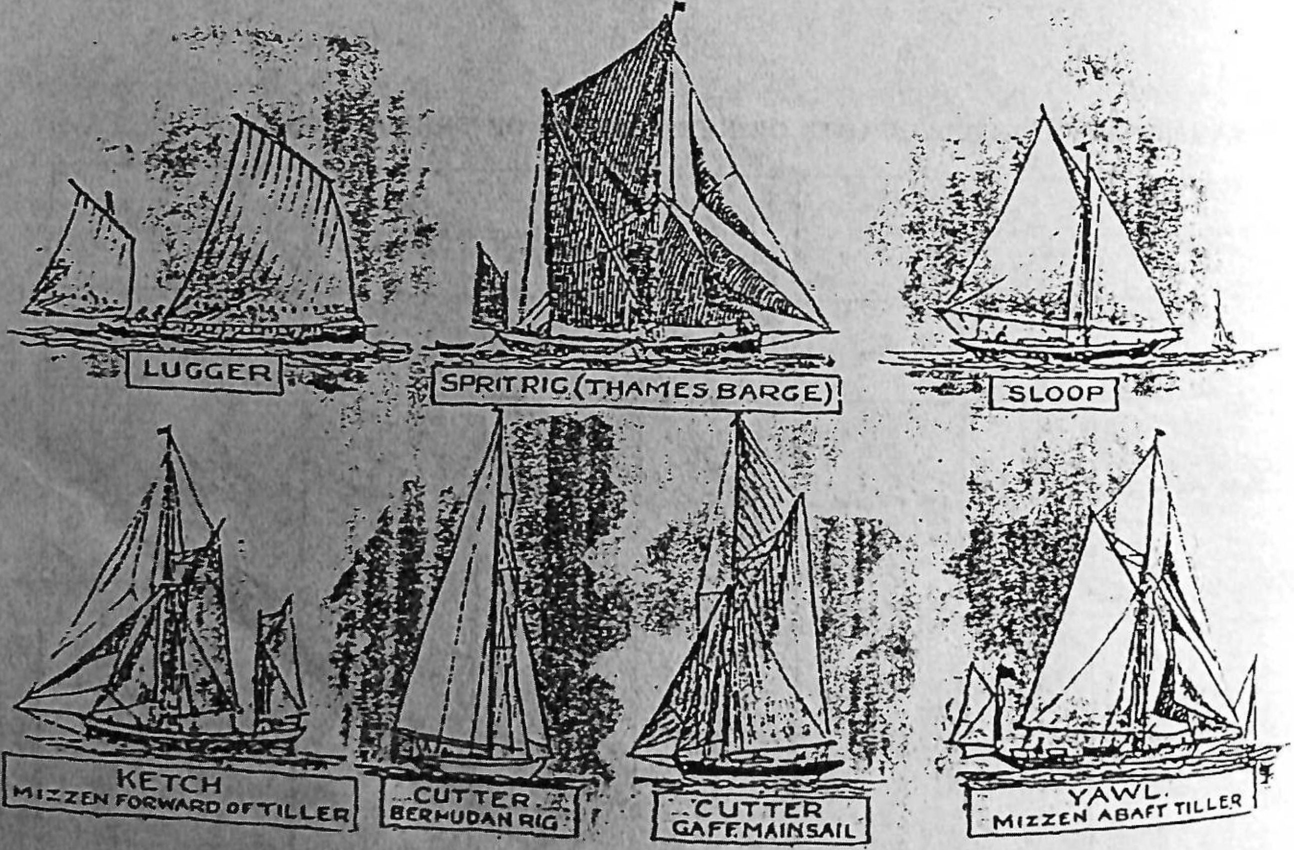
ACCOUNT OF THE CREW AND OF OTHER PARTICULARS REQUIRED BY LAW, IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED VOYAGES OR EMPLOYMENT OF THE SAID SHIP.

| Note.—These two columns are to be filled in by the Shipping Master. Merchant Seamen's Fund Contributions. Period. Months. | Period. Days. | Amount. £ | Amount. s. | Amount. d. | Names of the MASTER and the Crew—Christian and Surnames to be set forth at full length (see Note 2). | Age. | Town and County where born. | No. of Fund Ticket (if any). | No. of Royal Naval Volunteer's Certificate. | Ship in which he last served and Port she belonged to, or nature of Employment. | Date and Place of Discharge from such Ship. Date. | Place. | Date and Place of joining this Ship. Date. | Place. | In what Capacity Engaged; and, if Mate, No. of his Certificate (if any). | Date, Place, and Cause of Death, or Leaving the Ship, also of Maiming or Hurt. Date. | Place. | Cause (see Note 3). |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | William Kittridge | 64 | Devon | | | Loveday Plymouth | Continued | | 1 July | Salcombe | Master | Nil | Nil | Still on board |
| | | | | | James Stoneman | 48 | Devon | | | Kingsbridge Packet<br>Salcombe | 13 May 63 | Salcombe | 1 July | Salcombe | Mate | - | - | Still on board |

became a Lieutenant Colonel in the Tank Corps - retiring - we are told -to found a mink farm.

But back to William the Mariner:- Philip's illustrations show the kind of vessel which William may have been sailing - but which one?

We know that at one time (1863) William was master of a vessel named "Loveday". This is shown on the Port Record of the voyages made by the Loveday - voyages made regularly between Salcombe and Plymouth - and what is the address of the owner? Why - our home port - West Hooe, Plymouth.


LUGGER
SPRIT RIG (THAMES BARGE)
SLOOP
KETCH
MIZZEN FORWARD OF TILLER
CUTTER
BERMUDAN RIG
CUTTER
GAFF MAINSAIL
YAWL.
MIZZEN ABAFT TILLER

## PARISH REGISTERS - WITHERIDGE NAMES EXTRACTED

**CHURCHSTOW** No Witheridge entries found

**EAST PORTLEMOUTH** Marriages

15.10.1799 John of Thurlestone and Catherine Lamble

**MORELEIGH** Marriages

22.10.1700 Susanna Witheridge and Paul Williams

**SOUTH MILTON** Baptisms

| | |
|---|---|
| 21.01.1699 | Elizabeth, dau. of John and Mary |
| ??. ? 1703 | Mary, dau. of John and Mary (Hobey?) |
| 16.09.1733 | Walter, son of William and Margery |
| 27.12.1737 | ?ne ??? of John and Anne |
| 04.05.1740 | John, son of John and Anne |
| 25.09.1743 | Mary, dau. of Jno and Anne |
| 06.11.1748. | Andrew, son of Jno and Anne |
| 15.06.1766 | William, son of William and Mary |
| 18.09.1803 | Anderw (sic) son of Anderw and Mary |
| 04.01.1807 | Thomas, son of Andrew and Abigail |
| 07.05.1809 | Mary, dau of Andrew and Abigail |
| 01.03.1812 | Allies, dau of Andrew and Abigail |
| 23.07.1815 | William, son of Andrew and Abigail (Labr. And Parish Clerk) |
| 17.12.1826 | Mary Ann, dau of John and Mary (Labr) |
| 19.10.1828 | John, son of John and Mary |
| 27.13.1831 | Eliza, dau of John and Mary |
| 12.08.1832 | Eleanour, dau of John and Mary Anne of Thurlestone (Labr) |
| 16.03.1834 | Thomas, son of John and Mary |
| 23.10.1836 | Eliza, dau of John and Mary |
| 11.11.1838 | Sarah Ann, dau of Thomas and Sarah of Sutton |
| 29.12.1839 | Alice, dau of John and Mary |
| 08.08.1841 | William Henry, son of Andrew and Sarah |
| 10.12.1843 | Jane Lake, dau of Andrew and Sarah |
| 23.01.1862 | John William, son of William Henry and Ann (Labr) |
| 15.07.1870 | Sarah Kate, dau of William Henry and Sarah Ann |
| 03.01.1873 | Ella Jane, dau of William Henry and Sarah Ann |
| 21.03.1875 | Stephen Lake, son of William Henry and Sarah Ann |

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## SOUTH MILTON

### Marriages

| | |
|---|---|
| 09.07.1753 | William (otp) and Mary Godwill of Aveton Gifford |
| 22.05.1759 | Sarah, and Nicholas Ball (botp) Witness William Witheridge |
| 11.04.1763 | Mary, and Edward Michamore |
| 16.11.1763 | Elizabeth, and William Oldriff |
| 24.03.1801 | Andrew, and Abigail Tabb (botp) Witness John Witheridge |
| 12.01.1826 | John, and Mary Luckham (botp) |
| 07.10.1830 | Andrew, and Sarah Lake (botp) Witness Mary Witheridge |
| 19.06.1834 | Mary, and James Moore (botp) |

### Burials

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 07.04.1710 | Mary | 10.12.1745 | Mary |
| 27.01.1748 | John | 11.03.1758 | Margaret |
| 05.05.1772 | William (child) | 07.02.1776 | William |
| 15.11.1779 | Ann | 05.07.1782 | William |
| 07.05.1786 | Walter | 10.06.1786 | Elizabeth |
| 16.12.1833 | Eliza 2 | 03.01.1841 | Andrew 63 |
| 18.01.1842 | Alice 29 | 04.06.1842 | John Lake 6 |
| 24.11.1844 | Thomas 10 | 08.09.1859 | Abigail 88 |
| 25.01.1867 | John 65 | 01.01.1871 | Mary 72 |
| 18.10.1882 | Andrew 79 | 22.09.1886 | Sarah 78 |
| 04.12.1910 | Sarah Ann 70 of Sutton Cottages | | |

## THURLESTONE

### Baptisms

| | |
|---|---|
| 30.01.1774 | John, son of John and Mary |
| 20.05.1777 | Andrew, son of John and Mary |
| 15.09.1782 | Mary, dau of John and Mary |
| 10.08. 1800 | William, son of John and Catherine |
| 16.06.1805 | John, son of John and Catherine |
| 24.03.1811 | Susan Lambal, dau of John and Catherine |
| 05.04.1829 | William George, son of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner |
| 30.01.1831 | John, son of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner |
| 06.09.1832 | Susan Lamble, dau of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner |
| 05.01.1834 | Thomas, son of Andrew and Sarah of Bantham, Lab'er |
| 02.02.1834 | Isabella, dau of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner |
| 22.11.1835 | Robert Ralph, son of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner |
| 25.05.1837 | Catherine, dau of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner |
| 03.05.1840 | George, son of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner |

## THURLESTONE

### Marriages

| | |
|---|---|
| 07.07.1766 | John Witheridge and Mary Cawse (botp) |
| 03.04.1828 | Mary, and Benjamin Edward (botp) |
| 06.06.1844 | Ellen, minor, of Buckland, father William, Mariner, and John Bickford, Ship's carpenter, Salcombe |
| 30.12.1853 | Ellen, spinster, of Buckland, father John, Lab'r and Richard Elliott Hanna Hannaford |

### Burials

| | |
|---|---|
| 13.11.1792 | Mary |
| 28.01.1805 | John |
| 23.08.1818 | Catherine of Bantham, 50 |
| 26.08.1833 | William, 24 years and 8 months. |
| 30.01.1850 | John of Kingsbridge 77 |

## WEST ALVINGTON (Not fully searched)

### Baptisms

| | |
|---|---|
| 09.08.1731 | Mary, dau of Andrew and Joan |

### Marriages

| | |
|---|---|
| 12.11.1668 | Mary and Richard Trist |

### Burials

| | |
|---|---|
| 01.01.1728 | Mary |
| 19.03.1734 | Andrew (Weatheridge) |
| 29.09.1767 | Jone of Milton (Could be 'Jane') |

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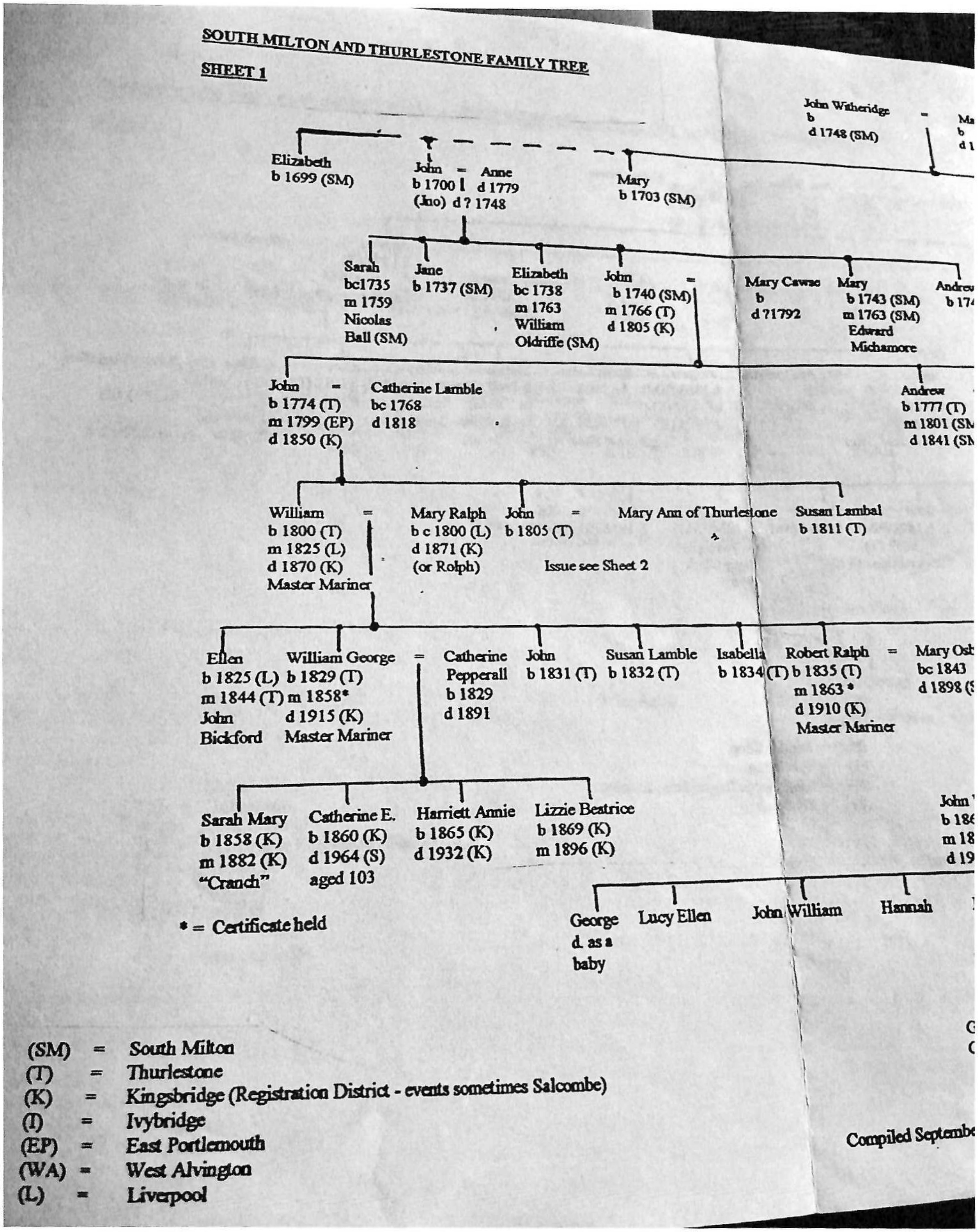

**SOUTH MILTON AND THURLESTONE FAMILY TREE**

**SHEET 1**

John Witheridge
b
d 1748 (SM)
=
Ma
b
d 1

Elizabeth
b 1699 (SM)

John = Anne
b 1700 d 1779
(Jno) d ? 1748

Mary
b 1703 (SM)

Sarah
bc1735
m 1759
Nicolas
Ball (SM)

Jane
b 1737 (SM)

Elizabeth
bc 1738
m 1763
William
Oldriffe (SM)

John
b 1740 (SM)
m 1766 (T)
d 1805 (K)
=
Mary Cawse
b
d ?1792

Mary
b 1743 (SM)
m 1763 (SM)
Edward
Michamore

Andrew
b 174

John = Catherine Lamble
b 1774 (T) bc 1768
m 1799 (EP) d 1818
d 1850 (K)

Andrew
b 1777 (T)
m 1801 (SM
d 1841 (SM

William = Mary Ralph
b 1800 (T) b c 1800 (L)
m 1825 (L) d 1871 (K)
d 1870 (K) (or Rolph)
Master Mariner

John = Mary Ann of Thurlestone
b 1805 (T)
Issue see Sheet 2

Susan Lambal
b 1811 (T)

Ellen
b 1825 (L)
m 1844 (T)
John
Bickford

William George = Catherine
b 1829 (T) Pepperall
m 1858* b 1829
d 1915 (K) d 1891
Master Mariner

John
b 1831 (T)

Susan Lamble
b 1832 (T)

Isabella
b 1834 (T)

Robert Ralph = Mary Osb
b 1835 (T) bc 1843
m 1863 * d 1898 (S
d 1910 (K)
Master Mariner

Sarah Mary
b 1858 (K)
m 1882 (K)
"Cranch"

Catherine E.
b 1860 (K)
d 1964 (S)
aged 103

Harriett Annie
b 1865 (K)
d 1932 (K)

Lizzie Beatrice
b 1869 (K)
m 1896 (K)

John
b 186
m 18
d 19

George
d. as a
baby

Lucy Ellen

John William

Hannah

* = Certificate held

G
C

(SM) = South Milton
(T) = Thurlestone
(K) = Kingsbridge (Registration District - events sometimes Salcombe)
(I) = Ivybridge
(EP) = East Portlemouth
(WA) = West Alvington
(L) = Liverpool

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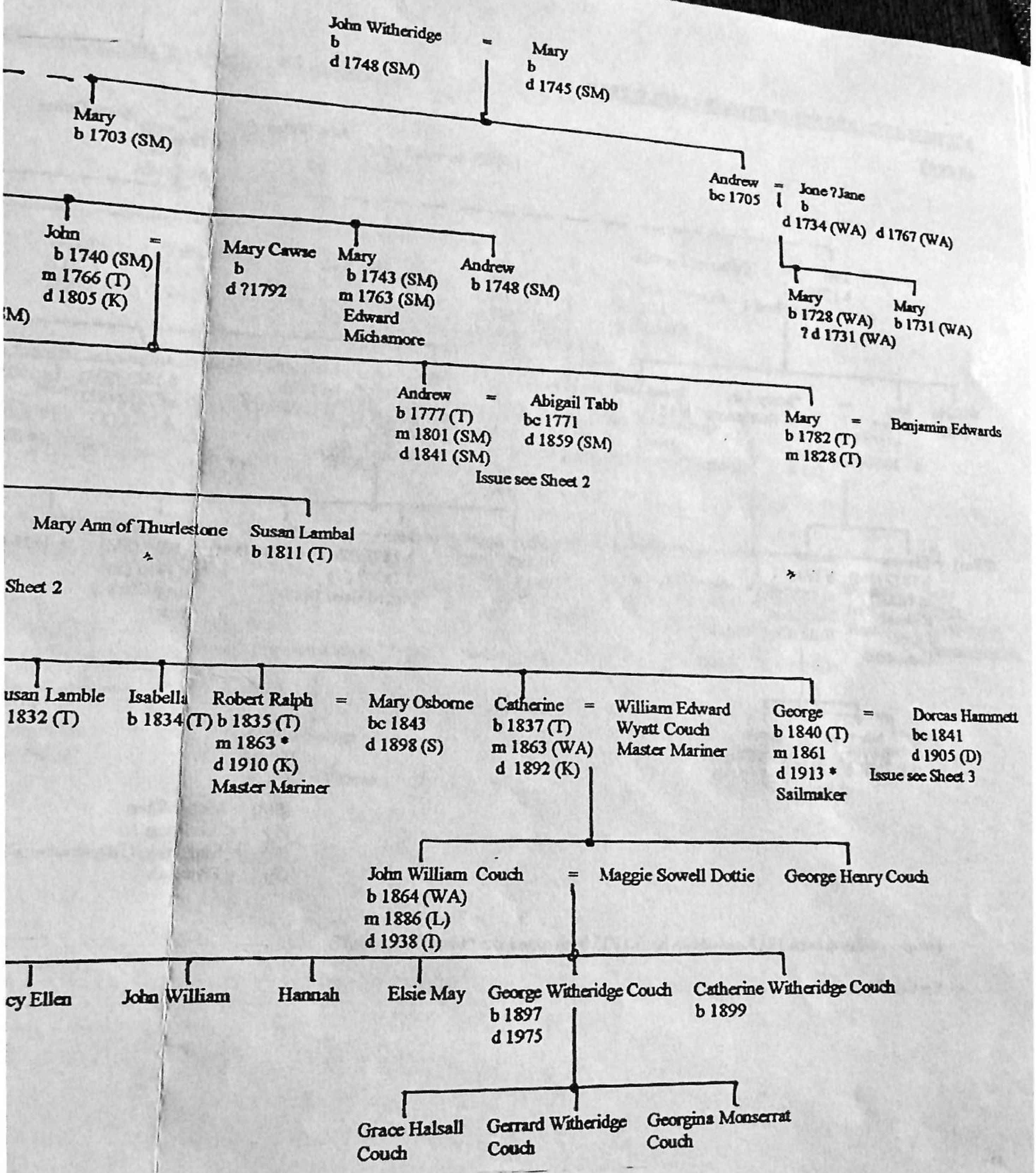
TREE



John Witheridge = Mary
b
d 1748 (SM)

Mary
b
d 1745 (SM)

Mary
b 1703 (SM)

Andrew = Jone ? Jane
bc 1705
d 1734 (WA)

Jone ? Jane
b
d 1767 (WA)

Mary
b 1728 (WA)
? d 1731 (WA)

Mary
b 1731 (WA)

John =
b 1740 (SM)
m 1766 (T)
d 1805 (K)

Mary Cawse
b
d ?1792

Mary
b 1743 (SM)
m 1763 (SM)
Edward
Michamore

Andrew
b 1748 (SM)

M)

Andrew = Abigail Tabb
b 1777 (T)
m 1801 (SM)
d 1841 (SM)

Abigail Tabb
bc 1771
d 1859 (SM)

Issue see Sheet 2

Mary = Benjamin Edwards
b 1782 (T)
m 1828 (T)

Mary Ann of Thurlestone

Susan Lambal
b 1811 (T)

Sheet 2

usan Lamble
1832 (T)

Isabella
b 1834 (T)

Robert Ralph = Mary Osborne
b 1835 (T)
m 1863 *
d 1910 (K)
Master Mariner

Mary Osborne
bc 1843
d 1898 (S)

Catherine = William Edward Wyatt Couch
b 1837 (T)
m 1863 (WA)
d 1892 (K)

William Edward
Wyatt Couch
Master Mariner

George = Dorcas Hammett
b 1840 (T)
m 1861
d 1913 *
Sailmaker

Dorcas Hammett
bc 1841
d 1905 (D)
Issue see Sheet 3

John William Couch = Maggie Sowell Dottie
b 1864 (WA)
m 1886 (L)
d 1938 (I)

George Henry Couch

cy Ellen

John William

Hannah

Elsie May

George Witheridge Couch
b 1897
d 1975

Catherine Witheridge Couch
b 1899

Grace Halsall
Couch

Gerrard Witheridge
Couch

Georgina Monserrat
Couch

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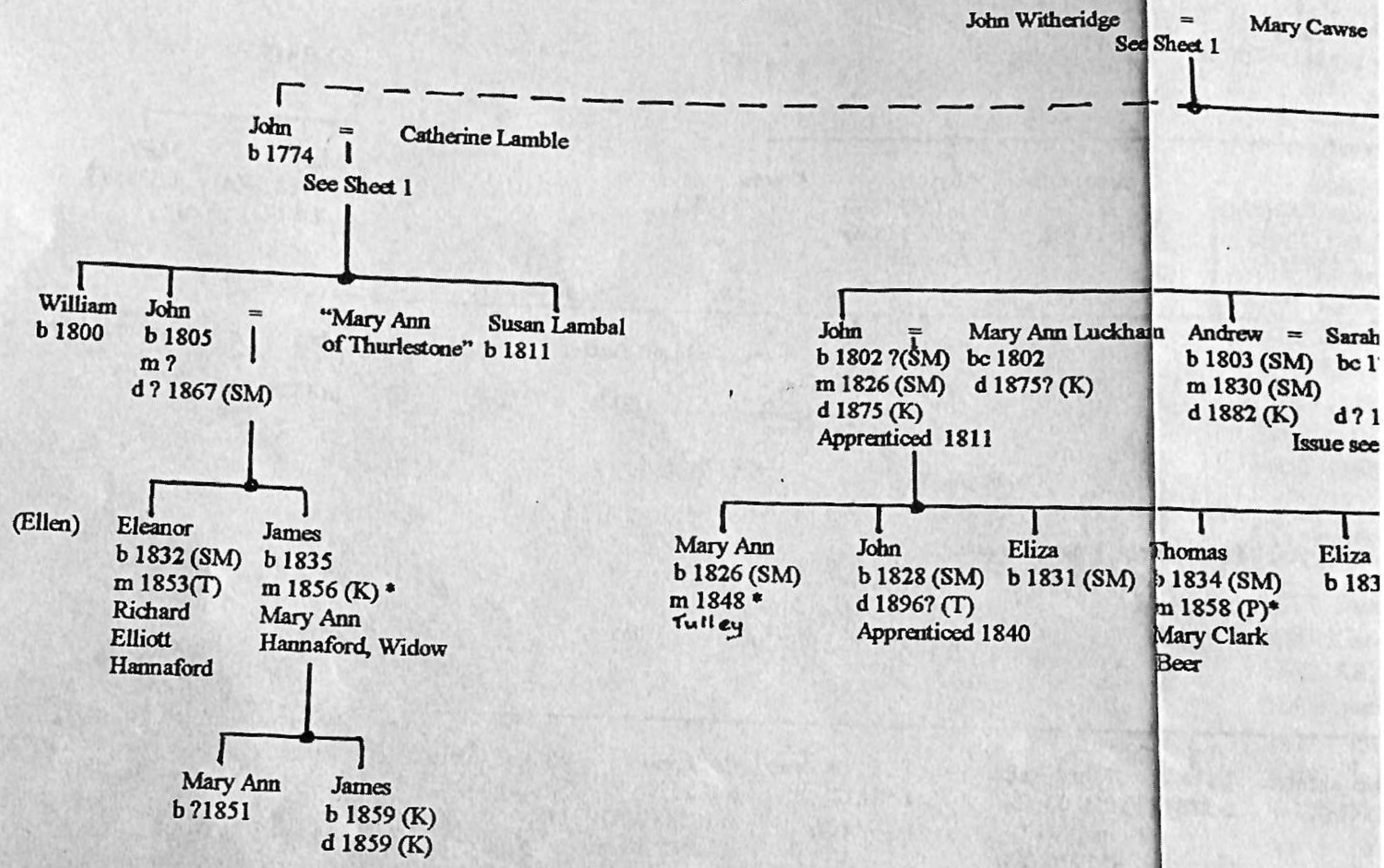
## SOUTH MILTON AND THURLESTONE FAMILY TREE

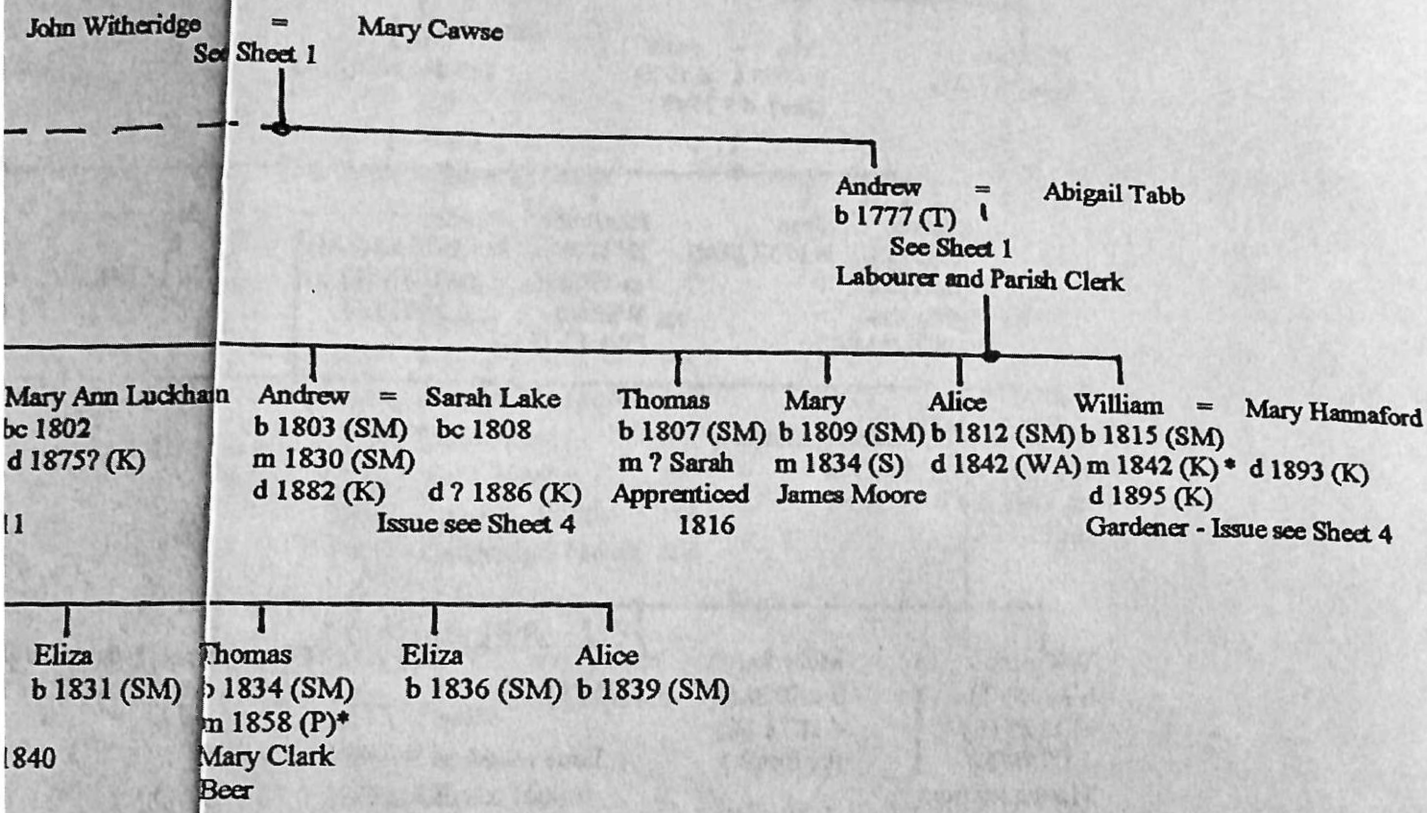
## SHEET 2


John Witheridge = Mary Cawse
See Sheet 1
John b 1774 = Catherine Lamble
See Sheet 1
William b 1800
John b 1805 m ? d ? 1867 (SM) =
"Mary Ann of Thurlestone"
Susan Lambal b 1811
John b 1802 ?(SM) m 1826 (SM) d 1875 (K) Apprenticed 1811 = Mary Ann Luckham bc 1802 d 1875? (K)
Andrew = Sarah
b 1803 (SM) m 1830 (SM) d 1882 (K)
bc 1
d ? 1
Issue see
(Ellen) Eleanor b 1832 (SM) m 1853(T) Richard Elliott Hannaford
James b 1835 m 1856 (K) * Mary Ann Hannaford, Widow
Mary Ann b 1826 (SM) m 1848 * Tulley
John b 1828 (SM) d 1896? (T) Apprenticed 1840
Eliza b 1831 (SM)
Thomas b 1834 (SM) m 1858 (P)* Mary Clark Beer
Eliza b 183
Mary Ann b ?1851
James b 1859 (K) d 1859 (K)

(SM) = South Milton
(T) = Thurleston
(K) = Kingsbridge Registration D
(P) = Plymouth

Note:- William born 1815 and James born 1835 both married a "Mary Hannaford"

* = Certificate held


John Witheridge = Mary Cawse
See Sheet 1
Andrew = Abigail Tabb
b 1777 (T)
See Sheet 1
Labourer and Parish Clerk
Mary Ann Luckham
bc 1802
d 1875? (K)
11
Andrew = Sarah Lake
b 1803 (SM) bc 1808
m 1830 (SM)
d 1882 (K) d ? 1886 (K)
Issue see Sheet 4
Thomas
b 1807 (SM)
m ? Sarah
Apprenticed
1816
Mary
b 1809 (SM)
m 1834 (S)
James Moore
Alice
b 1812 (SM)
d 1842 (WA)
William = Mary Hannaford
b 1815 (SM)
m 1842 (K)*
d 1895 (K)
d 1893 (K)
Gardener - Issue see Sheet 4
Eliza
b 1831 (SM)
1840
Thomas
b 1834 (SM)
m 1858 (P)*
Mary Clark
Beer
Eliza
b 1836 (SM)
Alice
b 1839 (SM)

(SM) = South Milton
(T) = Thurleston
(K) = Kingsbridge Registration District
(P) = Plymouth

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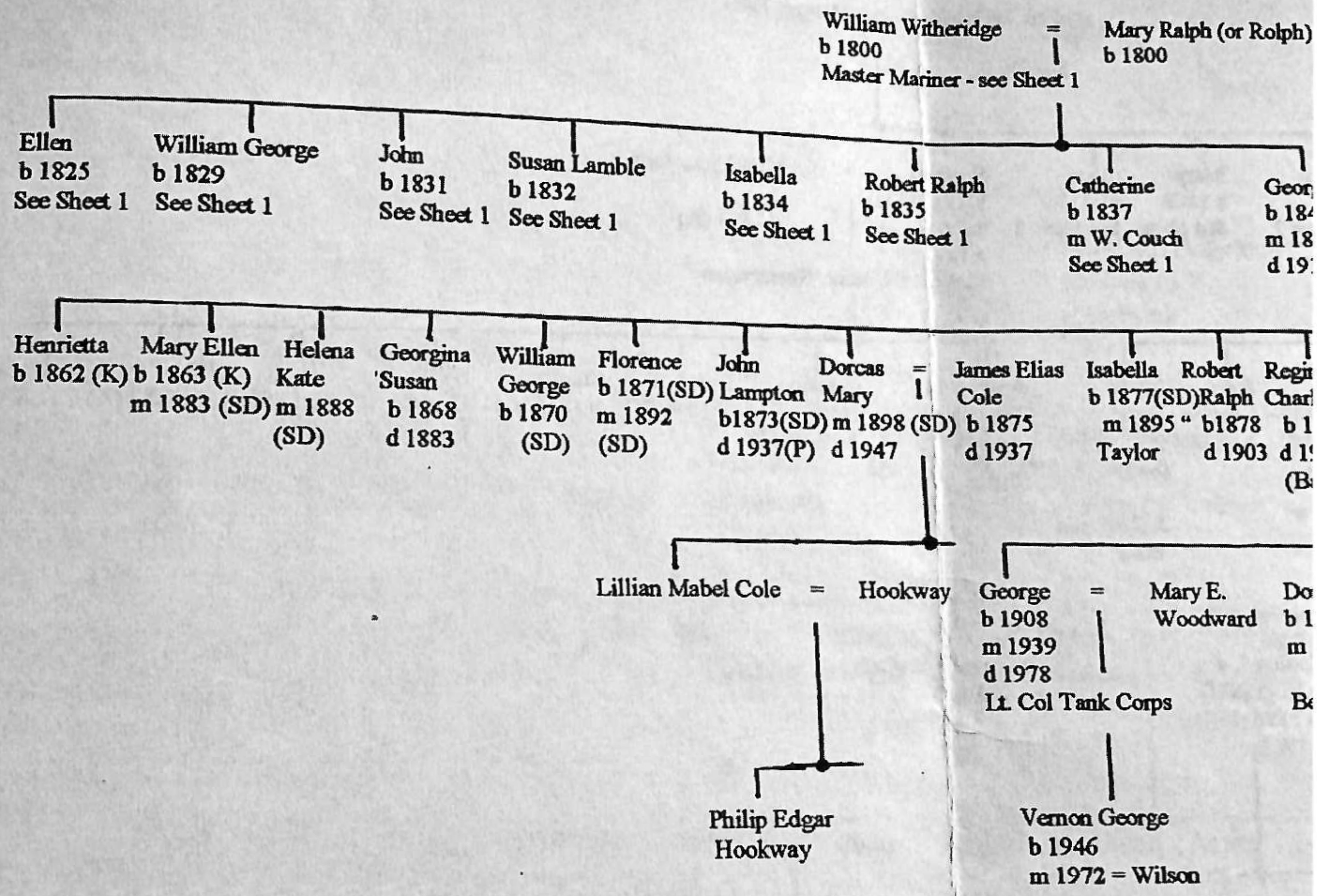
## SOUTH MILTON AND THURLESTONE FAMILY TREE EXTENDED INTO STOKE DAMEREL AND LLANELLY

**SHEET 3**


William Witheridge b 1800 Master Mariner - see Sheet 1
=
Mary Ralph (or Rolph) b 1800
Ellen b 1825 See Sheet 1
William George b 1829 See Sheet 1
John b 1831 See Sheet 1
Susan Lamble b 1832 See Sheet 1
Isabella b 1834 See Sheet 1
Robert Ralph b 1835 See Sheet 1
Catherine b 1837 m W. Couch See Sheet 1
Geor b 184 m 18 d 19
Henrietta b 1862 (K)
Mary Ellen b 1863 (K) m 1883 (SD)
Helena Kate m 1888 (SD)
Georgina 'Susan b 1868 d 1883
William George b 1870 (SD)
Florence b 1871(SD) m 1892 (SD)
John Lampton b1873(SD) d 1937(P)
Dorcas Mary m 1898 (SD) d 1947
=
James Elias Cole b 1875 d 1937
Isabella b 1877(SD) m 1895 " Taylor
Robert Ralph b1878 d 1903
Regi Char b 1 d 19 (B
Lillian Mabel Cole
=
Hookway
George b 1908 m 1939 d 1978 Lt. Col Tank Corps
=
Mary E. Woodward
Do b 1 m Be
Philip Edgar Hookway
Vernon George b 1946 m 1972 = Wilson

C = Caeron
(T) = Thurlestone
(SD)= Stoke Damerel
(K) = Kingsbridge Registration District
(D) = Devonport
(P) = Plymouth
(Ll) = Llanelly

* = Certificate held

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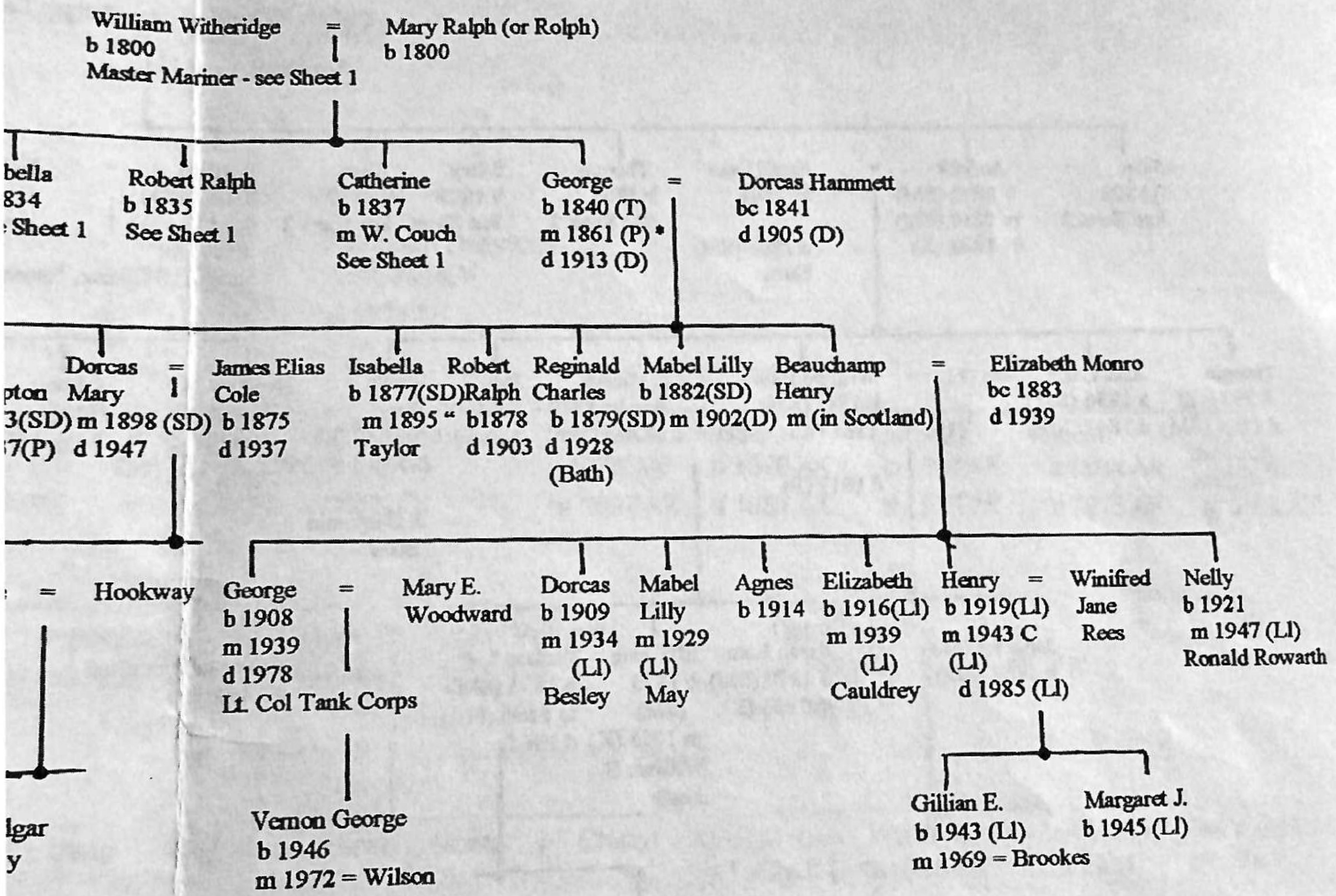


William Witheridge
b 1800
Master Mariner - see Sheet 1
=
Mary Ralph (or Rolph)
b 1800

bella
834
: Sheet 1

Robert Ralph
b 1835
See Sheet 1

Catherine
b 1837
m W. Couch
See Sheet 1

George
b 1840 (T)
m 1861 (P) *
d 1913 (D)
=
Dorcas Hammett
bc 1841
d 1905 (D)

pton
3(SD)
7(P)

Dorcas
Mary
m 1898 (SD)
d 1947
=
James Elias
Cole
b 1875
d 1937

Isabella
b 1877(SD)
m 1895 "
Taylor

Robert
Ralph
b1878
d 1903

Reginald
Charles
b 1879(SD)
d 1928
(Bath)

Mabel Lilly
b 1882(SD)
m 1902(D)

Beauchamp
Henry
m (in Scotland)
=
Elizabeth Monro
bc 1883
d 1939

: = Hookway

lgar
y

George
b 1908
m 1939
d 1978
Lt. Col Tank Corps
=
Mary E.
Woodward

Dorcas
b 1909
m 1934
(Ll)
Besley

Mabel
Lilly
m 1929
(Ll)
May

Agnes
b 1914

Elizabeth
b 1916(Ll)
m 1939
(Ll)
Cauldrey

Henry
b 1919(Ll)
m 1943 C
(Ll)
d 1985 (Ll)
=
Winifred
Jane
Rees

Nelly
b 1921
m 1947 (Ll)
Ronald Rowarth

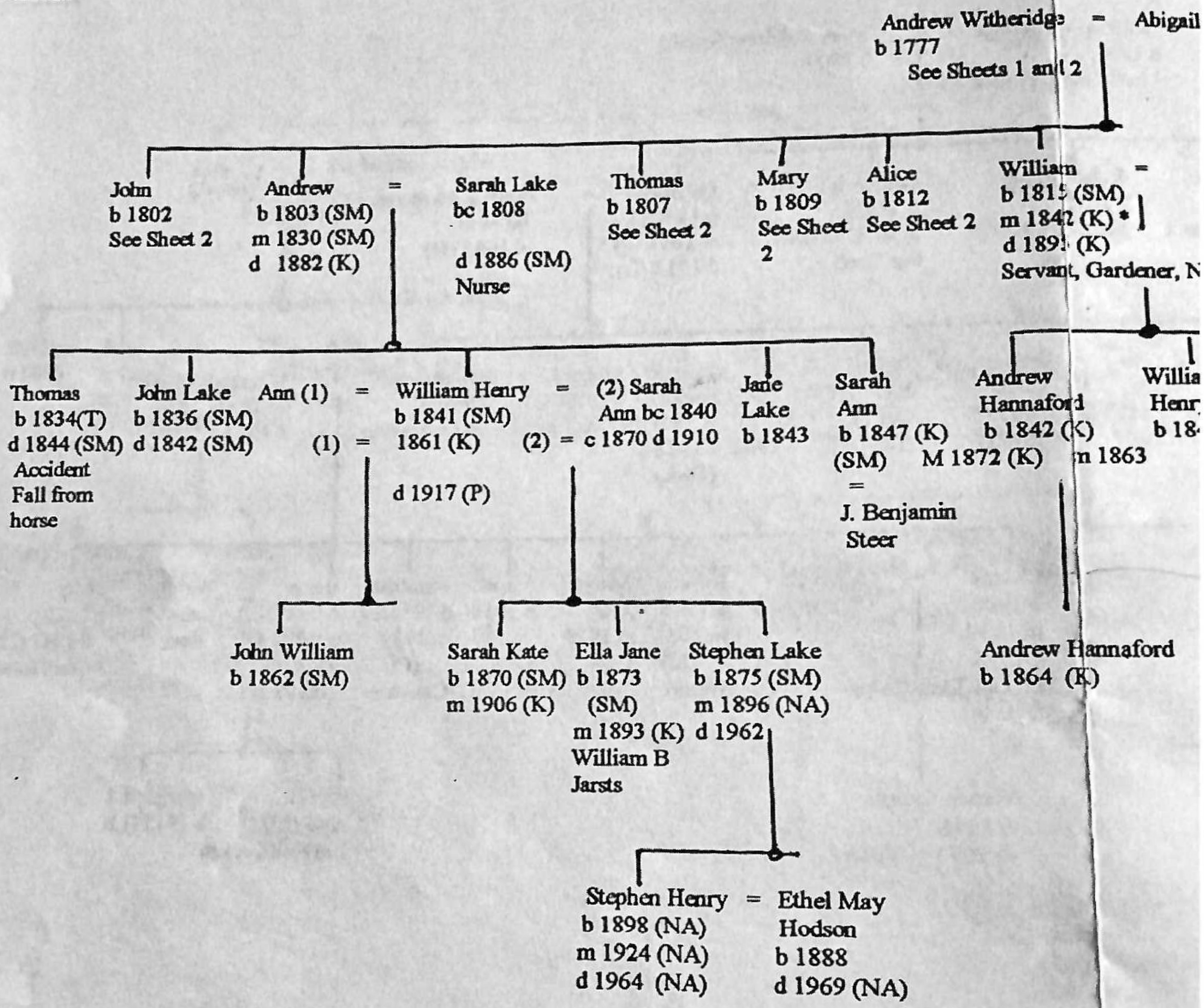
Vernon George
b 1946
m 1972 = Wilson

Gillian E.
b 1943 (Ll)
m 1969 = Brookes

Margaret J.
b 1945 (Ll)

**SOUTH MILTON AND THURLESTONE FAMILY TREE**

**SHEET 4**


Andrew Witheridge = Abigail
b 1777
See Sheets 1 and 2
John
b 1802
See Sheet 2
Andrew = Sarah Lake
b 1803 (SM)
m 1830 (SM)
d 1882 (K)
bc 1808
d 1886 (SM)
Nurse
Thomas
b 1807
See Sheet 2
Mary
b 1809
See Sheet 2
Alice
b 1812
See Sheet 2
William =
b 181 (SM)
m 184 (K) *
d 189 (K)
Servant, Gardener, N
Thomas
b 1834(T)
d 1844 (SM)
Accident
Fall from horse
John Lake
b 1836 (SM)
d 1842 (SM)
Ann (1) = William Henry = (2) Sarah Ann bc 1840
b 1841 (SM)
(1) = 1861 (K)
(2) = c 1870 d 1910
d 1917 (P)
Jane Lake
b 1843
Sarah Ann
b 1847 (K)
(SM)
=
J. Benjamin Steer
Andrew Hannaford
b 1842 (K)
M 1872 (K)
Willia
Henr
b 18
m 1863
John William
b 1862 (SM)
Sarah Kate
b 1870 (SM)
m 1906 (K)
Ella Jane
b 1873 (SM)
m 1893 (K)
William B Jarsts
Stephen Lake
b 1875 (SM)
m 1896 (NA)
d 1962
Andrew Hannaford
b 1864 (K)
Stephen Henry = Ethel May Hodson
b 1898 (NA)
m 1924 (NA)
d 1964 (NA)
b 1888
d 1969 (NA)

(SM) = South Milton
(K) = Kingsbridge Registration District
(NA) = Newton Abbott

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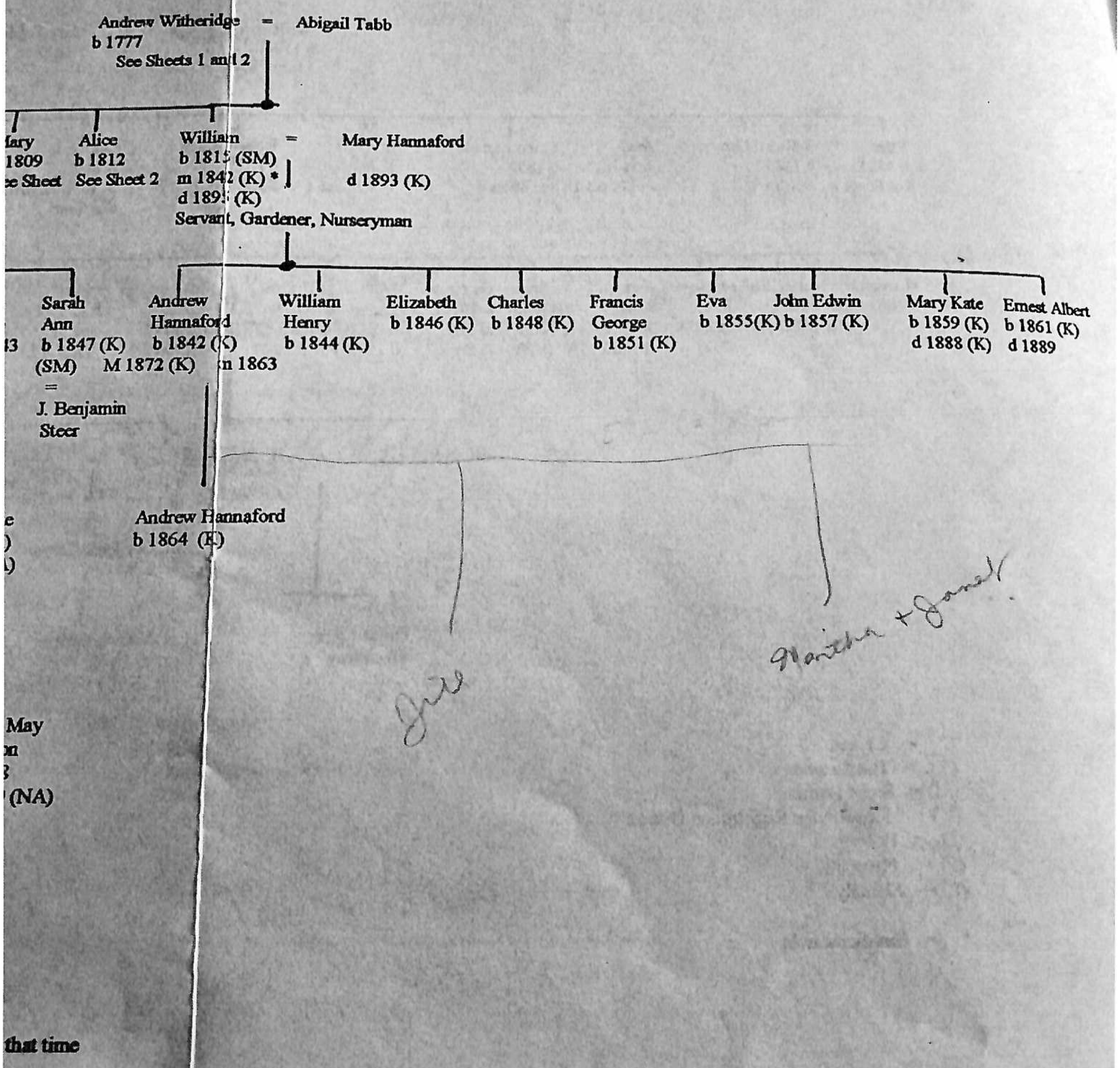
| Census Returns | Certificates |
| Personal Information | |


Andrew Witheridge = Abigail Tabb
b 1777
See Sheets 1 and 2
ary
1809
e Sheet
Alice
b 1812
See Sheet 2
William = Mary Hannaford
b 1815 (SM)
m 1842 (K) *
d 1893 (K)
Servant, Gardener, Nurseryman
d 1893 (K)
3
Sarah Ann
b 1847 (K)
(SM)
=
J. Benjamin Steer
Andrew Hannaford
b 1842 (K)
M 1872 (K)
n 1863
William Henry
b 1844 (K)
Elizabeth
b 1846 (K)
Charles
b 1848 (K)
Francis George
b 1851 (K)
Eva
b 1855(K)
John Edwin
b 1857 (K)
Mary Kate
b 1859 (K)
d 1888 (K)
Ernest Albert
b 1861 (K)
d 1889
e
)
)
Andrew Hannaford
b 1864 (K)
Jill
Martha + Janet.
May
n
3
(NA)
that time

Regarding the penciled notes by DEW:
"Jill" refers to Jill Pierson; see her index entry.
"Martha + Janet" refer to Martha Gilmore and Janet Sauter; see their index entries.

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| Letter (Feb. 1871) from James Moore, Darlington, Ont., to his mother-in-law, Miriam Walter of Bradworthy, Devon | | Log 1242<br>9/16/91 | W 283<br>Kathy Witheridge folder |
| All Witheridges in No. Amer. from IGI on computer at LDS Lib. (1994 Edition) | | Log 1278<br>7/30/96 | W 284 |
| Witheridge entries from 1880 New Jersey Census Soundex Index | | Log 1285<br>8/19/96 | W 285 |
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| Witheridge entries from 1920 New Jersey Census Soundex Index | | Log 1285<br>8/19/96 | W 290 |
| Witheridge entries from 1910 Pennsylvania Census Soundex Index | | Log 1286<br>9/9/96 | W 291 |
| Witheridge entries from 1920 Pennsylvania Census Soundex Index | | Log 1286<br>9/9/96 | W 292 |
| Bleakley entries from 1920 New Jersey Census Soundex Index | | Log 1286<br>9/9/96 | W 293 |
| Witheridge entries from 1915 New Jersey State Census of Rahway (LDS Lib.) | | Log 1287<br>10/7/96 | W 294 |
| Witheridge entries from 1880 New York Census Soundex Index (LDS Lib.) | | Log 1288<br>10/7/96 | W 295 |
| Witheridge entries from R. L. Polk City Directory of Rahway, N. J. (LDS Lib.) | | Log 1288<br>10/7/96 | W 296 |
| ~~Witheridge entries in Rahway from 1915 State Census of New Jersey (LDS Lib.)~~ | | ~~Log 1289~~<br>~~10/7/96~~ | ~~W 297~~ |
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| Items about Rahway and Creighton Witheridge from Hist. of Union Co., N.J., F. Honeyman, Ed. (MHS Lib.) | | Log 1290<br>8/2/96 | W298 | |
| Telephone call to Mrs. Janet Sauter, Fairfield, N.J., about her Witheridge ancestry | | Log 1292<br>10/27/96 | W299 | |
| Witheridge entries in St. Catherine's House General Index, Births, 1842, 4th Qtr.; 1844, 1st Qtr.; 1870, 3rd Qtr.; and 1872, 4th Qtr. | | Log 1293<br>12/2/96 | W300 | Witheridge to be recorded |
| Witheridge entries in St. Catherine's House General Index, Births, 1865, 3rd Qtr. | | Log 1294<br>1/13/97 | W301 | 〃 |
| Witheridge entries in 1871 Census of England, Kingsbridge Reg. Dist. | | Log 1294<br>1/13/97 | W302 | 〃 |
| Book of Descendants from John Witheridge, b. 1712, So. Milton, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge family | | Log 1295<br>9/23/96 | W303a | |
| Descendant Chart from John Witheridge, b. 1712 | | Log 1295<br>9/23/96 | W303b | |
| Family Group Records of Andrew Witheridge + Abigail Tobb, William Witheridge + Mary Hanaford, + Andrew Hanaford Witheridge + Elizabeth Hanaford | | Log 1295<br>9/23/96 | W303c | |
| Pedigree Charts of Andrew Hanaford Witheridge, Vernon Witheridge, + Gladys Crauch | | Log 1295<br>9/23/96 | W303d | |
| Family tree of the So. Milton, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge Witheridge family | | Log 1296<br>11/23/96 | W304 | |
| E-mail from Jill Pierson about her Witheridge ancestry | | Log 1303<br>12/14/97 | W305 | } * |
| Inf. on coal industry + Caledonia Coal Co. from Hist. of Saginaw Co., Mich., by James Cooke Mills | | Log 1315<br>6/7/02 | W306 | |
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* Note the four-plus year gap in the log dates.

# Editor's note:

Starting at this point, the correspondence between DEW and Kathy Witheridge (b. 1942) shifted from regular postal delivery ("snail mail") to the new-fangled email that was rapidly taking over the world of written communication.

To save space, I have taken the liberty of downsizing the text, eliminating unnecessary white space, and (where possible) combining two or more separate email messages on the same page.

Also, to make referencing and searching easier, I have added a sequential encircled page number to the righthand corner of each page, starting with ① for the next one.

Tom Witheridge
January 21, 2022

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Subj: **Re: 1881 British Census**
Date: 6/3/99 10:58:15 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

[Sent to the entire Witheridge Society email list]

Hi Gang;

I now have the 1881 British Census on 25 CDs! If any of you would like me to do any look-ups, please feel free to ask.

I also have the 1851 Census but this one only covers 3 Counties, Devon, Norfolk and Warwick. Should anyone require anything from this CD, I will oblige.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative

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Subj: **Re: BLACKMORE**
Date: 9/23/99 2:45:11 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

[Sent just to DEW]

Hi David;

I have just been looking at the 1851 census for Combmartin, Devon, and found the following:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BLACKMORE, Susanna | head | 70 | pauper Ag Lab widow |
| BLACKMORE, Clara | dau | 28 | general workwoman Ag Lab |
| BLACKMORE, William | son | 26 | farm labourer |
| BLACKMORE, George | g/son | 9 | scholar |
| BLACKMORE, Mary Witheridge | g/dau | 1 | |

I know that Clara married John Witheridge, and I have their first child as William Witheridge, born Sep 23, 1856. Did Susanna have children older than Clara? Maybe another one who married a Witheridge, or does Mary Witheridge Blackmore belong to Clara? And, who does George belong to?

So many questions that I keep coming up with! Just trying to test your memory!

I am keeping extremely busy at the moment, as my sister and brother-in-law arrive from England next Thursday.

One more question David, I am trying to create a web-page for the Witheridge Society, do you know if Dorothy Witheridge, the Australian rep, has an e-mail address? Maybe I should ask Tony, but I haven't talked with him in a while, was in the midst of moving.

← Dorothy + Tony Witheridge

Talk at ya soon
Love,
Kathy

Subj: **Re: BLACKMORE**
Date: 9/27/99 10:27:10 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi, Kathy,

Your e-mail reminded me of unsolved mysteries in my family history, and I got out my records again to see what I could find.

First, in regard to George Blackmore. He is the one who was later known as George Curtis. The family story is that before Clara Blackmore married John Witheridge, she married George Curtis, who then went off to sea and was never heard from again. He is supposed to gone with Maximilian to Mexico. The ship and all the crew apparently were lost.

There is no record that Clara ever married George Curtis, and the birth certificate of the younger George gives his name as George Blackmore and lists Clara as unmarried. She is also called unmarried in George's baptismal record in the Combmartin parish register. George had a twin brother John, who died in infancy.

In the 1861 Census of Combmartin in the record of John and Clara Witheridge's family, George is listed as "George Curtice, son, unmarried, 18, blacksmith apprentice, born in Combmartin." He later married a Mary Jones, and they had four children: William, Clara Elizabeth, John, and Laura. The Curtises apparently all came to America, and our family occasionally had contact with some of them, though I never met any of them.

Now, in regard to Mary Witheridge Blackmore, my conjecture is that she was the daughter of John Witheridge. The birth certificate and baptismal record just show her as Mary Blackmore, not with the middle name of Witheridge as given in the 1851 Census, and they both list Clara as unmarried. In the 1861 Census under John and Clara Witheridge's family, Mary is listed as follows: "Mary Witheridge, Dau., 11, scholar, born in Combmartin." Later Mary had two children, both listed as illegitimate on the birth certificates and in the Combmartin parish register: Eva, b. Nov. 6, 1871; and William John, b.. Apr. 7, 1873. I didn't find her in the 1871 Census, but she may have been listed in some other family that I missed, or she may have been out-of-town during her pregnancy.

By the way, the 1871 Census shows Clara Witheridge with the children–William, Betsy, Edwin, and Susan–but not the father, John. He may have been in Wales looking for a place to move the family to.

Another thing I notice is that my record of the 1851 Census shows another daughter living with Susanna Blackmore: "Ann Blackmore, Dau., unmarried, 26, Ag. Lab. born in Combmartin." You asked if Susanna had more children older than Clara, and the answer is yes, she had eight older that Clara, but I won't try to list them all.

I guess this answer your questions about the Blackmore family, probably with more information than you wanted. In regard to Dorothy Witheridge, no, I don't know if she has an e-mail address, so I guess you'll have to ask Tony.

Have a good time with your sister and brother-in-law!

Love, David

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Subj: **Re: Witheridge**
Date: 10/17/99 1:05:10 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

Sorry I haven't written you in a while but I have had my sister and brother-in-law over from Britain. They were with us for a couple of weeks and returned home last Friday evening.

I have just found a Christy Witheridge on the internet, who tells me that her father is Larry Witheridge and her grandfather is Robert Witheridge. Do you know who this might be?

Love,
Kathy

Subj: **Re: Witheridge**
Date: 10/18/99 6:14:54 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

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On 18 Oct 99, at 17:39, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> Yes, I know who Christy is, though I have never been in touch with
> her. I think she is about twenty years old. Her father is the Larry
> Witheridge you have on your list at 132 Palisade Circle, Manitou
> Springs, CO 80829. He is the son of my first cousin Robert
> Witheridge, whose father was my father's brother Edward. Uncle Ed had
> a hardware store in Port Townsend, Washington.

Hi David;

I found Edward Allen Witheridge, born Sep 6 1891 and died in Jan 1975 in Port Townsend, Washington. However, I do not have his wife's name or any of his children. Would you happen to have this information?

> I've had some contact with Larry, and I have his e-mail address, but I
> don't think I'll even give it to you, because I don't think you'd even
> want to get on his list. He keeps on sending out junk mail, sometimes
> every few days, which I promptly delete.

I am pleased to hear that you advised me of this David, it can become quite a nuisance! What is he selling?

> Joan Shaw, who with her husband Ron came out east in a motorhome this
> summer and made a few stops in Michigan, is Larry's sister. I think I
> told you about them and I gave her your address to try to look you up
> on their way.

I have been in touch with Joan and I know that she visited Joyce Aldrich in Lansing this summer, they had a great time. Joyce told me the whole story. I was sorry that I did not get to meet with them, it would appear that they are really nice people.

I keep in touch with Joyce Aldrich on a regular basis, we have become great friends. A few weeks ago, she advised me that they are going to England next May for Witheridge Day 2000. Boy am I envious! Apparently, three of the sisters are going, Joyce, Winnie and Jean, along with Joyce's husband. I was also told that maybe some of Jean's family will be going again too.

Have you heard as to whether or not Kim has moved yet? I am waiting to get a new address for her. Will have to write to Joyce Browne again, as she brings me up to date on all the news.

> It will be good for you to be in touch with Christy. We need to keep
> the younger generation interested in family matters.

I will do that.

Love, Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Witheridge**
Date: 10/20/99 8:46:25 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 19 Oct 99, at 10:58, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> Here's the information about Uncle Ed: He married Mable Doris Wright
> on June 24, 1914, in Bay City, Mich. They had only one child, Robert
> Edward, born Mar. 22, 1916, in Saginaw, Mich. Robert married Lois
> Elizabeth Garrison April 10, 1937, in Oregon City, Ore. I don't have
> the date of Robert's death handy, but it was a few years ago.

Hi David;

As always, thanks for the information! I received a note from Joan Shaw today and she filled in one or two more gaps. Along with she and Larry there is also a brother Robert who lives in California. Apparently, Lois Witheridge is still alive and is now 86, but her husband Robert Edward died on Nov 2, 1994 at Port Hadlock, WA.

Larry Witheridge has 3 children, Christy (20), Katie (18), David (16), but I do not know the name of Larry's wife. I have asked for this information.

When you hear from Kim to advise you that she is on the internet, could you please let me know. Kim is such a hard person to reach and it will be great to have her on the 'net'.

Must close now,
Love
Kathy

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> Mable died Aug. 23, 1965, in Port Townsend, and Ed married Margaret
> Woods, widow of a Mr. Campbell, on Sept 3, 1966.
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> Great news to hear that Joyce and others of her family are going to
> Witheridge Day 2000. I'm sure they'll have a good time.
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> In a letter from Kim on Sept. 8 she said they hoped to move by Sept.
> 30, but I don't know if they were able to. I waited to answer until
> after they had moved, but then I got busy and haven't had time. Their
> address is Cherry Trees, Ingleden Park Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6NS.
> She says they're planning to go on the Internet soon, and that will
> be a help for all of us.
>
> Love, David
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Subj: **Re: Rev John Witheridge**
Date: 10/29/99 8:50:42 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

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Hi David;

Hope that you are keeping well and prepared for the winter months.

It seems that each time I drop you a note it is to ask questions!

Recently, I found an article on the Internet which had been taken from The Surrey Advertiser Ltd, in 1997. Part of it read as follows:

"A student at Charterhouse is in a coma, fighting for his life, after an accident during a sea survival exercise in the school's swimming pool.

Nick Stafford, 18, of Epsom, who is described as a 'strong swimmer', became trapped underneath a life-raft during Combined Cadet Force sea survival training on Monday afternoon.

The course was being run by Royal Navy personnel from Gosport in the pool at the school's sports centre.

The headmaster, the Rev John Witheridge, said the group of 17 cadets were in the water working with life-crafts........."

As we all know there are many Johns! Have you ever heard of this one?

It is surprising what you find on the internet when you look for the Witheridge name.

Did you get your Fall edition of the Witheridge Times yesterday? I see that there is no change of address for Kim as yet!

Talk to you soon,
Love,
Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Rev John Witheridge**
Date: 10/30/99 8:46:40 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi, Kathy,

Yes, I know the Rev. John Witheridge. Elizabeth and I met him and his family on one of our visits to England. At that time he was "the Conduct" at Eton College in Windsor. That is the designation given to the priest who is the spiritual leader or chaplain at Eton College, which is the only place in England where that terminolgy is used. He had previously been chaplain for the Archbishop of Canterbury. I believe he went directly from Eton to be the Headmaster at Charterhouse.

John is the nephew of George A.C.Witheridge and Harry (Henry James) Witheridge, whom Elizabeth and I became well acquainted with on our trips to England. John's father is their brother Frank (Francis Edward), whom we met just once at a family gathering at Harry's. They also had a brother Stanley, who spent some time in New Zealand and also in Switzerland. George is the father of Col. Anthony Witheridge, the retired army officer who died about a year ago, and whose funeral Kim wrote about in the Witheridge Times.

I don't seem to have all the records about their family, but I believe they stem from the George Causey Wiitheridge family, which goes back to Northam in northwest Devon.

I wrote to Kim and Roy about a week ago at their new address, but of course haven't had time to know if it reached them or not.

All is going well here.

Love. David

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Subj: **Re: Rev John Witheridge**
Date: 10/31/99 9:48:48 AM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

I had a feeling that you would know all about him!

Last year I corresponded with Simon Witheridge, who is the son of Anthony Gilbart Witheridge and Francoise Mary (Burnaand) and grandson of George Albert Childs Witheridge (dob Nov 2, 1909). ?

I will give you Simon's e-mail address:

simon.witheridge@hsam.co.uk

and his brother Philip (Pip)

witheridge@mailcity.com

Just in case you would like to drop them a line. They appear like very nice young men.

I did a little research for them (from St. Catherines index), but only got as far back as Robert Herbert Witheridge s/o George Causey Witheridge and Margaret Ramsey, born in the Dec qtr of 1887 at Pancras.

Talk to you later, and thanks again for the info.
Love,
Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Found another Witheridge**
Date: 11/2/99 6:45:32 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

Just a short note to let you know that I have found another Witheridge descendant! Peggy Weldy of the US, wrote as follows:

"My paternal grandmother, Jane Witheridge b 1875, married Clifford Samuel Werfield, b 1865, d 1914. Her parents were John Phillips Witheridge and Emma Northcott. I believe they were from England and had been servants to Lord and Lady Carew. They had 7 children as far as I can ascertain, Mary, Will, Emma, Tom, Jane, John and George."

This family stem from the Tavistock family and connect with Paul's family in Bradworthy.

At the present time I am corresponding, almost daily, with Tony Witheridge, he is going to help me put together a web page for The Witheridge Society, as I have never done one before and he has done a couple for himself.

Talk to you soon,
Love
Kathy

Subj: **Re: Found another Witheridge**
Date: 11/4/99 9:07:02 AM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 3 Nov 99, at 18:06, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> Thanks for the note about Peggy Weldy. I know about John Phillip(s)
> Witheridge and Emma Northcott, because they are the ancestors of Keith
> Witheridge, formerly of Pennsylvania and currently in Florida.
> However, I didn't know they had a connection to Bradworthy and Paul's
> family. Will you tell me about this connection?

} DEW

Hi David;

Peggy gave me the name John Philip Witheridge and when I asked Joyce Browne about this person, she advised that it was PHILLIPS and not Philip.

I never knew that there was a connection between the Tavistock Witheridges and the Bradworthy Witheridges. It was not until I started looking at the Tavistock Family Tree that I saw the connection.

Prior to the Witheridge family moving to Bradworthy they were from Barnstaple until 1632. At which time they were in Infracombe. I believe via Fremington. It was not until 1698 that one of Paul's grandfathers, Thomas Witheridge was baptised in Bradworthy. After this date there were a couple of Witheridge family members born in Morwentstow in 1759 and 1761. It was Paul's 5 x gt grandfather, George Witheridge who was baptised in Morwentstow in 1761. He married Jane Oke in Bradworthy on Jan 22 1783 - this is where the family connect! George had a brother Richard, whom I never knew about. Richard was born in Kilkhampton in 1766 and he married Mary PHILLIPS in Tavistock in 1799. As you can now see, Peggy's family and Paul's family connect. The Witheridge Society obviously knew of this connection as they have a Family Tree showing the Ilfracombe/Bradworthy link to Tavistock.

> John Phillip Witheridge (My records leave off the "s" on his middle
> name.) and Emma Northcott came to this country about 1869. They spent
> some time in Wharton, N.J., and later went to Nanticoke, Pa., where
> they both died in 1913. I have their family group sheet that shows
> all the children listed by Peggy, but I didn't have the name of Jane's
> husband.
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> John Phillip Wiitheridge's parents were John Phillips Witheridge and
> Jane Percy, and the older John Phillips was the son of Richard
> Witheridge and Mary Phillips. Philip Witheridge had an article about
> this family in the Witheridg e Times, Vol. 5, No. 2, but I can't find
> my copy of that issue. (Some of my records seem to be disorganized.)

} DEW

Yes there is a research report on the Tavistock Witheridge line done by Philip in the above edition. However, I think that having Peggy on board might clear up a few 'gray areas'.

I wrote to George Keith Witheridge in June of 1996, and although I did receive a brief reply from him, he advised that he was 88 years of age

and had very little contact with his son who had no interest in family history. I also wrote to Mrs. Jean E. Witheridge of Nantecoke, PA, and she advised that her husband had been dead for 21 years. I cannot remember, without looking up details, where she fit in.

> That's all I can say right now, but it's great to find another
> descendant from this family.

} DEW

I have recently joined mailing lists for New Jersey and Pennsylvania to see what I can find out about these families. I will certainly let you know if I find anything of interest.

Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Whiteridges in Ohio**
Date: 11/4/99 8:18:30 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

Another question!

Do you know where the Whitteridge family born in Ohio originate?

Taken from the IGI:

WHITTERIDGE, Byron - b May 14 1871 at Clark, Ohio
s/o Worthington Whitteridge and Sallie Henry

WHITERIDGE, Elizabeth L - b Apr 1872 at Clark, Ohio
d/o Thomas Whiteridge and Jennie Aldrich

WHITERIDGE, Eurilda - b Feb 10 1873 at Clark, Ohio
d/o W. Whiteridge and Sallie Henry

WHITERIDGE, Hattie - b Nov 20 1874 at Clark, Ohio
d/o Horace Whiteridge and Evira J. Scrike

WHITTERIDGE, Maude - b Aug 9 1871 at Clark, Ohio
d/o George Whitteridge and Catherine Franklin

WHITERIDGE, William T - b Jun 15 1870 at Clark, Ohio
s/o Thomas Whiteridge and Jenny Aldrich

WHITTERIDGE, William - b Nov 1872 at Clark, Ohio
s/o Worthington Whitteridge and Sallie Henry

Would the above be a completely different family to ours, or are they connected?

Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Whiteridges in Ohio**
Date: 11/6/99 4:44:59 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi, Kathy,

No, I have never seen this family before, and I do not know if they are related to our Witheridges or not. John Witheridge in England seems to think all the different spellings may be related, and maybe some are, but not all. We'll just have to keep them on file, I guess.

Love, David

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Subj: **Re: A New Member**
Date: 11/9/99 1:14:46 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sleepy.ebtech.net

Hi Gang;

Just wanted to let you all know that we have a new member to the Witheridge Society.

I found Peggy Weldy, who lives in Tucson, Arizona. Peggy descends from the Tavistock family and she is the first person from this line to be found in the US. We have got the Tavistock line to connect to the Bradworthy line, so Peggy is a distant relative to Paul.

Welcome aboard Peggy.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge

Subj: **Re: Whiteridges in Ohio**
Date: 11/12/99 10:34:46 AM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 6 Nov 99, at 17:44, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> No, I have never seen this family before, and I do not know if they
> are related to our Witheridges or not. John Witheridge in England
> seems to think all the different spellings may be related, and maybe
> some are, but not all. We'll just have to keep them on file, I guess.

Hi David;

Joyce Browne and myself have done quite a large amount of research on the 'Salem Witchcraft Trials'. You may recall that one of the witches was supposedly Sarah (Buckley) Whitterage who married Sylvester Whitterage at Marblehead, Massachusetts on Nov 17, 1684. It is quite surprising how many different ways the name is spelled throughout all the research. It has never been established as to whether or not Sylvester belonged to any of our families. According to a passenger list it showed as follows:

April, 1635 - In the Eliz: prd W. Stagg, master, bound for New England:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A Carpenter | Wm Whitteredd | 36 |
| uxor | Elizabeth | 30 |
| sonn | Thos: Whitteredd | 10 |

I have found a note which someone sent to me in 1998 which reads:

"Married - Scituate:
Dr. William Whitridge of Tiverton and Mary Cushing - 10 Mar 1781"

I don't know much more about this info - only that I seem to recall hearing the name Cushing before. Do you think that this might have been in Tiverton, Devon?

I know I ask too many questions David, but I know you have been researching for a long time.

Hope you are well.
Love
Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Whiteridges in Ohio**
Date: 11/12/99 12:25:16 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi, Kathy,

Once again I've failed you. I don't have anything more on any of these three "Witheridges." I did know about Sylvester, but I didn't know about the others, and I'm glad to get the information. Keep feeding me questions, because I just might possibly have something.

Love, David

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Subj: **Re: A Merry Christmas**
Date: 12/12/99 3:18:07 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sleepy.ebtech.net

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all 'A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.

This year, Paul and I have decided against sending Christmas cards ar will be making a donation to 'The Canadian Diabetic Association'. Havi been diabetic for some 36 years and now starting to get a little 'diabetic damage', I feel the necessity to support them to the maximum.

This does not mean that you will not be in our thoughts at this time.

I am fascinated that our family is growing quite rapidly. We are now much larger in North America than they are in Britain. I have found numerous new family members this year and am still looking.

We had a wonderful Reunion this year, and although we only had 25 attend, it was a great day. We look forward to having more of these events in the coming years.

For those of you who are not members of 'The Witheridge Society' and have an interest to join us, please let me know and I will forward details

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

Subj: **Re: Up and Running!**
Date: 3/31/00 2:12:47 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

Hi Guys!

The Witheridge Society is now on line!!

Go to:

http://www2.ebtech.net/~kathpaul

Please let me have your thoughts prior to us leaving for Britain next Wednesday, April 5th. We will be attending Witheridge Day 2000 in Tiverton, Devon.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative

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Subj: **Web site**
Date: 4/5/00 10:48:59 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitherdg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi Kathy,

I think the Witheridge Society web site is great. You did a wonderful job with it. I hope some new "Witheridges" discover it. They will be amazed. I'm especially impressed by the Links. And, of course, the photos that can be enlarged by a click of the mouse. I loved the one from Witheridge Day 1990 and printed it out. Thank you. I'm sorry I missed getting this to you before your trip.

Love, David

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Subj: **Re: Witheridge Day 2000**
Date: 5/7/00 2:01:39 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

Hi All;

Arrived home safe and sound last evening! Had a great trip, but 'Witheridge Day 2000' was very sad. Would you believe that only 8 of us showed up, we had to make Tom and Sheila Jewell members in order that we could have an AGM. Apparently, the constitution indicates that 10 must be present.

Paul and I put forward several suggestions to try and make things work, but I am not convinced that any of them will ever take effect. If the Society is to continue, something must be done! Does anyone have any bright ideas? I do have the minutes on tape and will try and put these together for our North American members.

I trust that you are all keeping well - please keep in touch.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative

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Subj: **(Fwd) Witheridge**
Date: 5/15/00 9:12:57 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

I received this note from Carol today and was quite thrilled! I wrote back immediately and have had another reply stating that Carol wishes to join our Society. I have sent the information to her and hope that John deals with it as soon as possible.

Love,
Kathy

------- Forwarded message follows -------
From: "CAROL COOK" <CAROL@berkeley88.freeserve.co.uk>
To: <kathpaul@ebtech.net>
Subject: witheridge
Date sent: Mon, 15 May 2000 14:04:20 +0100

Hello Kathy
I was given your name by Terry Grigg, I believe you are researching the Witheridges, I have just found out that my great grandmother who was formerly Grigg nee Cowell remarried a John Northmore Withridge in 1903 in Devonport, Devon, and I'm wondering if you have any info you could give me or if we are very distantly through marriage related. I would be very grateful to have any info and will return the compliment if I can help. Carol Cook, Essex, England

Subj: **Re: 1871 Cornwall Census**
Date: 5/16/00 1:01:40 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Message 1

Hi David;

I just took a look on the 1871 Cornwall Census and found members of the Witheridge family born in Comb Martin. Just wondered if you had this information:

Parish CALSTOCK; District 18; Schedule 118

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAMS, James | son-in-law | m | 29 | Miner | born Lifton, Devon |
| WILLIAMS, Emily | dau | m | 24 | | born Combmartin |
| WILLIAMS, Richard Prior | grandson | | 2 | | born Calstock |
| WILLIAMS, James Witheridge | grandson | | 1 | | born Calstock |
| WITHERIDGE, Mary | wife | m | 66 | | born Combmartin |

Parish CALSTOCK; District 18; Schedule 117

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CLARK, John | head | m | 71 | labourer | born Brixham, Devon |
| CLARK, Mary | wife | m | 74 | | born Stowed, Devon |
| CLARK, Mary Ann | dau-in-law | unm | 20 | mine girl | born Tavistock |
| WITHERIDGE, John | head | m | 70 | mason | born Combmartin |

Just thought you might be interested.
Love,
Kathy

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Subj: **Witheridges**
Date: 5/16/00 4:14:58 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Message 2

Hi, Kathy,

Thanks for your two messages. It's good to find a new Witheridge, or should I say Witheridge-in-law? I'm glad Carol wants to join the Witheridge Society. I hope someone in England can figure out who John Northmore Withridge was. I wonder who Terry Grigg is and how he knew about you. Maybe he saw your web site.

Regarding the Mary Witheridge and John Witheridge in Cornwall, I really don't know who they are. And it looks as though Emily Williams was originally Emily Witheridge. John Witheridge's baptism would probably show up in the Combe Martin parish register, but I guess I don't have time to track it down.

Love, David

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Subj: **Re: Witheridges**
Date: 5/17/00 9:40:19 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Message 3

On 16 May 2000, at 17:14, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> I hope someone in England can figure out who John Northmore
> Withridge was.

Hi David;

I figured this out a number of years ago. You might recall seeing Brenda Dwyne of Hamilton, Ontario, at Witheridge Day 1997 at Tiverton. Well, Brenda is the grandaughter of John Northmore Witheridge, jr., who was born in Ermington, Devon, on Nov 10, 1872. He married Mary Jane Knight on Jan 3, 1905 at Stoke Damerel, Devon. They had two children in Devon, one of which was Brenda's mother, Sylvia Maud, born at Bodmin, Cornwall, on Apr 9, 1915.

On May 14, 1921, this family arrived in New York, to start a new life in Ontario. John Northmore Witheridge had been a sergeant major in the British army and had served 22 years.

John Northmore Witheridge's father was also John Northmore Witheridge and this is the one who married Emma Louisa (Cowell) Grigg in Mar 190 after the death of his first wife, Maria Tall Sandover, in 1902. John and Maria had been separated for many years and her death was very difficult to find as she reverted back to the name Sandover, and she was actually living with someone by the name of Sandover, who was a distar cousin of hers.

I think that I wrote an article for the Witheridge Times a few years ago and my findings of this family.

Love
Kathy

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Subj: **John Northmore Witheridge**
Date: 5/17/00 1:58:20 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Message 4

Hi, Kathy,

Thank you for the information about John Northmore Witheridge. Glad to know that you had him all pinned down and that he really is part of the family.

Love, David

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Message 1

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Web Site**
Date: 6/1/00 4:11:46 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

I am trying to think of something to put on the web site without providing too much information to non-members. I had thought that I would put up excerpts from the minutes of Witheridge Day 2000, but now I feel that would be a disaster! I don't particularly wish people to know that the event was certainly not a success.

I have been looking through back issues of The Witheridge Times, and note that you did an interesting story in Volume 9, Number 3, Autumn 1995 regarding 'The Other Witheridges', all the various towns and villages named Witheridge. I wondered if it might be a nice idea to condense it a bit and just cover all the different areas with the Witheridge name. We could maybe show some maps and signposts on the page. What are your thoughts? and would you agree?

I once found a location named Witheridge Lane, somewhere in Devon, I thought that I had seen in on a census, but cannot find it right now. There is a Witheridge Street, which I found on the Internet today, as follows:

[redacted]
50 Witheridge Street,
Agawam, MA 01030, [redacted]
[redacted]

Maybe I could write this gentleman and ask if he knows the history of Witheridge Street, what do you think?

Best wishes
Kathy

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Message 2

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Web Site**
Date: 6/6/00 2:48:20 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi, Kathy,

Sorry I didn't answer your e-mail right away, but I've been "involved." Yes, I think it would be a good idea to have something on the web site about the other Witheridges. I have a few comments in that regard.

Maybe you have noticed that in the next issue (Vol. 9, No. 4) I had a follow-up article about the Witheridge Farm in Somerset, which I think is very interesting. I ended up by saying I hoped someday someone over there would see if there still is a 300 year old house on Witheridge Farm. Well, it so happens that when I was at the 10th anniversary celebration, Kim and I (and I think Roy) went to that farm and had a most wonderful time. We met the owner and his wife, and they showed us through the fascinating old house that they had been restoring. We (especially Kim) took many pictures. However, they had had no luck in finding out the history of the place or the origin of the name. We took down their names and address, which I have misplaced, though Kim probably has them. Unfortunately, I didn't write up our visit at that time, and I don't think Kim did. It would have made a wonderful article in the Times.

All of this would be the basis of a wonderful piece on the web site. However, I can't volunteer to help you with it, so I guess you're on your own. If you included anything about our trip to Witheridge Farm, you would want to get Kim's input, though she is often very slow in responding, because she is so busy. She would certainly have some pictures you could use.

You would also have to get Joyce's permission to use any of the material from the Witheridge Times.

You certainly should try to track down the origin of that Witheridge Street in Massachusetts. That is amazing!

Well, I'll be eager to hear more from you about all of this.

Love, David

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Message 3

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Web Site**
Date: 6/7/00 7:28:06 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 6 Jun 2000, at 15:48, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

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> "involved." Yes, I think it would be a good idea to have something on
> the web site about the other Witheridges. I have a few comments in
> that regard.

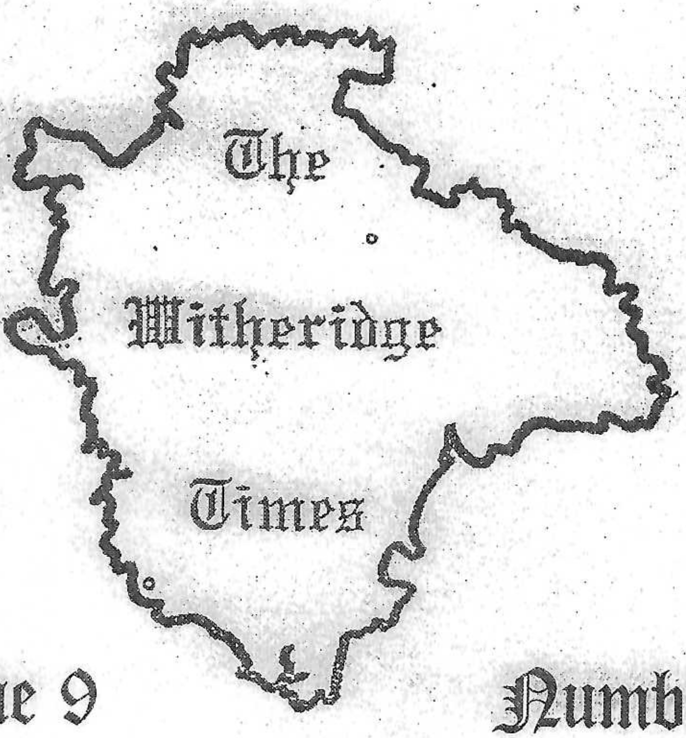
Hi David;

I thank you for your answer! I have now written to Kim, via Ron and Brenda Dixon, who are to act as a go between to get mail to England. They have very kindly offered to get messages through to Kim, this way it should not take very long for an answer. I also have an e-mail contact to get Joyce, so that has been very valuable. Joyce has tried every which way to get onto the Internet, but when we saw her she is still having problems. I keep hoping that she will be up and running soon. We really do need some contacts in Britain.

I am just working on Witheridge Day 2001 for the web site. Whilst in Tiverton, Kim provided information on 'Weald & Downland Open Air Museum', located just north of Chichester. This is where Kim would like to hold the events at the next AGM. I hate to sound negative, but it seems that whatever we try these days, it just doesn't go. We really have to get some more enthusiasm in Britain. We did get a lot of interest going in the US this year, unfortunately, the information was too late being available and they were left with very little time to book flights. Paul and I didn't book our flight until a month before we left. So these events MUST be planned a long time in advance if they want attendance!

Must carry on and get something else done!

Love
Kathy



# The Witheridge Times

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## MORE ABOUT WITHERIDGE FARM IN SOMERSET

by David E. Witheridge

After I sent in the article about the small Witheridge places in England (Vol 9. No. 3 Autumn 1995), and not long before my wife Elizabeth died in August, I was going through some old files and came across a letter I had forgotten about from Beth Norman of Lake Crystal, Minnesota. She had heard me give a talk at the English Interest Group of our Minnesota Genealogical Society about our 1980 trip to Britain and had heard me mention that one of my Devon ancestral families was 'Norman'. She had come up to me and said that she had a book about her family entitled 'Norman Genealogy', by William E. Norman, in which he told how some of her ancestors had lived for a while on a place called 'Witheridge Farm'.

In her letter she said she had looked up the information and found that prior to their coming to Canada in 1833, George Norman and Joan Leigh were married on a farm at Quarme, a little place in Somerset not far from Winsford. They stayed there nine years and had four children before moving to Witheridge Farm (listed as the fifth Witheridge place in my first article), where they stayed fourteen years.

The author said it was a fine large farm of 200 acres. The old farmhouse was large, having been the residence of a land owner. The rooms were large and the parlour boasted a wooden floor, the only one downstairs in the country around. The hall, dining room and kitchen, pantry and dairy had stone floors. Each room contained a fireplace and the large bedrooms upstairs had fireplaces. At the back was another building having a kitchen downstairs and bedrooms upstairs where the servants - four men and three women - had their rooms. Eighteen cows were kept and butter and cheese made every day".

Beth went on to tell of their own visit to the farm (I'm not sure what year that was):-

"Our son Jim had been there several years before us and had met the family, so we stayed at the home of Mr. & Mrs. David Norman at Gupworthy Farm near Wheddon Cross...Mrs. Norman was kind enough to drive us around and show us the country. She took us to the church at Winsford, as that was supposed to be the family's church. From there we went to Witheridge Farm.

"To get to the farmyard we drove down a narrow lane into the yard. The house was a two-storey building. The lady who lived there said it was about 300 years old. The walls were 18 to 20 inches thick at the bottom and about 8 inches at the top. She was sure it had originally been a thatched roof. None of the doorways were square, but were all round at the top. The stone floors were large stones of slate colour and set into a sort of cement. The upstairs doorways were only about 5 feet high, so you really had to stoop to enter them. The front door was made of slabs of wood and was about 4 inches thick. The big iron straps and the bolts in these iron pieces were very obviously hand made."

I wonder if this fascinating old farmhouse is still there? It doesn't sound to me like a building that is apt to have fallen down. I'm sorry we didn't try to see it when we came to England in 1988. Is there someone over there who would like to investigate and see if there still is a 300 year old house on Witheridge Farm?

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Origins**
Date: 6/15/00 6:14:40 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

As you suggested I contacted Kim and asked her about the Witheridge origins. Basically I asked if I could use a couple of paragraphs from her article which appeared in the Spring issue of 1987.

I would just like to do maybe a short account of Witheridge origins on our web site, not giving away too much information.

I have today looked on the internet and found maps of "Witheridge Wood", located at Knotty Green which is east of High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire - see

http://www.streetmap.co.uk/streetmap.dll?grid2map?X=492760&Y=193365&arrow=Y&zoom=2

I also found "Witheridge Hill", which is north west of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire - see

http://www.streetmap.co.uk/streetmap.dll?grid2map?x=469500&y=183500&zoom=3&isp=200&ism=1000&arrow=y?44,7

The above are extremely good maps which gives you a good idea of their location, you can also zoom in and out. Please give them a try and see what you think. I was thinking of putting a link to these maps after a brief description of the place.

I have today received a reply from Doreen Heaton, who is responsible for the Northmore family. She creates a newsletter and every two years they have a reunion. I asked how she draws the crowd, and she felt that people do not wish to attend meetings/AGMs, they just wish to get together with family and friends to view pictures, books, etc. I am told that they have 60+ at their reunions and this year she has 40+ booked already, also, 6 from the US.

← AGM = annual general meeting

I honestly believe that we have to make some amends, because to have only 8 attend an AGM is quite silly. We had to make Tom and Sheila Jewells members in order that we could hold an AGM, as there has to be 10 members present to hold an AGM.

I am trying desperately to come up with some new ideas, but no one else seems to be bothering at all. I am determined that I will not put forth the effort to attend future meetings unless I know for sure that a decent number of members are attending.

If there are no changes in the next couple of years, I will have to drop my membership, as it is a huge expense, doing research, working at a web page and trying to attend annual meetings in England.

What are your thoughts David?
Love

See DEW's reply on p. 17 →

# The Witheridge Society

Founded in 1987

From the Witheridge Society website (printed June 2000 by DEW).

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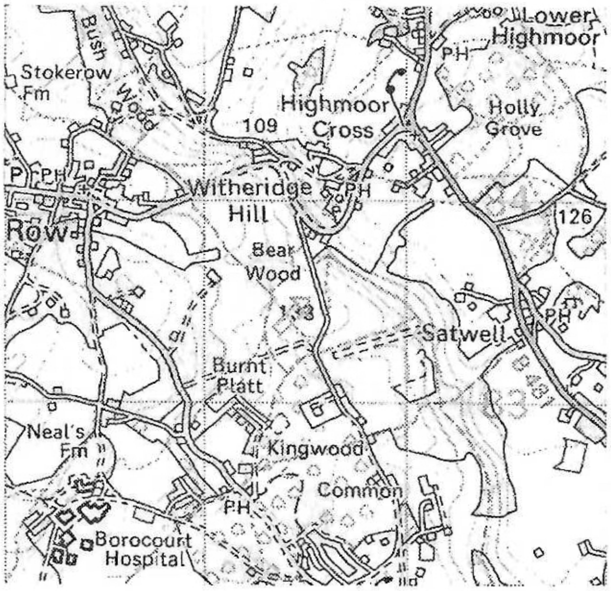
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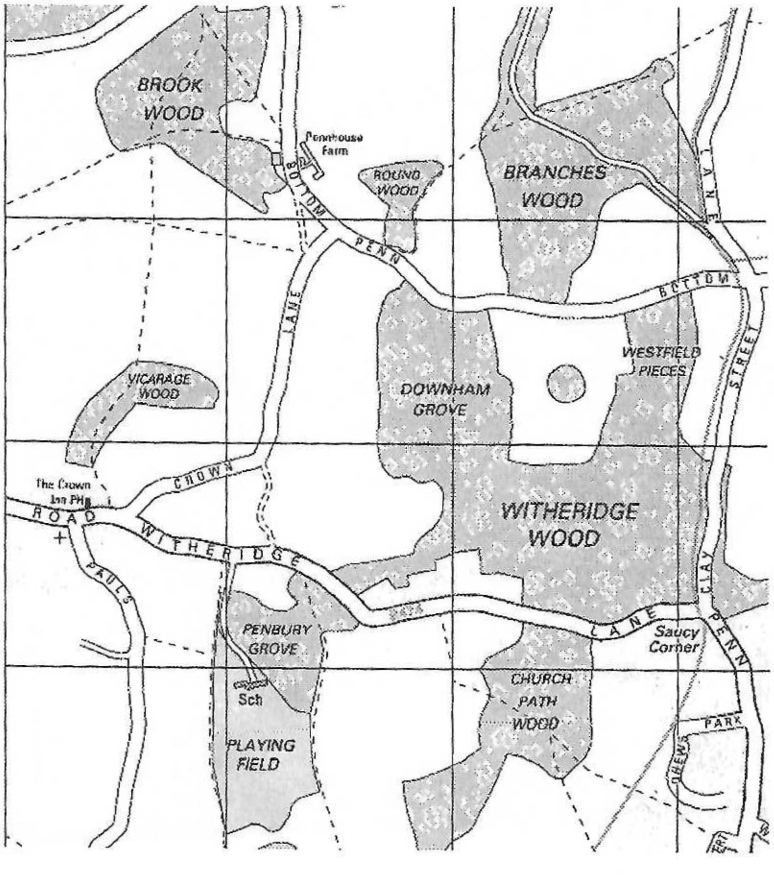
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Subj: **Witheridge Society**
Date: 6/20/00 3:27:58 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi, Kathy,

I was sorry to see that you are thinking of dropping out of the Witheridge Society. I agree that something has to be done, and I, too, am frustrated that the people in Britain don't seem to know what to do. But we need people like you who have the ideas and vision and energy to make it succeed.

The trouble is that we in North America can't run the society in Britain. They have to do it. You did a great job with the reunion last summer, even though you were disappointed with the turnout. I think in another two or three years we could have another North American reunion with some of the same people plus others who weren't able to come last time. Distance is our problem here, but that certainly isn't their problem in Britain. The whole area of Britain is no larger than the state of Minnesota.

Here are a few of my ideas for what they're worth. I think a weekend later in the summer would be better than the first weekend in May. It would certainly be better for anyone coming from the United States or Canada. The first of May just isn't in our vacation period. The fact that the first Monday in May is a bank holiday doesn't seem to appeal to the British people, either. Perhaps they have other things they'd rather do with their family on a holiday. It should probably be on a Saturday or Sunday, rather than on a holiday Monday.

I agree that the idea of an AGM wouldn't attract a great many people. Most of the members of the Witheridge Society are so distantly related, if at all, that it's hard to build up the flavor of a family reunion. But that is what should be attempted, with mainly time for personal introductions and conversations, sharing pictures and stories, eating together, and maybe some presentations about interesting Witheridge information, with a very short AGM as a formality.

Perhaps having a reunion every two years would be better than having an AGM every year. The officers or board could meet on the alternate years to transact any necessary business, and they could also vote by mail on anything urgent.

The Witheridge Times is probably the unifying feature of the society, and that should certainly continue. Your web site is a great new feature, and as more and more members are on the Internet, I can visualize that being a means of drawing us all together.

Of course, I can't travel to the meetings, no matter when or where they are held, but I'll continue my membership, because I want to keep getting the journal, and I want to have more and more contact with the members through the Internet.

Well, these are some of my thoughts; but, as I say, the members in Britain are the ones who will have to make the decisions about the meetings and other features of the society. At least, if they ask me, I know what I'll tell them! Please stay with the society, and don't abandon me!

Now, back to the first part of your e-mail. I looked up those maps showing Witheridge Wood and Witheridge Hill on the Internet, and I think they are great. You certainly should try to put a link to them on your web site. Anyone with Witheridge connections would be fascinated. I showed them to my granddaughter Rebecca (11 yrs. old), and she said, "Awesome!" As you may have noticed in my article in the Witheridge Times, Elizabeth and I did get to see Witheridge Hill, but we weren't able to get to Witheridge Woods.

When my family took me to dinner on Father's Day, I took along copies of those two maps I had printed out, as well as one of the Witheridge Society web site and one of the pictures at a Witheridge Day. Of course, they liked them all. I was surprised that Jim hadn't heard about your web site. I guess he is not on your list of Witheridge e-mail addresses. His address is [redacted]

By the way, I now have an e-mail address for my brother John in Saginaw. It is [redacted] and you should add him to your list, too.

Well, that just about covers it for now.

Love, David

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Subj: **Re: Hi**
Date: 6/30/00 1:35:40 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 20 Jun 2000, at 16:27, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

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> Witheridge Society. I agree that something has to be done, and I,
> too, am frustrated that the people in Britain don't seem to know what
> to do. But we need people like you who have the ideas and vision and
> energy to make it succeed.

Hi David;

You know me, always threatening, but never do it! I was probably just having a bad day when I wrote you.

I don't know whether I told you, but we are driving west in September. My sister and brother-in-law are coming over from Britain and they have always wanted to see the Canadian Rockies, so this is what we are going to do. Take a month and drive! We will be spending some time in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, with the family I found a few years ago. When we return, we are thinking of travelling the US way and hope to call in at Minneapolis. I am hoping that a few of us, your family, Paul Freed, and maybe the Tomlinsons can at least get together for lunch or something!

Just heard from Joyce Aldrich today, haven't heard from her in a while. She tells me that her husband has just undergone cancer surgery, but he appears to be not too bad at the moment. I must write to her, as I have rather neglected her in the past while. We became quite good friends whilst organizing the reunion last year.

Haven't heard from Joyce and Graham since we got home, this is most unusual, I hope all is well with them.

← Joyce + Graham Browne

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> later in the summer would be better than the first weekend in May. It
> would certainly be better for anyone coming from the United States or
> Canada. The first of May just isn't in our vacation period.

This only problem I see here, is the cost of air fares, always pay top dollar in the summer months. We usually like to go either May or September.

> I agree that the idea of an AGM wouldn't attract a great many people.

I think that the AGM should probably be held at either Joyce or Kim's. They only need 8, I believe to hold an AGM, and we could all send our thoughts via mail. This way, it would not take up any part of a 'Reunion'. I am sure that they could get enough people together in that area to get it out of the way, as I understand that this has to be done.

> Perhaps having a reunion every two years would be better than having
> an AGM every year. The officers or board could meet on the alternate
> years to transact any necessary business, and they could also vote by
> mail on anything urgent.

I too feel that this would be a much better arrangement.

> Of course, I can't travel to the meetings, no matter when or where
> they are held, but I'll continue my membership, because I want to keep
> getting the journal, and I want to have more and more contact with the
> members through the Internet.

Maybe we should all come out to visit you next year, I am sure that we could get a good turnout if we started planning early enough.

> Please stay with the society, and don't abandon me!

I won't do that David.
Love,
Kathy

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Subj: **Your letter**
Date: 7/7/00 2:45:45 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi, Kathy,

I was glad to hear that you are planning to stick with the Witheridge Society. I thought you would, because you have so much of yourself invested in it.

What good news that you will be traveling west in September and hope to return by way of Minneapolis! We'll certainly get a good group together to greet you. I wish I could invite you to stay overnight with us, but I don't have enough room for four guests, now that my son Tom is with me, and his daughter Rebecca half the time. When I hear about the exact date, I'll get in touch with the Tomlinsons and Paul Freed.

Sorry to hear about Bruce Aldrich, but I hope he gets along well.

I've had some correspondence with Joyce lately about an article I wrote for the Witheridge Times, and she always says that they are both in good health.

It would be good to have the group come here some time, but I don't think you would have as good a turnout as you did in Michigan, because you start with a much bigger base of Witheridges in Michigan than here.

Love to you both,

Subj: **Re: WITHERIDGE REUNION**
Date: 7/9/00 4:14:46 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

Hi Gang;

I trust that you are all enjoying our summer! I have gotten the bug to organize another North American Witheridge Reunion, and wish to advise you all and get some input at the very start. It would be in the summer of the year 2001, so you all have lots of time to do some planning. I feel that it would be interesting to hold the venue in the Bowmanville, Ontario, area. Bowmanville being approximately 40 miles east of Toronto on the 401. You guys from the US, could probably spend a few days in our beautiful Toronto prior to going further east to Bowmanville. This could no doubt be made into a great trip for you all.

← The basic plan

I need some early input, as to dates etc., and also as to whether or not it would be feasible to hold the event in Ontario. I am thinking that those US bucks would go a long way in Ontario.

Best wishes to you all and hope to hear from you soon.

Kathy Witheridge

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Subj: **Witheridge Reunion 2001**
Date: 7/15/00 8:34:28 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

DEW likes the idea

Hi, Kathy,

I'm glad you're getting some good response in regard to the reunion next year. The combination of the Witheridge Reunion and sightseeing in the Toronto area sounds like a great drawing card. You might even get some from England. Now, as you say, the main thing will be to find the most suitable date.

Good luck!

David

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Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion 2001**
Date: 7/16/00 7:58:31 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 15 Jul 2000, at 21:34, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

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> next year. The combination of the Witheridge Reunion and sightseeing
> in the Toronto area sounds like a great drawing card. You might even
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> find the most suitable date.

Hi David;

I just cannot believe the response! Did your son Jim tell you that he is most anxious to come. He tells me that he has been to Toronto before and just loves it! I have always felt that Toronto is one of the most beautiful large cities in the world and that everyone should see it!

Received a note from Annette last week and she is hoping to make it, also Joyce and Bruce Aldrich will be coming. John James of BC wishes to come and was hoping that he would be able to see the changing of the colours, which means September. I was kind of hoping for the las
end in August, prior to the children going back to school for those
have children, but I rather doubt that there are few with young chil
we appear to be an older crowd!

← Annette Witheridge et al.

I also doubt that we will get anyone from England. I know that Joy
Graham will not travel. I am not sure as to whether Kim and Roy
financial position to make the trip. The only ones that I can think
be Richard and Maureen Witheridge, who have been promising for
to make the trip. Also, David and June Witheridge of Plympton.

Our member, Barb DiMambro of north Toronto has offered
accommodations to any Brits. There is also Paul and I and Brend
Bill Dwyne who have offered accommodations. We are about a fou
drive from Bowmanville and Brenda and Bill will be a little less than

I am starting to get excited and will come up with a date as soon
possible. There are still a lot of people whom I have not heard from

Kathy

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Subj: **Your Visit**
Date: 7/20/00 11:29:48 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Message 1

Hi, Kathy,

I keep looking forward with great anticipation to your visit at the end of September or the first of October with your sister and brother-in-law.

I think the best way to get everyone together is to have dinner at a restaurant where we could have a private dining room, but each one could order from the menu. I was talking to Tom about this, and he suggested a place where a group he was in met for dinner in a separate room about once a quarter. If we could get everyone to come, we'd have 14, including the four of you--a mini Witheridge reunion!

However, we need to know right away what day you will be in Minneapolis, so we can reserve the room. Since you know when you want to get back to Samia, you can figure back from that. It will probably take you two days to get there from here, unless you decide to spend some time in Chicago. Well, you figure it out and let me know what day you plan to be here.

Love, David

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Subj: **Re: Our Visit**
Date: 7/22/00 6:24:27 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Message 2

On 20 Jul 2000, at 12:29, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

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> end of September or the first of October with your sister and
> brother-in-law.
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> suggested a place where a group he was in met for dinner in a separate
> room about once a quarter. If we could get everyone to come, we'd
> have 14, including the four of you--a mini Witheridge reunion!

Hi David;

I will give you the arrangements so far, although this is not yet cast in stone!

We are hoping to be in Minneapolis sometime Sunday, October 1 and we will be staying for 2 nights. This is about as close as I can get at the present time. We will be leaving the Calgary area and travelling through Montana and North Dakota. We haven't picked up our trip yet from the CAA, but they should have it ready for us this week. I will confirm dates as quickly as possible.

Kathv

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Message 3

Subj: **Re: Our Trip**
Date: 8/23/00 8:42:17 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

Just have another question regarding our trip.

We are planning on taking a slow trip back to Samia from Minneapolis, and wondered if you could suggest a couple of areas worth a visit. We have thought about one night in Milwaukii, WI. and the second in Benton Harbour, MI.

Do you think that we would be missing something worth seeing?

Love,
Kathy

Subj: **Your trip**
Date: 8/23/00 12:07:52 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi, Kathy,

Yes, the Econo Lodge is in a respectable area. It is adjacent to the University of Minnesota campus, on a main route between Minneapolis and St. Paul, and in the vicinity of several large motels.

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You didn't say exactly when you will arrive and leave. I have assumed you would arrive during the day on Sunday, Oct. 1, and leave Monday morning, Oct. 3. My thought was to get everyone together for supper about 5:30 Sunday evening at a restaurant where we could have a small private room. This wouldn't keep people up too late who have to work the next day. You would then have Monday for sightseeing and shopping--maybe the Mall of America. Please reply right away so I can reserve a room for supper.

Love, David

P.S. Just got your new e-mail about the trip back to Sarnia. The trip through Wisconsin is lovely, no matter which way you go, but we always loved the trip down the Mississippi River via Hwy. 61 to La Crosse and then over to Milwaukee, even though it's a little slower than taking I-94 all the way.

When we went through Wisconsin, our destination was always our beloved Chicago, especially when Tom and Virginia were living there.

I hope you will spend a little time in Chicago, especially along Lake Michigan all the way from Glencoe (via Sheridan Road) to Hyde Park (via Lake Shore Drive). There at 57th St. (Jackson Park) is the Museum of Science and Industry, our favorite museum, and nearby the University of Chicago. From there via Stony Island Avenue it is easy to get onto I-90 to take you to Michigan. Of course, you may already have in mind many other things to see and do in Chicago. There are so many! This all brings back so many memories of our younger days.

I know you will have a great trip.

David

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Subj: **Re: Paul Freed**
Date: 8/26/00 7:05:05 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

Just wanted to let you know that I received a call from Paul Freed this afternoon. He told me that you had contacted him and he was quite thrilled. I would like to thank you for doing this on my behalf, it was very nice of you.

Paul sounded quite uplifting on the phone, and advised that his sister Marcia and niece Lucy, from England will also be joining us for dinner on Sunday, Oct 1st. I think that this means that there will now be 17 of us, as you had the number at 14 I believe. Quite a nice party don't you think? I am really pleased that there will be so many of us. I always feel a little guilty as we can always outdo the Brits! I think that we can safely call this a mini Reunion and take lots of pictures for the web site. I will try and bring as much stuff as I am allowed in the car!!

I don't know if I told you that Richard Witheridge of Bath is now on the internet. If you wish to drop him a note his address is:

"Richard Witheridge" [redacted]

Once again, I thank you for the contact.

Love,
Kathy

Message 1

Subj: **Re: Minneapolis - Oct 1, 2000**
Date: 8/26/00 7:05:05 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

I feel that I must spread the news that there will now be 17 of us getting together for dinner in Minneapolis on Sunday, Oct 1. As most of you know, Paul and I will be travelling west to to the Canadian Rockies for a month on the road. Whilst away, we will be visiting with three Witheridge descendant families:

Sharon and Ted Brydges of North Battleford, Saskatchewan. Sharon is the 2 x gt grandchild of George and Mary Witheridge, and the gt grandchild of John and Miriam Witheridge.

Roy and Janice Curtis of Sarles, North Dakota, USA. Roy is the gt grandchild of George and Mary Witheridge, and the grandchild of Sarah Janet Witheridge and her husband, William Francis Curtis.

Whilst we are in Minneapolis, we will be meeting Paul Freed and his sister Marcia, who will be visiting Minneapolis from Essex, England. Paul and Marcia are the 2 x gt grandchildren of George and Mary Witheridge, and the gt grandchildren of John and Miriam Witheridge

Just to let you know the relationships, Paul is the 3 x gt grandson of George and Mary Witheridge, and 2 x gt grandson of George, jr and Susan Witheridge.

All of the above being from the Bradworthy, Devon, line.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge

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Message 3

Subj: **Re: Back Home**
Date: 10/7/00 2:55:02 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

Just wanted to let you know that we are now back home after a wonderful trip to the Canadian Rockies and other places. We had a great visit with Ted and Sharon Brydges in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. We then got to meet Roy and Janice Curtis in Devils Lake, North Dakota. Roy's grandmother was Sarah Janet Witheridge. Lastly 17 of us had a great get-together in Minneapolis. Rev. David took us all around Minneapolis prior to dinner. All in all it was a great trip!

The response for the reunion in Bowmanville in 2001 was fantastic, we just have to decide upon a date now and we will be set to go.

We hope you all had a great summer and look forward to meeting you all again in the future.

Paul and Kathy Witheridge
Samia, Ontario, Canada

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Subj: **Witheridge Supper**
Date: 8/26/00 8:08:45 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitherideg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Message 2

Hi Kathy,

I just sat down at my computer to type in the following, which I had written out longhand so I wouldn't miss anything, and I found your e-mail about Paul Freed. I'm going to send it anyway, as I originally intended.

I've been able to contact everyone by phone, and I'm happy to report that everyone can come to supper on Oct. 1. In fact, the number has grown. Paul Freed (as you know) called his sister in England, who had been considering coming on a visit, and she and her daughter are definitely coming and will be here on Oct. 1.

Denny Tomlinson and his wife Darlene can come, and he will see if maybe his son, who lives here, can also come. Denny's mother Jean in Arkansas had been thinking of coming up here for a visit, but he's not sure she feels up to it right now. He will talk to her and tell her about the supper.

Denny"s sister, Pat Johnson, can come, but she is not sure about her husband Gary, because he hunts, and there may be something in season that weekend.

So we should have at least fifteen, and maybe as many as eighteen. That would certainly be a mini Witheridge reunion (as you say)! I"m looking forward to it. I've reserved a private dining room at the well-known Lexington Restaurant in St. Paul at Lexington and Grand Avenues, where we can each order from the menu. Prices are moderate for a good restaurant.

Back to your trip. Yes, the Mall of America was designed and built by the same Ghermazian (?) brothers who built the West Edmonton Mall. It is the largest mall in America, maybe the world. There are four anchor department stores at the four corners--Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom, and Sears--with hundreds more stores and many restaurants. In the middle is "Camp Snoopy," an entertainment area with all kinds of rides and booths. I hardly ever go out there, except for something specific I can't find elsewhere, and to go with visitors from out of town.

I would also appreciate driving you around Minneapolis to show you our wonderful lakes and parkways, if we can fit it into your plans.

Regarding Chicago, you don't have to spend a lot of time there, but you really should drive along Lake Michigan on your way to Michigan. I don't know any other place in the country like the Lake Shore Drive. There are some wonderful places in Chicago, and some other places not so good. We lived for six years in Hyde Park, on Stony Island Avenue, just across the street from Jackson Park and the Museum of Science and Industry, and close to the University of Chicago, and we loved every minute of it. If you have time for a few hours at the Museum of Science and Industry, you will just love it.

Well, have a great trip out west and drive safely. I'm eager to see you again.

Love Dave

Message 1

Subj: **Re: Reunion 2001**
Date: 10/12/00 7:36:35 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

It is getting to the point where we have to make a decision on a date for the Witheridge Reunion 2001 to be held in Bowmanville, Ontario.

I have heard from the folks out west, who are still in farming, and August/September is out for them (they will be harvesting!).

June has been suggested in order that we can accommodate them. As they are very anxious to attend I feel that we should try for a June date.

Please let me have your comments in order that we can firm up a date as quickly as possible. As you can imagine there is a lot of work ahead to get this event off the ground and have a successful event.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

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Message 2

Subj: **(Fwd) Feed Back**
Date: 11/20/00 8:51:13 AM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

Hi Folks;

Here is a note which I received from John Witheridge last week! John has been working very hard on organizing our Reunion 2001. I would appreciate your thoughts on what is happening so far.

I have taken a look on the Internet for Hotels and there is only one in Bowmanville - Howard Johnson Clarington Hotel - the rooms appear to run about $75 CDN per night. In Oshawa there is - Rodeway Suites, also looks very nice and the rooms are a little less expensive and run about $65 CND for seniors and a little more if you are not yet 50. This one includes a Continental breakfast. I am going to have John check out these two, just to see if they are in a nice part of town.

I look forward to getting some feedback on this subject!

What are your thoughts on paying a deposit, so that we are not left with huge bills? The way I see it, it is only going to run about $10. CDN for lunch and the hall.

Kathy W.
—— Forwarded message follows ——
From: "John Witheridge" <jwitheridge@speedline.ca>
To: <kathpaul@ebtech.net>
Subject: Feed Back
Date sent: Fri, 17 Nov 2000 18:06:33 -0500

Message 3

Dear Kathy,

I have tentatively rented the hall at Ebeneezer U.C. @ $ 80.00 Canadian. I also contacted the U.C.W. and they had their meeting Thur. They will cater the event and we have two choices. Both include coffee, tea and treats in the morning. The first is sandwiches and finger desserts @ $7.00/person or a buffet style make your own sandwiches and salads and desserts for $ 12.00/person.

I told them I would get back to them in two or three weeks.

I also talked to my boss about a coach and he said they only rent for a minimum of 6 hours. I have not contacted a school bus company yet. I again know two people that run their own companies. I however feel that the convoy method would be more fun and cheaper. Maybe we should seek other opinions.

I suggest the local Marina for the supper. Do you want me to make inquires there or will it be up to each person.

Yours in the Tree,

John Witheridge the Fifth ( would you believe fourth )

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Message 4

Subj: **Re: Surprise, Surprise!.**
Date: 11/13/00 2:44:53 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

There are a number of you who know or have met Joyce Browne, editor of The Witheridge Times and her husband Graham Browne, Chairman of The Witheridge Society.

Joyce has been trying desperately to get connected to the Internet for probably a couple of years now. Today, I received her first e-mail advising that she has now been successful! Poor Joyce has probably replaced every piece of equipment she owns in order to get on line. I have never known anyone have such bad luck.

All of you who know Joyce, please send her a quick note. It will be fabulous to have her aboard as she is a wealth of information.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

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Subj: **Joyce's e-mail address**
Date: 11/22/00 3:53:07 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitherig
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Message 5

Hi, Kathy,

I want to send Joyce a short e-mail note, but I think you forgot to give us her e-mail address.

David

Message 1

Subj: **Re: Reunion 2001**
Date: 11/9/00 12:25:37 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

Just wanted to let you all know that we now have a date. The Reunion will be held in Bowmanville, Ontario, on the week-end of June 22, 2001.

Arrangements are being made for accommodations, etc. We are also planning to have a speaker to talk to us on the Bowmanville area. I am hoping to speak on "Early Settlers of Durham County". Should we have enough response, we are talking about hiring a bus on the Sunday to take us to all the points of interest in the area, which will include the old Witheridge farm, and various cemeteries in the area.

The reunion is hopefully to be held at the Ebenezer Chapel in Darlington Twp., which used to be the Bible Christian Chapel, were members of the Witheridge family attended upon their arrival from Devon, England. Also, there are family members buried in this cemetery, which includes George Witheridge and his wife Mary (Saunders), who settled in Darlington Twp., in 1841 after leaving Bradworthy, Devon.

For those of you who have not seen the up-date to the Witheridge Society Web Site, take a look - we now have some new pictures which includes pictures of the Australian Reunions.

Time to make more amendments to the page, now that we have a date.

Should any of you have any suggestions for the 'big day', please let us know. Now is the time to speak up!

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative

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Message 3

Subj: **Re: Happy New Year**
Date: 1/8/01 1:12:05 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

Just a short note to wish you all the very best for 2001.

Also, we now have the Witheridge Society web page updated. More information on Witheridge Day 2001 in England and the Witheridge Reunion in North America. I think that is all we covered this time. If anyone has any suggestions for the page, please let us have your thoughts.

http://www2.ebtech.net/~kathpaul/

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative

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Message 2

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion 2001**
Date: 12/22/00 8:42:44 AM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

Just wanted to keep you advised about all the plans that are in the process for our Reunion 2001 in Bowmanville, Ontario.

John Witheridge has kindly looked into a couple of hotels for us - the one which is of interest to me is - Port Darlington Marina, which has 24, newly renovated rooms at a cost of $76 per night. This price may be discounted depending on how many rooms we take. The restaurant facilities are excellent, and we have already decided that this is the place to have our Saturday evening meal. John took his wife along a few weeks ago, they thoroughly enjoyed the food and the atmosphere. The second hotel in mind is - Howard Johnson Clarington Hotel in Bowmanville, and the costs here are approximately the same range.

I have had a response from the Foley family, who purchased the Witheridge farm in 1905, inviting us to take a look around the farm on our Sunday morning tour.

I have today written to the Bowmanville Museum, which can be viewed at - http://www.bowmanvillemuseum.org/
The main reason for visiting the museum being, I promised them a book on the Witheridge Family, some years ago, and thought that it might be a nice jesture to present them with such a book if we visit the museum from Witheridge families throughout North America.

If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know about them. We are working hard to make this an 'Event Never to be Forgotten'. Some of our visitors are in their 80s and haven't seen relatives in many years. Maybe you had better bring KLEENEX, I am sure that there will be tears of joy to be had!

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all the very best for Christmas and the Year 2001! I have a feeling it is going to be a good year!

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative

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Message 4

Subj: **Re: Sad News!**
Date: 2/16/01 7:53:50 AM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

I would like to advise all our Witheridge families, that Clarence Howard Witheridge of Kingston, Ontario, passed away on February 11th. Clarence was the father of John Witheridge of Orono.

On February 10th, Clarence and his wife celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. They, along with their children went out for a lovely meal and had a wonderful family celebration. Clarence went to bed at 10:30pm and never awoke from his sleep!

We were all so looking forward to meeting with Clarence in June, as he was going to attend our Reunion in Bowmanville.

I am sure that you all go along with me in sending condolences to his wife and family. I am sure that he will be very sadly missed.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative

# Witheridge Reunion

*You are invited to a Witheridge Reunion on Saturday, June 23rd, 2001, at Ebenezer United Church, located at Ebenezer Church, 1669 Courtice Road, Bowmanville, Ontario L1E 2M9.. The Ladies Guild have offered a luncheon to include sandwiches and finger desserts @ $7.00 per head, this also includes coffee, tea and treats for a mid morning snack.*

*AGENDA:*

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| *10:00 AM* | *Registration* |
| *11:00 AM* | *Witheridge Presentation by Kathy Witheridge* |
| *11:45 AM* | *Presentation to Charles D. Taws - Curator of Bowmanville Museum* |
| *12:30 PM* | *Lunch - $7.00 per person* |
| *2:00 PM* | *Get together, look at memorabilia, raffle, general chit chat* |
| *4:30 PM* | *Close Meeting - For those who will be staying, arrangements for a family dinner are being made at the Port Darlington Marina Restaurant, 70 Port Darlington Road, Bowmanville, Ontario, L1C 3K3. Will you please advise if you will be attending the dinner in order that numbers can be obtained for booking. You can order from the menu of seafood and many other meal choices.* |

*Those of you who are talented in craft-making and would care to donate a small item or items for our raffle may do so. All monies raised will help pay for the church hall. Any remaining costs not covered by the raffle will be divided among those attending.*

*Don't forget to bring along all your Witheridge memorabilia, family trees, books, pictures, etc., these will be put on display for all to see.*

*For those requiring accommodations, we will be staying at Howard Johnson Clarington Hotel at 143 Duke Street, Bowmanville, Ontario, L1C 2W4. Twenty rooms have been reserved and in order to have a room allocated, you must reply as soon as possible to Kathy Witheridge.*

*The rates quoted for our party are:*
*$65. + 12% taxes per night for a one bed room*
*$70. + 12% taxes per night for a two bed room*

*On the Sunday morning - June 24th, 2001, we will get together for a tour of Bowmanville, visiting the Witheridge Farm, Henry Farm, various cemeteries to see Witheridge graves and many more places of interest. We will need to know if you have a vehicle or not in order to arrange transportation for everyone. For those not wishing to take the tour, a golf game is being arranged.*

*RSVP as soon as possible to:*

*Kathy Witheridge*
*343 Bright Street*
*Sarnia, Ontario, Canada*
*N7T 4G5*

*E-mail - kathpaul@ebtech.net*

*or*

*John D. Witheridge*
*5039 Main Street*
*Orono, Ontario*
*L0B 1M0*

*E-mail - jwitheridge@speedline.ca*

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Subj: **Re: Telephone Conversation**
Date: 4/2/01 7:53:00 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Message 1

Hi David;

It was nice to talk with you on the phone tonight. Always good hearing your voice.

I took a look at the address for Jason Mark and I did not put the suite number on the envelope. I will get another one mailed out at once, I have also done one up for James.

If you think of any more, please let me know.
Love
Kathy

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Subj: **Mark addresses**
Date: 4/3/01 5:02:24 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Message 2

Hi Kathy,

Here is Jason's e-mail address: ratman@netcom.ca

Amanda's e-mail address is: marka@somerset.edu.pe.ca, so I assume she has taken back her original name of Mark after the divorce.

Love, David

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4/8/01

Message 3 via regular mail

Dear Kathy,

Here is a check to help with the expenses of the reunion, such as printing, postage, ~~and~~ hall rental, and coffee breaks. As you know my thoughts will be with you, and I wanted to be with you in a tangible way also!

Love,
David

$50.00

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Subj: **Re: Good News!!**
Date: 4/16/01 5:29:39 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

Message 4

Had to let you all know that I received some wonderful news this afternoon!! Received a note from David and June Witheridge of Plymouth, Devon, England, that they are very interested in joining us in Bowmanville, in June.

We now have 52 attending! Paul and I will be going to Bowmanville this coming weekend to look at the lay of the land and meeting with John Witheridge in Orono. We will be staying at the Howard Johnson Hotel on Friday night, so will let you all know what is happening next week.

Looking forward to meeting with you in June.

Best wishes
Kathy Witheridge
Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative

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Subj: **Re: Cheque Received!**
Date: 4/17/01 10:45:02 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Message 1

Hi David;

Just a note to let you know that I have just received your cheque for $50. I really must thank you for your generosity and will most certainly let everyone know of your kindness.

Paul and I are off to Bowmanville on Friday to take a look at the lay of the land. We will be staying at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Bowmanville, where we are all staying in June. I hope that it is o.k. now that we have gone ahead and done all the bookings.

Just after I received the note from David and June Witheridge of Plymouth, yesterday, I received a note from Tony Witheridge in Texas, advising that he too would be attending. I thought it funny that I had never heard from Tony and was a little worried about him.

We are now at 53 CONFIRMED, and only hope that the church hall is large enough to take us all. However, I am trying to get an appointment for Saturday morning to take a look and see the hall, we will then have a better idea of how many more we can take.

I heard from Joyce Browne in England the other day and she tells me that once again there are very few booked for the AGM next month. At the present time I am trying to put forth some recommendations as to how they can get more people to attend. Paul and I tried very hard last year to try and make suggestions, but nothing ever seems to change. This is the main reason that we are not in England this year for the AGM. It cost us a great deal of money to get to Tiverton last year to find that there was only 10 of us there, two of which were not members, so they had to be made members in order that we could have an AGM, apparently there has to be at least 10 members in accordance with the Constitution.

Once again David, I thank you for your generosity.

Kathy W.

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Subj: **Re: Cheque Received!**
Date: 4/17/01 8:00:57 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Message 2

Hi, Kathy,

Thank you for your e-mail and for the wonderful news about 53 confirmed for the reunion, including David and June and Tony. I'm so glad that all your efforts have paid off. I hope you have a good time scouting out everything next weekend.

Love, David

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Message 3

Subj: **Re: Permission Needed!**
Date: 5/7/01 9:57:49 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

You wrote an article for the Witheridge Times regarding your grandparents, William Witheridge and Mary Jane Allen. You sent me a copy prior to it being inserted in the magazine and asked that I not copy it, which I have never done.

I am putting together a small family book for each person attending our Reunion on their family. As I know little about the Combe Martin Witheridge family, I wondered if I could add excepts from your story into my softward program? I will of course include that it was written by you and that I have permission (if this is the case). I had limited information to insert into Jim's book and thought that your story might add a bit of zest!

Jim will no doubt let you look at his book upon his arrival back home. They do look very nice and I will get them spiral bound, but at the moment it is small.

I have never heard from Jason Mark in Toronto.

Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Permission Needed!**
Date: 5/8/01 7:27:16 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Message 4

Hi, Kathy,

Yes, I would be glad to have you copy any part or all of my article about William Witheridge and Mary Jane Allen, now that it has appeared in the Witheridge Times. I had just wanted Joyce to have the first chance to use it.

That is wonderful of you again to put together those family books for those at the reunion, and I know Jim will be pleased to have that material in his book. I'm so glad he and David are making the effort to go to the reunion.

I'm sorry Jason hasn't responded. I think he would have enjoyed the reunion, but maybe he is still too young to launch out into such things on his own.

Love, David

Message 1

Subj: **Re: Ellis Island Site!**
Date: 5/7/01 10:30:41 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

Just wanted to let you know that I am having lots of fun getting onto the new Ellis Island site. I have just found the following, and wondered if you knew anything about these people.

George Chivers - lived in Newport, Monmouthshire in Wales left Liverpool and arrived in US on Mar 2, 1906. He was 32 years old at the time and travelled on the "Teutonic".

The ships Manifest shows the following:

Elizabeth Chivers - mother - 59 - final destination - Marshall, Illinois
George Chivers - son - 32 - servant - final destination - Marshall, IL
Maud Chivers - dau - 18 - assistant - final destination - Marshall, IL
Isabel Chivers - adopted dau - 7 - final destination - Marshall, IL
Alfred Ernest Chivers - son - 22 - cab driver - final destination - Marshall, IL

I cannot find any of the above in the information I have, but do you?

I have sent this information to Joyce Aldrich to ask her too.

Kathy

Message 2

Subj: **Re: Ellis Island Site!**
Date: 5/8/01 7:35:03 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi, Kathy,

No, I don't know anything about this George Chivers. I don't know if he was related to "our" George Chivers, but maybe Joyce will know.

Love, David

Message 3

Subj: **Re: Passenger Lists**
Date: 5/14/01 1:12:59 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

I trust that you are keeping fit and well!!

A couple of months ago Joyce Aldrich gave me a bit of information regarding Alfred Chivers and Elizabeth (Witheridge) Chivers, which she obtained from their Naturalization papers. They indicated that both went to the US via Quebec, Canada on different ships. I immediately ordered the films through inter-library-loan, and today took a look at them. I found the following:

"Empress of Britain" left Liverpool on August 8, 1907 and arrived in Quebec on August 16th, 1907. There was a clean bill of health and no one was quarantined

3rd Class Passengers - bound for USA

CHIVERS, Alfred 49 Miner of Glamorgan, Wales - destination Saginaw, Michigan

"Victorian" left Liverpool on September 25, 1908 and arrived in Quebec on October 2nd, 1908.

Steerage Passengers bound for USA

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| CHIVERS, Elizth | 50 | wife | England | Saginaw, Michiga |
| CHIVERS, Elizth | 15 | none | England | Saginaw, Michiga |
| CHIVERS, George | 26 | miner | England | Saginaw, Michigan |
| CHIVERS, Edgar | 11 | child | England | Saginaw, Michigan |

Just thought that I would forward this information to add to your files.

Kathy

**Subj:** **Re: Passenger Lists**
Date: 5/17/01 10:54:16 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Message 1

Hi, Kathy,

Thank you for the Chivers passenger information. When I first looked at it, I was a little confused, because it said George was headed for Saginaw like the rest of the family. However, I was sure he had first come to St. Charles (south of Saginaw) while my grandfather and his family were still living there. So I got out my family group sheet for the Alfred Chivers family, and on the back of the sheet was this entry:

"George Chivers had come to America in 1903. In 1907 his father, Alfred Chivers came over for his health. In 1908 George went back to Wales and got married. His wife, Rosie, didn't come over then, because her mother had a heart attack. Mrs. Alfred Chivers (Betsy), with her children Edgar and Elizabeth, came back with George on Oct. 4, 1908. Rosie came early the next spring, 1909. The William Witheridges had just built a new house on Warren Avenue in Saginaw. They had been living on Holland Avenue. Elizabeth Chivers (Redburn) stayed with the Witheridges about two years to go to school. George Witheridge and Allie (from St. Charles) had been married (in Sept. 1908) and were living with the Witheridges."

On the back of George Chivers' sheet is this notation:

"Worked in dangerous, gassy mine in Cwmaman. Energetic young man, became sick from the gas. His uncle, William Witheridge, was working with Dick Jenkins (Bill's father)"–(Bill Jenkins married Christina Witheridge in 1908)–"in a mine in St. Charles, which was on strike; so he had gone back to England to visit. William Witheridge said, "Take a vacation and come to America." But George said, "No," as he was on contract.

"Then the St. Charles mine was ready to start up again. His Uncle Bill introduced him to Dick Jenkins, who asked him to come to St. Charles to work in the mine. He went to America in October and had to stay until spring, as an Englishman or Welshman would travel on the ocean only in spring or summer, not in the winter. George lived with the Witheridges."

That isn't all entirely clear, but it fits together to a degree, and it's all I have. I thought you'd be interested.

Also in my notes I see that my father's sister Clara Mae told me that "George Chivers had a brother John, who came to Michigan for a visit." However, he always lived in Wales. He was a mine superintendent. He was married, but had no children.

Now before I close, I should say that I just talked to my brother John to wish him a Happy Birthday, and I was amazed to discover that he and Janice are going to the reunion! I think that's wonderful, and I know you are delighted. Now if we could just get Jason to drop in for a few hours!

Love, David

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**Subj:** **Re: Combe Martin**
Date: 5/17/01 12:27:51 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 17 May 2001, at 11:54, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

Message 2

Hi David;

I thank you for the valuable information. I am always trying to learn more about the Combe Martin family.

> Also in my notes I see that my father's sister Clara Mae told me that
> "George Chivers had a brother John, who came to Michigan for a visit."
> However, he always lived in Wales. He was a mine superintendent. He
> was married, but had no children.

I was told by Joyce Aldrich that John Chivers was born August 25, 1885 in Wales and he was married about 1908 to Sarah Maggs. He died in the US abt 1955, which tells me he did come to the US.

> Now before I close, I should say that I just talked to my brother John
> to wish him a Happy Birthday, and I was amazed to discover that he and
> Janice are going to the reunion! I think that's wonderful, and I know
> you are delighted.

Sorry David, I thought that I told you that John and Janice were coming. I spoke with Janice on the phone some time ago. She told me that their son could be coming too.

Do you know whether Jim received the package which I sent for him?

Talk to you soon,
love
Kathy

Subj: **(Fwd) Re: Witheridge - Ohio**
Date: 6/14/01 8:53:10 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

A friend of mine looked up this death for me. Might this be the wife of Edward Witheridge, born Combe Martin abt 1862. I think that he married in Wales in 1882 but do not have a wife's name. Do you think that this might be correct?

Kathy
----- Forwarded message follows -----
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net
Date sent: Thu, 14 Jun 2001 21:15:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Witheridge - Ohio
From: "P. B Litton" <plittonp@juno.com>

Kathy,

These are the death certificates I was seeking:

> Elizabeth Witheridge, died 25 Sept 1913, Cuyahoga Co, vol 1170,
> cert
51523.
She was residing in Cleveland when she died.
She was b Wales, d/o John Jones & unknown
Edward Witheridge was the informant.
I have a copy of this and will be glad to send it to you.

> Edward Witheridge, died 10 June, 1935, Portage Co, vol 860, cert
> 5925.
There must be a problem with the index because that certificate # was not for him.

I checked the Cleveland Necrology File and did not find a death notice for either of them.

Sorry that I wasn't able to provide as much information as I expected.

Phyllis

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Subj: **Re: (Fwd) Re: Witheridge - Ohio**
Date: 6/17/01 4:47:32 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Dear Kathy,

I just got around to reading your e-mail, which arrived on Friday, and I am delighted. This filled in some blanks in my records of "Ned" Witheridge, as he was known by my father's family. They didn't seem to know much about him after he came to this country. (Yes, he was born in Combe Martin on Nov. 13, 1862.)

All I knew about a possible marriage was from Susannah Adams Argust, his niece in Wales, who said that she never heard whether Ned married and that he never returned to Wales after going to America. Now we know about his wife Elizabeth and her death in Cleveland and birth in Wales. There is probably a record of their marriage in Wales and other traces of Edward in Ohio, now that we know where to look.

Thank you very much.

Love, David

## Editor's Note:

The emails on the previous page (Kathy's to Dad, dated June 14, 2001, and Dad's reply, dated three days later) were the last direct communications between these longtime pen pals that I found in the boxes of documents I've been working on for more than two years now.

This sudden radio silence would be concerning and mystifying — if it really happened. But I have reason to believe it didn't. They continued to be in communication (see the editor's note at Kathy Witheridge's index entry), albeit not as often as in earlier years. Dad just stopped filing proper records of their back-and-forth. In June 2001 he was almost 87, increasingly preoccupied by the insufferable burdens of old age and minimally involved in genealogical research, except for his difficult German Nemitz line. His formerly meticulous recordkeeping was not a priority.

I know a little about those burdens myself, even at the tender age of 74, as I prepare for required mitral valve surgery a month or two from now.

In short, there was no sign of a serious argument between the two collaborators, or even a minor spat. There was no unresolved disagreement about anything, genealogical or otherwise. Kathy's next-to-last email to Dad in the file ended with "Talk to you soon, love Kathy." His last email to her began, "I just got around to reading your e-mail, ... and I am delighted. This filled in some blanks in my records." It ended, "Thank you very much. Love, David."

Tom Witheridge
April 7, 2022

Subj: **Re: Hi**
Date: 10/29/03 8:03:37 AM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: Reunion.Clan@sun.ebtech.net

See editor's note on p. 31

Hi friends;

Well its been a while since I last wrote, almost feel as though I am losing connections with you all.

Our summer is now over and we have to look forward to winter, which isn't a pleasant thought for me.

On October 4th, we had the pleasure of meeting up in Niagara Falls with a Paul and Beryl Witheridge of Marlow, UK. What a wonderful day we had!

I was taken into hospital on Oct 10, with an attack of pancriatitis, quite scary, but I seem to be well on the road to recovery now. I return to see the specialist tomorrow, so hope all is well.

We have now decided to make the trip to England next year so that we can attend Witheridge Day 2004 in Devon, on the week-end of May 22nd. I know that some of you have shown some interest and it would be really good to get together once again.

I trust you all had a great summer and I look forward to hearing from you sometime in the future.

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Subj: **Re: Witheridge Day 2004**
Date: 1/19/04 1:39:46 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sun.ebtech.net

I wonder if you might take a few minutes to look at the latest information on Witheridge Day 2004 to be held in Tavistock, Devon, on the week-end of May 22nd, 2004.

http://www.witheridgefhs.com/events.html

Should anyone be interested, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Witheridge as soon as possible.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

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Subj: **Re: Question!**
Date: 2/18/04 5:38:09 PM Central Standard Time
From: Witherjim
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net
CC: DWitheridg

Hi Kathy, sorry I took so long to get an answer, but an answer I have.

From Father:

This is my Father's Brother, who moved to California about 1921. They had one daughter, Esther. I'm not sure of the spelling of his wife's name. I think we just called her Alma and spoke of her Mother as Mrs. Doty. George opened a florist shop in San Fernando and operated it for over 50 years.

We are all well here and are looking forward to spring. During the last week of March David and I are taking his Mother Margaret to Washington, DC via train for a few days.

I hope all are well in your neck of the woods.

Love Jim and David

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  Mother: Miriam MOORE

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  Father: John WITHERIDGE                 Darlington, Durham, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Florence Mabel WITHERIDGE (F)......... B: 16 Mar 1876                     F#: 1761132     *
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                 , Bowmanville, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Herman Claude WITHERIDGE (M).......... B: 28 Aug 1884                     F#: 1760891     *
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                 , East Whitby, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Ida Mary WITHERIDGE (F)............... B: 20 Jan 1864                     F#: 1760891     *
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                 Darlington, Durham, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Ida WITHERIDGE (F).................... B: 14 Oct 1866                     Ba: 7819902 24
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                 Darlington, Durham, Ontario     So: 1126354
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Ida Estella Mary WITHERIDGE (F)....... B: 14 Oct 1866                     F#: 1760891     *
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                 Darlington, Durham, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Leslie Eugene WITHERIDGE (M).......... B: 10 May 1886                     F#: 1760891     *
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                 Pickering, Ontario, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Mabel Florence WITHERIDGE (F)......... B: 16 Mar 1876                     F#: 1760891     *
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                 , Bowmanville, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Nettie Moore WITHERIDGE (F)........... B: 2 Sep 1870                      F#: 1760891     *
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                 Darlington, Durham, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Prudence WITHERIDGE (F)............... B: 8 Oct 1686                      Ba: C500392
  Father: Silvester WITHERIDGE            Salem, Essex, Massachusetts     So: 874031,874032,874
  Mother: Mary

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  Mother: Mary

Edgar John WITHERIDGE (M)............. B: 13 Sep 1872                             F#: 1903647      *
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                   Darlington, Durham, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

Irvin George WITHERIDGE (M)........... B: 5 Jul 1874                              F#: 1903647      *
  Father: John WITHERIDGE                   <, Bowmanville, Ontario>
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

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  Father: John WITHERIDGE                   Darlington, Durham, Ontario
  Mother: Miriam MOORE

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Witheridge W-363

Eng-1846

✓ Witheradge, Andrew Vol. 8 E.D. 110
Sheet 30 Line 11

Color - W, Sex - M, Age - 34 Birthplace - England
County - Essex
City - Orange Street - Beach St. House No. —

Other Fam. Memb.:

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Witheradge, Elizabeth | W. | 35 | England |
| — Andrew, Jr. | S. | 16 | " |
| — William H. | S. | 14 | " |
| — Francis G. | S. | 12 | " |
| — Ethel | D. | 2 | New Jersey |

Eng-1837

✓ Witheridge, John Vol. 17 E.D. 129
Sheet 24 Line 13

Color: W. Sex - M. Age 43 Birthplace - England
County - Morris M.C.D. Randolph Twp.

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Emma | W. | 41 | England |
| — Mary | D. | 17 | England |
| — George | S. | 14 | England |
| — John | S. | 11 | N. J. |
| — Tom | S. | 7 | N. J. |
| — Jane | D. | 4 | N. J. |
| — Emma | D. | 3 | N. J. |
| — Willie W. | S. | 1 | N. J. |

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Witheridge W-363

X Wethered, John Vol. 74 E.D. 514
Sheet 11 Line 15

Eng. 1835

Color - W. Sex - M, Age 45 Birthplace - England
County - Philadelphia M.C.D. —
City - Philadelphia, Street - Vine, House No. 6009

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wethered, May | W. | 24 | England |
| — Annie | D. | 12 | England |
| — Frank | S. | 4 | Penna. |

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Witheridge W-363

✓ Witheridge, Andrew Vol. 23 E.D. 166
Sheet 19 Line 49 (or 89)

Eng. 1844

Color - W. Month - Mar. Year 1844 Age 56 Birthplace - Englan
Citizenship - Na

County - Essex M.C.D. —
City - Orange Street - Beach House No. 25

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. Yr. | Age | Birthplace | Citizenship |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Elizabeth | W | May 1844 | 56 | England | NR |
| — Ethel | D. | Dec. 1877 | 22 | New Jersey | |
| — Earnest | S. | Apr. 1883 | 17 | New Jersey | |
| — Cradon | S. | Apr. 1885 | 15 | New Jersey | |

Brothers

✓ Witheridge, Charles Vol. 15 E.D. 3
Sheet 8 Line 83

Eng. 1849

Color - W., Month - Dec, Year 1849, Age 50 Birthplace - England
Citizenship - Na

County - Essex M.C.D. —
City - Newark, Street - Broad House No. 254

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. Yr. | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, William H. | N [Nephew?] | Dec. 1878 | 21 | New York |
| — Lydia L. | Ni [Niece?] | Sept. 1874 | 25 | New York |

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✓ Watheridge, Charles  Vol. 24 E.D. 183 (?)
Sheet 7 Line 21

Eng. 1872

Color - W., Month - Nov., Yr. 1872 Age - 27, Birthplace - England
citizenship - Na

County - Essex  M.C.D. —
City - West Orange  Street - Valley Road  House No. - N.R.
Enumerated with - Mc Henry, Alexander
Relationship - Boarder

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X Wathered, Charles B.  Vol. 63 E.D. 71 . .
Sheet 25 Line 88

Color - W., Mo. July, Yr. 1859, Age 40, Birthplace - New York
County - Union  M.C.D. - Cranford Twp.
City —  Street - Central Ave., House No. —

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. | Yr. | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wathered, Katharine I. | W. | Aug. | 1859 | 40 | New York |
| — Katharine O. | D. | June | 1888 (?) | 18 | New York |
| — Anita | D. | June | 1889 | 10 | New York |
| — Charles B. | S. | July | 1893 | 6 | New Jersey |
| Jefferson, Mathilda | SE | Sept. | 1881 | 18 | Virginia |

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✓ Witheridge, Frank Vol. 66 E.D. 132
Francis D.
Sheet 6 Line 10

Eng. 1862

Color - W., Month - Mar., Yr. 1862, Age 32, Birthplace - England
Citizenship - Na

County - Union M.C.D. ——
City - Rahway Street - Newton House No. 8

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. | Birth Yr. | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Kate | W. | Nov. | 1870 | 29 | New Jersey |
| —— Ethel | D. | Feb. | 1890 | 10 | New Jersey |
| —— Frank | S. | Feb. | 1892 | 8 | New Jersey |
| —— Kathie | D. | June | 1894 | 6 | New Jersey |
| —— Fred | S. | Nov. | 1895 | 4 | New Jersey |
| —— Clayton | S. | Nov. | 1899 | 6/12 | New Jersey |

✓ Witheridge, Wm H. Vol. 17 E.D. 55
[son of Andrew]
Sheet 1 Line 26

Eng. 1865

Color - W., Month - Sept., Yr. 1865, Age 34 Birthplace - England
Citizenship - Na

County - Essex M.C.D. ——
City - Newark Street - Bergen, House No. 96

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. | Birth Yr. | Age | Birthplace | Citizenship |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Matilda | W | Jan. | 1864 | 36 | Sweden | NR |
| —— Mary | D. | Dec. | 1890 | 9 | New Jersey | |
| —— Helen | D. | Oct. | 1892 | 7 | New Jersey | |
| → —— Margery | D. | Dec. | 1897 | 2 | New Jersey | |

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X Whittredge, Worthington   Vol. 66   E.D. 138
Sheet 26 Line 1

Color W, Month - May, Yr. 1820, Age 80 Birthplace; Ohio

County - Union   M.C.D. —

City - Summit   Street - N. H. (or R.)   House No. (?)

| Name | Relation ship | Birth Mo. | Yrs. | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whittredge, Euphemia | W. | Dec. | 1837 | 62 | New York |
| ——— Effie | D. | Jan. | 1874 | 26 | New York |
| ——— Olive | D. | June | 1875 | 24 | New York |
| ——— Mary | D. | Sept. | 1879 | 20 | New York |

and 2 servants

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Sheet 25 - Line 93

City - Summit   Street - Summit Ave. + Whittredge   House No. N. R.
[other information the same]

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Index (soundex) - 1900 Census - New Jersey
Bleakly B-424

Bleakly, Edwin G.C. Vol. 8 E.D. 36
Sheet 3 Line 10
Color - W., Month - Oct, Yr. 1865, Age - 34 Birthplace - Ohio
County - Camden M.C.D. —
City - Camden Street - Linden House No. 410
Enumerated with Seymour, Emma
Relationship - son-in-law

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Bleakly, H. Gordon Vol. 8 E.D. 36
Sheet 4 Line 4
Color - W., Month Feb. 1868, Age 32, Birthplace - Ohio
County - Camden M.C.D. —
City - Camden Street - Penn House No. 427
Enumerated with Bryan, James E.
Relationship - Boarder

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Bleakly, Helen Vol. 8 E.D. 36
Sheet 4 Line 3
County - Camden M.C.D. —
City - Camden Street - Penn House No. 427
Enumerated with Bryan, James E.
Relationship - Boarder

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Bleakly - B-424

Bleakly, Ida S. Vol. 8 E.D. 36
Sheet 9(?) Line 9
Color - W., Month - July, Yr. 1870 Age 29, Birthplace - Pa.
County - Camden M.C.D. ——
City - Camden Street - Linden House No. 410
Enumerated with Seymour, Emma
Relationship - Daughter

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Bleakley, J. Fletcher Vol. 10 E.D. 75
Sheet 9 Line 46
Color - W., Month - Mar., Yr. 1862, Age 38, Birthplace - Ohio
County - Camden M.C.D. ——
City - Camden Street - Sixth House No. 215

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. | Birth Yr. | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bleakley, Fannie B. | W | Apr. | 1865 | 35 | Pennsylvania |
| —— William B. | S. | Apr. | 1887 | 13 | New Jersey |
| —— Stanley | S. | Feb. | 1891 | 9 | New Jersey |
| —— Ruth | D. | Sept. | 1897 | 2 | New Jersey |

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Blakely B-424

Blankley, Robert Vol. 32 E.D. 181
Sheet 13 Line 51
Color - W., Month - Mar., Yr. 1835, Age 65, Birthplace - Ireland
County - Hudson Citizenship - Al
City - Secaucus Street - County Road, House No. —

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. | Yr. | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blankley, Catherine | W. | Mch. | 1857 | 43 | New Jersey |

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Index (Soundex) 1900 Census - Pennsylvania
Witheridge W-363

✓ Witheredge, C. Vol. 124 E.D. 101
Sheet 1 Line 86

Eng. 1875

Color - W., Month - May, Yr. 1875, age 25, Birthplace - England
Citizenship - Al

County - Luzerne M.C.D. —
City - Parsons Street - Walls House No. —
Enumerated with Blamire, Jas.
Relationship - Boarder

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✓ Witheridge, George Vol. 124 E.D. 96
Sheet 8 Line 20 (?)

Eng. 1865

Color - W., Month - Oct., Yr. 1865, Age 34, Birthplace - England
Citizenship - Na.

County - Luzerne M.C.D. —
City - Nanticoke Street - Park House No. 124

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. | Yr. | age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Jennie | W. | Feb. | 1870 | 30 | Pennsylvania |
| —— Mary | D. | Mar. | 1892 | 8 | Pennsylvania |
| —— Esther | D. | Aug. | 1896 | 3 | Pennsylvania |

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× Whitridge, John  Vol. 117  E.D. 48
Sheet 2  Line 6
Color - W., Month June, Yr. 1879, Age 20 Birthplace - Maryland
County - Lehigh
City - Fountain Hill  Street - Delaware Ave.  House No. —
Enumerated with - No Head Shown
Relationship - Clerk

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✓ Witheridge, John  Vol. 124  E.D. 95
Sheet 1  Line 33
Color - W., Month Sept., Yr. 1869 Age 30 Birthplace - New Jersey
County - Luzerne
City - Nanticoke  Street - West Broad  House No. 50

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. | Birth Yr. | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Mary R. | W | Mar. | 1867 | 33 | Pennsylvania |
| —— B. Carl | S. | May | 1894 | 6 | Pennsylvania |
| —— Mildred A. | D. | Oct. | 1898 | 1 | Pennsylvania |

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Eng. 1837 ✓ Witheridge, John P.  Vol. 124, E.D. 95, Sheet 3, Line 63
Color - W., Month May, Yr. 1837, Age 63, Birthplace - England
County - Luzerne  Citizenship - Na.
City - Nanticoke  Street - South Market, House No. 226

| Name | Relationship | Birth Mo. | Birth Yr. | Age | Birthplace | Citizenship |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Emma | W. | Nov. | 1838 | 61 | England | N.R. |
| —— Tom | S. | Aug. | 1873 | 26 | New Jersey | |
| —— Emma | D. | Oct. | 1876 | 23 | New Jersey | |

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Witheridge W-363

✓ Witheridge, Rosannah Vol. 125(?) E.D. 128
Sheet 5 Line 59

Color - W., Month - Mar., Yr. 1890, Age 10, Birthplace, Penna.
County - Luzerne
City - Plymouth Street - Major's Alley House No. - N.R.
Enumerated with Hummell, Sarah C.
Relationship - Niece

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X Whitridge, N.R. Vol. 11 E.D. 107
Sheet 18 Line 64
Color-W., Age-N.R. Birthplace - Not Reported
County - Bergen
City - Rutherford Street Santiago Ave., House No. 217

| Name | Relation | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Whitridge, N.R. | W | N.R. | Not Reported |

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✓ Weatherridge, Andrew Vol 50 E.D. 305
Sheet 27 Line 41
Eng 1845
Color. W., Age 75 Birthplace - England, Citizenship 1871 Na 1876
County - Essex
City - Orange Street - Valley House No. 6

| Name | Relation | Age | Birthplace | Citizenship |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weatherridge, Elizabeth | W. | 70 | England | Na |

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✓ Witheridge, Charles Vol. 33 E.D. 99
Sheet 14 Line 1
1850 N.Y.
Color-W., Age; 70, Birthplace - New York
County - Essex
City - Newark Street - Broad, House No. 254

| Name | Relation | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lydia? Witheridge, L.A. | Ni | 34 | New York |

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Index (Soundex) - 1920 Census - New Jersey (cont.)

✓ Weatherridge, Craton Vol. 50 E.D. 305
Sheet 18 Line 63

Color - W., age 34, Birthplace - New Jersey
County - Essex
City - Orange Street - Langdon House No. 15

| Name | Relation-ship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Weatherridge, Sarah | W. | 34 | New Jersey |
| —— Craton | S. | 12 | New Jersey |
| —— Harriet | D. | 9 | New Jersey |
| —— Olive | D. | 7 | New Jersey |

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✓ Witheridge, Francis G. Vol. 113 E.D. 138
Sheet 9 Line 15

Color - W., age - 53, Birthplace - England, Citizenship 1870 Na 1882
County - Union
City - Rahway Street - Ludlow House No. 28

| Name | Relation | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Katie | W. | 49 | New Jersey |
| —— Robert | S. | 16 | New Jersey |
| —— Clifford | S. | 9 | New Jersey |

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Index (Soundex) 1920 census – New Jersey (cont)

✓ Witheridge, Frank      Vol. 113   E.D. 139
Sheet 8   Line 15

Color - W, Age 27, Birthplace, New Jersey
County - Union
City - Rahway      Street: Whittier   House No. 10

| Name | Relation. | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Edna | W. | 27 | New Jersey |
| —— Everett | S. | 6/12 | New Jersey |

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✓ Witheridge, Fred      Vol. 113   E.D. 142
Sheet 6   Line 30

Color - W, Age 23, Birthplace, New Jersey
County - Union
City - Rahway      Street - Irving   House No. - 162
Enumerated with Mulroney, John
Relationship - Roomer

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✗ Wittridge, Harry      Vol. 95   E.D. 8
Sheet 40   Line 34

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Color - W, Age 35, Birthplace, England, Citizen: 1887 Na —
County - Passaic
City - Clifton      Street - Clifton Ave, House No. 164

| Name | Relation. | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wittridge, Grace | W. | 37 | New York |
| —— Caterine | D. | 8 | New Jersey |
| —— Ruth | D. | 6 | New Jersey |

Start with Witheridge, L. A.

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Index (Soundex) 1920 Census - New Jersey (cont.)

✓ Witheridge, L. A. Vol. 33 E.D. 99
Sheet 14 Line 2
Color - W Age 34 Birthplace - New York
County - Essex
City - Newark Street - Broad House No. 254
Enumerated with Witheridge, Charles
Relationship - Niece

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X Withered, Leila Vol. 89 E.D. 109
Sheet 17 Line 57
Color - W Age 27 Birthplace - New Jersey
County - Monmouth
City - Keyport Street - 2nd House No. 157
Enumerated with Jones, Charles
Relationship - Step Daughter

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✓ Witheridge, Mary Vol. 48 E.D. 32 (321?)
Dau. of Wm H. "Harry"
Sheet 8 Line 2
Color - W Age 29 Birthplace - New Jersey
County - Essex
City - West Orange Street - Watchung Ave, House No. 258
Living alone

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Index (Soundex) 1920 Census - New Jersey (cont.)

X Weathered, Sarah Vol. 61 E.D. 177
Sheet 29 Line 80

Color - W Age - 37 Birthplace - New York
County - Hudson
City - Jersey City Street - Cator Ave., House No. 308
Enumerated with Redfield, William
Relationship - sister-in-law

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X Wathered, Thomas E. Vol. 89 E.D. 136
Sheet 5 Line 6

Color - W Age - 30 Birthplace - New Jersey
County - Monmouth
City - Port Monmouth Street — House No. —

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wathered, Stella | W | 30 | New Jersey |
| — Melvin | S | 10 | New Jersey |
| — Beatrice | D | 7 | New Jersey |
| — Jenara | D | 2 7/12 | New Jersey |

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X Wathered, Thomas E. Vol. 90 E.D. 138
Sheet 19 Line 71

Color - W Age - 64 Birthplace - New York
County - Monmouth
City — Street - Center Road House No. —

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wathered, Ellen J. | W | 69 | New Jersey |

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Index (Soundex) 1920 Census - New Jersey (cont.)

X Wetherut, Valerie Vol. 89 E.D. 109

Sheet 17 Line 58

Color W Age 12 Birthplace - New Jersey

County - Monmouth

City - Keyport Street - 2nd House No. 157

Enumerated with Jones, Charles

Relationship - Step Grand Daughter

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✓ Witheridge, William H. Vol. 36 E.D. 135

[b. c. 1868] Sheet 3 Line 64

Color - W Age 52 Birthplace - England

County - Essex Citizenship - 1878 Na 1890

City - Newark Street - Broad House No. 530

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Lillian | W | 38 | New York |

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Index (Soundex) 1910 Census - Pa.

✓ Luzerne Nanticoke 161 0079 0123
Witheridge, George H W 43 Eng. : Penn.
Mary D 18 Penn.
Esther D 13 Penn.

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✓ Luzerne Nanticoke 161 0076 0045
Witheridge, Thomas H W 36 N.J. Penn.
Sarah W 33 Penn.
Paul T. S NR Penn.

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Index (Soundex) 1920 Census — Pa.

✓ Witheridge, John — Vol. 176 E.D. 134
Sheet 9 Line 92 (?)

Color - W Age - 50 Birthplace - New Jersey
County - Luzerne
City - Nanticoke Street - Broad House No. 128

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace | Citizenship |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Mary | W | 52 | Penn. | |
| —— Mildred | D | 21 | Penn. | |
| —— Elmer | S. | 12 | Penn. | |
| Lewis, Emrys P. | B. | 29 | England | Pa (?) |

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✓ Witheridge, Thomas — Vol. 176 E.D. 124 (?)
Sheet 13 Line 65

Color - W Age - 46 Birthplace - Penna.
County - Luzerne
City - Nanticoke Street - Chestnut House No. 42

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Sara | W. | 44 | Penna. |
| " Paul | S. | 10 | Penna |
| " Kenneth | S. | 8 | Penna |
| " Keith | S. | 8 | Penna |

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Blakly - B-424

Blakley, Edwin D.C. Vol. 15 E.D. 4
Sheet 8 Line 74

Color - W. Age - 54 Birthplace - Ohio
County - Camden
City - Camden Street - Cooper House No. 318

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blakley, Ida S. | W. | 49 | Pennsylvania |
| —— Edith B. | D. | 17 | New Jersey |
| —— Helen M. | Si | 60 | Ohio |

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Blakley, Ellis Vol. 68 E.D. 272
Sheet 9 Line 68 (?)

Color - W Age 30 Birthplace - England, Citizenship 1913 Pa
County - Hudson (?)
City - Searny (?) Street - Highland Ave. House No. 40

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace | Citizenship |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blakley, Lillian | W. | 27 | England | Co Al |

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Blakley, Fletcher, S. Vol. 16 E.D. 87
Sheet 6 Line 3

Color W, Age 29 Birthplace - New, Jersey
County - Camden
City - Camden Street - Kenwood Ave. House No. 1128?

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blakley, Florence T. | W. | 27 | Illinois |
| —— John S. | S. | 4½? | New Jersey |

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Index (Soundex) 1920 Census, N. J. (cont.)

Bleakley, Florence C. Vol. 19 E.D. 81
Sheet 7 Line 99
Color - W. Age 19 Birthplace, N. J.
County - Camden
City - Camden Street - Cramer ? House No. 2719
Enumerated with - James, Leon L.
Relationship - Step Daughter

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Bleakley, Helen M. Vol. 15 E.D. 4
Sheet 8 Line 77
Color W Age 60 Birthplace - Ohio
County - Camden
City - Camden Street - Cooper House No. 318
Enumerated with - Bleakley, Edwin G.C.
Relationship - Sister

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Bleakley, Herbert (?) Vol. 68 ? E.D. 275
Sheet 18 Line 54
Color - W. Age - 32 Birthplace - England Citizenship 1908 Pa
County - Hudson ?
City - Kearney ? Street - Tappan House No. 24

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace | Citizenship |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bleakley, Mary S. (?) | W. | 33 | England | Pa |
| —— Herbert (?) | S. | 12 | England | Pa |
| —— Florence (?) | D. | 1 2/12 ? | New Jersey | |

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Index (Soundex) 1920 Census – N. J. – (cont.)

Bleakley, James  Vol. 34  E.D. 102
Sheet 18  Line 78
Color W  Age 28  Birthplace – Ireland  Citizenship, 19—? A
County – Essex
City – Newark  Street – Plane  House No. 212
Living alone

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Bleakley, James R.  Vol. 51?  E.D. 306
Sheet 2  Line 66
Color – W  Age 47  Birthplace – England  Citizenship – 1906 Na 1914
County – Essex
City, – Orange  Street – Chestnut  House No. 21?

| | Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace | Citizenship |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| note → | Blakley, Anne? | W. | 43 | England | Na |
| | — Gladys | D. | 19 | England | Na |
| | — Earl L. | S. | 10 | New York | |

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Bleakley, Jesse?  Vol. 21  E.D. 190
Sheet 23  Line 88
Color W  Age 41  Birthplace – Pennsylvania
County – Camden, City —, Street – No. Center, House No. 410

| | Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Bleakley, Louisa | W. | 36 | Maryland |
| | — Louisa A. | D. | 14 | Pennsylvania |
| | — Gertrude | D. | 13 | Pennsylvania |
| | — Jessie | S. | 7 | New Jersey |
| (cont.) | — Girard W. (?) | S. | 5 | New Jersey |

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Index (Soundex) 1920 Census - N. J. (cont.)

Blackley, Jesse (cont.)

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blackley, Margaret E. (?) | D. | 3 | New Jersey |
| — Edward | S. | 3 mo. | New Jersey |

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Blackley, John W. F. ? Vol. 18 E. D. 67

Color W Age 57 Birthplace - Ohio

County - Camden

City - Camden Street - State House No. 517

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blackley, Fannie S. | W. | 54 | Pennsylvania |
| — William B. | S. | 31 | New Jersey |
| — Ruth M. | D. | 21 | New Jersey |
| — Edwin | S. | 19 | New Jersey |

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Blackley, Joseph J. Vol. 19 E. D. 81
Sheet 1 Line 98

Color W Age 21 Birthplace - New Jersey

County - Camden

City - Camden Street - Creamer? House No. 2719

Enumerated with - James, Leon L.

Relationship - Step son

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Index (Soundex) 1920 Census, N. J. (cont.)

Blackley, Oswald Vol. 180 E.D. 79

Sheet 12 Line 76

Color W Age 74 Birthplace - England Citizenship - 1870 Na 1875

County - Patterson

City - Patterson Street - Wayne Ave. House No. 47

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace | Citizenship |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blackley, Sarah | W. | 74 | England | Na |

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Blackley, Raymond Vol. 19 E.D. 19 ? 79 ?

Sheet 13 Line 56

Color W Age 25 Birthplace - Pennsylvania

County - Camden

City - Camden Street - Marlton Ave. House No. 65

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blackley, Anna | W. | 22 | New Jersey |
| —— Mildred | D. | 2 ? | New Jersey |

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Blackley, Richard Vol. 19 E.D. 81

Sheet 8 Line 1

Color W. Age 13 Birthplace - New Jersey

County - Camden

City - Camden Street - Cramer ? House No. 2719

Enumerated with - James, Leon L.

Relationship - Step son

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Index (Soundex) 1920 Census - N. J. (cont.)

Blackley, Robert J. Vol. 19 E.D. 81
Sheet 7 Line 100

Color W Age 16 Birthplace - New Jersey
County - Camden
City - Camden Street - Creamer House No. 2719
Enumerated with - James, Leon L.
Relationship - Step Son

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Blackley, Viola M. Vol. 19 E.D. 81
Sheet 8 Line 2

Color W Age 12 Birthplace - New Jersey
County - Camden
City - Camden Street - Creamer House No. 2719
Enumerated with - James, Leon L.
Relationship - Step Daughter

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Blackley, William H. Vol. 1 E.D. 6
Sheet 7 Line 2

Color W Age 30? Birthplace - Ireland Citizenship 1915 Na 1912?
County - Atlantic
City - Atlantic City Street - So. New Jersey House No. 119 Rear

| Name | Relationship | Age | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blackley, Norma E. | W. | 24 | Pennsylvania |

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Telephone call 10/27/96 to

Mrs. Janet Sauter
2 Hall Court
Fairfield, N.J. 07004 (973) ~~[illegible]~~ 575-9289

Her sister, Martha Gilmore (Mrs. Thomas) is just closing up the bed + breakfast she has - Magnolia, at Beach Haven on Long Beach Island + will be home later this week. [Down toward Atlantic City]

Janet has two children, a son + a daughter (23 y.)
Her son is married

Her mother is still living + is 82. Her maiden name was Lucy Martha Schoenlieber. She was with her recently at the cemetery to see her father's grave.

They saw an article in an entertainment newspaper by Annette Witheridge + got in touch with her.

Janet's father's grandfather's name was Oliver Holley

Her father's sister was Harriet, who married Earl Blakeley. They had a son Robert, who also had children

Her father's brother Creighton married Margaret ——, + they had Craig + Sheila, but Janet has lost track of them.

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Index to Births, 1844, 1st. Qtr., W-Z, England & Wales,
Somerset House (St. Catherine's House), London

| Watheridge - none | District | Vol. | Page |
|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Frederick | Birmingham | XVI | 326 |
| Witheridg, James | Bideford | X | 57 |
| Wytheridge - none | | | |

Index to Births, 1842, 4th Qtr., W-Z, England & Wales, etc.,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Witheridge, Andrew Hannaford | Kingsbridge | IX | 352 |
| Wetheridge - none | | | |
| Wytheridge - none | | | |

General Index, Births, 1872, Dec., A-Z, Eng. & Wales,

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|---|---|---|---|
| Watheridge - none | | | |
| Witheridge, John Edward | Totnes | Folio 5b | Page 178 |
| Witheridge, John Northmore | Plympton | 5b | 232 |
| Witheridge, Thomas | Halston | 5c | 207 |
| Witheridge, William Thomas | Tynemouth | 10b | 235 |
| Wytheridge - none | | | |

General Index, Births, 1870, Sept., A-Z, Eng. & Wales

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Watheridge, William Alfred | Islington | Folio 1b | Page 290 |
| Witheridge, Charles | Kingsbridge | 5b | 213 |
| Witheridge, Philip | Plympton | 5b | 230 |
| Witheridge, Sarah Kate | Kingsbridge | 5b | 211 |
| Wytheridge - none | | | |

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Index to Births, 3rd Qtr 1865

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Witheridge, Francis Henry - Tavistock, Vol. 5B, p. 330 ?
Witheridge, William Henry - Kingsbridge, Vol. 5B, p. 198 ?

Index to Births, 4th Qtr 1849

No Witheridge

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Kingsbridge Reg. Dist.

West Alvington

[Mrs. William]
#50, Kiln Cottages / Mary Watheridge / Head / Widow / 71 / Receiving Parish pay / Liverpool /
No. 7
Mary J. Taylor / Granddau. / 12 / Scholar / Dawlish / Devon
John M. Couch / Grandson / 7 / Do / West Alvington / Do

Churchstow
South Milton

#17, Collacott / William Wetheridge / Head / Mar. / 29 / Farm Labourer / South Milton / Devon
Ann Wetheridge / Wife / Do / 30 / Labourer's Wife / Kingsbridge / Do
John Wm. Wetheridge / Son / Unm. / 9 / Scholar / South Milton / Do
Sarah Kate Wetheridge / Dau. / Do / 10 mo. / Daughter / South Milton / Do

#52, Buildings / Andrew Witheridge / Head / Mar. / 66 / Agric. Lab. / South Milton / Devon
Sarah Ann Witheridge / Daughter / Unm. / 23 / Housekeeper / Do / Do

#62, Wakehams / Henry Lidstone / Head / Mar. / 29 / Farmer 105 acres / So. Milton / Devon
Susan Lidstone / Wife / Do / 28 / Farmer's Wife / South Huish / Do
8 others
Sarah Wetheridge / Nurse / Mar. / 62 / Nurse / Thurlestone / Do

South Huish
Thurlestone ↙
Malborough - Town of Salcombe

#225, / Catherine Witheridge / Head / Mar. / 40 / Mariner's Wife / Devon / Salcombe
Sarah M. " / Dau. / Un / 12 / Scholar / Do / Do
Catherine E. " / Dau / Un / 10 / Do / Do / Do
Florence " / Do / " / 7 / Do / Do / Do
Annie " / Do / " / 5 / Do / Do / Do
Beatrice " / Do / " / 2 / — / Do / Do

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1871 Census of England & Wales
[April 10, 1871]

Malborough (Cont.) Town of Salcombe

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| #243, | Andrew Wetheridge | Head | Mar. | 29 | Gardner | Devon | Kingsbridge |
| | Elizabeth " | Wife | Do | 29 | — | Do | East Allington |
| | Andrew " | Son | Un | 7 | Scholar | Do | Do |
| | William " | Son | " | 6 | Do | Do | Do |
| | Francis " | Son | " | 3 | " | Do | Salcombe |
| | Charles " | Son | " | 7 mos | — | Do | Do |

Kingsbridge

Dodbrooke Parish

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| #137, Church St. | William Witheridge | Head | Mar. | 55 | Gardener & Nurseryman | Devon | Milton |
| | Mary " | Wife | Do | 54 | Gardener's wife | " | Charleton |
| | Elizabeth " | Dau. | Un. | 24 | Monitor in National School | " | Kingsbridge |
| | Eva " | Do | " | 15 | Gardener's dau. | " | " |
| | John Edwin " | Son | " | 14 | " son | " | " |
| | Mary Kate " | Dau | " | 12 | " dau | " | " |
| | Ernest A. " | Son | " | 9 | Scholar | " | " |
| | John Henry Veale | Visitor | " | 9 | Scholar | " | Slapton |

Loddiswell Parish

Woodleigh Parish

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| #33, Topsham Bridge | John Witheridge | Head | Mar. | 29 | Agric. Lab. | Devon | Halwell |
| | Sarah Witheridge | Wife | Do | 21 | Labourer's wife | Devon | Loddiswell |
| | Sarah Jane Witheridge | Dau. | — | 2 | — | Devon | Woodleigh |
| | William Witheridge | Son | — | 1 mo. | — | Do | Do |

Buckland Tout Saints

East Allington

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# Editor's Note

The next nine pages contain what Dad called "Family tree of the So. Milton, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge Witheridge family." I lovingly call it The Monster.

The original of this Witheridge family tree measures five and two-thirds feet on the horizontal dimension and slightly more than one and one-third feet on the vertical dimension. I found it folded into a small, tidy 6" x 9" packet, not unlike those highway maps we used to keep in our cars before GPS and Google directions came along. Whoever made the original used a typewriter (remember those?) and joined its many pages together with staples and Scotch tape.

I say "whoever made it," because its provenance is technically unknown. But the creator could very well have been Joyce Brown (q.v.), perhaps assisted by her co-author Philip Witheridge (q.v.), because it closely resembles — in content, style, and format — the four family tree charts at the end of their *Witheridge Times* article (Volume 11, Number 4, Winter 1997) about the South Milton (etc.) Witheridge family; see the last document in folder 1.63i. In fact, if I were a betting man, my money would be on Joyce (and possibly also Philip).

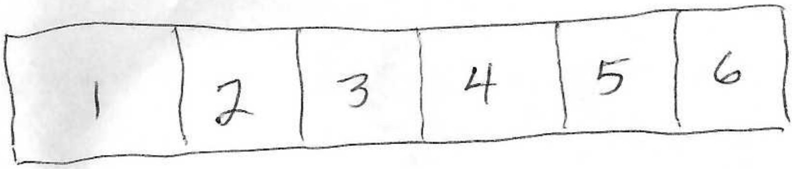
Of one thing I'm virtually certain: It wasn't made by Dad. He seldom used the British day-month-year date format. Nor would he have been likely to squeeze together such data elements as "bc1808" and "d1886SM"; instead, he would have typed "b. c. 1808" and "d. 1886 SM." But for me the dead giveaway is the last word on the last line of the last page: "SAUTTER." Dad misspelled Janet Sauter's married name as "Sautter" in his first letter to her way back on May 9, 1989 (see document W243, folder 1.63h), but by at least October 27, 1996, he was spelling it correctly (see document W299 a few pages back in this folder).

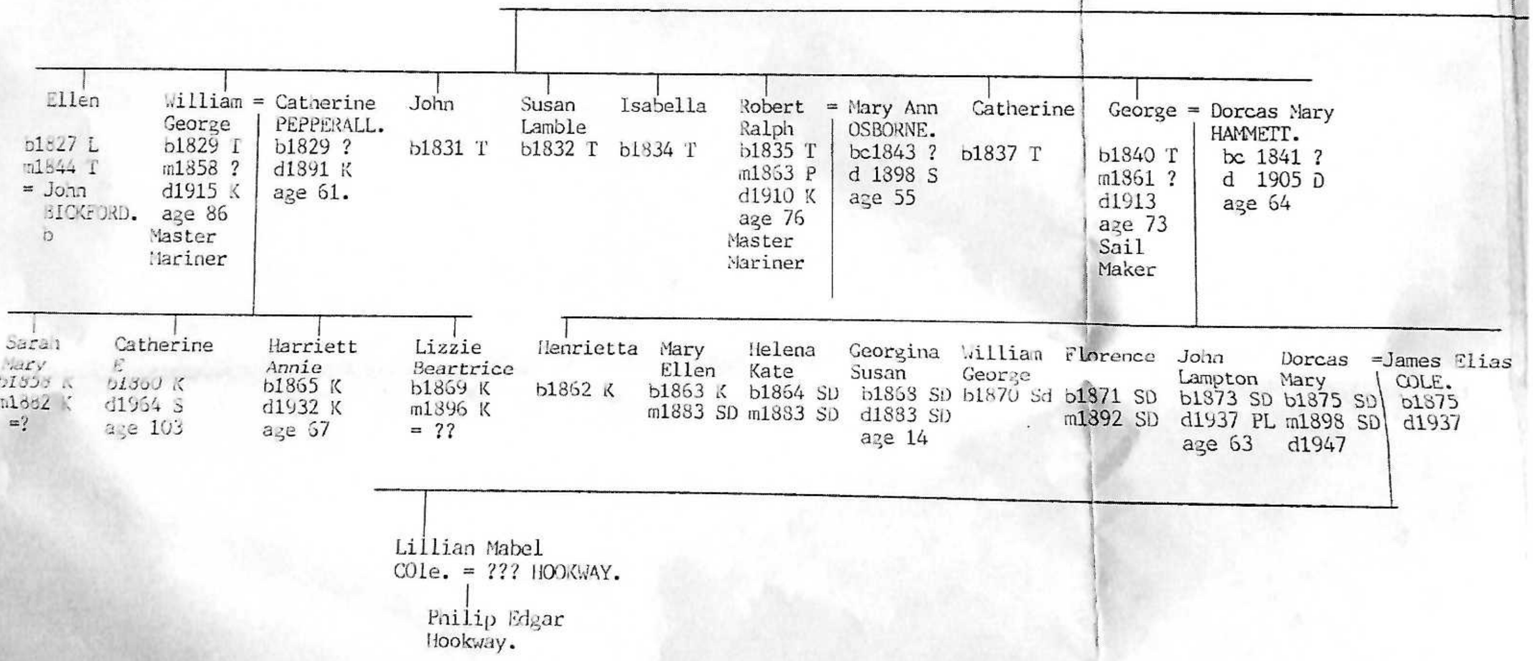
One big remaining question is: Which document (Joyce and maybe Philip's family tree in their 1997 article, or The Monster on the next nine pages) is the "newer" tree? I'm guessing it's the latter, because it fills in many names and dates that were left blank in the 1997 article — particularly for the most recent generations leading to Janet Sauter and her sister, Martha Gilmore, in New Jersey, whom Dad discovered by means of his *Witheridges Across America* (q.v.) tactic (see the aforementioned 1989 letter to Janet and an identical one sent to Martha on the same day, which are documents W242 and W243 in folder 1.63h).

My bottom line hunch is that Dad collaborated with Joyce Browne (and maybe Philip Witheridge) on the link between South Devon and New Jersey. He had facts they needed, and vice versa. Annette Witheridge (b. ca. 1961) is also a likely factor in the transfer of this important information across the pond, because she knew about Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore (see document W299 in this folder), and — as a leader of the Witheridge Society (q.v.) — she knew Joyce Browne and Philip Witheridge. So that's my belief for now.

Tom Witheridge
February 4, 2022

The pages of this family tree move from left to right, thusly:

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William George b1829 T m1858 ? d1915 K age 86 Master Mariner
= Catherine PEPPERALL. b1829 ? d1891 K age 61.
John b1831 T
Susan Lamble b1832 T
Isabella b1834 T
Robert Ralph b1835 T m1863 P d1910 K age 76 Master Mariner
= Mary Ann OSBORNE. bc1843 ? d 1898 S age 55
Catherine b1837 T
George b1840 T m1861 ? d1913 age 73 Sail Maker
= Dorcas Mary HAMMETT. bc 1841 ? d 1905 D age 64
Sarah Mary b1858 K m1882 K =?
Catherine E b1860 K d1964 S age 103
Harriett Annie b1865 K d1932 K age 67
Lizzie Beartrice b1869 K m1896 K = ??
Henrietta b1862 K
Mary Ellen b1863 K m1883 SD
Helena Kate b1864 SD m1883 SD
Georgina Susan b1868 SD d1883 SD age 14
William George b1870 Sd
Florence b1871 SD m1892 SD
John Lampton b1873 SD d1937 PL age 63
Dorcas Mary b1875 SD m1898 SD d1947
=James Elias COLE. b1875 d1937
Lillian Mabel COle. = ??? HOOKWAY.
Philip Edgar Hookway.

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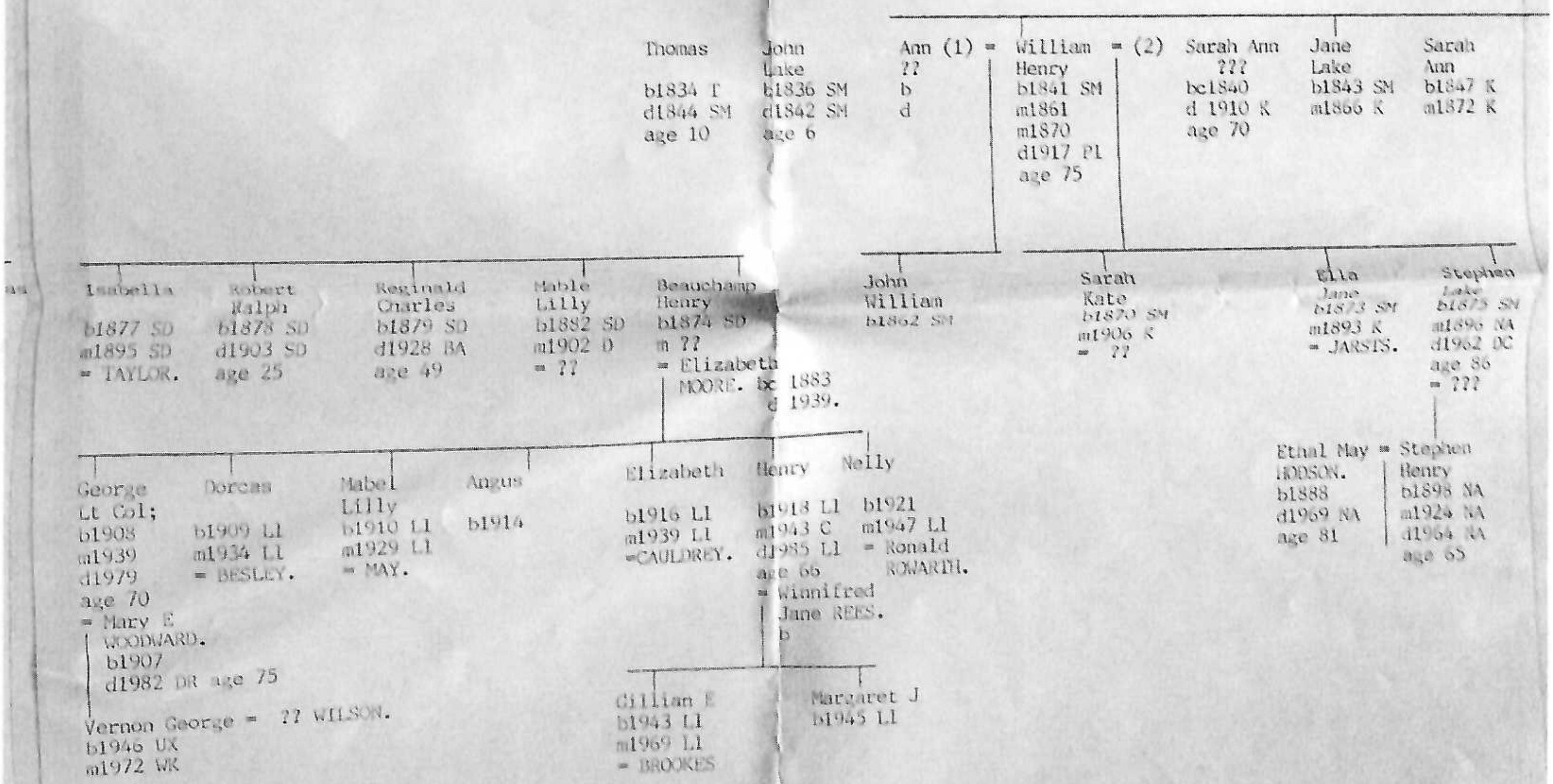

Thomas
b1834 T
d1844 SM
age 10

John
Lake
b1836 SM
d1842 SM
age 6

Ann (1) = William = (2) Sarah Ann
??
b
d

William
Henry
b1841 SM
m1861
m1870
d1917 Pl
age 75

Sarah Ann
???
bc1840
d 1910 K
age 70

Jane
Lake
b1843 SM
m1866 K

Sarah
Ann
b1847 K
m1872 K

as

Isabella
b1877 SD
m1895 SD
= TAYLOR.

Robert
Ralph
b1878 SD
d1903 SD
age 25

Reginald
Charles
b1879 SD
d1928 BA
age 49

Mable
Lilly
b1882 SD
m1902 D
= ??

Beauchamp
Henry
b1874 SD
m ??
= Elizabeth
MOORE. bc 1883
d 1939.

John
William
b1862 SM

Sarah
Kate
b1870 SM
m1906 K
= ??

Ella
Jane
b1873 SM
m1893 K
= JARSTS.

Stephen
Lake
b1875 SM
m1896 NA
d1962 DC
age 86
= ???

George
Lt Col;
b1908
m1939
d1979
age 70
= Mary E
WOODWARD.
b1907
d1982 DR age 75

Dorcas
b1909 Ll
m1934 Ll
= BESLEY.

Mabel
Lilly
b1910 Ll
m1929 Ll
= MAY.

Angus
b1914

Elizabeth
b1916 Ll
m1939 Ll
=CAULDREY.

Henry
b1918 Ll
m1943 C
d1985 Ll
age 66
= Winnifred
Jane REES.
b

Nelly
b1921
m1947 Ll
= Ronald
ROWARTH.

Ethal May = Stephen
HODSON.
b1888
d1969 NA
age 81

Stephen
Henry
b1898 NA
m1924 NA
d1964 NA
age 65

Vernon George = ?? WILSON.
b1946 UX
m1972 WK

Gillian E
b1943 Ll
m1969 Ll
= BROOKES

Margaret J
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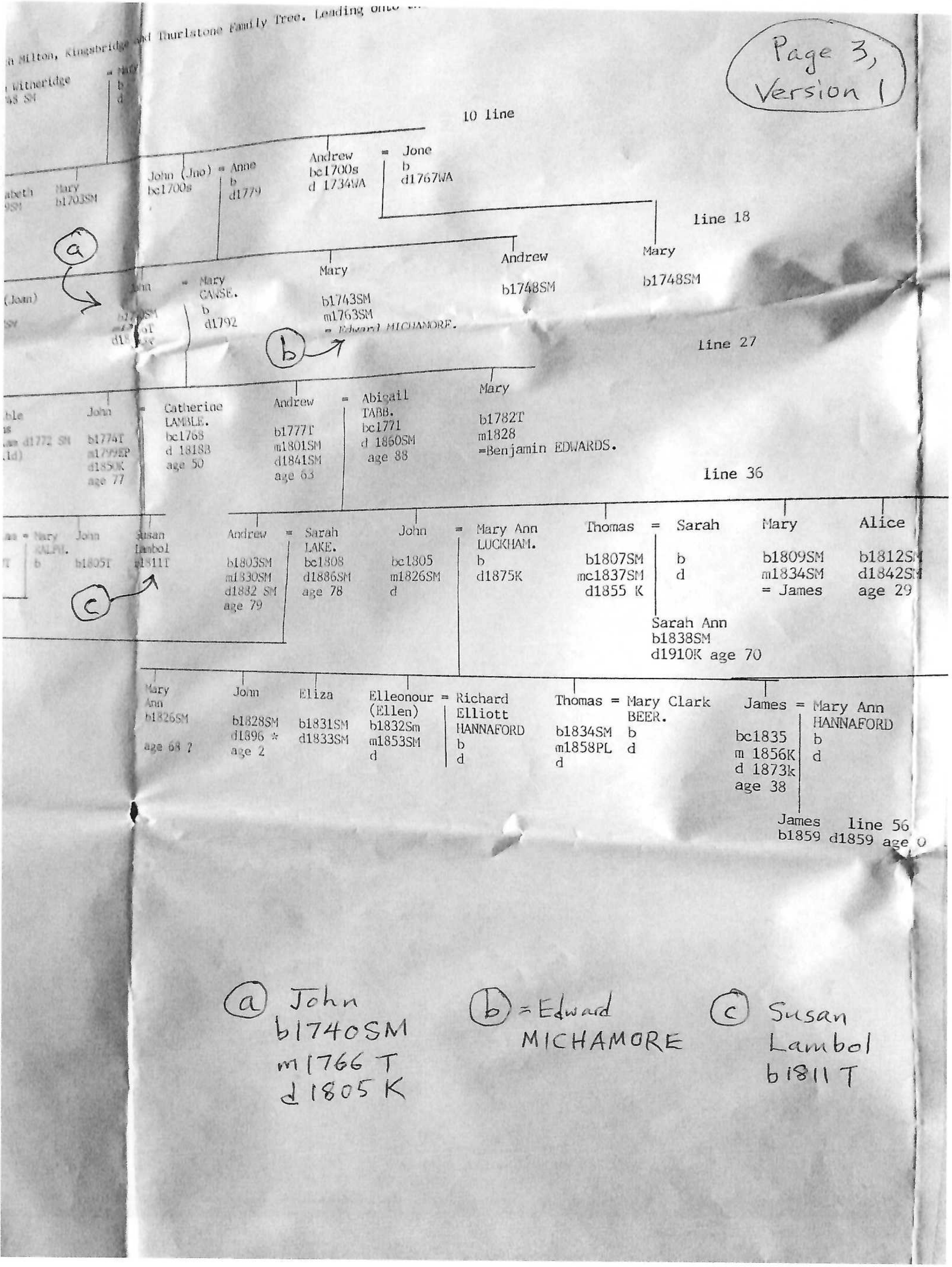
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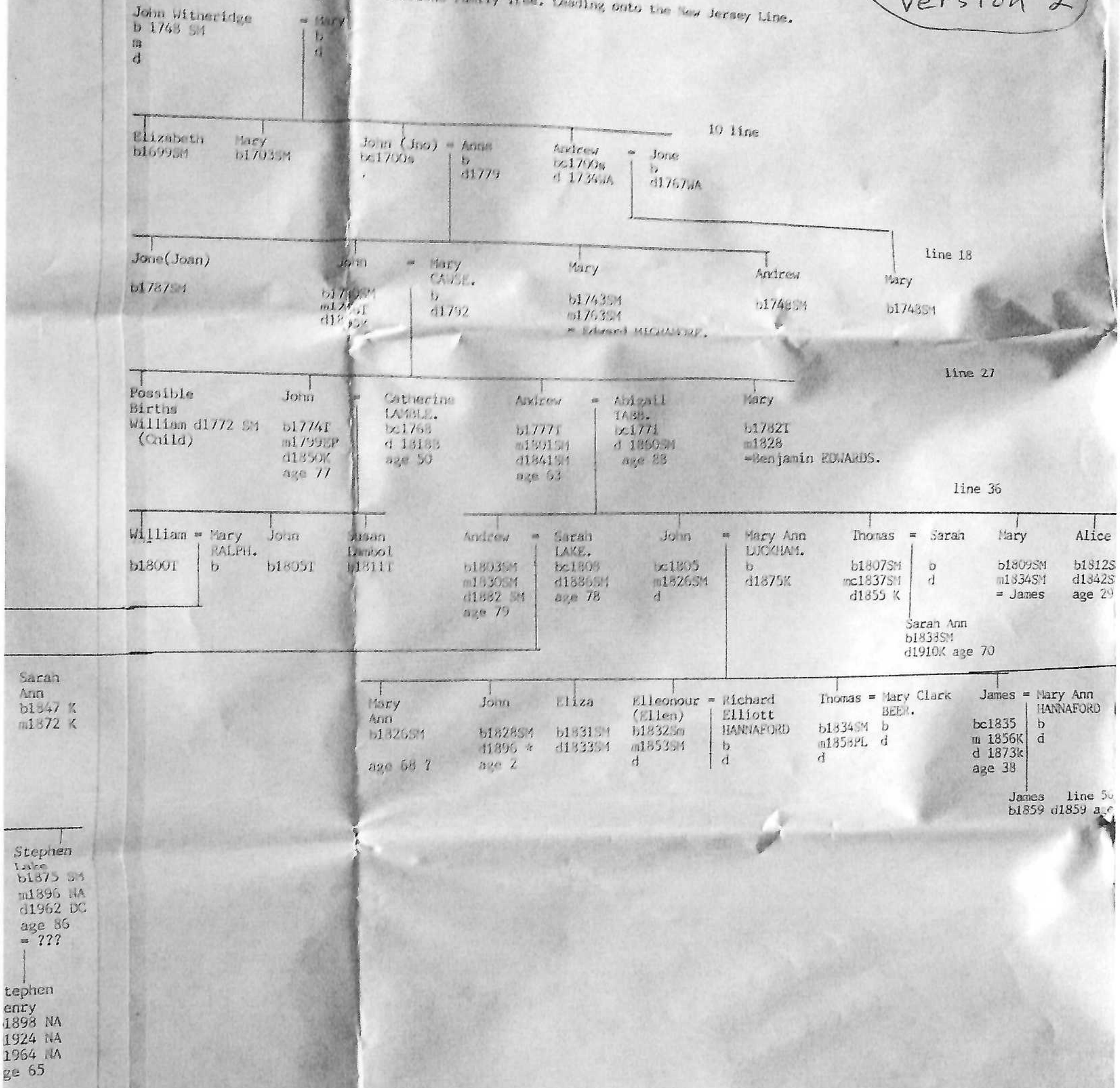

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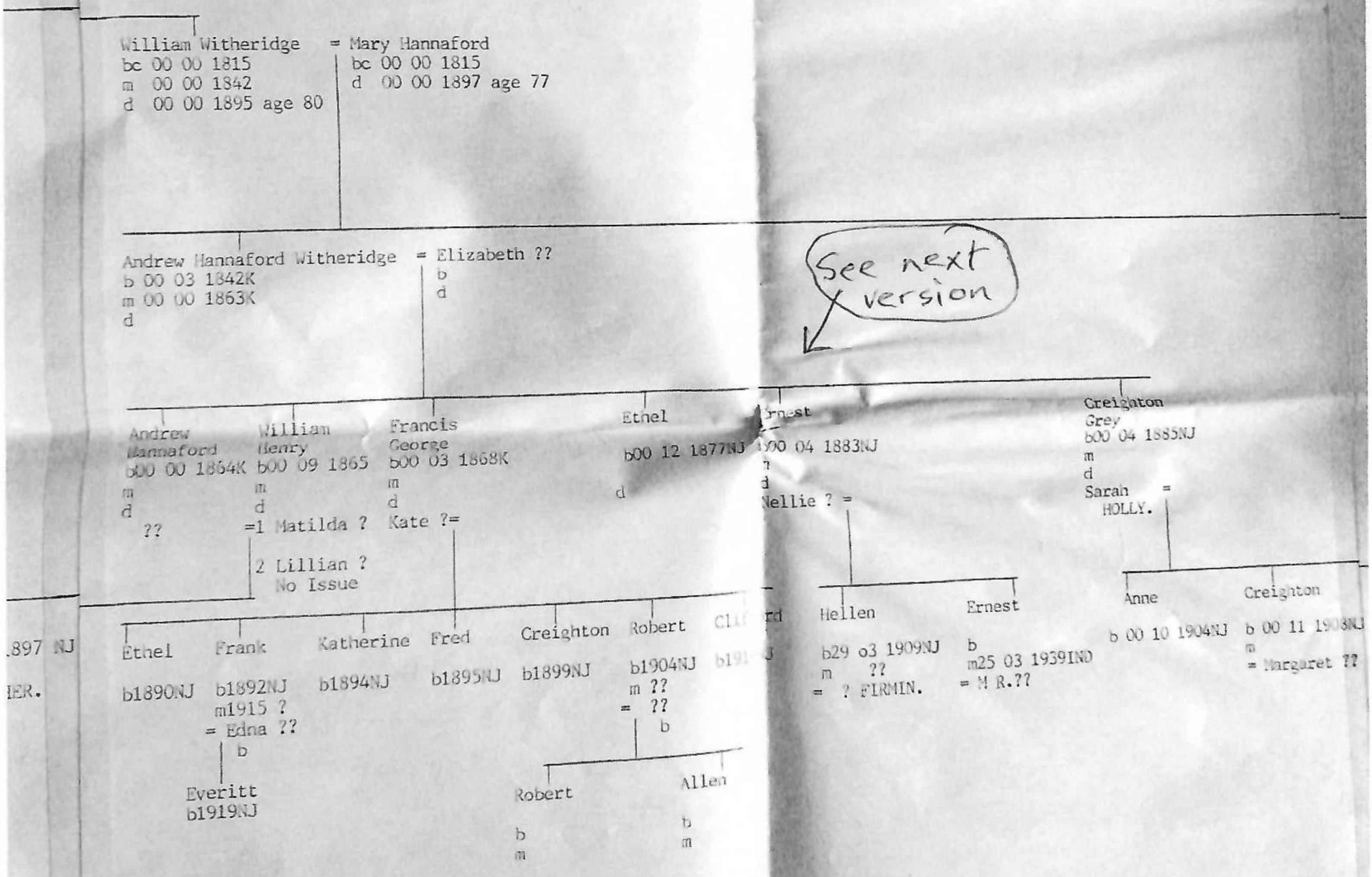

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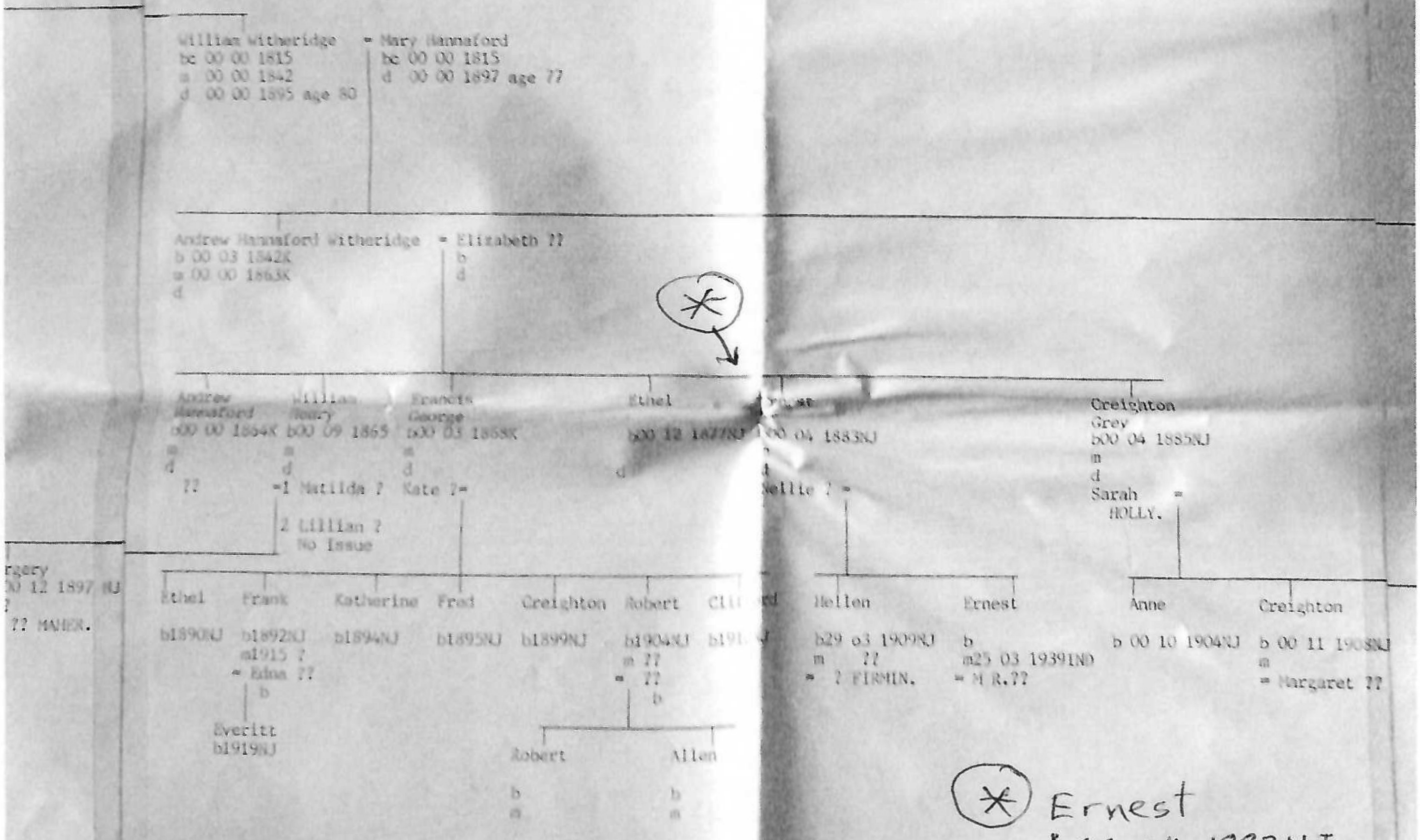
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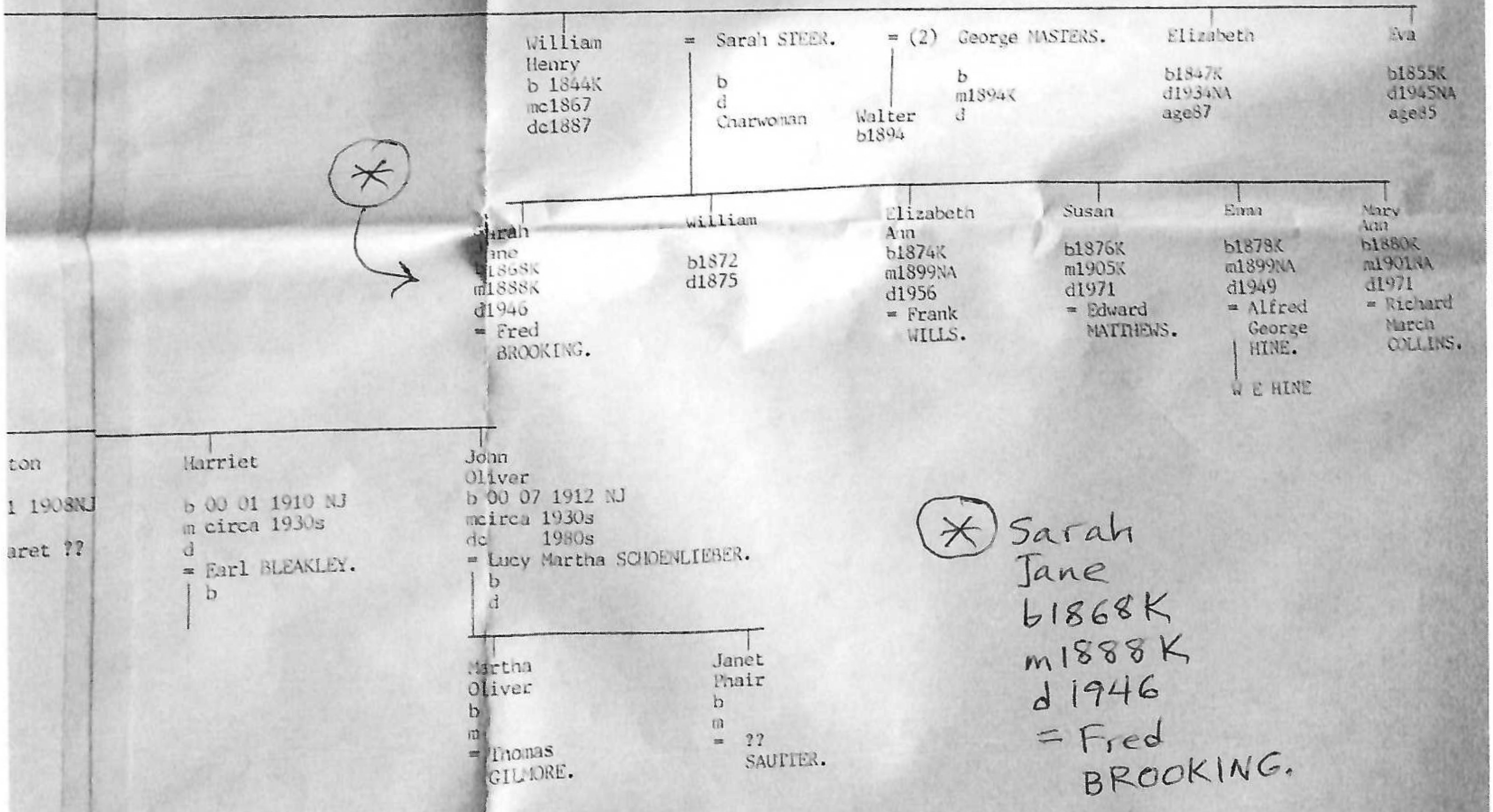

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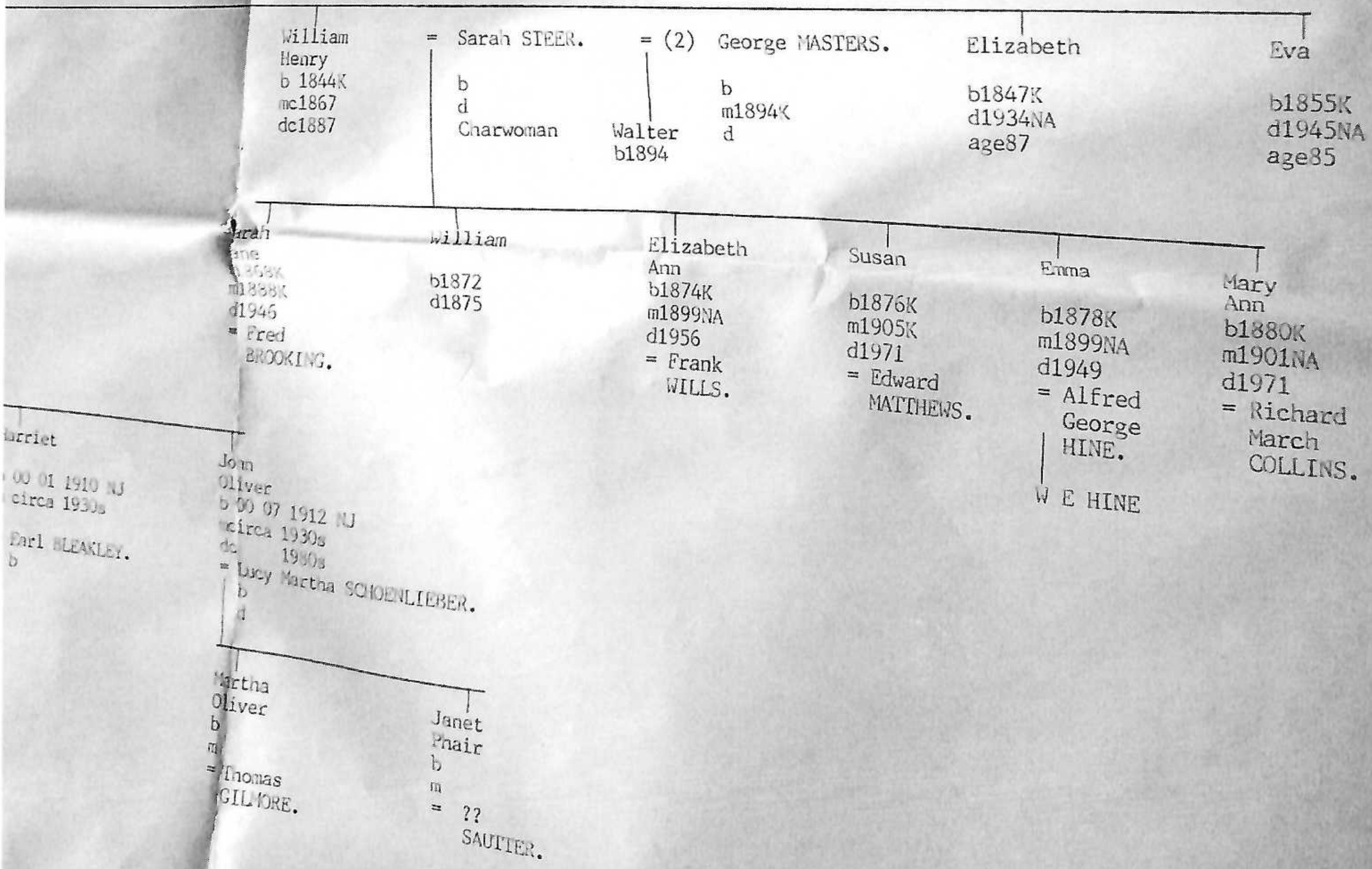

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Dear Mr. Witheridge,

My name is Jill Pierson. I have been doing genealogical reasearch for a little more than a year. I am descended from Ethel Witheridge Pierson she married Alfred Crowell Pierson in 1909. She would be equivalent to my Great Grandmother.

This is the information that I have so far courtsey of my father's family. The Witheridges to my knowlede primarily settled in New Jersey. Ethel Witheridge was born Febuary 10, 1890. She died Febuary 17, 1940. Ethel was born in New York City though.

Ethel was one of many children. I believe 5. She was the middle child. Her parent were Fank Witheridge and Katherine Bower. Frank was born in Rahaway New Jersey. Frank did have several brother and sisters himself. His parent were born 1845/1846. They were Andrew and Elizabeth Witheridge. The family came somewhere between 1867-1870. The reasons for such as journey and movement I do not know.

I can tell you more if you like.

Sincerely,

Jill
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business men as Harry T. and William J. Wickes organized a company, with Robert M. Randall as general manager, to prospect for and mine coal. As a result the Pere Marquette Coal Company sunk a shaft on the John P. Allison farm, near the Saginaw mine; and it was named Pere Marquette No. 1. Soon after a second shaft was sunk on the West Side, just beyond the city limits between Gratiot and Brockway Streets. This mine was known as Pere Marquette No. 2, and soon mining was commenced on a large scale.

About 1899 the Standard mine, located a short distance south and west of the original mine, was completed and put in operation by other parties; and the coal business of the valley was fairly launched. The product found a good market close at home, and at a good profit in active competition with Ohio and West Virginia coals, which had to bear a freight charge from three to eight times more than that of the local coal.

### Arthur Barnard Begins Coal Mining

An enterprising citizen early identified with the coal industry was Arthur Barnard, who first secured coal leases in Blumfield Township, about nine miles east of the city. On this land he soon after sunk a shaft near the line of the Saginaw, Tuscola & Huron Railroad, which formed an outlet for the product. This mine was successfully operated for a number of years, the coal taken from the entries being of very good quality, and was mostly consumed at home.

The success of this mine and the prosperity attending the expansion of the industry led to further investments, and early in the present century he "Jimtown" mine, in James Township, the Riverside mine, south of the city on the Tittabawassee, the Chappell & Fordney mine, on the Belt Line near Gratiot Street, and the Barnard mine, on South Michigan Avenue, were sunk by enterprising operators, and the coal business in Saginaw began to assume large proportions.

Meanwhile the Pere Marquette Coal Company was absorbed by the Saginaw Coal Company, which was composed of practically the same stockholders, and the mining operations of the company expanded to a huge scale. Besides sinking new shafts in proved coal veins, the company purchased several of the independent coal companies, whose operations had not proved entirely successful, and in a few years it practically controlled the coal business at Saginaw. Some of the older mines, such as the Pere Marquette No. 1, which had reached the end of profitable operation, were dismantled and abandoned. In others improved machinery, electric haulage, and modern equipment were installed, to place them on a better paying basis. For economic reasons the industry was gradually becoming consolidated, not only to better control the market and the shipment of coal, but also to fix the selling price. In this city the price was fixed on the basis of the price of Ohio and West Virginia coals at the mines, plus the freight charges to this point, and ranged from four to four and a half dollars a ton delivered.

### Labor Difficulties

During the early period of coal mining in Saginaw Valley, the labor problem was the greatest difficulty encountered. At first there were no experienced miners here, and after the industry was fairly started it was necessary to go to Ohio and West Virginia coal fields for them. This was no easy matter to bring about, as the Michigan coal fields were almost unknown to the miners of the old fields, and they were reluctant to leave their homes to try out newer conditions in the Michigan field. It was necessary to send a good man with tact, judgment and patience into the coal fields, and corral every unemployed miner and as many others as could be induced to leave their jobs, herd them together as a party in chartered cars for the trip to Saginaw. A close watch had to be kept over them at every place the train stopped, to keep them from wandering off; and even then a number of the recruits would desert their new "boss" at the first opportunity, although the fares and expenses were paid by him. It was altogether a strenuous job to land the greater portion of a gang of new miners in Saginaw, and actually get them started to work in the mines. In this work of bringing in miners Frank S. Spencer, for a number of years with the Saginaw Coal Company, was very successful.

### Some Miners Become Operators

The operators in the Saginaw coal field, which includes all mines in this county, have experienced the usual labor troubles arising from disagreements, disaffection and the persistent efforts of the miners to improve working conditions. Added to these difficulties was the active influence of Socialism, which has many followers among the workingmen in Saginaw, and cries out against the employers with some bitterness. Some of the Socialist miners in looking around for something more practical than verbal expressions of hatred, conceived the general plan of the Caledonia Coal Company, a purely co-operative concern, which was organized in 1905.

It was planned to make this essentially a workingmen's mine, the company to be composed of practical mine workers, each of whom was to have an equal share of the stock, and to be equally interested in the output. Every man would thus be working for himself, and whatever his ability and industry gained would be of direct value to himself, instead of going as profit to the capitalist class. The mine and the general business of the company was to be directly controlled by a superintendent, who was accountable to a board of managers; and the decision of this body was to be at all times subject to review by the general assembly of the miner-stockholders.

To the socialist mind the plan had much charm, and many workmen were attracted to it. As organized the company consisted of one hundred men with a capitalization of fifty thousand dollars. A year later the number of shareholders and workers was increased to five hundred, and the capital stock to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The individual contributions were not large, and some workmen paid for their shares in labor, believing that if the co-operative plan was worth anything, it was worth the trial.

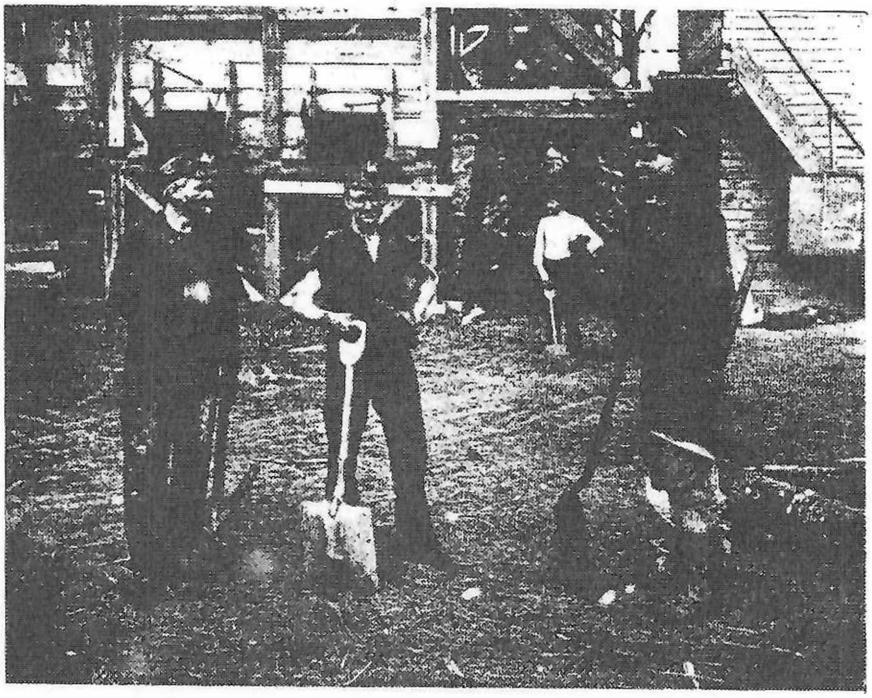
The organization of the company was perfected with the utmost secrecy, and all arrangements quietly made for sinking a shaft. A little tract of forty acres in the eastern limits of the city, upon which the coal lease, originally held by one of the old companies, had been allowed to lapse, was quickly secured by the Caledonia Company; and only when actual work on the shaft was begun, did the coal companies and the public learn what was going on. The shaft was put down with surprising rapidity, and on September 1, 1905, coal was sold from the new mine, the entries of which were at a depth of one hundred and sixty-five feet. There still remained the work of clearing away the waste and rock, extending the entries, and erecting the necessary structure over the shaft; and it was late in the Fall before the company was ready to enter the market with its product.

### The Operators Take a Hand

Meanwhile the operators had advanced the price of coal for the local trade, to the regular winter rate of four dollars and fifty cents a ton, although coal was sold at points a hundred miles or more away, with three times the freight charge, at considerably less. Thereupon the Caledonia Company began selling coal at four twenty-five a ton.

WORKING MAN'S MILL NOT IN A TRUST
CALEDONIA COAL CO.

LOADING COAL IN WAGONS AT CALEDONIA MINE No. 1, 1905



SOCIALIST MINERS JUST UP FROM THE MINE, 1905

This unheard-of proceeding aroused the operators to quick action. A conference was held at which they explained to the little group of socialist miners their painful duty. But the miners were not won over.

"We must protect the public against extortion," they contended, a principle which fell on unheeding ears. The operators were firm. "You know the price of life," they said.

The Caledonia reply was instant and unmistakable. The price of coal was dropped to four dollars, then to three-fifty, at which point it remained for several years.

The action of the operators was equally positive. Coal was rushed to the new mine, at which most of its product was sold, and was offered directly in front of the Caledonia mine at the startling price of one dollar and seventy-five cents a ton. This action was kept as secret as possible, as it was hoped that the socialist miners would be brought to their senses, without wide publicity of the methods employed.

### The Caledonia Wins Out

The effect was lacking, however, and when the public realized the situation the little mine was flooded with orders. It was soon evident that the operators were beaten, the supply of one seventy-five coal was withdrawn, and the general retail price for the city trade was fixed at three dollars a ton, delivered, fifty cents under the Caledonia price. But the little socialist mine with only forty acres of coal had already gained many friends, and these continued to stand by it.

It was soon evident that the Caledonia mine was the key to the whole situation as only because of its competition was the low price conceded by the operators. If at any time through lack of support or any other cause the Caledonia had succumbed, the retail price would at once have advanced to the old figure. There were enough consumers in the city who realized this fact, and they kept the mine well supplied with orders. It thrived largely because of the difficulties that beset it.

True to its promise the Caledonia mine ran regularly, even through the bituminous coal strike of 1906, when every other mine in the State was closed down for several months. The owners of the mine worked it themselves, they had no labor troubles and were unaffected by labor disturbances outside. Every man was personally interested in the company, and eager to do his utmost for its success. They had the whole market to themselves, during the Summer, but the retail price of their product remained at three fifty a ton. The management was in the hands of strong, capable men.

The wage scale of the company was based directly on the Michigan scale, but was applied to "mine run" instead of to the screened coal, as applied by the operators. This was a decided advantage to the miners, and, moreover, was based on a thirty-six inch vein of coal, although in other mines it was based on a thirty inch vein. Day men received ten cents *per diem* above the price fixed by the Michigan scale. In 1906 the average wage paid in the Caledonia mine was two dollars and seventy-five cents a day.

Realizing that their original forty acres of land, hedged in on all sides by the coal leases long held by the old companies, would not hold out very long, the Caledonia people soon after secured five hundred acres of good coal land on the outskirts of the city, and set about to develop it by sinking a new shaft. All the profits of the first mine, above the operating expenses, and the proceeds of the new stock issued to new workers under their plan, were used in this development; and the company prospered to a remarkable degree. Later another site for extended operations was located on the West Side, in the vein which had produced the best coal in the valley, and it was fully developed.

## The Operators Regain Their Advantage

In January, 1910, discouraged by the continual opposition of the operators, who had become stronger than ever, the Caledonia Company entered into an agreement whereby their entire output was contracted for, covering a period of years, by the Consolidated Coal Company. The expected in regard to the city trade at once happened, the retail price being advanced to four dollars a ton; and in January, 1911, it was raised to four fifty, at which figure it has since remained. The entire production of the socialist mines has since been marketed by the Consolidated people, who, strange as it may seem, are the very "masters" the socialist miners regard with such inveterate hatred.

## Characteristics of Saginaw Coal

According to a report of the State Geologist, the coal veins in Michigan thicken and thin, divide and unite, and pinch out so rapidly, or are cut out by sandstone beds or by erosion so often, that the finding of a thick bed at one place forms no proof that the same bed or other beds may be found a few hundred feet away. On the other hand, the absence of coal at a particular spot does not preclude the possibility of finding workable coal at astonishing short distance away. The beds are often of such local extent that it is never safe to attempt an exploitation of coal deposits without a proving of the area by thorough drilling, and even this is not always reliable. Too often a coal bed gives way to black shale horizontally or vertically, or its place may be taken by sandstone. Cannel coal and bone coal are often observed as gradations from coal to black shale.

The Saginaw coal, one of the thickest and most extensive seams in the State, is probably the best vein in quality, though its coal is non-coking. Its thickness is often more than three feet and forms the base of most of the mining in this county. It is low in sulphur with a decidedly high heating power, and although leaning toward gas and coking types, the high content of moisture renders poor coke. Some of the later mined coals, especially of the Saginaw seam, running well above fifty per cent. in fixed carbon, with little or no sulphur, are much higher in grade. Saginaw coal in comparative tests with Hocking Valley, made by E. C. Fisher, of the Wickes Boiler Company, proved superior in several respects to that most famous steam coal. By tests the superior St. Charles coal, which comes from the same horizon, does not rank in efficiency with Pocahontas, but was better than several other coals, and nearly equal to the best Hocking Valley. Its good qualities make it a fine domestic coal and a steaming coal much in favor with railroads.

A Rider is a small coal seam found as a cap to the lower and thicker parts of the troughs of coal, and is formed by the settling and compacting made by the fifty or sixty feet of peaty material in the process of forming the main seam, in which shallow basin the rider was made. The middle or Saginaw Rider is a seam of considerable thickness, and possibly the East Side mines have their shafts in this coal. No bed of coal was ever continuous over the basin, as sandstone often replaced the beds, showing that the coal was cut out after it was formed.

## Development of Mines

There are some peculiarities in the occurrence of coal which have retarded and will continue to more or less retard its future development. Sometimes the roof is a porous sandstone or is full of fissures, allowing free circulation of water, but usually the water comes from the coal itself or from the foot walls. Heavy beds of sand and gravel in the drifts carry a great

# Editor's Note

The next four pages contain a brief article written by DEW for *The Witheridge Times* and published in the Summer 1999 issue (Vol. 13, No. 2).

It tells the story of DEW's paternal grandparents, William Witheridge (b. 1856) and Mary Jane Allen (b. 1857), who emigrated from Wales to Sherrodsville, Ohio, in 1888, where William worked in a mine and farmed a few miles from town. In about 1898, the family moved to St. Charles, Michigan, where a new coal mine had opened.

After a brief trip to visit family and friends back in England and Wales, William and Mary Jane returned to the U.S., moving to Saginaw, Michigan, where William worked in a coal mine and became the treasurer of a worker-owned cooperative mine, the Caledonia Coal Company, which is described in the previous document in this folder.

The final paragraphs tell of the family's last big move, to California and elsewhere on the Pacific coast, where all of these Witheridges ended up, except for DEW's father, William Allen Witheridge (b. 1881), who remained in Saginaw.

Tom Witheridge
February 4, 2022

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# WILLIAM WITHERIDGE AND MARY JANE ALLEN

## A Life Profile

by David E. Witheridge

William Witheridge, my grandfather, was born on September 23, 1856, in the North Devon seacoast town of Combe Martin. He was the son of John Witheridge and Clara Blackmore, both of whose families had lived in that area for many generations. They were members of the Church of England.

One of the industries of Combe Martin was the mining of a lead ore containing a small percentage of silver. William's father John worked as a miner, but the operation of the mines was not very profitable, so they were closed from time to time. Because of the uncertainty of work in the mines, John Witheridge took his family across the Bristol Channel to Swansea, Wales, about 1871 (when William was about 15) in search of steady employment in the coal mines there.

After moving to Wales, William also became a miner, and he worked in various Rhondda Valley mines. On September 25, 1880, he married Mary Jane Allen in Sardis Chapel (Independent) in Pontypridd. Both were listed as residents of Waunyr Eirw, Llantrissant.

Mary Jane Allen was born in Swansea in January 13, 1857. She was the daughter of William Allen and Christiana Richards. Her father was a coal miner, who had moved to Wales from Cornwall. He became a machine man, a stock taker, and an iron furnace manager in various Welsh towns before becoming weighmaster for a coal mine in Aberaman. There he was killed in a mine accident in 1869, when Mary Jane was twelve years old.

Mary Jane's mother was a tailoress. After her husband's death, she moved a few miles away to Hirwain, where two of her sons were miners, taking her younger children with her. At that time they were members of the Church of England. Later the family moved to Porth in the Rhondda Valey, where the sons continued mining, and Mary Jane probably learned dressmaking with her mother.

When Mary Jane and William were married, she already had a two-year-old daughter, Elizabeth Jane Allen, born June 11 1878 in Maesydd Landore, Glamorgan. It is not clear whether or not William Witheridge was the father, but Elizabeth was always known as Elizabeth Jane Witheridge thereafter.

Four more children were born while they were living in Wales. William Allen, my father, was born January 23, 1881; Clara May was born May 25, 1883, and died December 23, 1883; and John Allen was born April 23, 1885. These three were born in Brittania, a small section of Porth. George Allen was born March 4, 1887, in Tylorstown, Glamorgan, also in the Rhondda Valley.

In 1888, when William was 32, he and Mary Jane were all packed to move their family to Australia, when they were persuaded by Mary Jane's brother, George Allen, to go instead to Sherrodsville, Ohio, in the U.S.A. George and his family had moved there in 1886, probably at the suggestion of Richard Jenkins, a mining superintendent, who had gone to America from Wales. George had written to the Witheridges and had said there would be good jobs and lots of work in Ohio.

Sherrodsville was a mining town. William Witheridge worked in a mine, but lived with his family on a farm a few miles out of town. At first they lived in a house in Sherrodsville. The owner of the farm, Mr. Toots, had just built a house at another location so he was glad to have the Witheridges rent the farm and take care of it. They raised crops and animals, such as cows and pigs, so they had their own milk and other food. William was used to such an arrangement, as he had gown up in Combe Martin, where most miners had their own little farming areas.

William and Mary Jane had three other children in Sherrodsville. Christina was born August 16, 1888; Edward Allen was born September 6, 1891; and Clara Mae was born May 18, 1894. All the children except Clara Mae, attended school in Sherrodsville. They probably attended the Methodist Church and Sunday School, as it was the only church in town.

About 1898 the Witheridges moved to St. Charles, Michigan, where a new coal mine had been opened. Friends in Sherrodsville wanted to go there, and they asked the Witheridges to go with them. They first moved in with the Adams family in a big house on a farm not far from town. Later they moved to a house downtown in St. Charles. They attended the First Baptist Church, and several of the children were baptized there.

In 1903 or 1903 the mine in which William was working went on strike, and he took advantage of the opportunity to take his wife and their youngest daughter, Clara Mae, on a visit back to England and Wales. While there, they urged George Chivers to return with them to America on a vacation. He was William's nephew, the son of William's sister Elizabeth (Betsy) Chivers. At first George refused; but Richard Jenkins, superintendent of the St. Charles mine, also arrived in Wales on a visit, and he convinced George to come and work in the mine. Later George's parents and his brother Edgar and sister Elizabeth also came to America.

About 1904, when William was 48, the Witheridges moved to Saginaw, Michigan. William worked in a mine there, and he became treasurer of a coal company owned by the miners, called the Caledonia Coal Company, Ltd. He held this position at least from 1907 to 1913. While he was working at the mine, someone set off an explosion early, and a piece of coal hit William in the head. It knocked him out and nearly killed him. From then on he never worked down in the mine again, but he worked at tipples (loading cars) and had other responsibilities at the mine. In Saginaw the Witheridges were active members of the First Baptist Church. For seven or eight years, probably after he no longer went down into the mine, William served as a janitor of the church. In 1917 Rev. Elijah R. Allen, Mary Jane's brother, became the minister of the First Baptist Church and served in that capacity for four years.

About 1908 their son John began travelling around the country singing with a vocal group, perhaps a sextet. By 1910 he had settled in California. Then in 1920 their son Edward went west, settling first in Portland, Oregon, and seven years later in Port Townsend, Washington. In 1921 their son George, a florist in Saginaw, decided to move his family to California; and William who was 65, and Mary Jane, who was 64, accompanied them. They all settled in the Los Angeles area, and George set up his florist shop in San Fernando. My father, William, was the only one of the children of William and Mary Jane who remained in Saginaw with his family.

Mary and Mary Jane lived in Inglewood, a suburb of Los Angeles, until William died August 9, 1935, at the age of 79, and Mary Jane died December 8, 1942, at the age of 85.

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# Editor's Note

The final document in folder 1.63j (see the next page) is Dad's 1942 letter to "Dear Folks" — exactly *which* folks is a mystery to me, unless one of them was his sister, Louise — about his exciting new job in Chicago: Assistant Minister of Hyde Park Baptist Church (now called Hyde Park Union Church) in the University of Chicago neighborhood on the South Side lakefront. This liberal congregation was perfect for him, opening doors to the university where he later received his master's degree at the Divinity School. Many of the church members were also U of C faculty, some exceedingly prominent in their fields.

My brother Jim and I were born while Dad and Mom were in Hyde Park. We lived in a small apartment across from Jackson Park on Stony Island Avenue, just north of the Midway (the "midway" of the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition, the first world's fair with an area for amusements, hence that subsequent use of the word for other fairs), a pleasant walk from what is now the Obama Presidential Center. *

I found this letter in one of Dad's four files of miscellaneous documents pertaining to his early work on the Nemitz family and related German lines. There was no particular reason for it to be located there (in folder 2.1), except perhaps for the passing references in paragraph four to the town of Beecher, Illinois, home of some Nemitz descendants, where he and Mom intended to stay overnight on their way to and from Chicago.

So I moved it here, and I apologize for the poor copy (actually, two poor copies, one darker than the other). The original in the file was a carbon copy on a piece of tan copy paper, and it was 80 years old. Hope you can decipher most of it.

Tom Witheridge
November 28, 2022

*Knowing that would have made my parents so happy!

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2360 Marshon St.
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June 22, 1942

[June 22, 1942]

Dear Folks,

Would you like to know where we are going to be located next fall? Right in the heart of Chicago! That is, we are expecting a call to become assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church. The church council has voted unanimously, but we are now waiting for word as to the outcome of the general vote of the church, which was to have been taken yesterday. We do not doubt what the answer will be, however.

We have been trying to get a church in a college town, but this is much finer than anything we had expected, that we are simply thrilled. You no doubt know that this church is right on the edge of the campus of the University of Chicago, so a great many professors and students go there. Then, too, they are willing to have me take some courses there so that in about six years I shall be able to get my doctor's degree.

The only thing that has us worried is what kind of place we shall find in which to live—that is such a crowded area and rents are so high for decent places. So, as soon as we get the final word from the church, we want to come to Chicago, to see if we can locate an apartment that will be open by the first of September, the date when our work will begin. We do not know exactly when we shall come, but it will probably be within the next two weeks, for Dr. Schloerb, the pastor, leaves for his vacation after the Fourth.

What we shall probably do is to go directly to Beecher and spend the night with them. Then we can come in to Chicago the next morning and look. If you could put us up that night, we would be very happy; but I know you don't really have much room. We want to spend two days in Chicago, but the second night we expect to return to Beecher. Then, of course, the next morning we shall leave for Saginaw. What do you think of this? At least we can have a meal with you.

As I say, we don't know yet just when we are coming. If we come this week, it will be on Wednesday, for I have to be back here to preach on Sunday. If we come next week, it will no doubt be on Monday. We shall have to let you know as soon as we are sure. If this will not be convenient for you, please let us know at once.

We have a lot to tell you and are curious to see you again.

Lovingly yours,

Elizabeth and Dave

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2840 Mershon St.

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Elizabeth and Dave

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Adams family documents

"Lives in old family home" [illegible]

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Note by DEW

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
May 16, 1976

Mrs. Clara E. Adams
100 Brynmair Road
Cwmaman
Glamorgan
U.K.

Dear Mrs. Adams:

You may remember that many years ago I wrote to your sister Susannah Argust trying to find out more about our Witheridge family background. At that time she said she sent my letter on to you for information you might have. I am a grandson of your Uncle William Witheridge, who married Mary Jane Allen.

The reason I am writing to you now is that my wife Elizabeth and I are coming to Britain this summer, and we certainly hope we can visit you in Cwmaman. I have been the Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for twenty-five years, and I've been granted a 12-week study leave. I'll be spending several weeks in university libraries, but for about a month from July 8 to August 7 we'll be renting a car and traveling through England, Scotland, and Wales conferring with the leaders of local councils of churches.

This will bring us to Wales between July 29 and August 3. We hope it will be possible to visit you some day during that period. Of course, we would not expect to stay with you, but would find other accommodations nearby.

We also hope to meet and talk with your brother Albert Edgar, who we assume still lives near you at 14 Pleasant View, Godream. If not, I hope you will give me his present address. I understand he has a daughter. Does she also live near Aberdare?

As you probably know, I also have relatives in Glamorgan on my grandmother's side (Allen): Mrs. Will Roberts in Ynysybwl and Mrs. William Monnelly in Myrthr Tydfil. We'll be visiting them, too.

Would you please give me the addresses of your two daughters and your son? We hope we can arrange to meet them on our trip and would like to write them in advance.

As you see, I'm assuming you are in good health, and I surely hope that is so. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your cousin,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

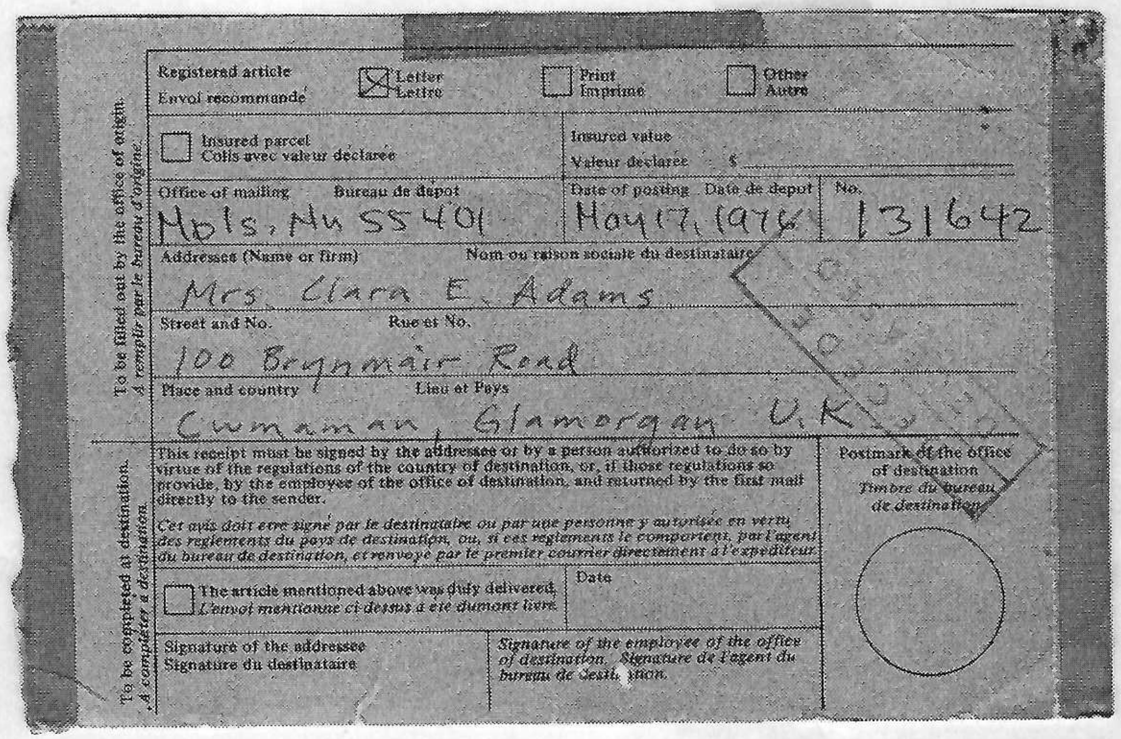
PS. Our address in England after June 16 will be in care of Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA. She will be able to forward our mail at all times. She is a Witheridge descendant, but we haven't yet determined just how we are related.

- D.E.W.

Write Mrs. Clara E. Adams (Mrs John D.)
100 Brynmair Road
Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glam.

Ask if she has any old records - Where John W. buried - obituary?

Photo of John + Clara W.



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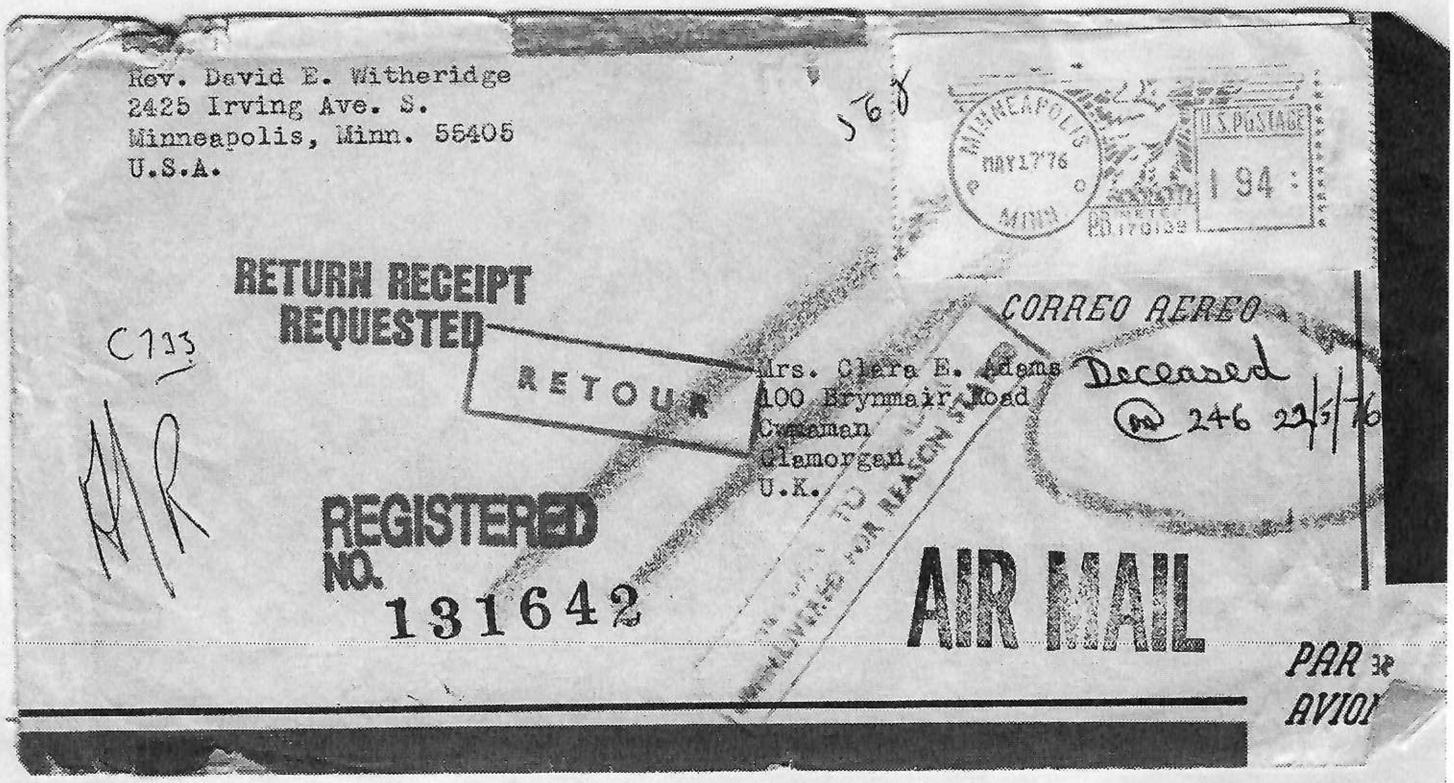

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June 22, 1982

Mr. + Mrs. John Adams
Box 1598
400 Adelaide Street
Kincardine, Ontario N0G 2G0

Dear John and Maurine:

Perhaps you have heard about me, John, from your sister Irene. I am your second cousin. Your grandmother, Susanna Adams, was a sister of my grandfather, William Witheridge, who left Wales for America with his wife and children about 1888.

My wife Elizabeth and I have taken two very enjoyable trips to Britain – the first in 1976 and the second in 1980. Each time we visited Irene and Neville in Birmingham and had a marvelous time. Of course, we met many other relatives, too.

On July 16th Elizabeth and I are planning to leave on a 3-week trip east. We'll be stopping mainly in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New England. On the way back we'll be coming through Ontario and across into Michigan at Sarnia.

It occurred to us that this would be a wonderful chance to meet you and your family, if you expect to be home at that time. The way it looks now, we would arrive in Kincardine Sunday afternoon, August 1st. We would probably be staying in or near Toronto the previous night. If you do not have room for overnight guests, we'd appreciate your suggesting a suitable motel for us to stay in.

We hope you will be home at that time, and we look forward to hearing from you before July 16th.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

Wed 30th June. 82.

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Phone # 396-3860
AREA CODE 519.

Dear Elizabeth & Dave.

Your letter arrived Yesterday. I'm delighted to hear from you and just cant wait to see you. We have room for you of course, but I should tell you now so that you can think about it. every Saturday night throout July & August our little town attracts a lot of tourists with its pipe & drum band. Its a traditional meeting place of the townsfolk after the labours of the week. its nothing special really we follow our band up thro town and back to the park where they play in the band shell for some time, but I guess it must be quaint, as the tourist come from all over north America to witness the event, also on the Sunday evening there is a public Singalong at the beach, another attraction, So if you would just think about that, and decided you would like to see it I think you would enjoy it.

The best route from Toronto is to take the "Air port Road" to Mono Mills turn left onto Hwy # 9 and it brings you right into Kincardine it'll be a nice restfull drive thro rural Canada for you after the long trip you'll have done from Toronto down town to Kincardine is approx 140 miles.

Have a wonderfull trip drive Saffly and see lots. We really look forward to seeing you.

We had a trip to wales in March april this year. my Mother passed away the first week, and Uncle Edgar Adams who was my father's youngest Brother and also the last of that generation passed on two weeks later. At least I did see them first So it helped to ease the pain.

I'll close now with love to you from
John Maureen & 3 girls

7/16/82

Dear John & Maureen,

We were very glad to hear from you and to know that you will be home on Aug. 1. We shall enjoy staying with you that night.

The pipe and drum band celebration sounds very interesting, and we wish we could be there for Saturday, but we can't. In fact, it will be about 6:00 p.m. before we can get there on Sunday. We can only get to Belleville on Saturday because of the distance from Vermont. If we can work in part of the singalong at the beach, that would be fun.

We have to leave Monday morning, as we are due in Michigan on Monday afternoon.

We're glad you had a trip back to Wales though we were sorry to hear that your mother had died, John, and also your uncle Edgar. We met him when were in Wales but we didn't get to meet your mother, as she was out of town.

Looking forward to Aug. 1st! Sincerely,

Dan & Elizabeth

Joyce Aldrich (b. 1932)
documents

(Joyce Virginia Redburn)

1985 [Christmas card]

David and Elizabeth,

A portion of our clan - last summer at the home of Willard and Andy Cocco - thought you might like to take a look!

Our very best to you at this beautiful time of the year. May 1986 be rich in blessings for you both.

Our love and regards,
Jo and Bruce
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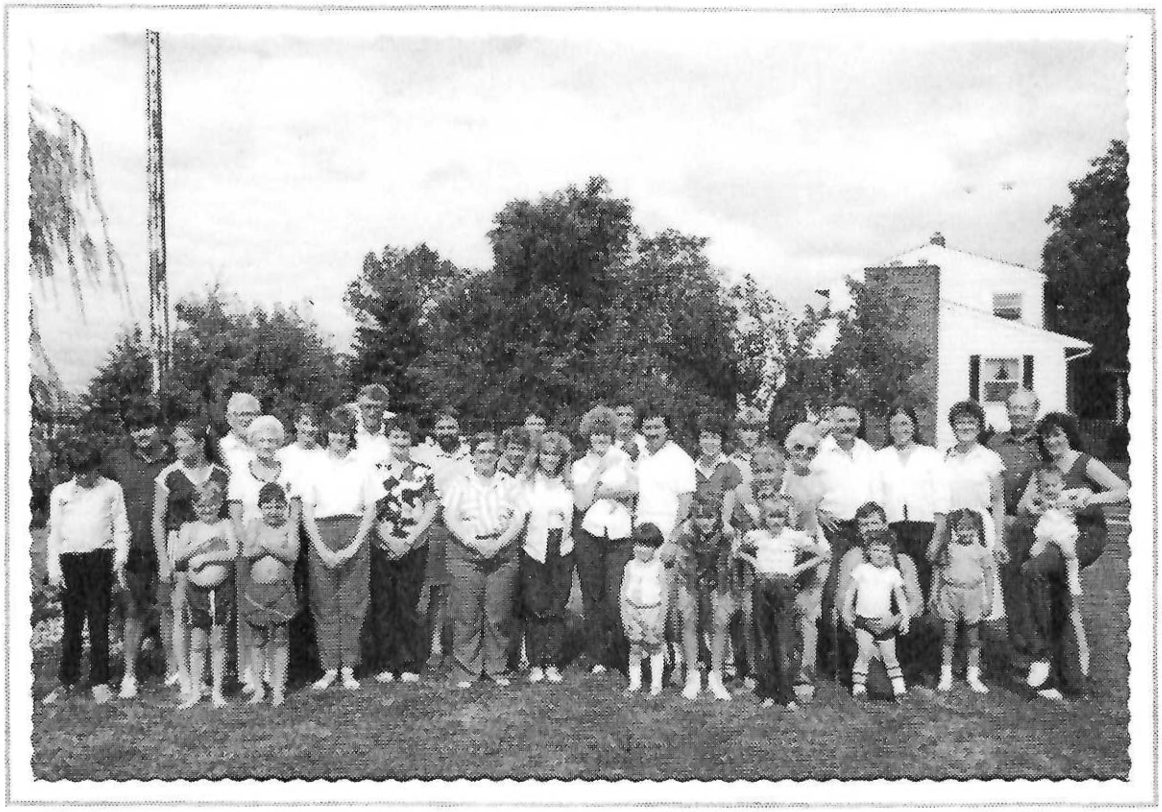

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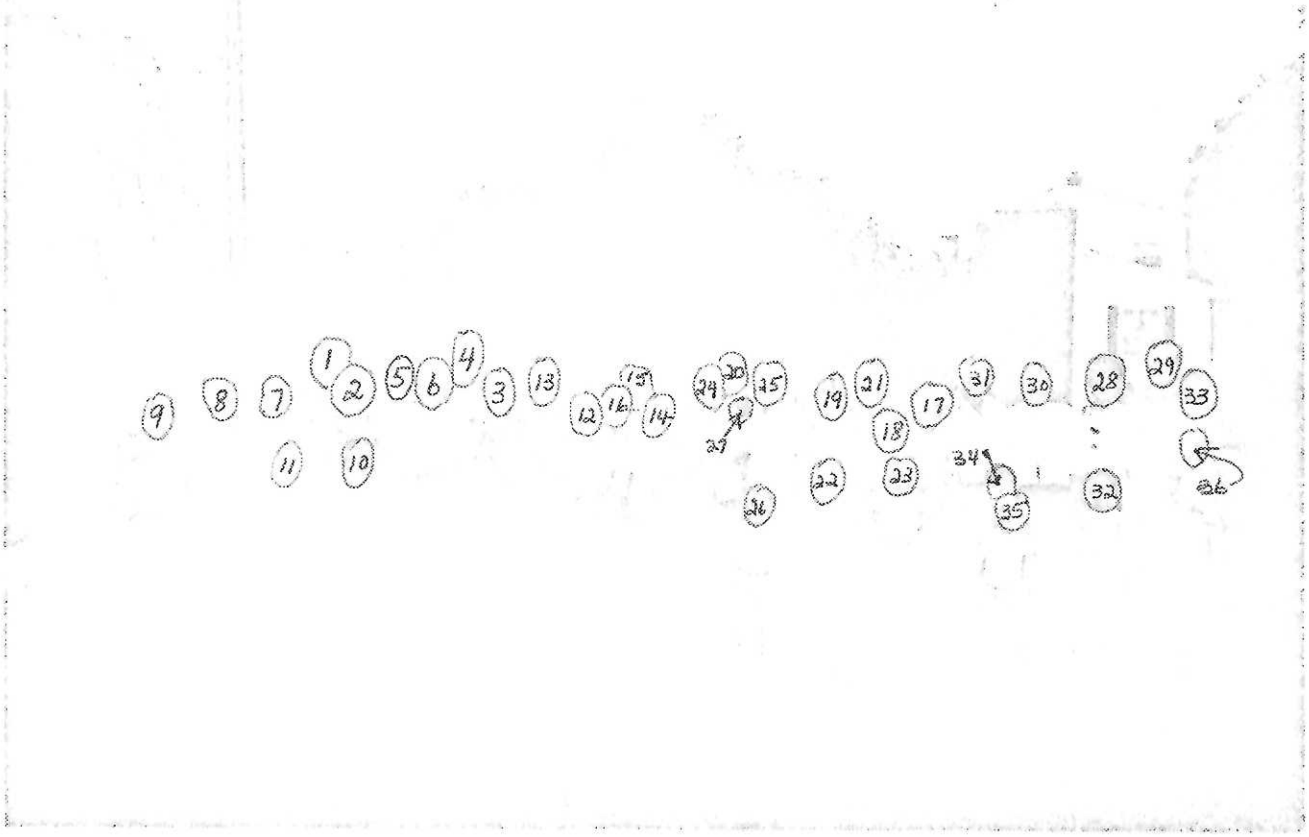
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29 Bruce Aldrich
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  31 Bob Fellows
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Tara Fellows on Jesse

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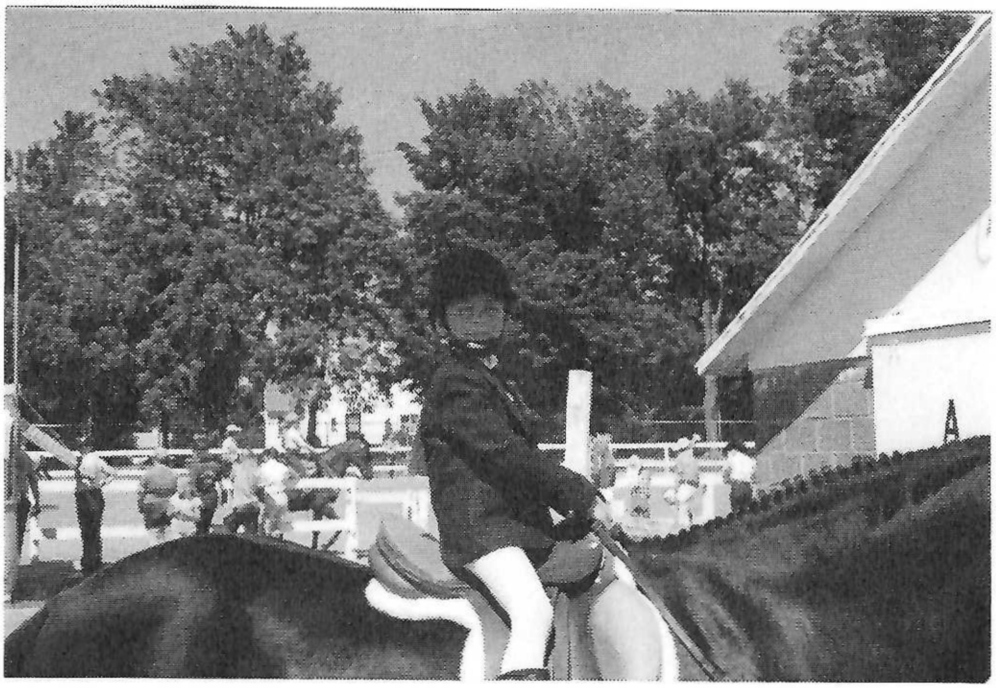

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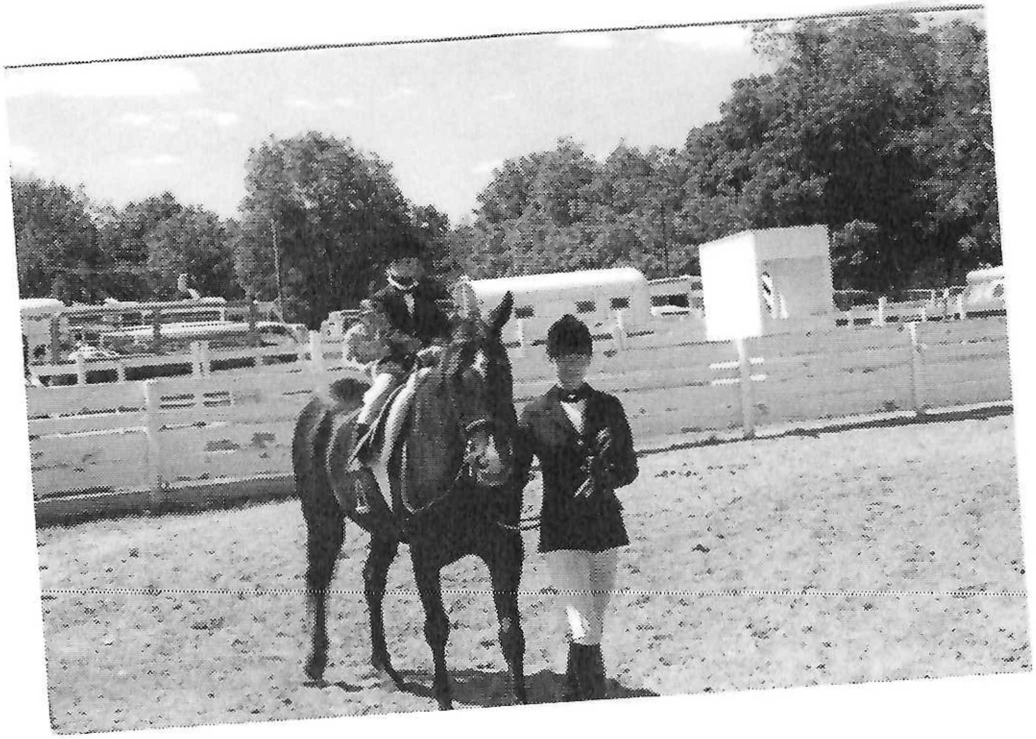

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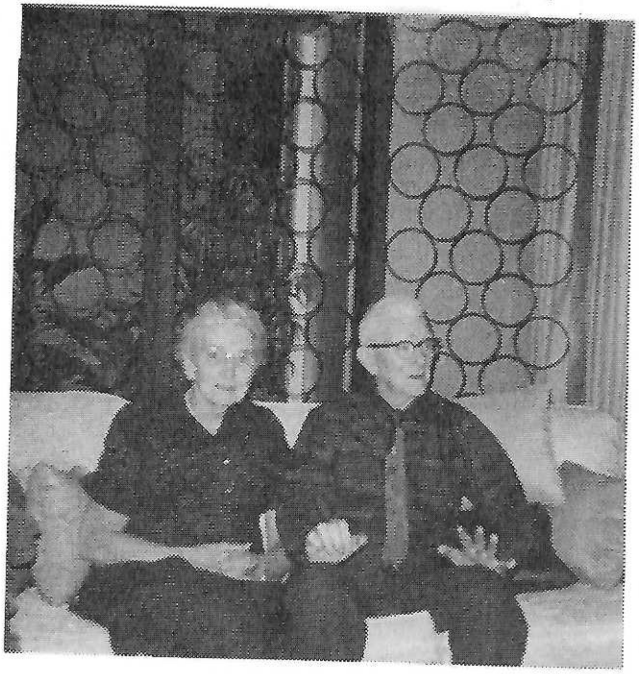

Matthew and Jennifer Kennedy
and Grandma (me!) Joyce

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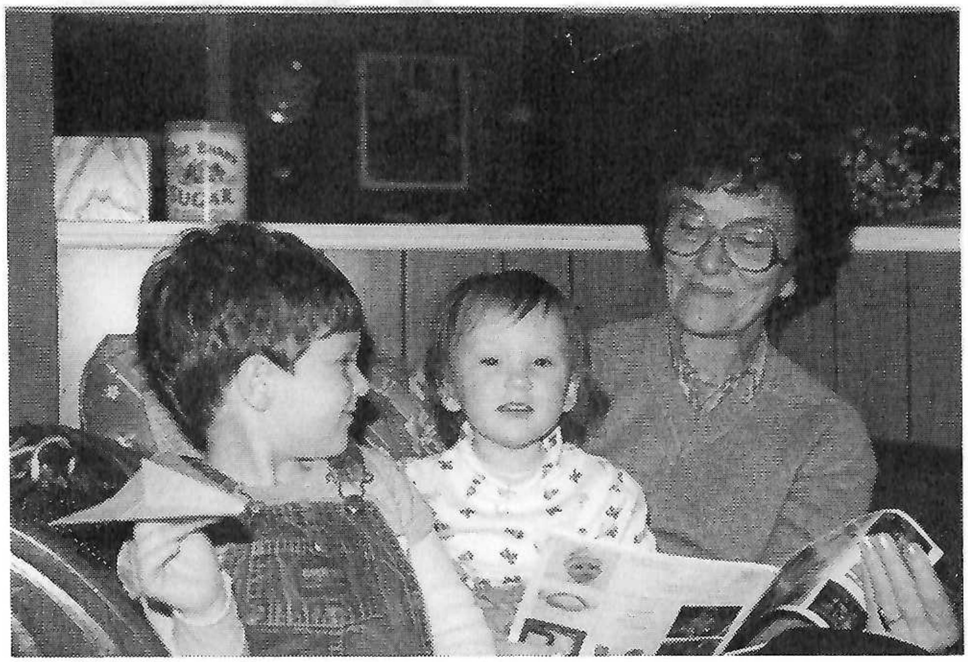

# TEDDY'S BEAR

by Luanne Fellows

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Did you ever wonder where the first Teddy Bear came from? And why the name "Teddy?" It all started in 1902 when the 26th President of the United States decided to go bear hunting.

Four experienced hunters had been searching for bear signs for hours in the thick Mississippi woodland. But now they hoped they would soon have a healthy black bear cornered for the President, Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt. Their slate-colored hounds had detected the scent of bear in the underbrush and were straining at the ends of their ropes.

"Turn 'em loose! Fresh track!" shouted the leader, a tall, wiry man.

More than 25 bear hounds went howling and yelping into the thick underbrush. The hunt was on!

The hounds and bear had no trouble racing through the tangled grasses and prickly bushes, or dodging the heavy Spanish moss that hung down from the limbs of giant hardwoods and knotty cypress trees. An icy morning rain had left the November air crystal clear and cold. Suddenly, the bear came into view and the hounds yelped excitedly as they closed in. They were even noisier as the bear spun around, frantically lashed out at them, and turned to run again. These courageous dogs had somehow to trap the unpredictable bear and keep him at bay until the hunters arrived.

The hunters whooped and hollered as they swiftly trailed the hounds, dodging honeysuckle, buckvine, and fallen limbs. After a mile or so they slowed. Cautiously, they approached a clearing.

The lean black bear had chosen to turn and fight near a shallow waterhole. The dogs had him trapped against a fallen cypress tree.

"That's sure a poor excuse for a bear," breathed the leader of the hunting party. "He's lame and half-blind! It's a wonder he made it this far. He'll make an easy shot, though. Better go fetch Teddy."

Just then there was an ear-piercing yelp. A careless young dog had received a fatal blow on the head from the frantic bear.

Behind the tiring bear an agile hunter crept slowly along the fallen cypress tree. With the butt of his gun he hit the exhausted bear on the head. The stunned bear was quickly roped and tied to a tree.

While the hunters waited for Teddy Roosevelt, they tied the dogs and rewarded them with praise. One of the younger men fumbled with his tobacco and asked, "What's the President doin' in Mississippi anyway?"

"He's figurin' out just where Mississippi ends and where Louisiana starts. He's going to draw the line on the map for us," replied the leader. "Here he comes now."

Rough Rider Roosevelt stopped dead in his tracks as he entered the clearing. He could not believe his eyes! These men really expected him to shoot a lame, half-blind bear which was tied to a tree? He had hunted wild animals on three continents and had faced stampeding buffalo! No sportsman would be forgiven for making such a shot as this, and he, the President, was every inch a sportsman. He turned away in disgust.

The bear hunt had come to an unexciting end but Clifford Berryman, a famous political cartoonist, heard about it. Within days he had a cartoon published in a Washington newspaper showing Rough Rider Roosevelt "drawing the line in Mississippi." The cartoon showed Teddy refusing to shoot a shivering, teary-eyed bear cub.

Morris Michtom, a candy store owner, saw the cartoon. He designed a furry toy bear with shoe-button eyes. Soon three little bears sat in his Brooklyn, New York, store window with a copy of the cartoon. A little sign read "Teddy's Bears."

So many people wanted to buy one of the stuffed bears that Michtom's wife, Rose, was kept sewing steadily. Mr. Michtom soon had permission from Teddy Roosevelt to call the toys Teddy Bears. The President didn't think his name would mean much to toy companies, but within a year, there was a Teddy Bear boom. Teddy Bear had been born and was growing strong.

That was over 80 years ago. Adults and children still love Teddy Bears. Many keep them as friends for life. True loves of Teddy Bears have taken their bears with them on airplanes, and some have rushed into burning buildings to rescue them. Soldiers have carried their bears with them into combat. One Teddy was even carried to the top of a mountain by an Italian Alpine climber.

James Ownby, a journalist and bear lover, was so impressed by how much bears mean to people that he started a club for arctophiles (friends of bears). There are over 7,000 Good Bears in his Good Bears of the World organization. These Good Bears really believe in Teddy Bear power. They donate Teddy Bears to just about anyone who needs a bear hug — especially to children and elderly people in hospitals and institutions. Mr. Ownby, who calls himself Bearo #1, thinks Teddys are almost supernatural. They give love and comfort and are great listeners. People seem to recover more quickly when they feel this special love.

To keep all his Good Bears in touch, Mr. Ownby and his Hawaiian bears publish *Bear Tracks* four times a year. He has plans for a Teddy Bear Museum and wants 1985 to be a worldwide celebration — the Year of the Teddy Bear. So far, governors of 18 states have proclaimed October 27th, Teddy Roosevelt's birthday, as Good Bear Day. There may soon even be a monument at Smedes Camp where Roosevelt refused to shoot the bear. The monument will say, "Teddy Bear Slept Here."

Teddy Bears in America have come a long way since that wild bear hunt in 1902. They come in all sizes and colors and offer lots of love and friendship. Thanks to the Good Bears of the World, children in hospitals have something to hug while they're sick and even after they go home. There may soon be several museums and even a holiday honoring Teddy Roosevelt and Teddy Bears. Why don't you help spread the word? Enter into the world of love and understanding and give someone you love a Teddy Bear!

1-26-86

David,

Forgot to ask you, in my last letter, if you knew who these people are/were. These funeral "programs" were among my mother's things. These names don't ring any bells with me.

Enjoyed a prolonged January thaw – and now it is bone chilling cold again – but since Spring is becoming a real possibility – I mean I can stand on my head, if necessary, for 7-8 weeks! I am looking forward to some green grass and warm breezes!

Regards to you – Jo

My heart is like a singing bird.

-- Christina G. Rosetti

Farewell, dear wife, mother dear
From this sad life of toil and care,
Let's hope to meet in heaven above,
And re-unite in God's own love

*In Affectionate Remembrance of*

*Mark Perham,*

The beloved Husband of Eliza Perham

*Who departed this life Oct. 4th, 1921.*

*Aged 68 Years,*

*And was interred at Treorky*

*Cemetery, Oct. 8th.*

A loving father, true and kind
He was to us in heart and mind;
A devoted one, who loved us well
When he on earth with us did dwell.

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God thought it best that you should go,
But, oh! dear Mother we miss you so,
Friends are friends if they prove true
But we lost our best friend when we lost you

Weep not for me, nor wish me back,
I now from pain am free,
And in my Jesu's arms I rest,
Where I have longed to be.

In Affectionate Remembrance of

Eliza Perham

Who departed this life March 27th, 1939,

Aged 67 Years

And was interred at Treorchy Cemetery

You've watched for me beside my bed,
Now I will watch for you
And when you reach the golden gates,
I'll come and lead you through.

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She suffered much, but murmured not,
We watched her day by day,
With aching hearts grow less and less,
Until she passed away.

*In Affectionate Remembrance of*

*Mary Stooksbury,*

The beloved Wife of Henry Stooksbury

*Who departed this life Feb. 6th, 1919,*

*Aged 85 Years,*

*And was interred at Treorky Cemetery,*

*February 12th.*

To die in Jesus, oh, how sweet,
You need not shed a tear,
Why should you wish me back again,
You have no cause to fear.

15 Cross Street
Ystrad

Howell Williams & Son, Undertakers, Ystrad Rhondda

2-11-86

Dear David and Elizabeth,

David Ash Witheridge (b. 1986)

I'm sending, under separate cover, a gift for your grandchild. I was under the impression the baby was due in April! I hope the baby is doing well, and Virginia is leveling out with her b.p.

Thank you for your letter. When one comes from you I save it until I have time to sit and enjoy it with a cup of coffee by the fire - they are always interesting and enjoyable.

Bruce was interested in your mention of Marsh Pump. He worked at Demmer Tool and Die, formerly the home of Detroit Grey Iron Foundry, close to Marsh Pump. It was also close by Lansing Tool and Die where my father worked for many years. Bruce headed (started) up the Special Machinery division of Demmer's - was there until the mid 60's.

I was very interested in the article you sent and of Tom's involvement. I have another friend who has recently moved to Chicago, doing work of this sort. I am not sure what she is doing exactly, but will find out! Her name is Virginia Beattie, a nun (with a loose connection to with her order in Adrian) I think that is Dominican. In any event I am sending her a copy of the article.

Thank you for sharing Jim's life with me. It is something to be proud of - he must have had much determination to be cured of this unfortunate disease. Another friend of mine, Toni Hetherington, is a counselor in Insight, a drug abuse live in, 28 day program. She says that she meets the most wonderful people through

Sometimes the nicest
things in life
are not the things
we plan.

connections there – they seem to have a more sensitive nature than the ordinary person. Do you find this so?

Since my other Peoples' Church bulletins were of some interest to you I am sending along our Lenten programs. This is the first year for a publication like this - Hope it generates some revenue!

My regards and love to you both. I am looking forward to one day meeting you both. Bruce has an Uncle in Fairmont - Sounds like we could plan a trip and see everyone!

Stay well, avoid the flu!

Jo

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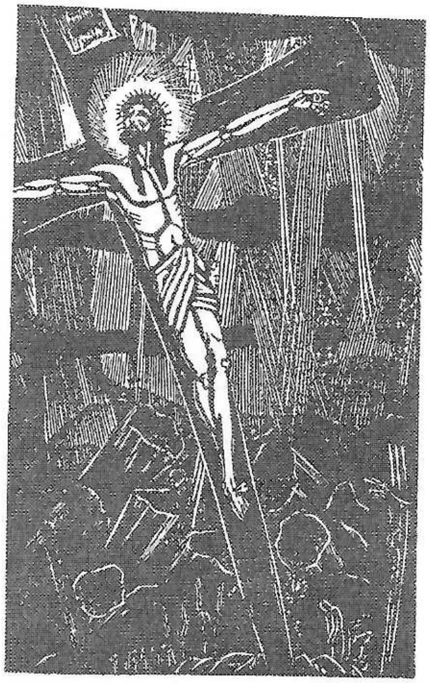

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## LENTEN BOOKLET

THE LENTEN SEASON IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS A TRADITIONAL TIME OF RENEWAL WHICH COINCIDES WITH THE SEASONAL RENEWAL OF THE EARTH. THE TERM "LENT" IS A SHORTENED FORM OF "LENGTHENING OF DAYS." IN THE PRE-INDUSTRIAL WORLD, CULTURES WERE DEPENDENT UPON THE SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL CYCLES TO MAINTAIN THEIR EXISTENCE. THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH MADE USE OF THESE CYCLES IN ITS NURTURING OF FAITH. AS THE SPRINGTIME DAYS LENGTHENED ENOUGH FOR PLOWING AND PLANTING, SO THE CHURCH LENGTHENED ITS EMPHASIS PREPARING FOR ITS LORD'S RESURRECTION. JUST AS THE PHASES OF THE SPRINGTIME MOON DECIDED PLANTING SCHEDULES, SO THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS MARKED ITS PASSOVER AND EASTER IN A SIMILIAR MANNER.
AS THE SOWER PREPARED THE SOIL FOR THE SEED, SO THE CHRISTIAN PREPARED THE SOUL FOR RECOUNTING THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE LENTEN SEASON IS A TRADITIONAL TIME OF RENEWAL BY STUDY, WORSHIP, AND OFFERING. THE PEOPLES CHURCH OFFERS THIS RENEWAL FOR YOU IN THIS YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1986, BEGINNING WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, AND CONTINUING THROUGH EASTER, MARCH 30.

THIS LENTEN BOOKLET BRINGS TOGETHER IN ONE FORM, SIX WEEKS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR RENEWAL. THESE ARE MAILED TO EACH FAMILY. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS OF THE CHURCH. FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND, CASSETTE TAPES OF THE SUNDAY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

2/22/86

Dear Jo & Bruce,

Just a short note to thank you for the lovely and most exquisite blanket you sent for Tom's and Virginia's baby. It was entirely unexpected, of course, and a very warm and thoughtful thing to do. We assume that you knitted it yourself, Jo; but whoever did, it represents many hours of loving work. We haven't sent it yet, but have mentioned it in a letter and in a recent phone conversation. They were thrilled and very grateful. We'll send it soon with some other things we have from Tom's and Jim's baby days.

I'm sorry, however, that I misled you into thinking the baby had already come. You were right in your impression that the baby is due in April – toward the end of April, in fact. When I said the baby was doing well, I was really reporting on all the tests and ultra-sound pictures they keep taking nowadays, as well as his frequent kicks and other movements. I think I may have told you at Christmas time that they had used the amniocentesis test they give to women over 35 now, and found that the baby is perfectly normal and is a boy. That's probably why I expressed myself as I did.

Just two days ago Tom called and said Virginia's blood pressure had not dropped as the doctor had hoped, so he had her put in the hospital for closer monitoring and more complete rest. Tom thinks they may even keep Virginia there until delivery, though that will depend on how she responds.

Now I must close. Thank you again more than we can say.

Love,

David & Elizabeth

4/1/86

Dear Jo + Bruce,

We have some sad news to convey to you this time. Tom and Virginia's baby arrived pre-maturely and only lived 18 days. When I last wrote to you, they had put Virginia into the hospital because of her high blood pressure. This developed into a very serious syndrome of symptoms called pre-eclampsia. If this does not subside, but progresses into the real eclampsia, the mother's life is endangered, and the baby is nearly always stillborn.

As the doctors saw this approaching, they decided to take the baby by Caesarean section, which they did on February 25. They named him David Ash Witheridge (Ash is one of Virginia's family names). He was only seven months along and only weighed 2 lbs., 10 oz. He immediately had to be put on a respirator, and his lungs never did develop enough that he could be removed from it. Virginia recovered slowly but surely from her serious symptoms, but little David had a recurring series of setbacks, so that he died on March 15.

Tom stayed close to Virginia and the baby at the hospital, and he called us every day. It was a period of great stress for them and for all of us, of course. After a day or two they moved the baby to Children's Memorial Hospital where they bring babies from all over the country, so we know he had the very best care available.

When it was over, Tom and Virginia went away for a short trip alone and out of touch with everyone for several days. Now they are home and getting back to their work and many responsibilities. Virginia is starting out on half-time, but fortunately her blood pressure is where it should be most of the time, and she is gradually feeling better.

Since this experience, we have heard of a number of others who have had pre-eclampsia and have later gone on to have one or more children with no problem at all. The doctors have encouraged Virginia to try again, so we are looking forward to the future with hope.

We are sending the enclosed memorial folder because we thought you would like to see the lovely quotation Virginia selected, which we think is very appropriate. We're glad we had not sent your beautiful blanket before David was born, but we'll see that they have it to put with the other things they will be keeping for the next time. Thank you again for your loving concern.

Spring has definitely arrived. We have had two record-breaking days in the low eighties, and this should lift all of our spirits. We hope you have all been having happier times.

With all our love,

David & Elizabeth

David and Elizabeth,

I have delayed writing to you- I have no words to express my sadness for you all. Thank you for sending me the news and for telling me about it. May God be with you all during the difficult days you are sure to have.

I'm glad, too, that you didn't send the blanket I knitted. Please do with it what you like. I enjoyed making it and one day I'm sure some little one will be warmed by it.

I will write more later. Please know my thoughts are with you two- and all of your family at this sad time of your lives.

God bless you all,

Joan Bruce

From an original by Phoebe Shih

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June 11, 1986

Dear Jo and Bruce,

You're probably wondering what's been going on in our household, because you haven't heard from us for some time. Things have settled down, both with us and with Tom and Virginia, and fortunately we have all been very busy. As you know, both Tom and Virginia are working hard on their Ph.D.'s, so they've had much catching up to do after their ordeal.

Thank you very much for your kind note about the baby. Elizabeth and I are looking forward to seeing Tom and Virginia, but we've delayed going to Chicago until they're not so busy. Now we've set our trip for the weekend of July 25-28. At that time we'll also be taking your lovely knitted blanket to them.

Our own lives have also been very busy this spring. For one thing, we've been plagued with unexpected problems with our plumbing. First, a stretch of 75-year-old iron cold water pipe in the basement sprang a leak one Friday night. (Such accidents always seem to happen to us on weekends.) When we finally got a plumber over to make emergency repairs, it developed into a bigger job than we had expected. In the process we discovered another pipe on the other side of the basement that was in even worse shape than the first one. So we had the plumber come back in a few days and replace it, too. Now everything is copper, except the risers to the bathroom on the secong floor. Since these are concealed in a wall, we hope they remain intact.

Because the first leak wasn't discovered until morning, water standing on the basement floor loosened some of the tiles. These were so old they couldn't be repaired, so the whole floor of the recreation room had to be replaced. This job was just completed two days ago, and now everything has to be moved back in.

A few weeks after the pipe replacement job, the drain from the tub in the second floor bathroom started to leak through to the ceiling of the first floor hall. The plumber had to rip a hole in the plaster ceiling to replace the drain. Now we are waiting for the plasterer to schedule the repair job, and after that there will be a decorating job, the extent of which we are unable to predict at this point.

The other time-consuming responsibility of spring is yard work. It's nothing like taking care of a farm, even a small one, but it does have to be done in conformity with the inexorable timetable of nature. My first love in the yard is a rose garden of 33 bushes. Right now they are in the midst of their first and most magnificent blooming of the season, and they are about as glorious as they have ever been. However, I say that roses are a "high energy input" flower, because of the work involved in preparing the bushes for winter, uncovering and pruning in the spring, and regular spraying, fertilizing, watering, and pruning through the growing season. But I guess the results are worth all the work.

In addition, we have had extra work this spring in terms of planting and transplanting a number of shrubs, severely pruning a honeysuckle hedge that appears to be 75 years old, and planting Elizabeth's "little garden" primarily with annuals, but increasingly with perennials. I occasionally say we really need a full-time gardener, and I really don't aspire to be one! We hope some day the two of you will be visiting Bruce's uncle in Fairmont and will be able to visit us and see our house and garden. (We actually have two guest rooms.) That leads me to say that the next time we come to Michigan we hope to visit you, too.

The process of uniting our two congregations is progressing well. The Review Committee presented its preliminary draft of a Plan of Union to the Session of Grace Presbyterian and the Church Council of Trinity Baptist, and both bodies unanimously approved it in principle. On June 22 it goes to a joint meeting of the two congregations for consideration. I happen to be the moderator of Trinity this year. If they both approve, we'll take it to the Presbytery and the Baptist area staff for their response before working on the final documents.

Since we haven't heard from you lately, we're wondering how your genealogical efforts are progressing. Like me, you may have times when you have to put such work aside for a while.

I've been concentrating on my German ancestry lately. I may have mentioned that my mother's parents were both born in Germany. But it was in a part of Germany that is now in Poland, so most of the records have been displaced, if not destroyed. I've been trying to locate them for years. Through an amazing index of 18,000,000 persons displaced from eastern areas formerly belonging to Germany, I got the name of a woman born in the same city where my grandfather lived and whose maiden name was the same as his--Hewitz. We've written back and forth twice, but she doesn't have any record of her ancestry back of her parents. Everything was confiscated by the Poles and Russians when the Germans were evacuated on very short notice. Now she has just discovered one of her cousins who has lived near Chicago over thirty years, so I have written to him. He doesn't know much about his family, but Elizabeth and I plan to visit him and his wife when we go to Chicago in July.

I've also discovered a man in Bay City--Ronald Putz--who is of German ancestry, fluent in the German language, and interested in genealogy. His grandfather came to Bay City from a town not far from the one where my grandfather lived in Germany. I wrote and told him about my birth and family background in Bay City, including the fact that my grandfather's two sisters and their families stayed on there after Grandfather left. Come to find out, Mr. Putz knows a lot about the German families of Bay City and has known many of my relatives over the years. He called two of my second cousins there, who until now were only names to me on my record sheets, and talked to them about my concdrns. They are both willing to help, and I know they will have family information I am lacking. I'll be writing to both of them as soon as I get a chance.

I've also written to a man who was born in the part of Germany my grandparents came from and now lives in Minnesota. So far I haven't heard from him, but he may prove helpful in my search and in my understanding of that area.

Thank you again for your kind thoughts and prayers at the time of our tragedy. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Love,

10 August 1986

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Have just re-read the bulk of our correspondence over the past year - you have become a very important part of my life and I feel like we know each other. I find it quite easy to write, when I find the time!, and sometimes say more to the persons I correspond with than with those I see every day. Do you find this so? In any event, just one year ago right now (7 Aug) was your first post card to me - and I am forever grateful.

I did get just too busy with family things and got away from my genealogical search for awhile. Now I am back into it but mostly on Bruce's side. I have written to the Rector of Hindley about the Redburns, as you suggested, and to a Mr. T.P. Farmer, Bru-Lands, Sherborne, Dorset, England who is with the Somerset and Doreset F.H.S. and also to the Lancashire F.H. & Heraldry Society in Lancashire plus the Society of Genealogists in London. I have heard only from the latter who informed me that any search would start with one day's charge of $108.00. I may pursue this at a later time.

The search for Bruce's relatives takes a new twist every few days! There is so much in the library about his heritage as, on his father's side, his great-great grandfather, Edward Coke Potter, came to Michigan in the mid-1800's. Edward Coke Potter's great-great grandfather, Thomas Hazard, had a son, George (died 1743) who married Penelope Arnold, the grand-daughter of Governor Benedict Arnold and Damaris Wescott Arnold. He is also the ancestor of THE Benedict Arnold somewhere down the line. In any event the grandfather of Governor Benedict Arnold, Thomas, married Alice (Alce) Gully, bap. 29 SEP 1553 in Northover, Somersetshire. From there it goes as on the sheets I am enclosing - so you can imagine our surprise and delight at Bruce's connection with Wales! The wealth of information in the library about families such as the Potters and the Hazards and the Arnolds (all three of which had members as signers of the original Rhode Island Compact) is overwhelming and I am getting more information than I can easily handle. Each day I go in at noon and I can get "lost" in there - sometimes emerging after a couple of hours, and rushing back to work to stay until 6:00 or so. In any event, Bruce's family search is going well, but only in regard to his father's mother's side. The rest of the family will have to wait for a little while. His mother's ancestors are from Denmark and names come to a halt with his grandfather, as they do in mine on my father's side.

Your comment in one of your letters about a numbering system for blood relatives is an interesting one. I would like to hear more about that one day. I am putting just names, family numbers and genealogical numbers into my computer so that I can sort by any one of those - mostly as just an index for my family sheets as I have so many names on Bruce's side that are unfamiliar. That way when I run into something that sounds familiar I can look in my index, find the family number, locate the family sheet and proceed. It has proved helpful already, and I don't even have it finished. Another problem with his is the overwhelming amount of names!

Since I am at the library almost every day please ask if you need any information. I would be overjoyed to be able to supply you with any information they have that would help.

I am enclosing a few pictures - taken at our family reunion in July. The one with all of us (about 75) is sent only so you can see the whole group at once! Needless to say it is difficult, if not impossible, to give a name to all of them. Our group is to the right, with Annette in a red cap. She did not get into all of the pictures, but we asked if she wanted to join us, and she did. She enjoys our large family and all of the get-togethers as her family is small, her mother being from Oslo, Norway, with very few (if any) relatives in the US. Her father is from Philadelphia and so there are not many of them here - just she and her two unmarried brothers. She joins us at all of our birthday parties - of which we have had four in recent weeks. Bruce's mother turned 81 on July 11 and we had a big party for her, Eric turned 26 on the 19th of July, Annette had a party here on the 5th of August and Luanne and her family were here for her birthday just this weekend. Busy times. The other pictures are of just the "Aldriches" with Annette joining us, and of my brothers and sisters, all except Elaine and her husband, Clarence.

This next week will also be a busy one as our daughter Fadra has to have surgery. She has been having some problems, spent 6 days in the hospital several weeks ago, now has to have some ovarian tumors removed. I am so glad that Bruce's mother is with us as she is excellent with the children and I will be able to work a few hours at a time anyway. We will be shuttling back and forth, so I don't plan to accomplish much next week or in subsequent weeks for that matter. I think she may need help for some time with two small children. I hope Virginia and Tom are doing well, know that you visited them, or at least planned to, a few weeks ago. They have been through a lot, but must be very special people and mean a lot to you. My best to them.

Bruce and I had a problem, not nearly so extensive as yours, with the drainage around our house. We have had to dig out the front bushes, actually pulled them out with the tractor, then dug down 4-5 feet in some places to get to the drainage tile that surrounds our house and clear out the clogs. We have had no trouble for over 25 years, so really can't complain. The fill was mostly sand, too, so it was easy digging, but any digging is a muscle stretching activity, and needless to say we are both sore! It is not completely done as yet, but most of it is and we are glad it was not more extensive than it was. I had to almost laugh at the chain of events that happened to you! Bet it was not funny on your end, however!

Did I ever mention to you that I talked to Dr. and Mrs. Fischbach and they remember you well - talked about "exchanging" books between Julius and Elizabeth. Julius has not been well, was hospitalized for a time. I have not had any news about him in a while.

How is the merger going with Grace Presbyterian? We are - the Disciples, that is - starting out on a new venture come September. We are going to have a "shared staff" position - and our associate, Jim Fraley, will be filling the position. He will have his office in our building, but will be taking over some of the work of the United Church of Christ Conference, whose judicatory office for Michigan is in East Lansing. Also, Earle Van Slyck, our Regional Minister, resigned under pressure on June 30, so guess who will be doing most of the running of the Regional Office!! I have been there so many years (since 1974) that I do not have much problem with that - if it does not go on for too long. We are looking for an interim Regional Minister - want a job?

Back to business - do you happen to know what software the relative of Elizabeth is using for his record keeping? Bruce and I are thinking quite seriously of investing in a computer of our own, and one thing I would like to do is to put all of this information on it. I would like anyone's opinion, however, before we invest in any software. Actually, any data base software would be adaptable, but if there is something especially for the purpose I would like to hear about it.

How is your German ancestry search coming along? I was amazed at your chance finding of a name of a person born in the same town as your grandfather. I am amazed at our finding so many of Bruce's relatives born in either Devon or Somerset - and some, on his mother's side, in Cornwall. I know that the British Isles are not very big, but to find so many of our relatives in the south-west section is remarkable.

I am enclosing a portion of a map that will show you what is going on around our secion of land here in East Lansing. We have a development that has houses in the half-million dollar range going in to the southwest of us. the area of There are already several houses built - magnificent structures of which I would not like even one! - and then to the north they are going to put in a variety of housing and recreation areas. Our property is outlined in blue - so you can see we are sitting on some property that could prove to be very much in demand in a few years. It will be interesting to watch and, perhaps, develop. I am very happy for the many years we have had of privacy and open fields for the children - but progress knocks and I think we may have to answer! Taxes, for one, are getting out of hand. I will keep you informed!

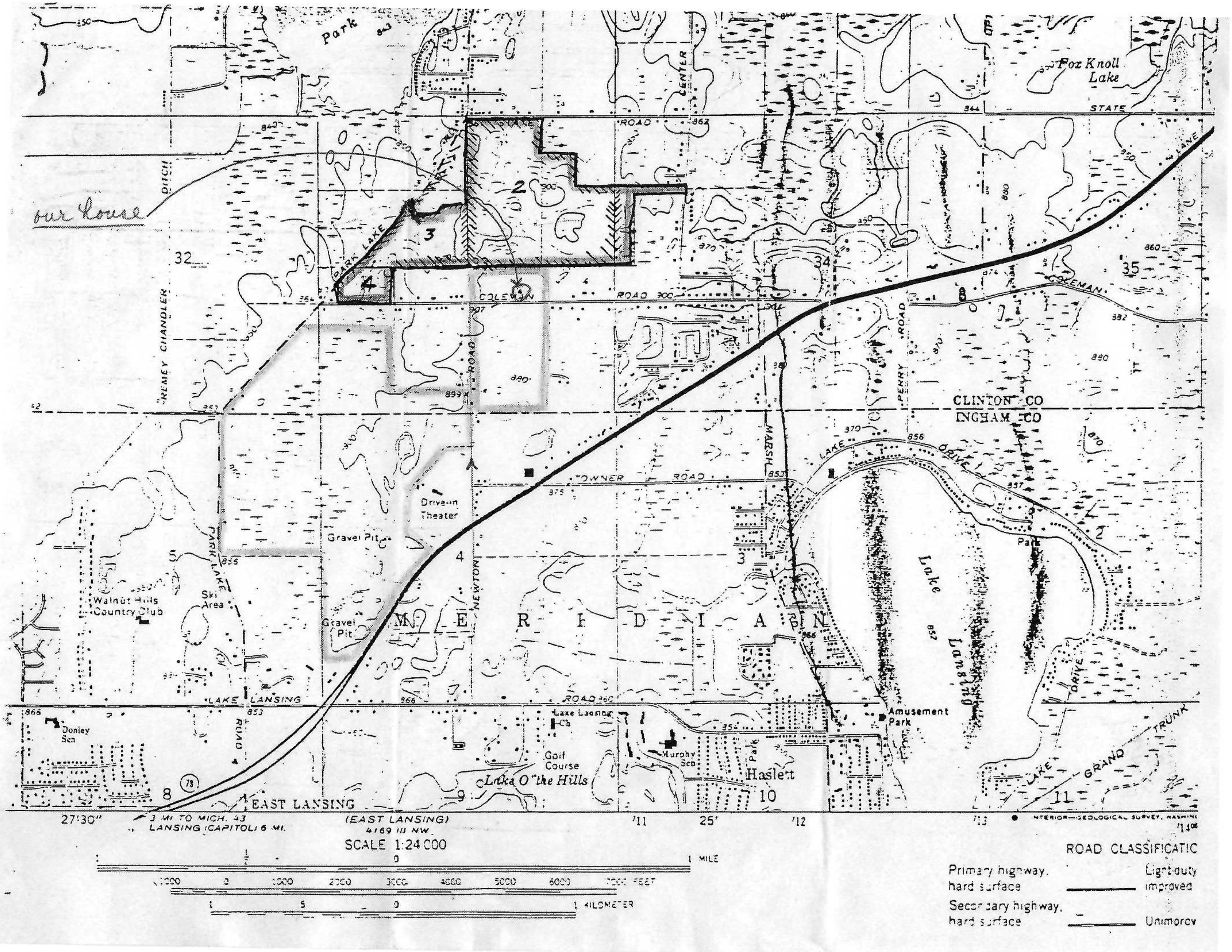
You also mentioned, in one letter, your roses. You must be a much better gardener than I - I, too, tried roses, but did not have them in the right spot for one and did not give them enough care for two! I am now doing a little work in my rocky area on the north side of our patio - just a few rocks that needed clearing out and re-planting. I really do love to work outside, but do not find there is enough time to do all that needs to be done.

It is Sunday afternoon - and I should bring this to a close as I need to get ready for the coming week. I am feeling quite a lot of pressure at work because of our personnel situation and with Fadra's surgery it will complicate things. We are also losing our camp manager after 7 years, and that will be a huge positon to fill come September 1!

My very best to you and yours. I hope your summer is going well. I am looking forward to a little cooler weather!

Love and regards,

Jo



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William Arnold and his wife Christian, daughter of Thomas Peak, of London,

son of

Thomas Arnold, of Cheselbourne, and his wife Alice, daughter of John Gully, of Northover,

son of

Richard Arnold, of Bagbere Manor.

son of

Richard Arnold, Lord of Bagbere, and his wife Emmott, daughter and heiress of Pierce Young of Damerham, Wiltshire,

son of

Thomas Arnold, Esq , of Llanthomy, and his wife Agnes, daughter of Sir Richard Warnstead, Kt,

son of

Roger Arnold, of Llanthomy, Esq., first of family to adopt surname, and Joan, daughter of Sir Thomas Yamage, Kt. Lord of Coyty.

son of

Arnold, ap Arnolat Vychan, Esq., and Sybil, daughter of Madoe, ap Guion ap Thomas,

son of

Arnolt, ap Gwillim ap Meiric and his wife, Janet, daughter of Philip Fleming, Esq.,

son of

Gwillim ap Mieric, Esq., and his wife, Jane, daughter and coheir of Iver, ap Syssylht, Lord of Lyhs Taly-bout,

son of

Mieric, ap Arthur and his wife, Annest, daughter of Cradock, ap Ernon ap Gollıroyn,

son of

Arthur, ap Systyl, and his wife, Jane, daughter of Sein, ap Moriedhic War Wyn, Lord of Cantrsblyn,

son of

Systyl, ap Dyenwall, Lord of Upper Gwent and his wife, Annest, daughter and heiress of Sir Peter Russell, Kt., Kentchurch, in the County of Hereford,

son of

Dyenwall, ap Carador, Lord of Gwent and his wife, Jane, daughter of Hamlet ap Sir Druce, Duke of Balladon in France. Her brothers Hamlet, rebuilt Abergavedny Castle.

son of

Carador ap Yenir Vichan, Lord of Gwent and his wife Nesta, daughter and heiress of Sir Ryderich le Gros, Kt.,

son of

Yenir Vichan, King of Gwent, and his wife Gladice, daughter of Rhys Yock, ap Maenerch, Lord of Ystradyn in Brecknockshire,

son of

Meiric, King of Gwentland, and Eleanor, daughter of Ednived, ap Jerworth, of the house of Trevor,

son of

Yenir, King of Gwentland, and Nesta, his wife, daughter of Jestin ap Gurgan, King of Glamogan.

Refer to New England History and genealogical register—Vol. 33, p. 432.

"She was a Welsh woman of the pure blood, therefore delicately mannered." —Geo. Meredith.

One of the most remarkable pedigrees on record is that of William Arnold, which traces his line back some eighteen generations to one of the Kings of Wales. "If blood tells," as we must believe, this first Arnold, who, with his wife and family, arrived in New England, June 24, 1635, must have been as true a gentleman as ever set foot on the shores of the New World. He had sailed from Dartmouth, May the 1st, and for nearly two months had been buffeted by the seas. His first home was at Hingham, in Massachusetts, but he did not stay there long, for one year later we find him with his family established at Providence, R. I., and next at Pawtuxet. Appleton, in his cyclopedia, says: "In 1636, William Arnold, with Roger Williams, was one of the 54 proprietor, in the first settlement of Rhode Island. He is described also as one of the 13 original proprietors of Providence plantation, or, as Austin puts it, one of the 13 original owners of Rhode Island. In 1661 he was commissioner. I have not space to tell of the numerous positions he held in the colony, but must hasten on to his son Benedict, who was the first Goverdor of Rhode Island, and according to 'American Ancestry,' was accounted the wealthiest man in the State. His farm took in a section of the most valuable part of the present town of Newport, the old 'Stone Mill,' for which scientists have tried in vain to fix a date and purpose, being on part of it. A disgrace to the State is his present resting place. In a quadrangle made by the Auction Rooms of Newport, an antique shop and a small church, one of the oldest in the town, now used as a storeroom in connectoin with the shop, lies the body of the first Governor of Rhode Island, under a stone bearing a coat of arms a foot and a half in diameter. Nearby lie the stones of five other colonists, one with an equally imposing coat of arms, a certain Pelham, all mutely crying out to Heaven for vengeance on so great a disrespect. To get to this pathetic spot I was obliged to pass through a succession of storerooms filled with furniture, and when I found this grave of my ancestor, the stone so worn away that the sun and rain alike could beat within, empty boxes and bales on every side, I could not believe my eyes that read the name, Gov. Benedict Arnold, or my ears when my conductor informed me we were standing on sacred ground, and added placidly that she wished 'they would do something about it, as it was very inconvenient.' "

Gov. Arnold's son Oliver lived at Canonicut, and was one of the first citizens of the town, holding several important offices, among which was that of Deputy, 1682.

7 September 1986

Dear David,

Just a note - my time is rather limited these days - daughter Sadra is having problems and has been in the hospital twice in the past weeks. Her children, 2 and 4, have been staying a lot with us. Fun, but tiring and not much else gets done! I haven't been to the library in weeks - I think I am having withdrawal symptoms!

I was looking at a map I picked up at AAA and discovered a Witheridge in Devon. I can't believe you are not aware of it - but you hadn't mentioned it. None of my other (older) maps have it - is there a story here?

Since writing you last we have made the connection with the Aldrich side/line on Bruce's ancestors. He knew his great-great grandfather's name and wife's name - there it ended. One day, in the library, the newer books - in another section - contained a volume 5 on the George Aldrich Geneology (I had looked at the other 4, older volumes earlier) and lo and behold - a connection! So, back to the early 1600's to Mendon, Mass in just a few pages! I was so excited I had goose bumps!

I hope you are both well and looking forward to a skiing winter. I am looking forward to some inactivity! (relatively speaking)

Fond regards, Jo

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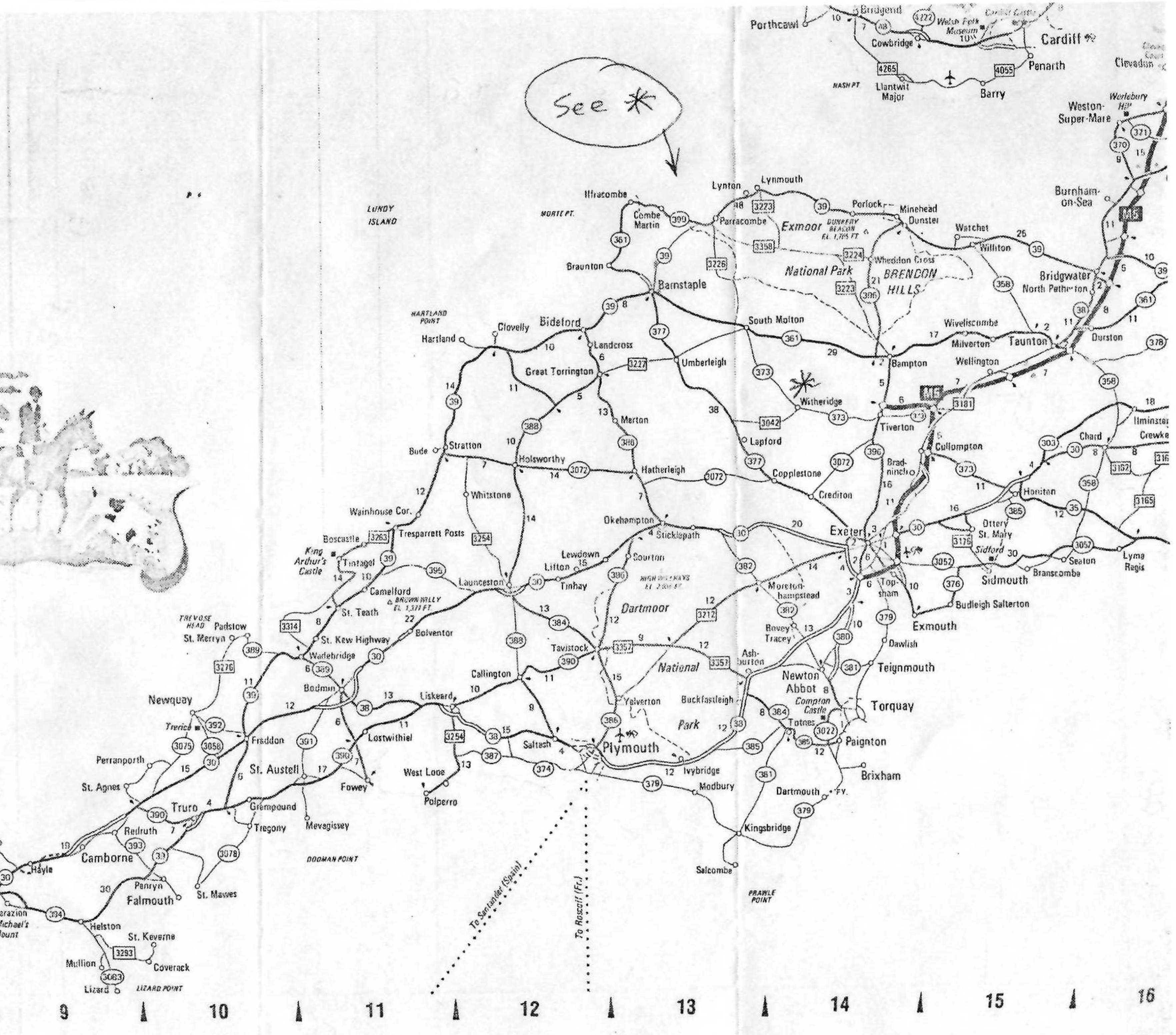

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10/9/86

Dear Jo,

I hope this note paper will give you a little pleasure. I'm sorry to be so late in answering your two letters, but like you, we have been extremely busy. This cannot be a complete answer to your letters, but I did want to tell you a little about the Town of Witheridge.

[Special note paper from the town of Witheridge, Devon]

Many years ago when I heard about Witheridge, I wrote to the rector of the church and asked if he would investigate the parish register for Witheridge entries. He very kindly replied and said he had checked (perhaps even before I had written) and found that there had never been a Witheridge baptism, marriage, or burial recorded since the beginning of the parish register

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a reasonable price, I'm going to send you some as a gift as soon as I can get to it.

As I said, I'll have to answer your other letter later. Now I must close.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

in the 1500's.

However, the family name of Witheridge obviously comes from a locality and not from an occupation or a personal characteristic, so it is assumed that all the Witheridges stem back to that town, even though they had left before 1500. So far, all the Witheridges I have discovered do come originally from Devon.

On our trip to Britain in 1976 we visited Witheridge with a great sense of finding one of our roots. Inside the lovely church we found this note paper on the literature table and bought the few packages there. By the time we returned in 1980 our supply was practically gone, so we phoned ahead from Exeter and asked the rector if we could get some more. He wasn't sure, but when we arrived he had found some and also invited us in for tea with him and his wife.

A few years later a minister friend of ours (a woman) retired and spent a year in a church not far from Witheridge. We wrote and asked if she would check with the rector to see if by any chance they still had some note paper. She replied that their supply was absolutely exhausted and that they had no plans to get more.

When your letter arrived, I decided to write to you on this paper, but discovered from Elizabeth that we only had a few sheets left, so I took a copy to a local printer and had some made. We think he did a beautiful job, since we had to make quite a few to get

12/2/86

Dear Jo,

Here at long last are the Witheridge notes I promised to send. I hope you enjoy using them.

We have just had a very happy Thanksgiving weekend with Tom and Virginia here from Chicago. A few weeks ago Tom finished all the requirements for his Ph.D., and Virginia expects to complete hers in the spring.

Except for bad colds a few weeks ago, our health has been reasonably good, and we hope the same for you and your family.

Love,

Dave

1986

David and Elizabeth,

The note paper is really appreciated – I have sent one to David Chivers – the rest will be for special people and times. Thank you!

Hope this finds you well and happy, and enjoying this lovely season of the year. Will write later –

*Thinking of you especially*
*when Christmas is here*
*and wishing you happiness always.*

Joyce and Bruce

2-2-87

Dear David and Elizabeth

Feel like I've been out of touch - not just with you, with all the people I write to. My life goes off in about 10 directions after Christmas and February decends like a cloud, seems to obscure my good intentions. March is the month I wait for - even if the winds blow and the snow flies Spring is just around the corner when March 1 arrives.

Have many things going on - but do want to know how you folks are and how life is treating you. I have been doing some genealogy searches, but haven't had much luck. The "Reaburn" book proved to be not much, but the records of Lancaster - (Hinkley) have much information - some I had, some I didn't.

The wedding of son Ray and sweet Annette is now scheduled for Oct. 17th, in

2/ Peoples Church, reception on Campus. My boss, Jim Fraley, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples) will perform the ceremony - Roy knows him and likes him. The plans for the affair are going along nicely.

Daughter Padra is expecting 3rd child in early July. She's doing well, feeling pretty good.

Sad news - brother George is gravely ill. He became ill just before Christmas, they discovered he has an inoperable tumor on the pancreas. They say his time could be short, but who can tell. He is alone in Arizona, ~~and~~ so my sister Jean and husband have spent 3+ weeks taking care of him. He is up and around right now. Jean, herself, is going to have a caterac removed this month.

We've had a mild winter, except for a week of *cold* weather. It was

3/1 42° yesterday – thawing again today.
Snow has come – and mostly gone –
so can't complain about *that*!

Bruce's mom is tired of Florida.
She will, undoubtedly, be moving
up here this year for good. She will
be 82 in July.

My hand work these days is
a pillow for grand son Matthew
to carry down the aisle with the
rings – at *the Wedding*! It is a
combination cross stitch (22 to
an inch!) and a border, about
1½" of hardanger. Since Annette's
mom is from Norway she really
thinks it is something. I have
to use a magnifying glass, the
work is so fine. I've been
working on it for *weeks*!

Saturday eve 3/7

Back again – spent the week
battling a sore throat and
cold. That's what warm weather

in February usually brings. Andra's children have had it, too, and Tara in Port Huron. I try to mail the children things when they are ill — they do enjoy going to their mail boxes and find a surprise. Some times it is as simple as a box of licorice — or a couple of pages to color.

Enjoying our dog — he is now 8 months old and weighs about 70 lbs. He has lots of bad habits to break — plus he is still a pup — but he needs work! He is a beauty, however.

Feel this letter is only touching high spots — but better ~~that~~ than nothing, I guess.

My love and regards to you both —

Jo

7/22/87

Dear Jo and Bruce,

We are in the midst of a heat wave, as you probably are, too – countless days over 90 degrees and very humid, plus occasional thunder storms. Also, during the day lately we've spent a lot of time watching the Iran-Contra hearings. I figure, what's the use of being retired, if I can't watch this little slice of history and neglect a few chores and responsibilities? Tonight Elizabeth and I are watching TV – the Torchlight Parade of our annual Minneapolis festival called the Aquatennial.

Since receiving your note about George's death and the memorial folder and obituaries, I have intended to write and tell you how sorry we were to hear about his death. We know how much he suffered and how difficult it was for all the family during his final months. Even though it is a blessing that this time of worry and suffering is over, there is also a feeling of great emptiness and loss that continues. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

We were delighted to hear about Zadra's good experience with Emily Rose, and hope that both are progressing beautifully. Give Zadra our love and best wishes. Say "Hello" also to Bruce's mother for us. We did enjoy meeting her and hope all goes well in her new apartment.

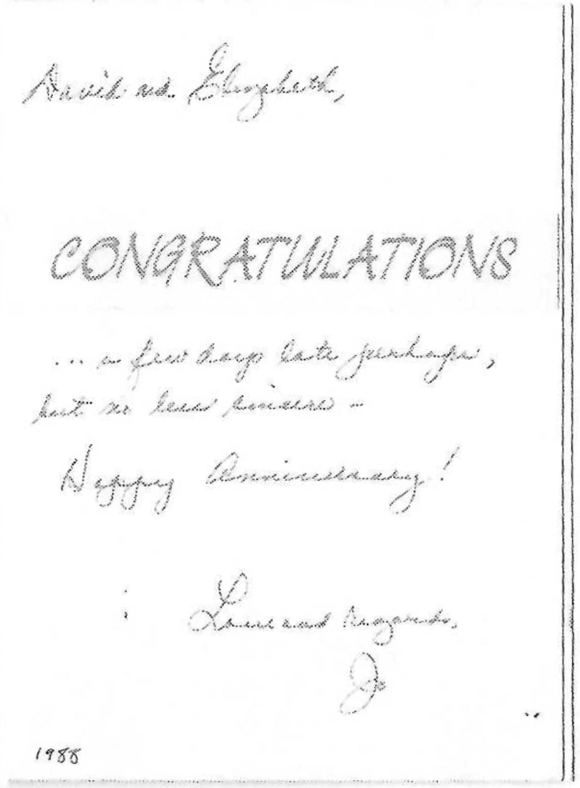
Probably by now you have recovered from your big reunion weekend. It must be quite an achievement to remember all the young couples and children as they mature and develop year after year!

I haven't forgotten that I haven't properly answered a couple of your letters dealing with genealogy, but I can't undertake that now. The one thing of this nature I'm sending you is the "cutting," as they call it, from *The Times* of London. This was sent by one of our distant cousins, Harry Witheridge, who lives in Virginia Water, Surrey, not far from London. I'm not sure if I've ever mentioned Harry and his brother George whom we met on our trips to Britain. We're fond of them and their families. The Rev. John Witheridge is one of their nephews. In Harry's Christmas card last December he said John was being transferred to a new position as head chaplain at Eton College, the prestigious boys' school at Windsor. I know we're related to Harry and George (and John), because I've traced their ancestry back into North Devon, where our family began, but I haven't been able to establish the exact connection.

Now, in closing, I want to say we were very happy to meet all of you on our trip to Michigan, and we wish we could have come to know you sooner.

Love,

David + Elizabeth



David and Elizabeth,

CONGRATULATIONS

... a few days late perhaps,
but no less sincere -

Happy Anniversary!

Love and Regards,
Jo

1988

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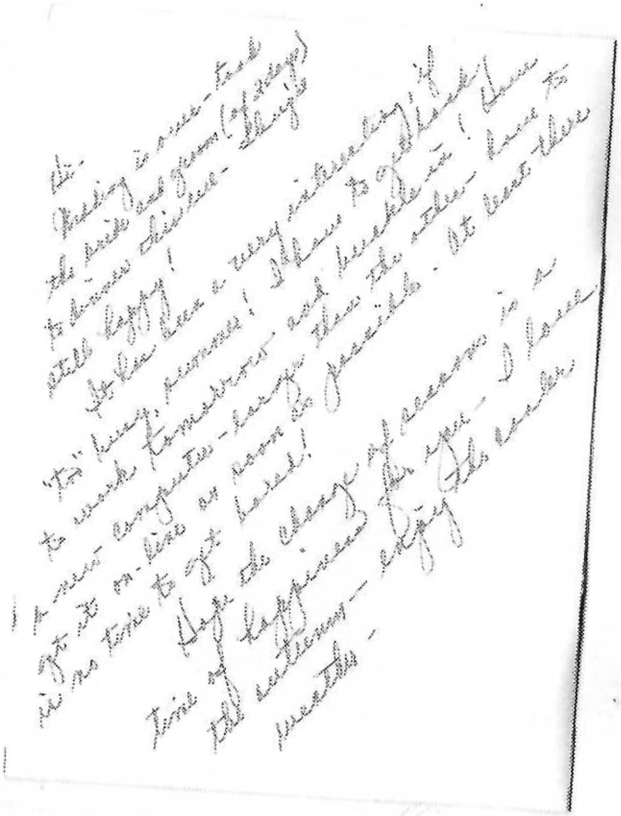

etc.
Wedding is over - took
the bride and groom (of 30 days)
to dinner Christmas - they're
still happy!
It has been a very interesting, if
"Tri" busy, summer! I have to get back
to work tomorrow and tackle it! Have
a new computer - larger than the other - have to
get it on-line as soon as possible. At least there
is no time to get bored!
Hope the change of seasons is a
time of happiness for you - I love
the autumn - enjoy the cooler
weather -

Dear David - 8/3/87

Thanks for your latest letter and copy - all is appreciated!

Discover your b'day is the same day as our soon-to-be daughter-in-law, Annette.

Blossom by blossom, the spring begins.
SWINBURNE

Hope yours is a happy one! We're taking Ray and Annette to dinner - wish we could do the same for you!

Our love and regard,

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David,

*Wishing you a day to feel at one with the world...*
*and at peace with yourself.*

*Happy Birthday*

Bruce and Jo

1988

7/11/88 Tara Fellows
Matthew, Jennifer & Emily Kennedy (r to l)

EPW's birthday was Sept. 27

9-28-88

Dear Elizabeth,

Missed it, didn't I! Hope you had a happy day! I thought, perhaps, 1988 would be a year I would remember most everyone – however....

Imagine your trip to Devon was wonderful – you've been there so much – you must feel at home there! I am anxious to make a visit to England – Bruce says 1990. We shall see!

We had a wonderful summer what with our visitors from England – my pen pal of 46 years – and our sons' wedding – it was a joyful time. I'm back in the thick of work now and as you undoubtedly know it's the busiest time of the year – fall programs being instigated, etc. Love it tho!

I hope you are both well and ready for winter – Bruce and I have cut about 3 cords of wood – an oak that we felled a couple years ago – We counted the rings and realize the tree had seen both world wars at least. It was a stately tree, but in a bad spot. It will keep us warm all winter.

Our love and regards to you and yours.

Jo and Bruce
Aldrich

October 12, 1988

Dear Jo and Bruce,

I'm sure you'll be amazed finally to get a letter from me, but I intend to do as complete a job as possible with this, to make up for my long delay in answering your many communications. We especially want to thank you for your three lovely cards--for our anniversary and for our birthdays. You were very thoughtful, and we were very grateful to hear from you. Elizabeth's card with the meadow flowers was especially lovely.

Now I'm going to tell you immediately our most wonderful news. Tom and Virginia presented us with a granddaughter--Rebecca Elizabeth-- on August 19th. She was 2½ months early and only weighed 2#, 2 oz., so we were greatly concerned, as you can imagine. For a second time Virginia developed pre-eclampsia, which is rather unusual, they say. But girls normally have more strength and stamina than boys, and that's the way it worked out. Within four days they were able to take her off the respirator, whereas little David's lungs never did develop in his 18 days so he could be taken off. In every respect Rebecca has progressed beautifully, and she is now up to about 3#, 12 oz. Within about two weeks they think she'll be able to go home. She's been getting mainly Virginia's milk, sometimes through a tube into her stomach, but also with a nipple and a bottle, but now she's starting to nurse directly from Virginia. They hold her quite a bit, and they have sent some darling pictures, including a video tape Tom recently took.

We're just dying to see her, and they now want us to come down to Chicago for Thanksgiving. This was their year to come here for Thanksgiving and to go to Virginia's parents in Mattoon, Ill., for Christmas; but they won't be traveling anywhere for a while! Another complication was that they were moving into a different house at the very time Rebecca was born. Virginia had been in the hospital a couple of days for her high blood pressure, and the very day the movers arrived, they called Tom from the hospital to tell him they had taken Virginia to the delivery room. So he called his secretary and asked her to come and supervise the moving, which she did beautifully. Because of their hectic lives right now, they're still living in two rooms plus the bathroom.

We've sent them two boxes of baby clothes--some from our boys' baby days and some from as far back as Elizabeth's. Now they'll be able to make good use of the lovely blanket you sent them for their first baby. We know you'll be happy to hear the good news about Rebecca.

Our trip to Britain was a great success, and we were able to accomplish almost everything we had planned. However, the weather didn't cooperate. It was cold and rainy nearly all the time we were there. The only time it got above 70° was a couple of days in Scotland. The worst part is they don't heat their homes and hotels the way we do. Ittwas often nearly as cold inside as it was outside! The result was that we both came home with dreadful colds, which lasted several weeks. Then we found they were in the midst of the drought and heat wave here. So with our colds and the excessive heat our energy level was very low, and we still haven't quite finished everything that needed doing after our trip, including writing a great many letters!

I can't remember how much I told you about our trip, but we spent about a week in the London area and then "hired" a car for three weeks and drove through England, Scotland, and Wales. We had a rather new, beautiful red Volkswagen with automatic transmission, and we didn't have a bit of car trouble on our 3000-mile trip.

We were met at the plane by Kim Cook and one of her sons, who took us to their home in West Wickham, Kent, a suburb of London. We stayed there two days before going to a hotel in London for five days. At the end of our trip we went back to the Cooks for another two days, after which Kim and her husband Roy took us back to the airport for our return flight home. Have I told you about Kim? I've been corresponding with her for over twenty years. Her mother's maiden name was Witheridge, and I got in touch with Kim through her maiden aunt, Dorothy Witheridge, whose name I found in the London telephone directory at the New York Public Library.

Kim probably knows more about Witheridge genealogy than anyone else in Britain, though I may have more information about the Combe Martin and North Devon Witheridges than she has. Her Witheridge line stems from South Devon near Plymouth. She and a few others have recently organized The Witheridge Society for all the Witheridge descendants, in order to further our research on Witheridge family history. They are about to expand overseas, and I expect you will hear from them shortly, if you haven't already done so. Elizabeth and I are very fond of Kim and Roy and their two sons, Jason and Adam. We call each other distant cousins, though we haven't yet found the connection between our families.

Elizabeth and I spent four wonderful days in Devon. Each night we stayed in one of our favorite small inns, The Lodge, in Berrynarbor, where our earliest recorded Witheridge ancestors lived. In 1980 we became warm personal friends of the proprietors, Doreen and Alan Prater. When you go to Devon, you definitely must plan to stay there a night or more. Berrynarbor is only two or three miles from Combe Martin, where we have several relatives still living. Myrtle Blackmore is our third cousin, and Una Parsons is our seventh cousin. Una's paternal grandmother was a Witheridge. First in 1980 and again this year Una and Myrtle organized an evening get-together of local residents with the same ancestral lines as mine (and yours). I had sent her a list of our twenty family lines in that small area. (Did I ever send you that list?) When we got to the meeting, there were twenty-two people present, and we had a very enjoyable time. I still haven't had time to write them all to pursue our relationships, but I hope to get at that soon.

One day we went to visit John Witheridge (Wm. John) and his family on a farm at West Buckland, about twenty-five miles from Combe Martin. This was our third visit there. John is a second cousin of my father and your mother. John's son George (our third cousin) now is in charge of the farm and lives in the main house, while his parents have moved into the "Bungalow." George's wife Pat had prepared a most delicious lunch, and all the family came together to visit with us, including George and Pat's children and one of John's daughters, Joyce Cork, and her husband and children. The other daughter, Marian Balment, and her family weren't able to be there, but John's brother Charles and his wife came over from

East Buckland. It was especially encouraging to see how the children had developed in the eight years since we last saw them. Two of the girls were just finishing what we call high school and are starting college this fall.

In other parts of England we also met some of your relatives and mine. We stayed one night with another third cousin on the Blackmore side, Marjorie Packer, and her husband Ted. They live in Swindon, Wiltshire. Marjorie and I have been corresponding about Blackmore genealogy for several years.

Then in the Birmingham area we visited two of our Witheridge second cousins. Irene Birdsall is the granddaughter of your grandmother, Betsy Chivers',,sister, Susanna Witheridge, who married John Adams and stayed in Wales. Irene's husband is Prof. Neville Birdsall, who recently retired as professor of New Testament in Birmingham University. We stayed two days and nights with Irene and Neville. I'm not sure I told you they visited us in Minneapolis for twelve very enjoyable days at Easter time this spring. Neville was on a lecture tour in this country.

We also ppent an afternoon and evening with another of our second cousins, Pearline Fryer, and her husband Sidney, who live not far from Birmingham in Pensnett. Pearline is a first cousin of Irene's and is also a granddaughter of Susanna Witheridge Adams. We love both of these families very much and have visited them on all three of our trips to England.

While we were in the Birmingham area, we also visited Bessie Witheridge (unmarried) in nearby Warwick. She shows and judges Cardigan Welsh Corgis. We haven't figured out how or whether we're related, but Kim has recently tied her ancestry into a South Devon Witheridge family from Ermington.

Another special Witheridge event was the day we spent with Harry and Alice "Toots" Witheridge at their lovely home in Virginia Water, a town near Windsor. We've known Harry and his brother George since our first trip to Britain in 1976. I had found them, as I had found other Witheridges, through the English telephone directories; and I have traced their ancestry back into North Devon, but so far haven't connected it to our Combe Martin line. Once a year Harry and Toots invite the families of the four Witheridge brothers--Harry, George, Frank, and Stanley--to their home for a get-together, and we were fortunate to be able to get there on that day. It was a memorable occasion and a chance to meet several "distant relatives" we had not met before. After we got home, we learned that Frank had died of emphysema not long after we were together. Stanley, by the way, has moved to Australia, but he was rdpresented by his son Christopher and his family.

The Rev. John Witheridge is Frank's son, and we had had lunch with him and his family a week earlier at Eton College, where he is the Chaplain (actually called The Conduct). Until a year or so ago he had been Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. We enjoyed seeing John and his family again at his Uncle Harry's.

Another Witheridge family we visited was the one in Llanelli, Wales. The first one we had met in the family was Lt. Col. George Witheridge and his wife Mary, whom we had stayed with a few days in Kilgetty, Wales, in 1976. He was a career man in the British Army and was wounded in a tank battle in World War II. George and Mary have died, but in 1980 we visited his brother Henry and his sister Elizabeth Couldrey and their families in Llanelli. Henry has since died, but his widow Winnie keeps in touch with us every year. Our visit this year with the many relatives, including daughters and grandchildren, was delightful. Later we stayed overnight with Philip Hookway and his wife in Nuneaton, not far from Birmingham. He is a cousin of this family. I have helped them trace their ancestry back into South Devon, but again we haven't yet found the connection with our family.

It is interesting that George, Henry, and Elizabeth's mother was Elizabeth Munro from Scotland. One of my wife Elizabeth's early Colonial ancestors was also a Munro from Scotland, so we have two possible connections with that family. Later in Scotland we visited the headquarters of the Munro Clan, Foulis Castle, and were welcomed and shown around by the hereditary chieftan of the clan and his wife.

We also had dinner in London with Annette Witheridge, who came to our hotel after work one evening. I just began corresponding with her about a year ago, and she doesn't know anything about her ancestry beyond her grandparents. She's a young journalist working for some national British publication and occasionally travels to New York City. She helped Kim organize The Witheridge Society.

I can't go into the many interesting places we went to connected with Elizabeth's background. We don't actually know any of her living relatives there, because all her ancestors came over before the American Revolution. But we visited several places they had come from and were actually in several homes they had lived in, which was a great thrill.

So much for our trip! We hope you'll be able to go to England within the next few years. You must have had a great time with your long-time pen pal visitors from England this summer, and I know their visit heightened your desire to go. I don't think you ever told me their names or what part of England they live in.

Now about some other subjects before I bring this to a close. We were so happy to hear about Eric and Catherine's wedding, and I have noted the information in my record, as well as the information on Roy and Annette's. When I get time I want to check the computer printout you sent, to see if there are any items like middle names or additional children that I should add to my sheets. I also noted your Aunt Mabel's death and was sorry to hear about it.

I'm so delighted to hear about your computer and the fun you are having putting all your information into the program. I am really thrilled, because I know I'll never get a computer, but now I can keep feeding information to you, and your computer can also serve as mine!

I haven't studied your printout yet as thoroughly as I should, but I see it has great capability and versatility. I'm not yet sure whether or not one could eventually give up compiling family record sheets like mine and do everything only on the computer. But I suppose that is because I do not completely understand the computer program. You mentioned in January that you still had to adddyour footnotes and sources of information. As you know, my sheets often have a great many of these, and I'd like to see just how this is done on the computer. I'd also like to know what you do with uncertain items or conjectures--items that would normally be accompanied with question marks.

Over the years I have seen so many genealogical records evolve or be found in error that there has to be a way of indicating the relative certainty or uncertainty of the information. Too many people treat what they find printed in books as proven or certain, often without knowing the sources, and I wonder if that tends to be the impact of what people see on the computer screen or printout. How do you view this problem after your experience so far with your computer?

I do know that I need to Xerox some more of my family record sheets and send them to you. Unfortunately, some of these were done a long time ago in my early years of genealogy, so they would first have to be copied over. Would you please let me know exactly what you would like me to send first? I'm not sure I remember or have a record of exactly what I have already sent you.

You have kindly said from time to time that you would be glad to help me in any way you could, and I have a couple of requests in regard to my Nemitz ancestry in Michigan. I know you are now too busy to go to the state library as often as you used to, so don't feel any pressure to do this immediately.

In our German Interest Group newsletter there was a little note that a series of excellent articles on Germans who settled in Michigan had appeared in Family Trails, published by the Michigan Board of Education. The reference was Vol. 6, No. 3, 1982, but that must have been just one of the articles. Could you possibly track these down and send me a Xeroxed copy of the whole series? I'll be glad to reimburse you for the cost of copying and postage, of course.

Another notation I find is in regard to the Michigan State Censuses of 1884 and 1894. I think it was my friend, Ronald Putz, in Bay City who mentioned seeing them in the Public Library there. I assume thay are on microfilm. My question is, could you investigate and see if it would be possible for the Minneapolis Public Library to borrow the Bay County portions of these two censuses from the Michigan State Library on Interlibrary Loan? I would be interested in going through them to look for any persons by the names of Nemitz, Tomke, and Schroeder.

I also have a note that a couple of years ago you mentioned the numbering device I use for identifying "non-blood relatives" and connecting them to my regular numbering system. I had written about this in an earlier letter, but I have never sent a description of it. I still haven't written this out, so I can't just make you a copy at the moment and send it to you. I'll keep it in my notes to do for you at a later date, so you know I haven't forgotten it. I'm wondering, however, if this would have any possible use to you when you get everything transferred to your computer system. I'm not sure a numbering system like the one I use can be accommodated in such a computer program.

That's it for now. I don't suppose you've been able to read this all at one time! Now that our trip is over, I hope to do better with my correspondence in the future.

Love to you lall,

1988

David and Elizabeth,

May your home
be filled with
the gentle joys
of Christmas.

Jo and Bruce

Enjoying that grand child, I'll
bet! What a special Christmas
for you — I'm so happy for you!
I'll write when things slow
up a little!

Fondly,

6/23/89

Dear Jo,

This is just a short note to send the enclosed items. I was greatly interested in the History of Combe Martin and sent a subscription. I met Michael Beaumont at the evening get-together in Combe Martin last summer.

The article about the lordship of Witheridge Manor was sent to me by Una Parsons, our seventh cousin in Combe Martin. I thought you'd get a big kick out of it.

We spent the Memorial Day weekend in Chicago and enjoyed being grandparents to Rebecca. She is continuing her beautiful development. During the last two weeks of July we'll be taking a trip east to Maryland and Connecticut. We'll be stopping a couple of days in Chicago both going and coming, of course!

We hope your hectic lives have eased up a bit, and we hope you are all well, as we are.

Love,
David + Elizabeth

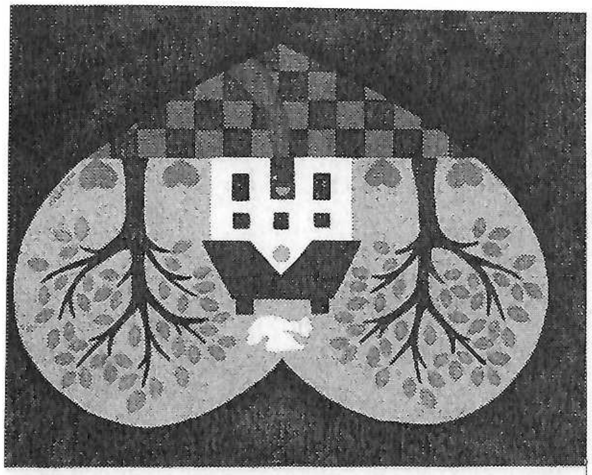
7/26/89

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Nice to write you a letter — but summer days are not 24 hours long (I'm convinced of that!) and there just doesn't seem to be time to put pen to paper. But I thought you might like this recent photo of our grandchildren - Tara is Luanne's 9 yr old, Matthew, Jennifer and Emily all belong to Fabra. Tara is 9, Matthew 7, Jennifer 5 and Emily 2, all turning a year older between late May and late Jul.

← [The photo was not in the file. See July 11, 1988 in this section of the folder.]

Are enjoying our large garden this year — may have a road there by next year! Plans are proceeding, slowly (thank goodness) for developing the area - I will miss the animals I see - like the twin fawns in our backyard, prancing in their stiff legged way rather like feisty children, with one



eye out for mother, not too far into the woods. Sewers are scheduled to start soon — a way of life ending for us, I fear. Maybe neighbors will be interesting, however!

Our love and regards,

Joan Bruce

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6-4-91

Dear Dave and Elizabeth,

Thought you might like to see these beauties – they are well and growing. I stayed last week helping to care for them all – really a busy household!

Not enjoying the terrible hot weather – glad for a few cool days. Am back to work now – seems a long time since things were "normal", whatever that means! We're glad that the babies and Catherine are doing well.

Regards to you both.

Enjoy the summer.

J

Photography by Nancy Matthews
Hand tinting by Carol S. Dass

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Ben and Nick Aldrich
(or Nick and Ben)
??
3 days old

5/10/81

born 5/10/81
to Eric & Catherine
Aldrich

6/10/91

Dear Jo & Bruce,

We were so thrilled to get the picture of your beautiful twin grandsons Ben and Nick! They look so serene and comfortable. Glad to hear they are doing so well. You all must be very pleased and proud.

Thanks for all the news in your May 14th letter. I wish I could find time to write a longer letter. Thank you for being indulgent.

Regarding the marriage certificate, I appreciate your sending it, and I have made the change from John to George Chivers in my records. Perhaps I made a mistake in copying down what your mother said, or perhaps another explanation will turn up sometime. By the way, a sawyer is a workman in a sawmill or in lumbering.

I may never get around to "publishing" anything, but I have started "writing." All I have done so far is an article about the lives of my grandfather and grandmother Witheridge. I'll send you a copy some day.

That's all for now.

Love,
David & Elizabeth

Jo Aldrich Phone - 3/25/96

Good time to call?

Appreciate your letters + notes

Sorry I couldn't answer properly

Getting along well

Know about Witheridge Society? What it is.

Members?

Have I told you about Kim Cook?

Article about Elizabeth ← EPW (in The Witheridge Times, by Kim Cook)

Been their guests many times

They visited us two wks. in 1990

Another couple, Have I told you about Kathy + Paul M.?

Live in Sarnia, Witheridge Society, From England.

Kim + Roy coming for 3 wks, May 21 - June 11

Going up Lk. Superior into Canada.

Kim said she had surprise to bring me,

TFW → Tom said, "Better tell him."

Bd. of Witheridge Soc. voted me Hon. V. Pres.

She's bringing hand lettered cert. to present

Hopes to have nice gathering of Witheridge people.

paid for by Witheridge Society, M.H.S. bldg. ← Minnesota Historical Society

She called Kathy + Paul + they're coming

Our two sons + families + 2 distant cousins of Eliz.

Love to have you + Bruce. Stay with us or our son Tom's.

Meet all these new Witheridges

Kathy + you both using computers

Maybe they could pick you up.

Think about it awhile before you decide

Subj: **Hi from MI**
Date: 9/29/99 1:08:09 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Aldzap99
To: DWitheridg

Dear David,

Hope this finds you well and enjoying the fall weather. Imagine you have heard from Kathy about the reunion in Lansing - we really had a great time meeting some new relatives.

I've been busy putting names and dates in my computer - have well over 2000 people in there now and it grows daily! I certainly appreciate the start you have me many years ago and think of you often with love.

Ran across this message that was given at my mother's funeral and thought you might like to read it. Steve Karnes is the son of my sister, Winnie.

Steve Karnes Address at Grandma Redburn's Funeral - November 26, 1977

I would like to read two of Grandma's favorite Bible verses. We found them written in the front of her Bible. From Job 19:25: "I know that my Redeemer liveth." She wrote after that, "And because He lives, I, too, shall live."

The other verse was taken from Proverbs, chapter 3, verses 5 and 6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Grandma left us all with a heritage; she has influenced each of our lives in many ways. I can't speak for us all. I can only share a little of how Grandma influenced my life. I remember visiting Grandma and Grandpa as a child; helping with the laundry with the wringer washer, eating ice cream cones, sleeping in the upstairs bedroom when we kids spent the night, and Grandma tucking us in and praying with us. Most of all, I remember just visiting. When I got older, I spent less time at the house, but the short times I came and visited, I continued to enjoy. I talked to them and listened to them tell about their life.

I learned a great deal from the experiences they related to me. I especially learned of a loving and very real God. Grandma knew God. God was real to Grandma. The single most important letter I ever received was one that Grandma wrote to me while I was a senior in college. She told me of the struggles she was going through with old age. She awakened me to the fact that the elderly have very special needs -- physical, emotional, economic, and spiritual needs -- that I was unaware of. This motivated me to become involved by working in a nursing home. But another part of that letter affected me deeply. Through all the struggles she was going through, she began to doubt God's presence in her life. She reminded me of Job as he struggled with God. Job 23:8, "Behold, I go forward, but He is not there, and backward, but I cannot perceive Him." Many of us sometimes wonder where God is in a particular situation. We wonder what God is doing allowing us to hurt and struggle. Yet it is only through our honesty with God, questioning, struggling, then listening and waiting, that we learn.

God has many lessons to teach us, Often we get tired of the lessons and just want to give up. But Grandma, after 80 years of learning, was still ready to learn more. She learned through her struggles that she had to trust in God and lean on Him. She could not put her trust simply on her own understanding. She had to acknowledge Him, knowing that He would direct her path.

Grandma, like Job, struggled with her God; she questioned Him. And, like Job, she listened to God and said with Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

I miss Grandma; I feel grief because of my loss. But I know that for Grandma I can feel nothing but joy. Grandma knew that her Redeemer lives, and because He lives, she, too, lives and dwells with Him.

God bless, Jo Aldrich

Subj: **Re: Hi from MI**
Date: 9/30/99 5:21:54 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Aldzap99

Dear Jo,

Thank you for your message. I know you had a wonderful time at the reunion, and I'm sorry I couldn't make it. I think of you often, even though I haven't kept in touch.

That was a lovely address Steve gave at your mother's funeral. Elizabeth and I enjoyed meeting her, and we wished we had known her better. Here is something I came across in my notes. It is an excerpt from a letter from her on Aug. 1, 1964.

"When we came to this country in 1908, we came to your grandfather's place on Warren Ave. My folks went on to St. Charles, but because they thought Saginaw schools were better than St. Charles's schools, they decided to board me at your grandfathers and go to school in Saginaw. Well, I liked the schools because they were more like the ones I had attended, but I didn't like being away from home, so finally after about 1 1/2 years they decided I could go to St. Charles school. I got to know your dad and mother, although they weren't married when we first came here."

I thought this was a little bit that you may not have heard before and might enjoy.

Love, David

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to avoid confusion between the
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Jean Argust
documents

(Jean Westwood)

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
May 11, 1976

Mr. John Grenville Argust
78 Tryon Road
Oldhill
Staffordshire
England

Dear Mr. Argust:

You probably recognize the name Witheridge and know that your grandmother's maiden name was Susanna Witheridge. She was a sister of my grandfather, William Witheridge. So you and I are second cousins.

Some years ago I wrote to your mother, and she responded with some very interesting information about our Witheridge family history. At that time she gave me your address, and I hope it is still correct.

This summer I have been granted a 12-week study leave, and my wife Elizabeth and I are planning to spend it in Britain studying the ecumenical situation there. We'll be studying for several weeks at three universities--London, Exeter, and Cambridge--and we'll be visiting several local councils of churches.

From June 16 to July 7 we'll be in the London area. From July 8 to August 7 we plan to rent a car and take a trip north through England to Scotland and then back through Wales to Devon. We're hoping we can visit you and your family briefly in the period of July 8 to 10. Will you be home at that time?

I understand from your mother that you and your wife both are teachers. My wife Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher for several years before we were married. Now she writes books for children and young people, with seven published so far.

I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer, then became a Baptist minister. For 25 years I have been the executive of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. We have two sons--one 29 years old and the other 28.

We surely hope we can see you when we're in England. Please write and let us know if that will be possible.

Your cousin,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

78, TREJON ROAD,
CRADLEY HEATH,
WARLEY,
WEST MIDLANDS,
B64 7HJ.

TELEPHONE NO.
CRADLEY HEATH 69665.

May 24, 1976

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

I expect it will come as a shock to you to hear that my husband died in November 1974. It happened very suddenly and was a terrible shock to us all. I dare not dwell on it too much, that is why I am thankful I have a job to keep me busy and I am also fortunate in having two good sons aged 23 and 20.

My sons and I look forward to meeting you and your wife in July and if you will ring us when you are in this country we will make arrangements to meet you in Birmingham.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Yours sincerely,

Jean August.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 5540
U.S.A.
January 2, 1977

Dear Jean August,

We had hoped to send this before Christmas, but time ran out on us. However, we thought you might like to see this letter anyway.

Meeting you and Nigel was one of the bright spots on our trip, and we hope we can keep in touch in the future.

We think these pictures are rather good, even though they were made from slides. They never come out as well as prints from negatives.

As we probably told you when we were there, Nigel looks enough like my brother John to be his son. It startles us every time we see this picture.

Similarly Susannah August looks exactly like my father, who was her first cousin, of course.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you again some day. Maybe Nigel will be coming over to the United States one of these days, and if he does, we certainly want him to come to Minneapol

We're sorry we didn't get to meet Glyn, too, while we were there.

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

78, TREJON ROAD,
CRADLEY HEATH,
WARLEY,
WEST MIDLANDS
B64 7HJ.
5th Feb. 1977.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Many thanks for your letter and especially the photos, I agree they are really excellent especially as they are taken from slides

John's mother came last weekend the first time she has managed it since Christmas, the weather has been so bad. She said that Pearl had heard from you and she had seen a photograph of the house she was born in. Glyn still talks about visiting Nashville, I think he'll have to wait till he's earning his own living. He is working hard on this degree course in Economics, I hope he can make it. It's a pity he and Negel haven't got more in common, own living. He is working

this degree course in Economics, I hope he can make it. It's a pity he and Nigel haven't got more in common, they might have come together.

How is your dog. Judy has had canker in one of ear. We have had a job to hold her down to put ointment inside. I had to get a neighbour to muzzle her and he had to wear a pair of kid glove, she was so vicious. When I take her to the vet, she doesn't play him up, she terrified of him.

I shall be glad to see the Spring. Thank you once again for the photographs.

Love & best wishes
Jean, Nicol & Glyn

May 9, 1980

Dear Jean,

You may have heard from Pearline or Irene that I retired on January 1st from my position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and that we are planning another trip to Britain late this summer.

I am in the midst of trying to arrange our trip. We now have plane reservations to leave here on August 2nd on a new non-stop flight from Minneapolis to London that just begins June 1st. We'll return to Minneapolis on October 2nd. I've also completed the first draft of a possible itinerary to include the many places we want to go in England, Scotland, Wales, and the Isle of Man. We are going to hire a car for about seven weeks, as we did in 1976.

One of the places we definitely want to visit is the Birmingham area. We were so pleased to meet all of you, and we are looking forward to seeing you again, including the children who are still there and may be able to see us. In fact, one thing we would greatly enjoy would be to hear Nigel play the organ, if that could be arranged. We keep thinking that he and Glyn may come to America and may visit us in Minneapolis.

Our present plans are to arrive in Pensnett on Tuesday afternoon, September 2nd, and leave Thursday afternoon, September 4th. One of the nights might be spent with the Birdsells, but we are not sure of that. We also want to see a Bessie Witheridge and her brother Dick who live in Hertford Hill, near Warwick. We think they are distant relatives, but we don't know for sure yet.

By the way, Nigel will be interested to know that my nephew, Dr. James F. Mark III, now teaches music at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada. He is my sister Louise's son, so he is Nigel's and Glyn's third cousin. As you see from the recital program I'm enclosing, he plays the clarinet, and his wife Penny plays the piano (and especially the harpsichord). She was born in Newfoundland, and they met in London when they were both studying at the Royal College of Music. Jaimie, as we call him, also directs the symphonic band at Mount Allison.

Please let us know if September 2 to 4 would be a good time to see all of you. You will probably want to confer with Pearline and Irene. We may have to alter our plans somewhat to fit your schedules or those of others we want to see in Britain. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

All our love,

78 Tryon Rd
Cradley Heath
Warley
West Midlands

7th July 1980.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

We look forward to seeing you in August. Nigel will make arrangements to see you as soon as you are in the area. He will either arrange to play for you at St. Augustine's in Edgbaston or perhaps you may be able to visit his school in Uttoxeter, situated in very lovely country.

Hope all goes well,

Sincerely,

Jean

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
December 6, 1980

Dear Jean:

Greetings from far away America! We hope all is going well with you and Glyn and Nigel. We had a most delightful trip to Britain, and we especially enjoyed the day we all had together going to Litchfield and Uttoxeter.

We have had fun re-living our experiences by means of our slides, as we've shown them to various groups. Now we've been able to have prints made of some of them, and here are a few we thought you'd be interested in. There's an extra copy for Glyn of the one of you and him (and the dog!). I'm sending the two of Nigel directly to him.

Life has been very hectic since we got home a couple of months ago. So many things had been left undone before and during our trip. And then we had to get ready for winter with such things as covering our roses, raking leaves, taking off screens and putting on storm windows. Everything is pretty well set now, and winter weather has fortunately held off. We sometimes get snow this early that stays on the ground until spring, but so far we haven't had any snow th speak of.

We were happy to have our son Tom home from Chicago over the Thanksgiving weekend in late November. He also brought his girl friend Virginia along. Jim, our son who lives in Minneapolis, was here for Thanksgiving dinner with three of his friends, so we had a big occasion with eight all together.

Now we'll wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Write when you can.

All our love,
David + Elizabeth

78, Trejar Road
Cradley Heath,
Warley,
West Midlands.

5th February 1981.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

It is so rude of me not to have answered your letter before and thank you for the lovely photographs, I do apologise. I was hoping that Nigel would write to you and you already know what a poor letter-writer I am. However, I'll do my best.

Well, January is out and we have been lucky as regards weather, it has not been too bad at all, and if we do have some bad weather now it wont seem so bad as the days are getting longer.

I think this is a depressing time of the year. I have joined the Brierley Hill Operatic Society to sing in their winter concerts. We have about four concerts coming up in March. Many of the members take part in the show which they put on in November but I don't think I could cope with that, it would be a bit too tiring. Nigel is taking part in "The Gondoliers" at the end of the month, I am going with some friends to see him.

Glyn is very busy with his job, I think he is lucky to have a job at all these days. He has failed two driving tests but it doesn't seem to worry him, he says he'll pass sometime.

Hope you are well and thank you once again for the lovely photographs.

Love + Best Wishes,

Jean

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
December 6, 1980

Dear Nigel:

This is just a short note to send you these pictures that were made from two of our slides. We think they came out rather well, and we hope you like them.

Our trip to Uttoxeter was a delightful experience, and we especially enjoyed hearing you get such wonderful music from your chapel organ. Thank you for spending some time with us on that very busy day. We wish we could see your room now that it is all completed.

Did we tell you we were planning to attend a concert by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall on the Friday we were in London at the end of our trip? It was an all-Wagner program, and we liked it very much.

Some day we hope you'll be able to come to America and to visit us here in Minneapolis. We know you would love it, and we would enjoy having you as our guest in our home.

We wish you a very happy holiday season and a good year ahead in 1981.

Yours sincerely,

David & Elizabeth Netteridge

Susannah Adams (b. 1890)
documents

(Susannah Adams Argust)

# Editor's Note

In this section of folder 1.63m are several documents from Dad's earliest phase of Witheridge family history research:

(1) A letter to George Adams of Wales, Dad's first cousin once removed, a brother of Susannah Adams (b. 1890), whose married surname was Argust (although she is known in the index by her birth surname, Adams). The letter to George was returned unopened.

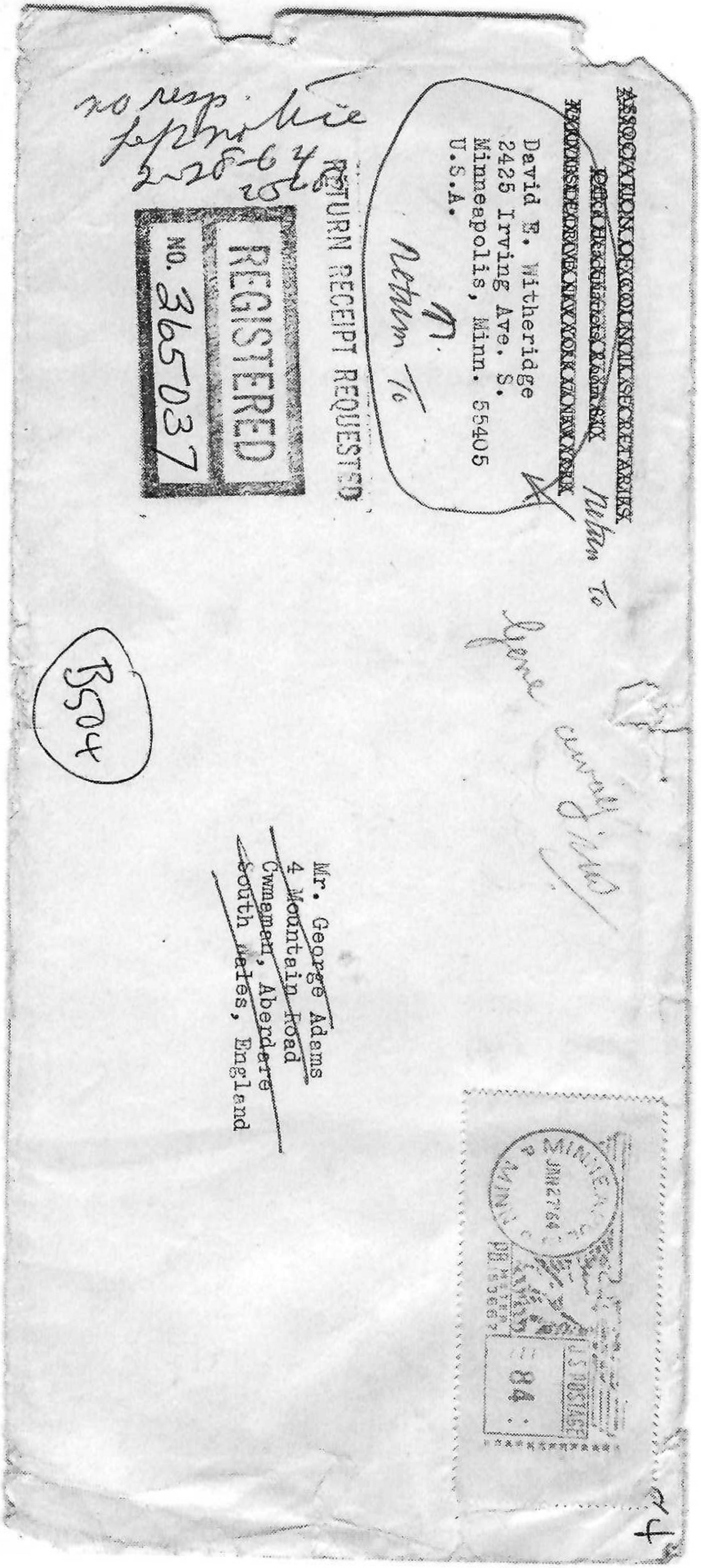
(2) Transcripts by Dad of two separate letters (April 20, 1964, and June 1, 1964) written by Susannah to Dad's sister-in-law, Janice Witheridge of Saginaw, Michigan, who was married to Dad's younger brother, John Meredith Witheridge (b. 1922). John and Janice were also interested in family history and had made some inquiries of their own around the same time that Dad was launching his Witheridge family history research. Unfortunately, Janice didn't loop Dad into her work until he had already learned about it circuitously while visiting in Saginaw, his childhood hometown.

(3) Dad's August 30, 1964, letter to Susannah.

(4) Susannah's reply to Dad on October 15, 1964, containing very helpful information.

(5) Dad's August 26, 1970, letter to Susannah with follow-up questions, which she apparently never answered.

Tom Witheridge
February 11, 2022



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This envelope contained a letter from DEW to George Adams (his first cousin once removed), accompanied by a partially completed one family record. The envelope was returned unopen, marked "Gone away." See the documents on the next few pages, which will make sense once you have read them (I hope!).

Tom Witheridge
Feb. 10, 2022

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2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota
U.S.A. 55405
January 26, 1964

Mr. George Adams
4 Mountain Road
Cwmaman, Aberdare
South Wales, England

Dear Mr. Adams:

Let me introduce myself. If my information is correct, my father, William Witheridge, was your first cousin. His father, William, was the brother of your mother, Susie Witheridge, according to my Aunt Clara Mae (Mrs. Allen Marquis).

When Father died last May, I realized how little we knew about his family, and I began to piece together the information I could discover. I knew that Aunt Clara Mae corresponded with some of the family in England, so I wrote to her and got a few facts from her. In addition to your address, which she admitted might be wrong as she hadn't heard from you for some time, she told of your sister Susannah. But again she thought her address was wrong, as she hadn't had a letter for many years.

Last summer when I was back in Saginaw, Michigan, I went to visit George Chivers, another cousin of yours and of my father. Fortunately, he had an old family Bible, from which I took down as much information as I could find. This went back only as far as your grandfather, John Witheridge, who lived in Combe Martin and for a time was a lighthouse keeper on Lundy Island.

I am hoping that I have your right address and that you will be able to give me or steer me to further information. As you can see, I have put your grandfather's name and his family on a record sheet. I would appreciate it very much if you would look this over and correct or add any information you can regarding names, dates, and places.

If you have any children, or nieces and nephews, I'd be very happy to have their names and addresses, so that I could correspond with them. Please also give me the proper name and address of your sister Susannah.

As you can see, I am a minister. After a number of years as a Baptist pastor, I came to Minneapolis to be in charge of the local council of churches. My wife Elizabeth and I both grew up in Saginaw, and we have two sons in high school, James and Thomas.

I hope your health is good and that you are living a happy life with your family. Please tell me a little about yourself and your family when you write.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge
David E. Witheridge

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

John Witheridge

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place

Birth Feb. 23, 1828 - Devonshire (town?)

Marriage

Death April 2, 1905 - Cwmaman, So. Wales

Other Places of Residence: Lundy Island (Lighthouse Keeper); Combe Martin, Devonshire

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Clara (Surname?)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place

Birth Nov. 1817 - Devonshire (town?)

Death Nov. 22, 1905 - Cwmaman, So. Wales

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands: Curtis (given name?)
(son, Edward Curtis - other children?)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 William
Married to
Mary Jane Allen
Birth Sept. 16, 1856 (?)
Marriage Sept. 23, 1877
Death Aug. 9, 1935 - Inglewood, Calif.

2 Elizabeth
Married to
Alfred William Chivers
Birth Oct. 17, 1858 (?) - Combe Martin, Devonshire
Marriage Oct. 29, 1880
Death

3 (Edward?) Ned
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death - Ohio (?)

4 (Susannah?) Susie
Married to
John Adams
Birth
Marriage
Death

5 Clara (?)
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

6 John (?)
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

For the source of this information (a family Bible in the possession of George Chivers), see DEW's letter on the previous page.

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Married to
Birth
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Please return to David E. Witheridge, 2425 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.

From Susannah August - 4/20/64 (to Janice)

My eldest sister (Clara Eliz. Adams?) still lives at Cwmaman where we were all born. She remembers my grandmother Witheridge saying as grandfather (John) had a brother that went abroad and that is as far as we know. I know he had a brother that lived at South Molton, North Devon. That would be my great uncle William and his wife was called Mary or Elizabeth. They had two children; a boy, Johnny, and a girl Mary. They still live in Devonshire, but we never hear from them since Grandmother's death.

Uncle William + Aunt Jane came to England for a visit when I was going to school and Clara came with them + we went to Coombe Martin for holiday along with my Aunt Betty Chivers, George Chivers mother, and when they returned to the states they took George Chivers along with them. That is a great number of years ago.

There is one of your family called David E. Witheridge from Minneapolis that wrote to my cusion (sic) Johnny Chivers' wife and she sent (the) letter along to my brother in the old home village in S. Wales. So he sent it along for me to read as I wrote to tell him about your letter to me and he received the one from Sarah a day or so after and he could not give any information about the Witheridge family. Johnny Chivers is dead nine years, but his widow writes my brother occasionally.

Cwmaman? Aberdare?

I wrote to my youngest sister. She lives in Leicestershire, Eng. and she said if you wanted to know the history about the Witheridges it would be best to write to the clerk of the parish council of Tiverton, Devonshire, and they would know whether the place Witheridge was called after the family or not. Witheridge is

I don't think my uncle Ted Witheridge married. He went to America I think around the time Uncle William and Uncle George Curtis but he never visited the old Country after he went.

Now about our family. I have two sisters alive. The eldest Clara still lives in the old home and my youngest sister lives at Leicester. My youngest brother lives in old home village, but my eldest and the middle brother are dead about fifteen years. Also my sister that was younger that the Mary went to Surrey, England to live but was unlucky as she passed away about twenty years ago. So we are three girls and one boy out of the family of seven.

With regards (to) Blackmore, my daughter went to Westward Oh (sic) North Devon, Eng., last year for holidays and went to one village which had a very small church in it and the number of people that were buried in that churchyard called Blackmore was amazing. They must have been my grand-mother Witheridge mother ancestors.

I am a widow. I lost my husband eleven years ago and I live with my daughter. She has three girls going to school. I have two children. My son the elder and he has two boys but they live about seven miles from me. My eldest sister has two sons and one daughter. My sister that died three girls and five boys. One of the boys was killed in England during the war. My eldest brother has one daughter. We are all the family of John and

② - From Susannah Adams August - April 20, 1964

Susannah Adams (Nee Susannah Witheridge) and my mother used to live with my grandmother for a number of years.

I can picture my grandfather Witheridge now. He was a lovely man. I used to live with them after my mother moved to a larger house. I remember on one occasion he won a table lamp in a prize drawing and I went to my mother's to wait until she and grandfather came with it. Then I would accompany grandfather home with his prize. It had been snowing and the road was slippery and we were nearly home. I was carrying the globes and he had the lamp. I asked him to let me have it, but he would not as he wanted to carry it himself, but in any case he slipped down and broke the lamp. It was a big disappointment to him as he wanted to give grandmother his prize.

Well now I have given all the information I can which is not much.

I hope you all as a family are keeping in good health. We this end have our sickness. I had an accident nearly two years ago and can only just walk about but not far. We are all getting on in years. My eldest sister is 76 years. I am 74. My sister in Leicester is 68 and my youngest brother is 64 years.

Please convey my best wishes to all the family. I was pleased to hear from you and if what I have written has been any help it is a pleasure.

Yours sincerely
Susannah

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Clara Blackmore married George Curtis (he was drowned). She later married John Witheridge.

George Curtis married Mary – not sure of surname.

William Witheridge married Mary Jane Allen

Elizabeth Witheridge married Albert Chivers.

Uncle Ted not married

Susannah Witheridge married John Adams
That is my father and mother.

From Susannah August - June 6, 1964

Dear Janice,

In answer to yours of May 1st, I hope I shall make the Witheridge family affairs more clear to you this time.

My grandmother Witheridge first married George Curtis and he was drowned at sea and they had one son George Curtis, the one that went to America, and they had I think three children - William, Clara, and Johnny Curtis. Then my grandmother married John Witheridge and I think your husband's grandfather would be my grandmother's son William that married Mary Jane Allen. My grandmother and grandfather Witheridge were Devonshire people and they came across from Combemartin to Swansea in Wales when my mother was five years old, so all their children were born in Combemartin neighborhood somewhere.

I don't know the age of George Curtis, William Witheridge, Mary, Betsy, and Edward Witheridge, but my grandmother told me as my mother was five years old and she was the youngest of the family, so you can see my grandfather Witheridge was not a Welshman.

You mentioned about my great Uncle William Witheridge. He had a son called Johnny but he did not marry a Emma Northcott and would be born much later than 1835. I think he would be a little younger than George Chivers. When you see George Chivers again, you may ask him if he remembers him, as his mother used to visit that one's father and mother (William and Eliza Witheridge at South Molton, Devonshire when they used to go on holiday to Combemartin.

George Chivers father and my father came from Somersetshire, so they were Englishmen.

I have done my best with the forms filled in so I hope you will understand them.

I told you about my eldest sister having sickness at her home. Her husband ill for many years.

He passed away the 9th May and it is a great relief as the doctors could not do anything for him. It was the miner's complaint.

You say George Chivers told you as his grandfather and my grandfather were step brothers. They were certainly not, as his and my grandfather was the same person. George Chivers' mother was [and] my mother were sister and her name was Elizabeth but we used to call her Aunt Betsy. You may mention it to George Chivers. Ask him if he remembers me Susannah. I was not very old when he went to America with Uncle William when they came here on a visit, Aunt Jane and Cousin Clara.

I cannot tell you any more about my grandfather Witheridge's family as I only heard about the one William that lived at South Molton, Devon.

I hope you all as a family are keeping in good health. I can manage to get about the house without any aid, but when I go up the village to do a little shopping, I have to use two sticks. I fell down the church steps two years come September and fractured the femur in the right leg so they pinned and plated it when I was in hospital as when you get on in years the bones do not knit but it is very uncomfortable sometimes still it is nice to be able to get about.

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I have two children, My son the elder is a teacher and his wife goes to school teaching music. They have two boys - one 11 in July, the other 9 yrs next March. The eldest has passed his 11 plus exam and will go to grammar school in September.

My daughter I live with has three girls. The eldest was 16 last month so will be leaving school now when the summer holidays start end of July. I don't know what she is going in for when she leaves but is very interested

2 - From Susannah August - 6/1/64

in out but it all depends on her exams which will be next month. She attend a grammar school. The others are one 10 years, the other 6 yrs. and are at the local school.

I think I have told all the news with the exception that I lost my husband eleven years last March and I miss him more as the time go on. We could sit and talk about old times at our village down in Wales before we were married and after and my youngest brother (He is the only brother left) send me the local paper from the old village in Wales every week so as I can see how things are going on. When my husband was alive if I did not remember someone that would be mention in the paper we used to put our heads together and fathom it out what was what. Still we have a lot to be thankful for. He had been poorly for 16 weeks before he died not able to work but had not been too well for many years.

I will now close my letter with the family of George Curtis, Mother's brother. I don't remember when he went to America - I think it must have been before my mother married. His wife was from Aberaman, nr Aberdare, Glamorgan. Wales, and I remember Uncle George and his son Johny Curtis coming on a visit to see granny and grandfather Witheridge. The Curtis family lived at Cleveland, Ohio USA and I expect some of the family are still around about there now.

Uncle William and Aunt Jane must have gone to America before I was born as I remember my mother saying Uncle William has dismantled a sewing machine they were going to take out with them but someone advised that it would cost more in transport than the worth of the sewing machine, so my parents bought it from them and my father assembled it and it done good service

to our family in sewing little odds and ends.
Then Uncle William and Aunt Jane came on a visit and took George Chivers back with them. After George had been out a few years he came back and took his father back to America. After his father had been out there a few years and got settled George came home again to fetch his mother, sister Elizabeth, and youngest brother Edgar, and I think he married this young lady then as they were courting before he went to America. Her name was Rosie Ford but she is dead now, but I haven't seen George since he went to America the first time. When you see him just jog his memory or ask him if he remembers. I hope you will not be bored with my letter as there is a lot of repetition and the children are home from school now waiting for their tea and it is a bit difficult to write with them about. My daughter is at the chemist shop in the village assisting part time morning and late afternoon and evening, so will close with best wishes to all the family.

Yours affectionately,
Susannah

P.S. Don't know about any relative connection that has gone to Australia.

[redacted] Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 30, 1964

Dear Mrs. Argust (Cousin Susannah):

You cannot possibly know how glad I am to have found your address at last. I am a son of William Allen Witheridge, who was a first cousin of yours, if my information is correct. I am the one who wrote to Mrs. John Chivers, who then forwarded my letter to Edgar Adams, your brother. (Is his full name Albert Edgar Adams?) That was many mouths ago, and I never could understand why he didn't answer my letter.

Now I find that he sent the letter to you, and you discussed my questions when you wrote to Janice, the wife of my brother John in Saginaw, Mich. However, Janice never told me about it until a week ago when we were visiting in Saginaw. (That's 700 miles from here.) We very seldom hear from them by letter. I read both of the letters you wrote to Janice--in fact, I made copies for myself, because of the family information they contained.

If you still have the letter I wrote to Sarah Chivers, you know that I am a Baptist minister, but I am now in charge of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, which is a full-time position. I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and started out as an engineer. I graduated from the University of Michigan and returned to Saginaw to work with Father in his heating and ventilating business. Then I decided to be a minister and attended seminaries in Rochester, N.Y., and Chicago, Ill.

My wife Elizageth also grew up in Saginaw--in the same Baptist church, in fact. She was a kindergarten teacher, and since our marriage she has been writing books for children. Four have been published, and another is on the way. We have two sons. Jim is seventeen and is entering the University of Minnesota this fall. Tom is sixteen and will be a high school senior. I thought you would like the two pictures enclosed--one of my wife and me, and one of the boys with their grandparents.

We were sorry to hear about your accident and your leg injury, but glad to know that you are able to get around. We do hope your health has been good this summer.

Do you have any pictures of you and your family? You must be very proud of your children and grandchildren. I wonder, too, if you have any pictures of your mother and of your grandmother and grandfather Witheridge. If you have, I'd be very glad to have copies made for me and would be glad to pay the cost.

As you see, I have enclosed a form on which I would like to have the complete information about you and your husband and your children. Please put in middle names, if there are any, and fill in all the other items you know.

Then I have also included a sheet on which I should like you to give the addresses of various relatives. You said in a letter to Janice that you had not heard from John and Mary, the children of your great uncle William Witheridge, since the death of your grandmother. What are the last addresses you had for them, and what was the date? Do you know if they (John and Mary) had children and, if so, what their names were? Was the wife of your great uncle William named Elizabeth? Have you any idea when he or she died?

Did your grandfather, John Witheridge, have only four children--William, Elizabeth, Edward, and Susannah? Or was there also a Mary in that family? You mentioned an uncle Ted Witheridge who went to America. Would he have been the same as Ned Witheridge, whom I have seen referred to?

What was the religious affiliation of your grandparents, John and Clara Witheridge? This is important to know, because most of the early birth, marriage, and death records were kept by churches.

There are a few other items that were not clear from the information you gave to Janice:

1. Do your first name and your mother's both end in "h"?
2. What year was your father born, and what year was your mother born?
3. Where did each of them die?
4. Where were you and your husband married?

I know this is a long letter and I have asked many questions. But I hopw you will be kind enough and patient enough to answer them if you can. Greetings also to your daughter and her family!

Your cousin,

David E. Witheridge

[Returned by Susannah Adams (b. 1890) with her Oct. 15, 1964, letter to DEW]

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Argust Family No. ______

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

John - - - - Argust

His Father's Name:
John Argust

His Mother's Maiden Name:
Margaret Owen

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 5 Jan 1889 | Cwmaman Aberdare Glamorgan Wales |
| Marriage | | |
| Death | | ~~Cwmaman Aberdare~~ "Ilford" Tansy Green. Pensnett |

Other Places of Residence: none
"Ilford" Tansy. Green Pensnett nr Brierley Hill Staffordshire

Other Wives: none

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Susannah - - - - Adams

Her Father's Name:
John - - - - Adams (b. Mar. 4 - - -)

Her Mother's Maiden Name:
Susanna - - - - - - Witheridge (b. June 9 - - -)

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | Nov, 6, 1890 | Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glamorgan |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence: ~~none~~ "Ilford" Tansy Green Pensnett nr Brierley Hill - Staffordshire England

Other Husbands: none

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 John Grenville Argust
Married to Jean Westwood
son
Birth ~~[illegible]~~ Son birth Nov 2nd 1918
Marriage Netherton church nr Dudley. Worcestershire England
Death

2 Pearline Argust
Married to Sidney Thomas Fryer
daughter
Birth May 6th 1925
Marriage Pensnett St Marks Church. Pensnett nr Brierley Hill Staffordshire England
Death -

3 ______ Married to ______ Birth Marriage Death

4 ______ Married to ______ Birth Marriage Death

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71 High Street
Pensnett
Nr Brierley Hill
Staffordshire
England
Oct 15th 1964

Dear Cousin David

First I owe you an apologye for not ansering sooner. The reason is I sent your letter to my eldest sister Clara. Elizabeth that still live in Wales and to my youngest sister Lily Beatrice that lives at Leicestershire

My eldest sister told me as Great Uncle William died and his widow married again a man named Harding. He had a revelative living in my home village Cwmaman that is how she heard and with regards to Mary and John their children I cannot

tell you anything. I think the best thing would be to write the clerk of the parish at South Molton Devonshire England.

You asked about my Grandfather and Grandmother Witheridge how many children they had. There were five. William. Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Fred and my mother Susanna. no H at the end of her name but there is at the end of mine (Susannah) I cannot tell you the year of mother birth but it was June 9th and father March 4th and father died 27th April 1944 His age somewhere about 70 to 73 and mother died 13th April 1950 age about 80 to 82 I will let you know for certain when I write again as I will ask my eldest sister

With regards to photos of Grandfather and Grandmother Witheridge my eldest sister has a photo of them and if possible will have some taken. They are very old and it will be a great pleasure for you to see them They were a grand pair. Their religious effiliations were Church of England all our family as the same religion

I have enclosed a photo of my mother and father taken about 1940 also of my husband and myself taken the same time 1940. I will send you some photos of my son and his family also my daughter and family later date.

I was very pleased to receive the photos of your father and ~~wife~~ your mother and your sons also the one of you and your wife I think your father William Allen very much resemble your Grandfather William Witheridge. It is many years since I saw

him when he visited Wales I think the last time and your aunt Clara was a little girl I was going to school at the time and would be about 12 to 13 years of age. just like the old saying a lot of water has flowed under the bridge since then.

My son is teaching at a secondary modern school. He as two boys the elder age 11 last July passed his 11 plus and in september after the summer holiday term started at the Grammer School the younger boy is eight last March. My daughter has three girls. The eldest was sixteen last May and finished at the Grammer school last July and started work at an office in september the other two are at school one age 11 in December the younger seven in November.

I met with my accident two years last month. I had been to church to the Mother Union meeting and when coming out I missed judge my footing and fell down three steps and fractured the femur I have had it pinid and plated so that enable me to walk about the house without any aid but when I go to church or up the village I have to use two sticks. We have to be thankfull for small mercys.

I hope your and your wife and sons are in good health which I am pleased to say we are all in here. My eldest sister lost her husband the 9th of May. He had been in poor health for quite a time. I lost my husband eleven

years last March. He had been in poor health for quite a time being a miner in his younger day I think that had an affect on his health.

The reason as sisters are scatted about in the Midlands here is owning to the depression that hit the coal fields in Wales around about 1935 to 1936 Then We moved here to Staffordshire my sister next to me moved to Surrey she only lived a few years after she moved there and my youngest sister went to Leicestershire.

My eldest sister has two sons and a daughter. The second sister had six sons and four daughters. My youngest sister had four sons. The youngest one is 27 years is a spastic but is able to do a little work at the coporation gardens where they grow their plants for parks etc He is under the welfare as he is not able to do too heavy work. He loves me to go and visit them and my son took me up the last week in July for a fortnight Then he took me down to Wales to my eldest sister for ten days the end of August which I enjoyed. I was able to see my youngest brother then. He has one daughter. My other two brothers died after my father I think in about three to four years the three died father and two brothers.

I will write and explain about Grandmother Witheridge two marrages I did explain to your brother wife but will let you have it as well.

My cousin widow Sarah Chris sent your letter on to my brother Edgar as she could not give you any information with the result my brother sent it along to me.
My mother lived for about thirteen years with my grandmother and grandfather Witheridge after she was married then the family got larger and my mother and father got a larger house and moved but my grandparents still lived on in the old house where your grandparents visited them when last here.
That is how I got to know a little about the family grandmother used to tell me about things. I stayed with her after my parents moved. I used to love to watch her reading the bible which she done every day.

but Uncle Ned or Ted never came home after he went to America and I never heard whether he married. I dont think he liked writing as the letters to Grandmother Witheridge were few and far between.

I think this is all I can think about now so once again wishing you the best of health and in your work

Your Cousin
Susannah.

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From Mrs S. Argust
71 High Street Pensnett
Nr Brierly Hill Staffordshire
England.

August 26, 1970

Mrs. Susannah Argust
71 High Street
Pensnett
Nr Brierley Hill
Staffordshire
England

Dear Cousin Susannah:

It's many years since I've written to you, and I hope you and your family are in good health. I certainly appreciated the interesting and detailed information you gave me about our common ancestors. I've been getting so much information, it's hard to hold it all in my mind.

I note that you have a son, John Granville, who lives at Oldhill, Staffordshire, and that both he and his wife Joan are teachers. They have two sons, one 17 years old and the other 14. I know their life is very interesting, because we also had two sons go through their teen years.

Then you have a daughter, Pearline, married to Sidney T. Fryer, with whom you live. How fortunate you are to share their home and all the exciting family experiences. I see they have three daughters, aged 22, 16, and 12. When you write, tell me what your children and grandchildren are doing these days. You also promised to send me their pictures some day.

It is certainly a tense time in which to be living, at least in the United States. I'm sure this is why I haven't found time to write to you for several years. It seems to me the main problem has been the Vietnam War in which we have been embroiled.

Our two boys--Jim, 23, and Tom, 22--are of draft age, and their lives have been badly disrupted. They are both what we call "conscientious objectors," and are serving two years of "alternative service," instead of serving in the armed forces.

Race relations have also been at the breaking point in recent years. In Minnesota this not only involves Negroes, but also American Indians, of whom we have about 16,000 in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The church is trying to do the right thing and gets criticized from both sides. As the Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, I am deeply involved in all this.

I may have told you that my wife, Elizabeth, is the author of children's books. Her last book was about a Negro slave girl back in 1815. Right now she is working on a book about an American Indian boy, which should be published in about a year.

In 1967 my Uncle Ed Witheridge made a trip to England and Wales, but I did not hear whether he was able to include a trip to the Midlands. Did he visit you or any of your sisters? I think he did meet Gladwyn Adams (Mrs. William E.). Could you please give me her address?

I think this is all I can write at this time. I hope you are well and will be able to answer soon.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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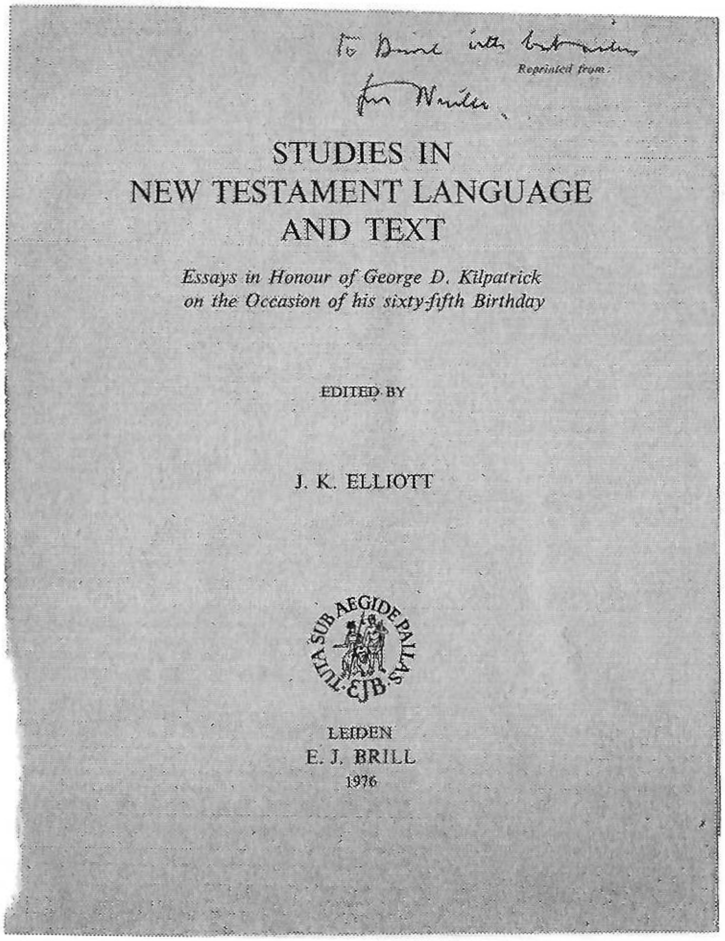

To Bruce with best wishes
from Neville.

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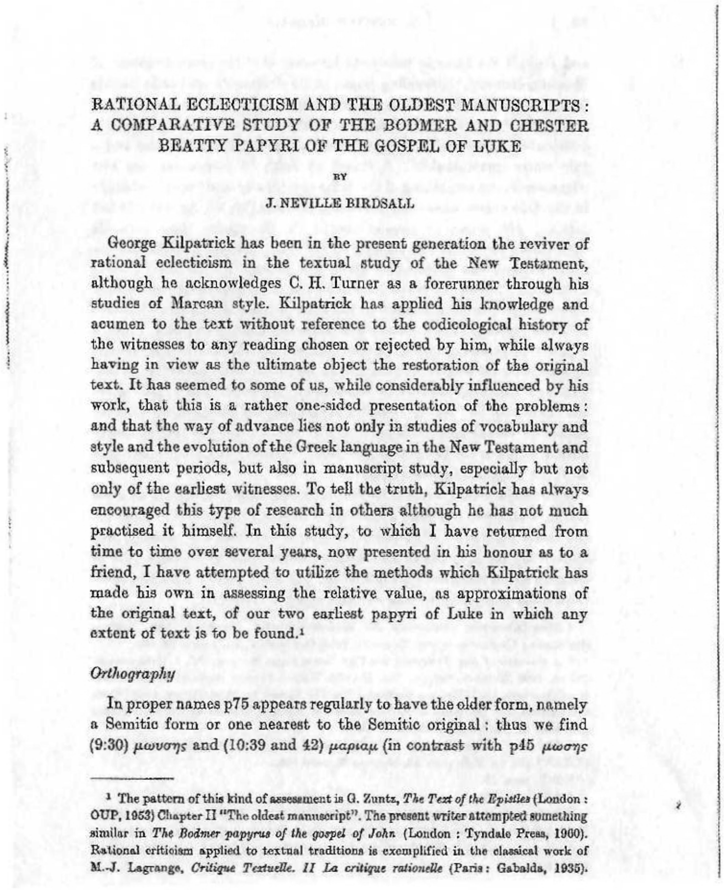

## RATIONAL ECLECTICISM AND THE OLDEST MANUSCRIPTS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE BODMER AND CHESTER BEATTY PAPYRI OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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George Kilpatrick has been in the present generation the reviver of rational eclecticism in the textual study of the New Testament, although he acknowledges C. H. Turner as a forerunner through his studies of Marcan style. Kilpatrick has applied his knowledge and acumen to the text without reference to the codicological history of the witnesses to any reading chosen or rejected by him, while always having in view as the ultimate object the restoration of the original text. It has seemed to some of us, while considerably influenced by his work, that this is a rather one-sided presentation of the problems: and that the way of advance lies not only in studies of vocabulary and style and the evolution of the Greek language in the New Testament and subsequent periods, but also in manuscript study, especially but not only of the earliest witnesses. To tell the truth, Kilpatrick has always encouraged this type of research in others although he has not much practised it himself. In this study, to which I have returned from time to time over several years, now presented in his honour as to a friend, I have attempted to utilize the methods which Kilpatrick has made his own in assessing the relative value, as approximations of the original text, of our two earliest papyri of Luke in which any extent of text is to be found.[1]

### *Orthography*

In proper names p75 appears regularly to have the older form, namely a Semitic form or one nearest to the Semitic original: thus we find (9:30) *μωυσης* and (10:39 and 42) *μαριαμ* (in contrast with p45 *μωσης* and *μαρια*)[2] We have to take note however that the second volume of Moulton-Howard,[3] discussing *μαρια* in its declinable and indeclinable forms found that by the time of the main uncial witness (to which of course they were limited) there was "perpetual variation ... even in a continuous narrative" and that "there are great inconsistencies and a rule seems unattainable". A glance at John 11 comparing our two witnesses shows something of the same complexity and inexplicability: in the four verses where comparison is possible (20, 28, 32, 45) p75 has *μαριαμ*, p45 *μαρια* or *μαριαν* except in 20 where they coincide with *μαρια* (which is the reading of the vast majority, although we must expand the attestation given for *μαριαμ* by Moulton (144-5) from mere 33 to 33 579 *Θ* 565 1582 2193 138, if we may trust von Soden). There seems more consistency in the data of Luke in our two witnesses however: perhaps the problem was originally limited to John, where a number of problems about proper names (e.g. the use of the article) appear to be *sui generis* for that gospel. In two related nouns (10:34, 35), p75 has the hellenistic form *πανδοχεῖον*, *πανδοχεῖ* while p45 gives the Attic with "*κ*" for "*χ*" which Phrynichus,[4] for instance, commends. Again, in verbal conjugations, it is p75 which gives the mixed conjugation *ἀπῆλθαν* at 10:30 and the form without augment *εὐδόκησεν* at 12:32, both Hellenistic forms.

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[1] The pattern of this kind of assessement is G. Zuntz, *The Text of the Epistles* (London: OUP, 1953) Chapter II "The oldest manuscript". The present writer attempted something similar in *The Bodmer papyrus of the gospel of John* (London: Tyndale Press, 1960). Rational criticism applied to textual traditions is exemplified in the classical work of M.-J. Lagrange, *Critique Textuelle. II La critique rationelle* (Paris: Gabalda, 1935).

Two conjunctions come into the reckoning here: for elision of *ἀλλά* (11:33, where p75 has *ἀλλ'*) a decision is wellnigh impossible;[5] while for the crasis *κἄν* (p75: 13:9) Blass-Debrunner[6] accepts the reading, but apparently on grounds of attestation rather than some clear rule of usage (p45 *καὶ ἐὰν* has support of D 157 472 1009 only): Radermacher[7] implies its acceptability but without specific reference.

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[2] Blass-Debrunner, *Grammatik des neutestamentlichen Griechisch*, 12te Auflage (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, 1965) (hereinafter B-D.) parr. 38, 53.

[3] *A grammar of New Testament Greek* by James Hope Moulton, Vol. 1. *Prolegomena*. 3rd ed. 1908 (Moulton Proleg.): Vol. II (with Wilbert Francis Howard) *Accidence and Word-formation* 1929 (Moulton-Howard): Vol. III. *Syntax* by Nigel Turner. 1963 (Moulton-Turner). For the point under discussion see Moulton-Howard 144-5. All volumes published in Edinburgh by T. & T. Clark.

[4] *The New Phrynichus* ed. W. G. Rutherford (London: Macmillan, 1881) sect. CCXXVI 362. cp. B-D. para. 33, Moulton-Howard 108.

[5] B-D. para. 17.

[6] B-D. para. 18.

[7] Ludwig Radermacher, *Neutestamentliche Griechisch*, Zweite erweiterte Auflage. *HNT* 1 Tübingen: Mohr, 1925) 44-5 "haben wir doch keinen Grund zu zweifeln dass in der Rede des Volkes die Worte miteinander verschliffen worden sind, soweit es moeglich war" (45).

### *Changes of case, gender and number*

We leave aside the evidently itacistic variation of 11:36 (p45 *ἐχων* after *σωμα*). The neuter *πνεῦμα* is treated as grammatically masculine in p45 at 9:40, 11:24, 25. At 9:40 this reading is also known in D 124 174 and three lectionaries; at 11:24 there is considerable support for *εὑρίσκων* but only that of nine manuscripts for *ζητῶν*, and in 11:25 *ἐλθών* also has wide support (this time including D). The transcriptional probability seems to be from the masculine, the evil spirit being strongly personalized, to the grammatically correct neuter: in other words, the reading of p45 and its different groups of allies in this matter is to be preferred.

A similar case however (*αὐτὰ/ αὐτοὺς*) is dependent upon the conflate reading of p45 (12:24): *τὰ πετεινὰ* is an intrusion into the verse (sc. from Matt. 6:26) and the pronoun is attracted to it, as it stands in first place after the verb. This reading is unacceptable. The plural *ἀποθῆκαι* in p45 in the same verse is similarly to be explained and rejected. The reading of p45 at 11:41 *ἐν τῇ ἀγόρᾳ* in the singular number is unique to that manuscript: I suggest that this may be rejected as a "lection banale", one market place to a town.

Three instances concern the genitive case. One of these is probably due to scribal error, if indeed the transcription of Kenyon be correct: namely 9:48 where the restoration *εν πα[σιν υ]μ̣ω̣ν̣* is found. At 12:44 we encounter a tricky problem of usage, namely the participle of *ὑπαρχεῖν* used in the neuter plural: is the sense more substantival or does it retain a verbal force? Both following genitive (implying the former) and dative (implying the latter) are found. There are eight occurrences in Luke[8] of this participle in this sense. It is not simple to define the Lukan usage however: at 8:3 the dative appears well established with seven mss. only in dissent. Elsewhere the genitive is the better attested. Only at 12:15 (*αυτου : αυτω*) and 19:8 (*μου : μοι*) is there weighty variation. In the verse under consideration, the sense seems to require the substantival force with the genitive: if we are right then in following this combination of majority attestation and exegetical propriety, p75 gives the better text: perhaps *αὐτῷ* at 12:15 influenced the scribe's memory here in p45.

In considering the remaining case of this kind (9:53) we meet a combination of factors: the reading of p45 is singular and consists primarily of a change in word order viz. *τὸ πρόσωπον ἦν αὐτοῦ πορευομένου*.

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[8] Viz. 8:3, 11:21, 12:15, 12:33, 12:44, 14:33, 16:1, 19:8. At 12:15 p75 reads *αὐτῷ*: it is not extant for 19:8.

It would seem the simplest explanation of the change of nominative to genitive as an instance of attraction to the preceding *αὐτοῦ* following the change of order. It is almost without meaning and worthless for the text.

*Presence of the article*

Sophie Antoniadis in the only study devoted solely to the grammar of Luke writes with confidence "l'article dans le NT, comme dans Luc, ne présente pas d'irregularités dans son emploi. On l'a déjà vu, il précède des noms dont on a déjà parlé ou dont l'existence est établie".[9] In spite of her confidence (which nevertheless should be treated with respect, as the view of one looking at an area of "New Testament Greek" against the background of the Koine as a whole and the evolution of modern Greek), every case demands consideration on its merits, as the length of the section devoted to the article by Blass-Debrunner[10] may suggest. We take the cases which arise in the papyri under consideration in ascending order of difficulty according to our judgement.

The addition of *τὸν* ante *ἄρχοντα* at 12:58 in p45 (singular reading) is to be rejected, as attraction to succeeding articles. This instance follows the rule of Antoniadis.

At 13:19 the reading *εἰς κῆπον ἑαυτοῦ* which conforms to Septuagintal usage,[11] has undergone correction in p45 and ten other mss. The addition of *τον* is secondary. The addition of *τοὺς* ante *φραγμοὺς* at 14:23 by p45 may be another case of pedantic change. At 11:11 (p45 *υιος* p75 *ο υιος*) and 11:42 (p45 *υμιν φαρισαιοις* : p75 *υμιν τοις φαρισαιοις)*, it is p45 which carries the solecistic reading which invited correction. At two other points also p45 seems to have a subtle reading, which the alternatives attested in p75 obscures. These are at 9:48 where the article of *ὁ μέγας* (p45 1093) might be anaphoric to the dispute of verse 46;[12] while at 12:54 the reading of p45 *τὴν νεφέλην*, which is the majority reading, here may well refer to the beginning of the wet season, and not to any cloud. Its removal is a further instance of grammatical pedantry, from which clearly neither witness nor its

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[9] *L'évangile de Luc. Esquisse de grammaire et de style* (Paris : "Les Belles Lettres", 1930) 133.

[10] Parr. 249-276 (pp. 156-173).

[11] B-D. para. 259.

[12] B-D. para. 273.

allies is free. Is p45 also acceptable at 10.19 (*ἐπάνω τῶν ὄφεων καὶ σκορπίων* D 157 GregNyss), referring to "serpents" (or "serpents and scorpions") as a class (cp. the following *πᾶσαν τὴν δύναμιν του ἐχθροῦ)*?

However at 11:45 p45 omits the articles as D does : the textual situation is very complicated however and suggests dislocation at a stage earlier than the additional confusions peculiar to the papyrus (viz. the inversion *ὡς ἐστὲ*, which seems meaningless). The textual complications have their root in the exegetical problems, and we cannot suggest on purely internal or linguistic grounds the originality of any specific reading.

There remain the instances where changes are found in the article before the name of Jesus. We have two such, in each case a singular reading : at 9:33 the absence of the article in p45 (*πρὸς ἰησουν : πρὸς τὸν ἰησουν*); at 10:39 its absence in p75 (*πρὸς τοὺς πόδας ἰησου : πρὸς τοὺς πόδας τοῦ ἰησου*). Colwell[13] has argued that singular readings should never come into such discussion as this. If he be right, the matter is settled. But Martini[14] appears willing to accept the singular reading of p75 at 10:39 by analogy with other cases (5:8, 8:35, 8:41). These three cases all concern the feet or knees of Jesus : the absence of the article before the name of Jesus is in all cases attested by B as well as p75, and at 5:8 and 8:41 by others. Yet its absence may be a stylistic peculiarity of the Alexandrian tradition : certainly the norms of Greek syntax are not reflected in it, and not being as convinced as Martini of the excellence and neutrality of that tradition, I should be loth to accept it as a mark of Lukan style.

*Changes in the verb*

We may disregard at 9:48 and 11:21 the presence of indicative mood for subjunctive in subordinate clauses. This is a solecism for which the scribe must be responsible : it cannot represent the intention of the evangelist, although it highlights phonetic causes which lay behind changes in the language then and later.

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[13] E. C. Colwell (with Ernest W. Tune) "Variant readings : classification and use" *JBL* LXXXIII (1964) 253-61 reprinted as Chapter 7 of *Studies in Methodology in Textual Criticism of the New Testament* (Leiden : Brill, 1969) under the title "Method in classifying and evaluating variant readings" 96-105.

[14] C. M. Martini, *Il problema della Recensionalità del Codice B alla Luce del Papiro Bodmer XIV* (Analecta Biblica 26) (Rome : Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1966) 140 cp. 80.

At 11:38 the two witnesses present a different voice: p45 700 *ἐβαπτίσατο* p75 rel *ἐβαπτίσθη*. This is a case where the minority clearly retain the original text, and the majority present a nonsense, reflecting semantic changes and loss within the language. *βαπτίζειν* in the middle voice means to wash oneself: the passive is appropriate only in the Christian ritual context.[15] Its presence here must represent the demise of the aorist middle and its significance,[16] and its supplantation in this verse by a form of inappropriate meaning. (We may compare the change at I Cor. 10:2 where however the semantic problem was more subtle).[17] Liddell-Scott-Jones[18] is in error in following the majority text and giving the passive the "meaning", to perform ablutions, in this passage.

Two cases meet us in p45 (12:6 and 30) of *regimen Atticum* (neuter plural subject with singular verb): this must be correction on stylistic grounds. In each case it is interesting that p45 gives a reading adopted in the Byzantine texts: at 12:6 the influence of parallelism with Matt. 10:29 may be discerned, while even in Matt. 6:32 (the parallel of Luke 12:30) the Byzantine text had the singular verb.

6:37 presents an interesting variation, p45 giving the future passive indicative after *οὐ μή*, while p75 gives the aorist passive subjunctive. The usage is "almost restricted to quotations from the LXX, to sayings of Jesus, and to Rev(elation)",[19] whichever tense and mood be adopted. The future is not found in the Ptolemaic papyri: and the only certain example in the New Testament without the type of variant here shown is Matt. 16:22 where the verb is *ἔσται*, for which no aorist stem is available.[20] This seems to suggest that the aorist would be the form more natural to a Hellenistic writer, and that the future is a purist correction.

A number of variants are found between the present and aorist tense-stems. At 9:29 for the present infinitive, p45 and the first

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[15] B-D. para. 317.

[16] G. Thomson, *The Greek Language* (Cambridge: Heffer, 3rd ed. 1972) 38.

[17] G. Zuntz, *Text of Epistles* 234 and fr. 4. B.-D para. 317 expresses an opposite view of Zuntz, who nevertheless demonstrates his point.

[18] *A Greek-English Lexicon*. New edition (Oxford: Clarendon, 1925-40) 306.

[19] Moulton-Turner 96 cp. Moulton Proleg. 190.

[20] B-D. para. 364.1. The form of words here ("das einzige sichere Beispiel fuer das Fut. ist Mt 16:22") is formally correct, yet we should note that Rev 18:14 while it has the variant readings *εὑρήσεις*, *εὕρῃς*, has no aorist variant for *εὑρήσουσιν*. (We find aorists at Luke 21:33 and Rev. 9:6 too, other examples given by Moulton Proleg. 190 as "unambiguous").

hand of the Sinaiticus (= S) have the aorist (Sinaiticus has made the contrary change, aorist to present, in the preceding verse). Here Colwell's caveat against singular readings is borne out by the context. Jesus went up into the mountain to "begin to pray" or "to engage in prayer" (inceptive force of the aorist): and "during his prayer" (continuous force of present tense-stem) he was transfigured. p45 has simply repeated the tense of the preceding verse: I suggest that the error of S has no relationship to the papyrus here. In three further cases too, it is p45 which upon examination proves to have the secondary reading: 9:34 where the aorist *ἐπεσκίασεν* (p45 pler) is perhaps harmonized with *ἐγένετο*, but where furthermore *ἐπεσκίαζεν* (p75 B S pc) is more subtle than the aorist, viz. "began to overshadow", coinciding with the latter part of the verse, "as they entered the cloud". Similarly, 13:13 *ἐδόξασεν* (p45), *ἐδόξαζεν* (p75) "she began to glorify God". At 10:39 the aorist of p45 might just possibly be interpreted as a gnomic aorist: Mary being transformed into an ideal figure, "ever hears" the master:[21] but this is oversubtle, and the more feasible solution is that in addition to the common confusion which gave rise to the other instances, we have here too the opportunity for uncial error by dittography viz. *HKOYЄN < HKOYЄЄN < HKOYCЄN*.

The perfect was in process of decay in the Hellenistic period and disappearing before the encroachment of the aorist: thus we have an antecedent probability that perfects will be original, aorists corrections, perhaps unconscious. Thus at 10:20 the reading of p75 *ἐγγέγραπται* will have preference over p45 (*ἐγράφη*): and at 11:21 *καθωπλισμένος* (p75) over *καθοπλισάμενος* (p45), where probably itacism (*ω*<*ο*) has abetted the transformation. At 14:20 the reconstructed *η̣γαμη̣κ̣α̣* of p45 is, if correct, probably not a perfect but a variant aorist form:[22] the *ἔγημα* of p75 is an aorist form of the Attic dialect, and is never found in the New Testament without variation.[23] If we were sure of the reading of p45 it might be preferable (the usual variant is *ἐγάμησα*).

At 10:19, the *δίδωμι*[24] of p45 is probably a substitute for *δέδωκα* of p75.

There are a number of changes between present and future forms.

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[21] See J. M. Creed, *The Gospel according to Luke* (1930) ad loc. although he knew no variant here.

[22] It is unattested elsewhere. The facsimile is totally inadequate. I have not seen the original.

At 11:10 p75 B D read *ἀνοίγεται*, p45 rel *ἀνοιγήσεται*. The latter is probably an assimilation to the preceding verse, and smacks somewhat of the "banal reading", softening the striking declaration. At 11:23 the *σκορπίσει* of p75 looks like a simple error. At 11:41, the change has been from the *ἐστὶ* of p75, which is the normal apodosis of a Hebraic style conditional sentence (with imperative in the protasis) to the *ἔσται* of p45, arising from taking the imperative "au pied de la lettre". The same verbal change at 11:34 (*εστιν*) appears due to the parallel passage of Matt. 6:22 (*sine varia lectione*).[25]

Two instances of a change in p45 from finite verb to participle (9:30, 12:7), although they may be Semitisms[26] in orgin, are, so far as the text of Luke is concerned to be explained as harmonistic changes. (cp. Matt. 17:3, Mark. 9:4, Matt. 10:30).

*Pronouns*

Kilpatrick has suggested that while frequent use of pronouns was a feature of Hellenistic Greek, the tendency was to remove them under the influence of the more succinct norm of classical Greek.[27] If we accept and apply this criterion, we find, perhaps to our surprise, that the balance of acceptability lies with p75. At 12:22 p45 (with Byzantine support) reads *ὑμῶν* post *ψυχὴ* while p75 omits it. However in six cases p75 has the longer text (9:36 *αὐτοὶ* : ibid. *οὐδὲν* after *οὐδένι*, 9:49 *αὐτόν*, 9:52 *αὐτου*, 10:40 *μου* post *ἀδελφή*, 11:20 *ἐγώ*). In four of these in fact, the omission in p45 is a singular reading. No criterion can or should be used as a bed of Procrustes : there are doubtful cases in p45 at 9:48 and in p75 at 12:52 and 14:23. Omissions are found in both papyri in the verse 14:8 : these are part of a more complex situation and may not be resolved in isolation.

*Additional words*

Lagrange was another of Kilpatrick's forerunners in the application of "critique rationelle" to the New Testament text. In respect of addition of words and changes of phrase, he set out a valuable and well-

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[25] It should be noted that *εστι* : *εσται* is a not uncommon variant reading. On what presumably phonetic confusion it rests I cannot say.

[26] B-D. para. 128.7.

[27] *The New Testament in Historical and Contemporary Perspective. Essays in memory of G. H. C. Macgregor* (Oxford : Blackwell) VIII "The Greek New Testament Text of Today and the Textus Receptus" 204.

known list of possible contrasts which help us to distinguish false from true in this area of variation and corruption.[28] We shall draw upon these as well as other criteria in the discussion of these categories.

Firstly, instances where p45 displays a succinct reading. 10:11 presents us with the following contrast.

| *p45* | *p75* |
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| καὶ τὸν κονιορτὸν | καὶ τὸν κονιορτὸν |
| ἡμῖν | τὸν κολληθέντα ἡμῖν |
| ἐκ τῆς πόλεως | ἐκ τῆς πόλεως ὑμῶν |
| ἐις τὸυς πόδας | εἰς τους πόδας |
| ἀπομάσσομεθα | ἀπομάσσομεθα ὑμῖν |

Here in p45 we seem to have deliberate excision of *ὑμων* and *ὑμῖν*, but the omission of *τὸν κολληθέντα* can surely only be accidental. The text is corrupt. At 10:14 and 11:31 the phrase *ἐν τῇ κρίσει* is found in p75 rel plur but omitted in p45. In the first of these there is other variation (*ἐν ἡμέρᾳ κρίσεως* : *ἐν ταύτῃ τῃ ἡμέρᾳ*) as well as the omission: harmonization with Matt. is unlikely since this would occasion the phrase *ἐν ἡμέρᾳ κρίσεως* which in fact has little attestation in Lukan witnesses. The variation *ἐν ταυτῇ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ* reflects the preceding verse 12. *ἐν τῇ κρίσει* then must be the Lukan reading, and its omission in p45 must be accidental, due to a carelessness which has already appeared in a number of instances discussed. At 11:31 too this must be the explanation : the omission of vs. 32 in D may well be original; but *ἐν τῇ κρίσει* must have stood in the text of vs. 31 in any event, or the sense halts.

At 11:14 however, the addition of *ὁ κωφός* post *ἐλάλησεν* clears up an ambiguity. p75 then, which attests this addition here, gives a secondary text. 12:47 is singularly difficult. It might appear that the awkward reading of p75 S B al pc *μὴ ἑτοιμάσας ἢ ποιήσας* (supported also in the Byzantine tradition with the change of *ἢ* to *μηδὲ*) is secondary since we have the simpler phrases *μὴ ποιήσας* D (to which p45 bears witness with the careless omission of *μὴ* !) and *μὴ ἑτοιμάσας* W lat syr. However when we consider, we may see that the reading of the majority is a splendid instance of "leçon fruste" : the originators of the simplified versions have been attempting "élégance". Hence again (stupid mistakes apart) p45 is secondary.

Secondly, the contrary instances where p75 displays a succinct rea-

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ding. We may summarize since most instances speak for themselves. 12:24 (to which we have already needed to refer above) is a clear conflation. 12:31 however seems to point to carelessness on the part of p75 omitting τοῦ θεοῦ (v.l. αὐτοῦ) against all other attestation. The addition of ἰδῆτε post πνέοντα at 12:55 in p45 with only versional support, is a banality. 13:34 presents the omission in p75 alone of the words τῆς ἑαυτῆς νοσσιᾶν ὑπὸ τὰς πτέρυγας. Martini[29] nevertheless is willing to defend the shorter text (quella lunga ha l'aria di una addizione esplicativa) and one might suggest harmonization as the origin of the reading of the rest.

At 11:15 we have the quite distinct form of words in p45 ἐιπον : ἐλάλησαν ὀχυροὶ λεγόντες. Merk[30] has characterized this as "lectio ... sensus satis obscuri" and the word ὀχυροὶ quite justly as "in novo testamento tam peregrinum". Is this an exegetical addition ? Yet it is hard to find any Old Testament passage where the word bears other than a literal sense. Certainly, Liddell-Scott-Jones do not record any but literal meanings for it in the period covered by their Lexicon, and no patristic passage given by Lampe[31] seems to contain a clue. In any event, it is clearly not original.

Closely linked with additions of various kinds, often occasioned by stylistic or exegetical considerations, are *changes of phrase and vocabulary*.

At 13.15 we meet in all attestation except p45 the phrase ἀπεκρίθη δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ κ̅ς̅ καὶ εἶπεν. Now this is a construction typical of Johannine, not Lucan style. The form in p45, ἀποκριθὲις δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ κ̅ς̅ εἶπεν, is the normal Lucan form. In spite of an inclination to accept it, although singular, for that reason, it is probably correct to see the change in P45 as stylistic regularization, and the reading of the majority as original (its origins lying probably in the sources utilized by the evangelist).

At 11:13 in place of ἐξ οὐρανοῦ, which p75 attests with some supporting witness, p45 reads ὁ οὐράνιος. This adjective is found seven times in Matthew, never in Luke, and in the parallel passage (7:11) is a variant reading for the more widely attested ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. The reading of p45 here is unlikely to be a case of direct harmonization :

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[29] *Il Problema della Recensionalità* 141 cp. p. 59.

[30] *Miscellanea Biblica* (Rome : Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1934) vol. II 375-406 "Codex evangeliorum et Actuum ex collectione papyrorum Chester Beatty" esp. p. 385.

[31] *A Patristic Greek Lexicon* edited by G. W. H. Lampe (Oxford : Clarendon, 1961) 990.

more probably, it has arisen out of the subvariant ὁ ἐξ οὐρανοῦ influenced by the more familiar Matthaean phrase.

At 10.21 p75 attests an addition of τῷ ἁγίῳ post π̅ν̅ι̅. There is a tendency in the tradition of Luke to add ἅγιον to πνευμα as variants at 3:16 and 12:10 show : the text of p45 (a Byzantine reading) is original. At 11:13 however, πνεῦμα ἅγιον, the reading of p75 is likely to be original. The reading of p45 (πνεῦμα ἀγαθὸν) is cognate with the various intrusions of Matthaean or quasi-Matthaean forms (e.g. ἀγαθὸν δόμα, δόματα ἀγαθὰ cp. Matt. 7:11 ἀγαθὰ).

At 11:12 p45 substitutes ἄρτον for ᾠόν : there is no doubt that p75 here preserves the original text (with B sys sah). For the form of text in p45 there is no other attestation, and while there is much corruption in the tradition of the verse, it is hard to see how the reading of the papyrus arose other than by carelessness from a ( ?longer) text into which the wording of Matt. 7:9 had intruded.

At 13:22 for the text attested in p75 rel, (καὶ πορείαν ποιούενος) p45 reads τὴν πορείαν ποιούμενος. As a singular reading this cannot be accepted, but its origins are hard to determine. It creates asyndeton and thus might be a stylistic correction.[32] An alternative possibility is the misreading of a cursive abbreviation :[33] This however depends on the undemonstrated practice of writing Christian scriptures in cursive at an early period. (The adaptation of the codex form would provide a parallel adoption of a trade format for the Christian writings). The existence of such evidence as the Rylands fragment of John written in bookhand in the early part of the second century probably dismisses the suggestion of a cursive ancestor of the third-century p45.

Stylistic change meets us in both papyri elsewhere. At 9:27 p75 S B L Ξ 1 1582 read the rather rare αὐτοῦ : p45 gives ὧδε in company with the rest of the witness. This may be harmonization with the other synoptics :[34] it is also interesting to note that the locative αὐτοῦ is glossed in the Lexicon of Hesychius,[35] although the interpretation is not ὧδε. The possibility of an intrusive gloss is thus an alternative. At 14:31, p45 reads οὐ where p75 has οὐχὶ. This is singular to p45 although D has its own singular reading οὐκ εὐθέως. The reading of p45 looks like an attempt to dismiss the double interrogation. On the other hand, p45 can give an acceptable reading. At 12:56 p45 D read πλὴν τὸν καιρὸν where p75 rel have τον καιρὸν δὲ. This seems like a correction of the popular πλην[36] in the sense of "but", which is a Lukan usage (e.g. 6:24, 6:32, 10:11). At 10:31 the uncommon word συγκυρίαν (written συνκυρειαν) is retained in p45, but the corrector of p75 has the gloss συντυχίαν,[37] with which we may compare κατὰ τύχα of D. At 11:39 p75 reads τε for δε, in a context where this particle would be adversative: even Martini rejects it on the grounds that τε (found in Acts) is there always associative in use.[38]

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[32] B-D. parr. 421, 471.

[33] W. Schubart, *Griechische Palaeographie* (München : Beck, 1925) (Handbuch der Altertumswissenschaft. Erste Bd. Vierte Abteilung. Erste Haelfte. "Palaeographie" Erster Teil) 175 note 2 : Sir Edward Maunde Thompson, *An Introduction to Greek and Latin Palaeography* (Oxford : Clarendon, 1912) 81 : V. Gardthausen, *Griechische Palaeographie.* Zweite Auflage. Zweiter Bd. (Leipzig : Veit, 1913) Tafeln 4a, 4b (at the end of the volume, unindexed).

[34] cp. Matt. 16:28, Mark 9:1.

[35] *Hesychii Alexandrini Lexicon* ed. K. Latte vol. 1 (Hauniae : Munksgaard, 1953)

The variants we have reviewed are not the total number of contrasts between our two oldest extensive witnesses. A lengthy list of changes of word order has been left undiscussed: there is no study yet of word order in the Greek of the New Testament period to help us find applicable criteria. Nor have we entered into the readings of 9:50, 9:61 or 11:40 where major differences reveal themselves. What we have reviewed however, we consider to provide us with some objective factors in the assessment of these papyri. It has to be said at the outset that in total the discussion highlights the relative trustworthiness of p75 and the tradition of which it is our oldest example. This is rather surprizing to a member of a generation taught by Kilpatrick among others to doubt the relative excellence of the Alexandrian or "Neutral" text. Yet here we find that in orthography p75 is clearly an instance of a careful transmission, not influenced by Atticizing tendency in this respect. In most cases of change of case, number and gender, it has the better record. At 12:24 and 10:19, p45 may be preferable in matter of the article: but generally is not. In tense changes of the verb it is p45 which has a number of purist changes (*regimen Atticum*, future passive) while the same situation appertains in the use of the pronoun. Changes of words, when examined, show that p45 is inclined to careless error to a much higher degree than p75, which however is not without faults of this kind. Stylistic changes

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[36] B-D. para. 449: Antoniadis, *L'Evangile de Luc* 300.

[37] See Martini, *Il Problema della Recensionalità* 141.

[38] *Il Problema della Recensionalità* 48.

are generally in p45 rather than in p75. The latter is a relatively careful exemplar of a sound and faithful philological tradition[39].

This does not take us any further forward however in the solution of some historical problems about the transmission of the New Testament text. What was this sound and faithful philological tradition? Where did its practitioners work? From whence did they obtain their texts and their methods? Why did they occasionally lapse in their judgement? (Perhaps when a degree of unanimity is reached about the acceptability of readings, an analysis of those Alexandrian readings which should be rejected, might give us a picture of their principles when pushed beyond reasonable limits). But the other traditions are still more puzzling. How did there come about texts (such as p45 and D, or p66 in the Johannine tradition) in which some good old material was preserved, but where generally there was found change on stylistic grounds, banal simplifications, mingled with mistakes, and handed down in traditions where scribal carelessness is frequently evident? The geographical explanation was dismissed long ago: both types of textual transmission have their oldest instances preserved in Egypt. The enigma remains unsolved. While every new discovery, every fresh look at earlier acquisitions, is welcome to the scholar, we have to conclude, grudging though our admission is, that in respect of the gospels and their transmission, the Bodmer collection has done no more than underline these two great unresolved problems of the history of early Christian philological practice, while providing us with a very good early manuscript.

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[39] The material has been collected from the editions of p45 by F. G. Kenyon, *The Chester Beatty Biblical Papyri*. Fasciculus II, *The Gospels and Acts*. *Text* (London: Walker, 1933): id. *Plates* (London, 1934) and of p75 by V. Martin and R. Kasser, *Papyrus Bodmer XIV*. *Évangile de Luc*, chap. 3-24 (Bibliotheca Bodmeriana: Cologny-Genève, 1961) collated against the *Textus Receptus* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1873).

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Margaret: b.
Glyn:

Beryl + Cyril Kidder:
Francis: June 25, 1947 - Guildford, Surrey
John: Jan. 2, 1951 - Guildford, Surrey

Bernard + Kathleen Adams
Raymond: June 1, 1950 - Penderyn

Irene + Neville Birdsall (Mar. 11, 1928 - Leicester)
Richard Neville: June 3, 1952 - Bishops' Stortford, Herts.
Alison Mary: Dec. 7, 1953 - Hertford, Herts. {m. Paul Richard Wightman (b. Oct. 16, 1948 - Leicester) Mar. 2, 1974 - Birmingham
Jonathan Edward: June 2, 1955 - " "
Katherine Elizabeth: Oct. 23, 1957 Leeds, Yorks.

Frank & Mona Adams:
Leslie Graham: Jan. 1953 - Cwmaman
Diane: Oct. 24, 1957 - Cwmaman
Philip:
Anthony:
Jacqueline:
Frances: July 7, 1967 - Cwmaman

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Glenda
Robert
Gillian

John + Maureen Adams;
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Janet;
Sharon;

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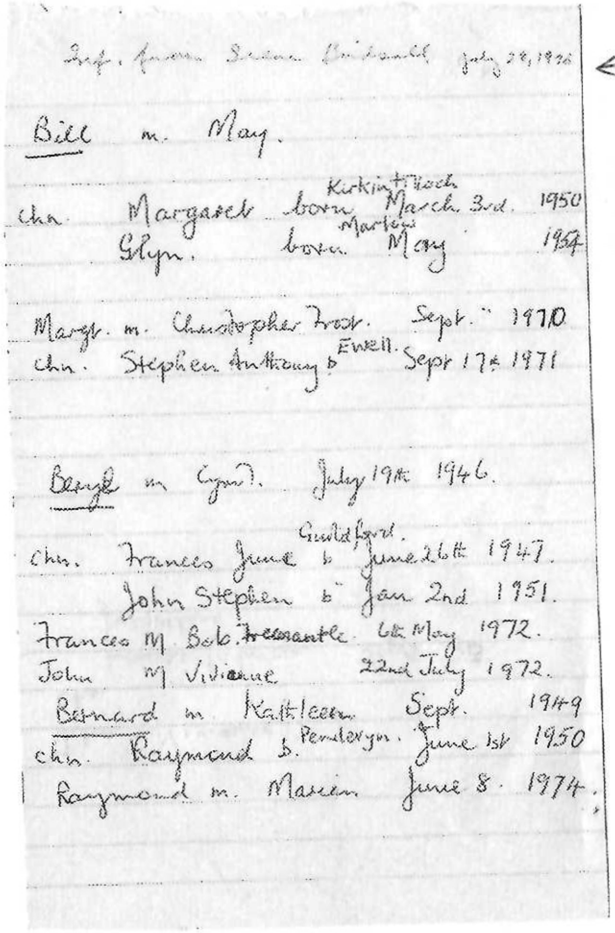

Inf. from Irene Birdsall July 28, 1976

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Glyn. born Marton May 1954

Margt. m. Christopher Frost. Sept. 1970
chn. Stephen Anthony b. Ewell. Sept 17th 1971

Beryl m Cyril. July 19th 1946.

chn. Frances June b. Guildford. June 26th 1947.
John Stephen b. Jan 2nd 1951.
Frances M. Bob. ~~Fremantle~~. 6th May 1972.
John M. Vivienne 22nd July 1972.
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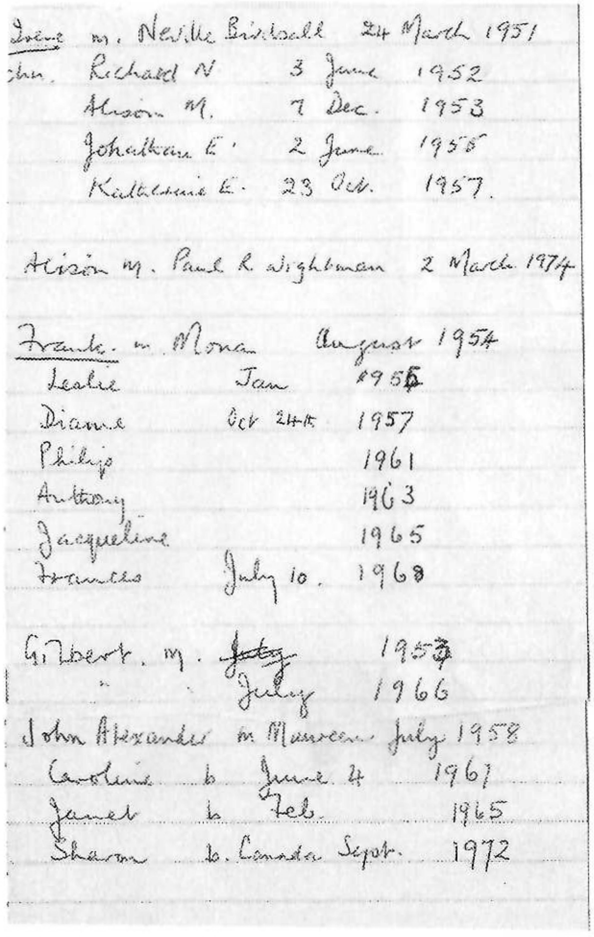

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Alison M. 7 Dec. 1953
Jonathan E. 2 June 1956
Katherine E. 23 Oct. 1957.

Alison m. Paul R. Wrightman 2 March 1974

Frank m. Mona August 1954
Leslie Jan 1956
Diane Oct 24th 1957
Philip 1961
Anthony 1963
Jacqueline 1965
Frances July 10. 1968

Gilbert. m. ~~July~~ 1953
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John Alexander m Maureen July 1958
Caroline b June 4 1961
Janet b Feb. 1965
Sharon b. Canada Sept. 1972

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21/8/76.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Thank you for your recent card.

We are happy to report that Katherine got good A-levels ("B" in Biology, "C" in Maths & Chemistry): and so, her place at St Andrews is approved.

Irene seems to improve. During my German trip (which was very enjoyable & productive) her mother visited, and last weekend (Aug 15) we took her back to Carmarthen, and afterwards, had about four days touring the Wye Valley & the Forest of Dean, which lie by the Severn

on the English/Welsh border.

Irene has an appointment for us to see a consultant on Sept 2. Thus we shall not be able to be at ~~Heath~~ Ipswich to say goodbye. But we'll then keep in mind.

Yours ever,

Neville & Irene.

See also DEW + EPW's letter
to Irene and Neville, Jan. 2, 1977
(below)

Dear Elizabeth, Dave and all: 1976

Thanks very much for your newsletter and note. We are slow as usual with cards, etc., but are nearing the end with the W's! It was interesting to hear of your sojourn in England and brings back memories of our visits there, which we also enjoyed very much. We had a car there in '52 for about three weeks. We must get up to the Twin Cities sometime to see you and other friends, not to mention relatives (Dora's niece and family). And/or why not pay us a visit in the summer (or anytime) and relax here for a few days. Just let us know and we shall send directions.

I know Neville quite well of course. He has been doing the final editing on the text of Luke plus critical apparatus which we have been working on for many years. He probably explained all this to you.

We have stayed close to home this year except for a week in Princeton (RSV Comm.) and a visit to a son in Belleville, Ill., which enabled me to attend some sessions of SBL-ASOR-AAR at St. Louis (ca 10 miles away).

Merry Christmas to all of you! Allen (+ Dora) W.

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Allen (+ Dora)
Wikgren

The Season's Greetings
and Best Wishes
for the New Year

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See also previous page

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January 2, 1977

J. Neville Birdsall

Dear Irene and Neville:

We didn't get around to writing to you before Christmas, but we thought you'd like to see this letter anyway. We are so far behind because of our summer trip that I don't think we'll ever get caught up!

Although we would love to have seen you at the airport in September, we enjoyed your note, Neville, and were glad to hear that Irene was improving. We do hope she is much better now and look forward to hearing.

We are delighted with these pictures and hope you like them, too. I'm sorry it has taken so long to send them, but that is one thing that had to wait.

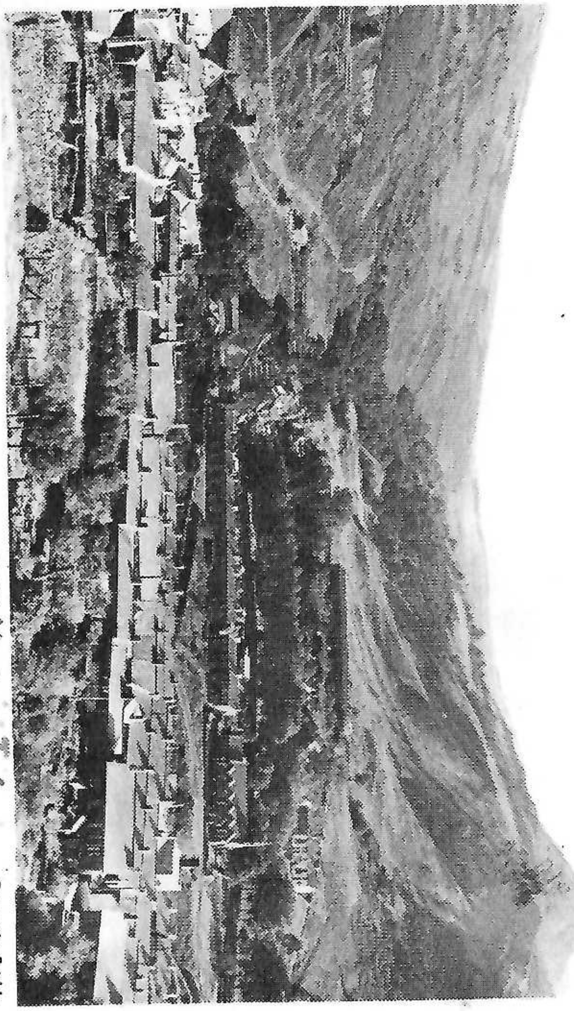
The same with this paper. I had to present it to a small clergy group in September and kept hoping I could expand it but never got the time. So I finally had it mimeographed in this form.

We had a lovely Christmas note from Allen and Dora Wikgren and he spoke appreciatively of you and your work, Neville.

Thanks again, Irene, for your information about Cannon and Beddington Row including the old postcards. We're so glad we got there before Beddington Row was torn down.

All our love,
Dan + Elizabeth

Old postcards showing Cwmaman, Aberdare, Wales — sent late 1976 by Irene Adams to DEW + EPW after their first trip to Britain.



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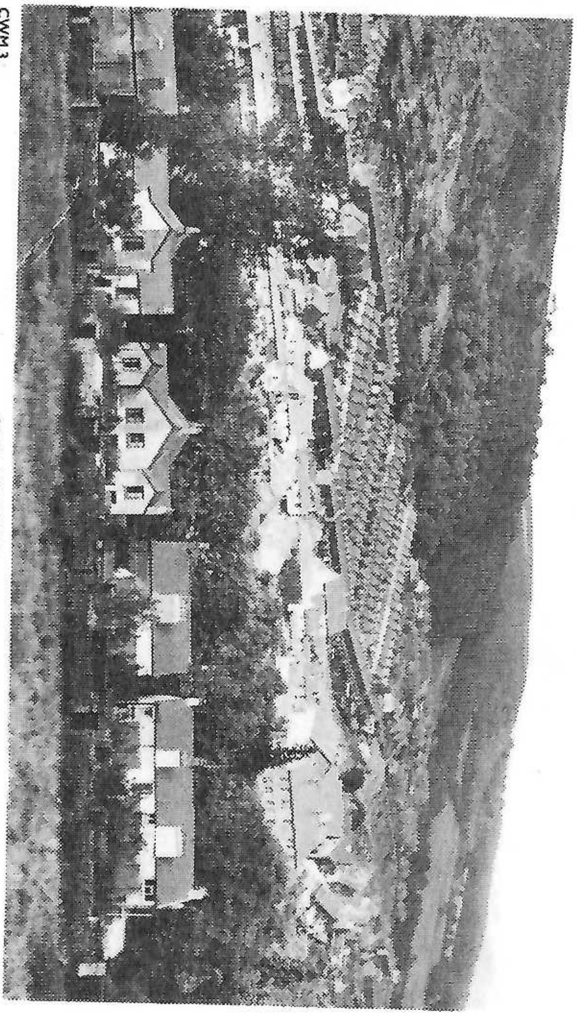

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Dear David & Elizabeth,

Neville has a habit of putting things in 'safe' places and forgetting them. This is my excuse for replying to your letter post-dated Jan 1977, but it happens to be true! Thank you for so kindly sending me snaps of the family you visited. I enjoy looking at them as they are all cousins I grew up with until our teens when we all went our various ways. I am happy for you that your visit to Britain gave you so much pleasure. To be able to combine business with pleasure & especially to meet in the flesh the many relatives who had previously been names on a family tree must have given a great deal of satisfaction.

Our youngest daughter Katherine was married in June of this year. She married the youngest son of our vicar (who conducted the marriage of Alison) and now lives in Edinburgh having graduated from St. Andrews also in June. Our elder daughter Alison gave birth to a daughter in the Spring. They are now leaving us for N. Zealand, flying out on January 16th. We shall be sad to see them go but of course would not wish otherwise. They now have two children who we take a great pleasure in as you might imagine. Our two sons are well, working hard at their own careers, one a 1st Officer now in the Merchant Navy (the real sailors we are told) and Richard our elder son ~~is~~ a computer engineer, he own careers, one a 1st Officer now in the Merchant Navy (the real Sailors we are told) and Richard our elder son a computer engineer, he designs & builds computers. They would both like to settle down but seem to have difficulty in meeting young ladies who wish to be married. I trust that you are both keeping in good health & that your sons also are well & happy.

It gave me great pleasure to have you in my home even for such a brief time. I am sorry I was not a 'fit' hostess

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

BIRMINGHAM 9 30AM 10 DEC 1979

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at the time, but I believe Katherine stepped in quite well.

The festive season is almost upon us, We try very hard to keep the commercial world out of our celebration of Christ's Birth. This can be difficult.

May the Joy of Christ's Nativity be your special Joy this year and next.

With love from your Welsh cousin.
Irene & Neville too.

May 9, 1980

Dear Irene and Neville,

We greatly enjoyed your December letter with all the news of your family. I can certainly understand your taking so long to answer my previous letter, because I have been so far behind myself with my correspondence. Now that I have retired, I am gradually getting caught up, at least to a degree.

From our Christmas letter you are aware that we are planning another trip to Britain this year. For various reasons we are not coming until late in the summer. We now have plane reservations to leave here on August 2nd and return on October 2nd. I have recently made a first draft of a possible itinerary for our trip. It will be a little simpler because I won't be doing any ecumenical study, but we do hope to combine sight-seeing with genealogical research and visiting relatives and friends. We'll hire a car for seven weeks as we did in 1976.

Among the things we absolutely must do again is to see all of you in the Birmingham area. That visit was one of our special joys last time. According to the schedule I have laid out, we would be there from Tuesday afternoon, September 2nd, to Thursday afternoon, September 4th. We would probably go first to Pearline's, but whether we would spend one of the nights with you, we'll leave up to you and her.

Pearline Argust (b.1925)

While there, we want to see Jean Argust and all the children of the three families who are able to see us. It sounds as though all your children have moved away, except perhaps Richard, who may be working in Birmingham.

We also want to visit a Bessie Witheridge and her brother Dick, who live not too far from you at Hertford Hill near Warwick. I have written to her a few times, and I think they are distantly related to us, but I'm not sure yet just how.

By the way, I've had very good success tracing our Witheridge ancestry (and related family lines) back into Devon. My Witheridge record goes back through Combe Martin to Berrynarbor as early as 1666. I'll show this to all of you when we come.

We'll be anxious to know whether the dates I've suggested will be satisfactory for you. I'm sure you'll want to check with Pearline and Jean. If these dates are not convenient, we'll have to make some adjustments in our itinerary. In fact, we may have to suggest a change ourselves, if some of the others can't see us on the dates proposed.

Please let us know soon whether or not these plans will fit your schedule.

All our love,

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December 6, 1980

Dear Irene and Neville:

We were so happy to be able to have lunch with you and a good long chat as we were passing through Birmingham in September. You were very kind to us, and we thank you very much.

These have been very busy days since we arrived home October 3rd. There are always so many things to do to unwind after a two-month trip. And then there were things left undone before and during our stay in Britain, not to mention all the preparations necessary for winter, especially in our climate.

Recently we got the prints back we were having made from some of our slides, and here is one we thought you would like a copy of. We like it very much, and we hope you will, too.

Our whole trip in Britain was very enjoyable, and we learned a great deal about both Elizabeth's ancestry and mine. After two long stays we feel quite at home there now!

We're looking forward to seeing both of you in Minneapolis one of these days. We'd love to have you as guests in our home, and we'd love to show you around Minneapolis and the surrounding area.

The other day I was surprised to have a telephone call from Allan Wikgren, who was visiting briefly in Minneapolis. They live about 150 miles from here in Northern Wisconsin. He was interested to hear of our visit with you last summer. He mentioned having attended some national professional meeting recently.

Best wishes to you both for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

January 2nd 1982

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Dear Elizabeth & David,

How nice to hear from you in the form of a Christmas letter and with such good news too of Tom's forthcoming marriage. I realise how happy this will make you both. Neville & I are very well, surprisingly, as we have had rather a hectic time during the past six months, not all of it being 'good' so to speak. We went to Australia & New Zealand during the months of July, Aug & Sept. Neville did some lecturing at Perth, Sydney & Brisbane. It was all very successful & we thoroughly enjoyed visiting these Australian cities & university centres. We then went on to N.Z. first visiting the South Island. We managed between Dunedin & Canterbury lectures to go sight seeing at Queenstown & Mt. Cook, both were extremely cold & breath takingly beautiful. We then flew north to Wellington where our daughter Alison lives with Paul & their two lovely children aged 2½ & 4 yrs. We had a lovely holiday, enjoying our grand children naturally, but this was marred by the news that our oldest son Richard had been involved in a very terrible & tragic car crash in which he has since been the sole survivor. Sadly the four occupants of the other car were American servicemen, probably young men as were the occupants of the car in which Richard was a passenger. Christian friends the length & breadth of Britain & across the world have been praying for his recovery since the accident on August 8th. The prognosis was that he would be discharged in March. He was in fact home for Christmas. He is now on crutches & becoming gradually mobile. His left arm

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is paralysed through damage to the nerves when his collar bone was broken. However this is improving slowly & I am sure given time (2 yrs we are told) he will one day be fit & strong again. We rejoice that we still have a son, he however finds it much more difficult to come to terms with his condition. The rest of our family are well & happy with the spouses of their choice. You may have heard of the appalling Winter Snows & low temperatures we have suffered during December. Now the thaw has set in & we have floods everywhere. It sounds like your Nov. freak storm preceded ours with similar chaos. Neville went to a conference in San Francisco Dec 14-22nd. Yes we would love to visit you one day! Trust you had a happy Christmas. Best Wishes for 1982 from Irene & Neville

March 21, 1982

Dear Irene + Neville,

We were glad to hear from you in January and to hear about your enjoyable trip to Australia and New Zealand. But we were greatly distressed to hear about Richard's accident and injuries. We know you have been going through a very difficult time, and we hope that Richard has been improving more rapidly than the doctors anticipated. We shall be praying for all of you as the days go by.

We both got through the winter with only an occasional cold, and now spring is at hand. We always get some snow in March, and just the other day we got about 2", which brought our total for the season to 89.5". This broke the former record of 88.6", set the year we arrived in Minneapolis – 1951. We still have about 5" of snow on the ground, but that is melting fast.

June 5th will soon be here. That is the date set for Tom and Virginia's wedding in Chicago, and we are all looking forward to a delightful time there. They are both very busy in their studies and at work.

Later in the summer Elizabeth and I will be taking a trip to the east coast – especially Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New England.

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Sometimes we go through Ontario going or coming, and I've wondered whether we could go through Kincardine and meet your brother John and his family. I have his address as 400 Adelaide St., Kincardine, Ontario. If that is no longer correct, please let us know.

I'm still working on genealogy, and this week I think I traced our Ley ancestry back to a Walter Ley in Combe Martin in 1510. (Rebecca Ley married William Witheridge in 1723.)

With love & best wishes,
David & Elizabeth

The people in the top picture, and their names in the bottom scheme, appear to be reversed. I believe Prof. Birdsall is the man in the beard.* Tom Witheridge, Feb. 14, 2022

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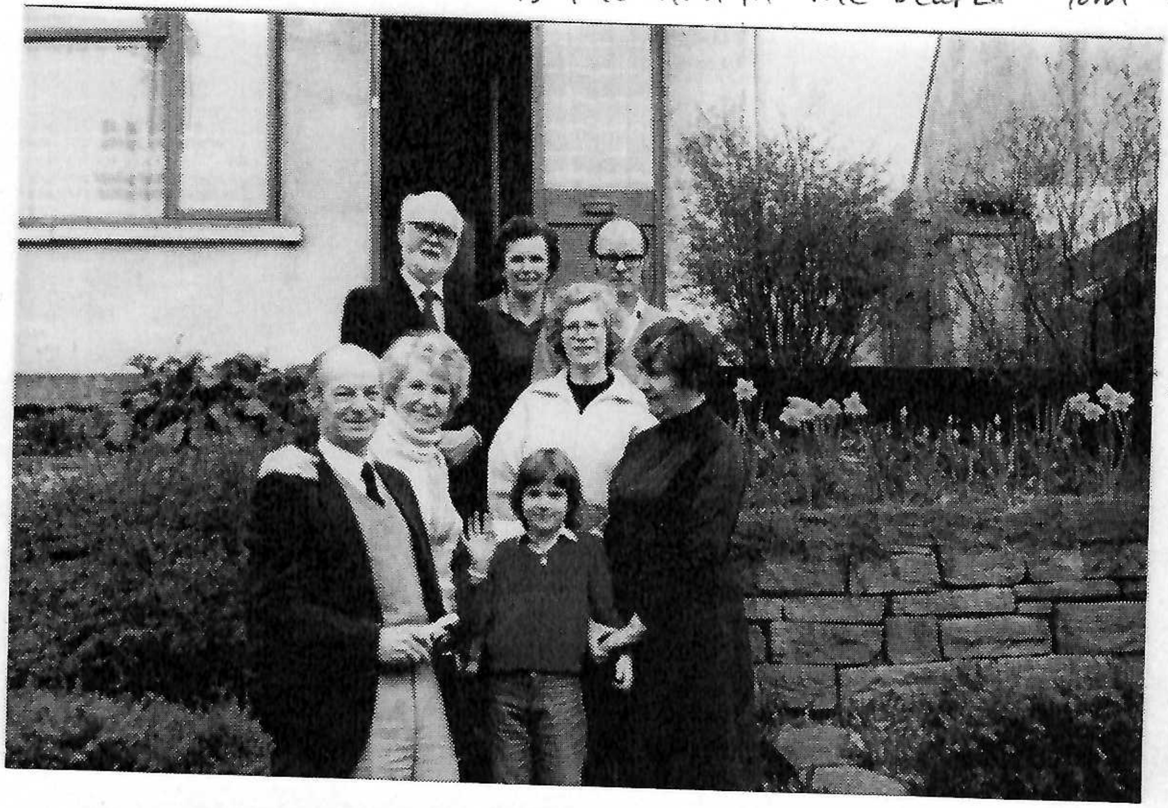

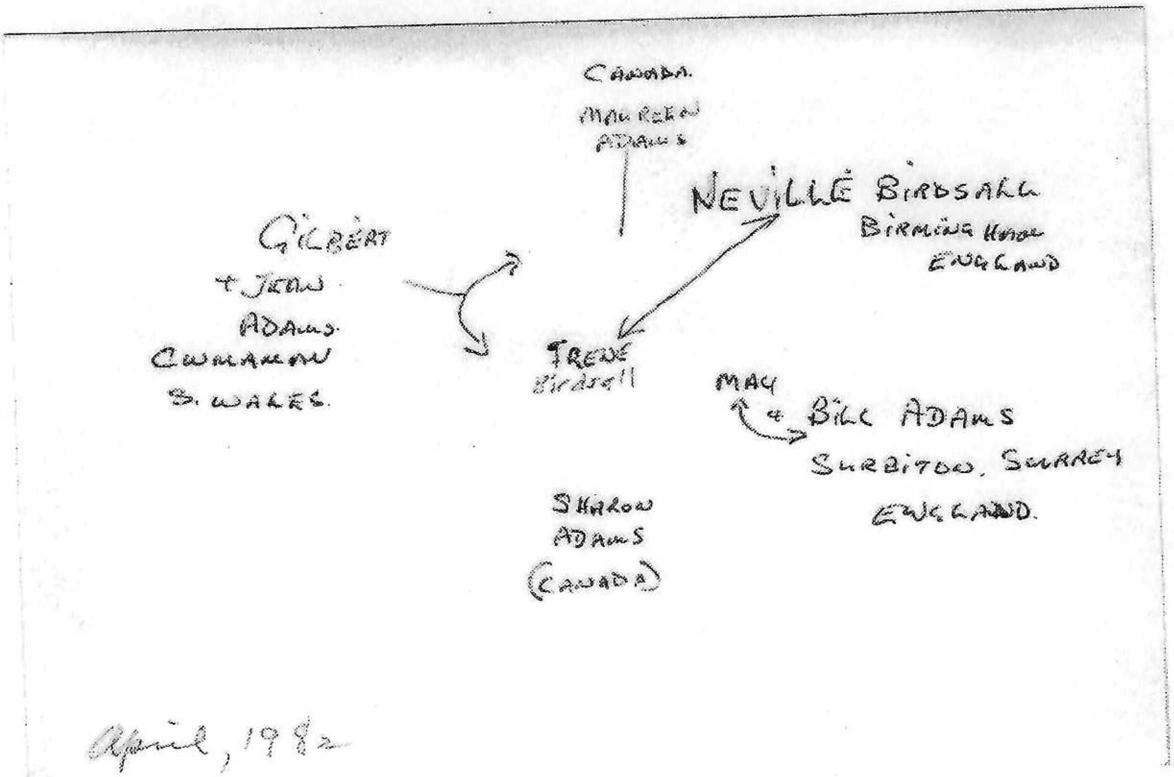
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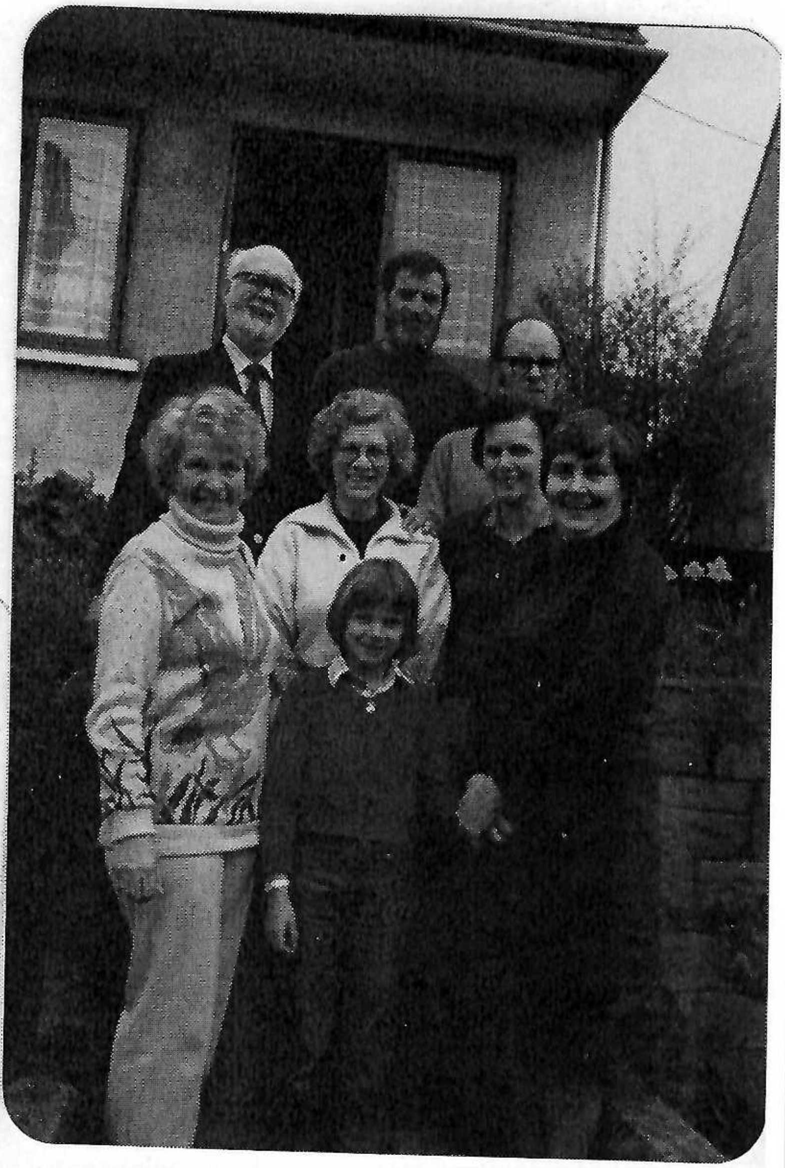

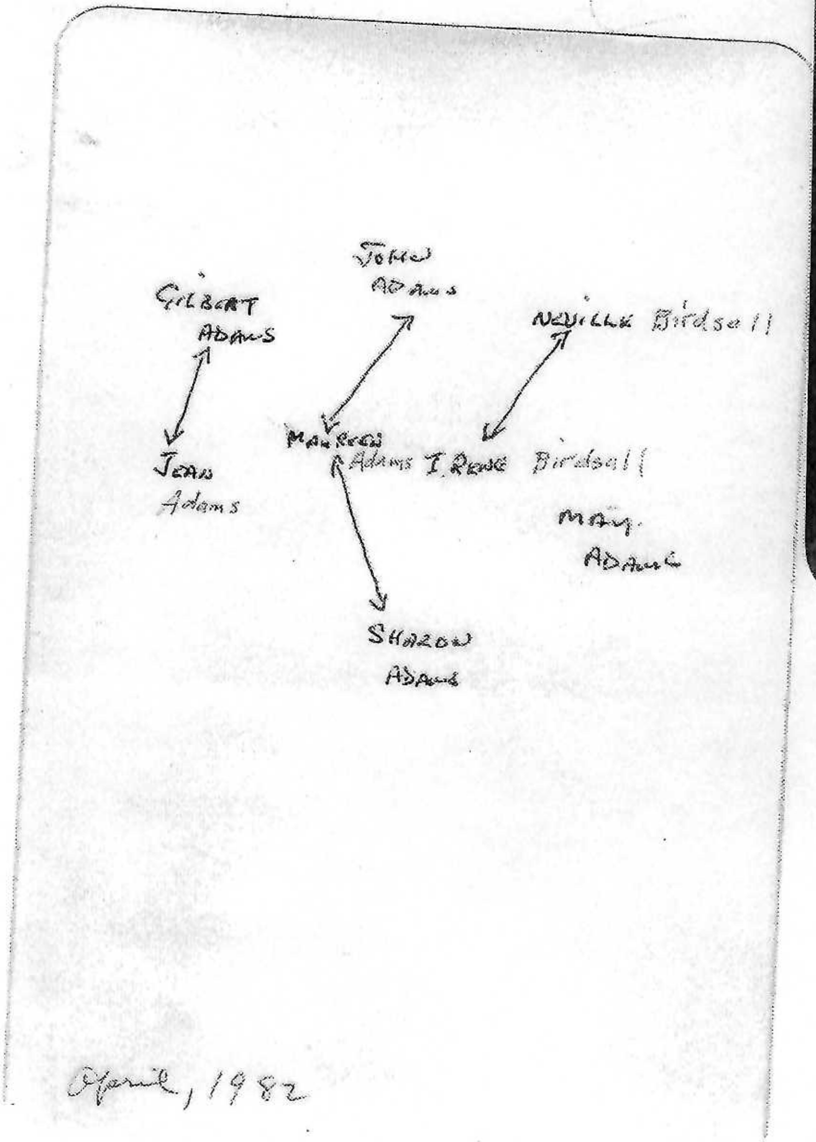

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Dear David and Elizabeth,

I am going to be participating in a conference at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, in April 1988, specifically on the dates 15 to 17 April.

I am in the process of arranging some lectures in other institutions both in the Mid-West and in the East. The dates are not at all fixed yet, and so I am not sure whether I shall start East and come West, or go in the other direction, with Notre Dame as focal point in either case. But I shall be around during April.

In this very generalized framework, I hope I might be able to visit you. Will you be at home in April, if I could arrange to come? Perhaps you can let me know.

I do not know where we are in respect of information about each other You will see that we moved house once more. The house with address in Selly Oak, proved too small and had the added disadvantage that we could not easily worship in our former parish church, as we gave the car up some years ago. So we moved back very near to the old Shutlock Lane address and are able to participate again in our church. This is a very great blessing, as we have a new young visionary priest, and a parish which looked moribund is beginning to flourish.

This is a nice house, built in the thirties, but we have had a great deal of rebuilding and renovation done since we moved almost a year ago. We have added a new kitchen, and many shelves for my library. I took early retirement in September 1986, and most of the books formerly at the University are now here.

I am writing this in the early morning, having had one of my fairly sleepless nights. Irene is still safely asleep but will certainly in my greeting to you.

Ever yours,

Neville

J. Neville Birdsall

August 11th 1987.

Dear Elizabeth & David,

By now you will have concluded that I am the world's worst correspondent! Thank you for all your letters and cards over the past years which I read over each time I come across them.

As you will see we have made another move which astonishes most of our friends since moving house is an expensive business and only done if absolutely necessary. We found our very modern house attractive & easy to run but not really 'us'. This home is very much us and is just around the corner from our home in Shutlock Lane. We favour walking to church on Sundays and this we are able to do as we continue in membership at the Church of the Ascension where Katherine was married. We have a new parish priest who is conducting a wonderful ministry for which Neville & I have longed. Our church is growing week by week and we are richly blessed by the experience. A week ago I went to Leamington Spa to meet up with Bessie Witheridge. We had lunch together & a good time sitting in the sunshine admiring the flower beds in the beautiful park there. She has not be so well in the past year, but at the age of 70. is most resilient, bright and strident of voice. We have 'hit it off' as individual people and enjoy meeting. Thank you David for the introduction. I hope you are both keeping in good health.

Now you will gather from Neville that he is invited to attend a conference (or something like it) next year in April. I will not travel around with him but may I visit you so we could spend some time together in the States?

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If this could be arranged then I could plan some kind of itinerary around it. Neville is an excellent preacher should you wish to make use of him on our visit. In my retirement I write and tell short stories mainly for Senior Citizen clubs. I am still a novice but I enjoy it tremendously. I haven't your last newsy letter just by me so am wondering how things are with your sons and if you are now proud grandparents. With love from Irene.

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August 22, 1987

Dear Irene & Neville,

Your two letters brought very exciting news. April should be a wonderful time for you to visit here, and we look forward to your being our guests as long as you can stay. We can assure you, Irene, that we can show you a good time while Neville is away at his speaking engagements. This can be your home away from home for both of you.

We are glad you both have retired, and it sounds as though you are both in good health. We know how you must feel about the older, more comfortable house you are now in. Our house is about 75 years old, and we love it.

We hope neither one of you is allergic to dogs. We have a most wonderful Norwegian Elkhound named Rokk — friendly, beautiful, and easy to live with. I mention him because a few years ago one of our former ministers and his wife came back to visit, but when they found we have a dog, they couldn't even have a meal here, because the husband is allergic to dogs.

It's good to know that you and Cassie Witheridge have become such good friends. We loved getting to know her when we were there. Give her our love when you see her or talk to her.

Our own health has been reasonably good this year. We keep busy with church and home and garden. I work on genealogy quite a bit, and during the school year Elizabeth gives talks to school children on her experiences writing books. Our son Jim is not married, and he lives just a few blocks from us in Minneapolis, so we see him rather frequently. He works for an organization that provides residences for persons suffering from AIDS, and he feels he is performing a greatly needed service. Our son Tom and his wife Virginia

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live in Chicago and both work for Thresholds, a psychiatric rehabilitation center. They both got their Ph.D's from Northwestern last winter. A year ago they had a very premature baby, who lived only 18 days, but we all have faith that another child will be coming along one of these days.

Now I must close and send this off with a warm invitation for you both to visit us next April.

All our love,
David + Elizabeth

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6 October 1987

from 259 Moor Green Lane, Moseley,
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Dear David and Elizabeth,

I do not know if Irene has written to you since your so kind letter of 22 August. I know that I have not, and this is because I wished to wait until the prggramme had become clearer. We are grateful for your expression of welcome and look forward to the part of our tour when we are with you.

May this please, be over Easter, arriving at some point during Holy Week and stayingat least over the festival?

My programme has the following fixed points up to the moment.

April 11 & 12 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
April 15 to 17 University of Notre Dame, Indiana.
April 29 to May 1 Dumbarton Oaks, Washington DC.

Tentative proposals have been made to the College of Biblical Studies. Abilene Christian University, Texas. I have proposed March 20 as the beginning of the week during which we shall fly to the USA, and start the trip in Texas. We might then go to Nashville, if I get an invitation to Vanderbilt, where a colleague works in the field of the Georgian language, and then to Lexington, Kentucky, where we have some friends, who gave us an open invitation. Nearer, relatively, to you, ~~one~~ is the University of Iowa.

Anyway, things are beginning to form themselves into some patterns, which is an important first step.

Irene is away at present. She and Frank have had a little tour of Dyfed (West Wales), and she has now gone on to Devon to look after Jonathan and Rosemary's children while they have a trip to Brittany (ie. J & R).

All our love,

November 2, 1987

Dear Irene + Neville,

We were pleased to receive Neville's letter with more specific information on your trip next spring. The period before and after Easter will suit us just fine, and we want you to stay as long as you can. Of course, our springs are slower arriving here than they are in England, so we can't guarantee the weather, and the flowers won't be as far along as yours. But we have a very beautiful city with 14 lakes within the city limits and a lovely park system.

Irene, you may want to spend some additional time with us while Neville is involved in conferences and speeches. When your plans have been developed, please let us know. Of course, we'll meet the two of you at the airport and get you back there as required by your schedules.

Now a word about our own plans for next year. For some time we have been wondering when we could return to Britain for a visit. It now looks as though we'll be able to do that from about May 15th to June 15th next year. We haven't started yet on working out an itinerary, but we surely want to visit you and the others in the Birmingham area. We'll try to develop our plans before you start your trip next March.

We look forward to hearing further from you.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

Dear Irene & Neville, February 25, 1988

Our plans are nearly complete now for our trip to Britain, and I want to check with you about the date we hope to come to Birmingham. We expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. After about a week in the London area, we'll be hiring a car for three weeks and driving through England, Wales, and Scotland.

First, we'll go to Essex for about three days, where Elizabeth has her Plumb roots. Then we'll be in Devon about four days, making a few other stops on our way there. After that we'll spend about three days in Wales and in Birkenhead, near Liverpool. On Thursday, June 2, we plan to drive to Penarth to stay overnight with Pearline and Sidney, hoping to see others in their family, too.

Pearline Argust (b. 1925)

The next day, Friday, June 3, we'd like to come to your place for lunch, if that would work out for you. I assume we'd get there by 11:30 a.m. and would want to leave by 3:30, in order to drive to Nuneaton to spend the night with Philip and Caenwen Hookway. You may remember that they are distant Witheridge relatives. On the following day we have to drive to Virginia Water, near London, for a Witheridge family gathering. As you can see, this is a very tight schedule, but we have many places to go and people to see in a very short time. Fortunately, you'll be with us at Easter time, and we'll have plenty of time to talk then.

Our schedule is so tight that we won't be able to stop at Bessie Witheridge's until we are on our way back from Scotland on Thursday, June 9. We fly back to Minneapolis on Monday, June 13.

We're looking forward to receiving more specific information on when you will be in Minneapolis, including arrival and departure flights and times. We hope your schedule of engagements has worked out the way you had hoped, Neville. And we hope we can give you some beautiful spring weather.

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Please let us know soon if Friday, June 3, will be satisfactory for you. If not, we'll have to see if we can adjust our itinerary in some way.

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

P.S. Please give us directions on how to reach your house, and perhaps a rough sketch or map.

D.E.W.

259, Moor Green Lane.

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Dear Elizabeth & David,

I hope I'm forgiven for my neglect in writing all these months. We have not had a hard winter - in fact it has been very mild. As a result there has been a great deal of illness in the way of chest infection, sore throats and so on, of which we too have had our share. It continues to be mild weather and Spring flowers are making a show already. However the forecast is "cold weather on the way after today."

Our Christmas was extremely busy as we wanted to entertain so many friends who had not been to visit us at 259. Entertaining thus kept us busy for a period of about four weeks. Katherine lives just 20 miles away so she was able to join us with her David & two little boys. The rest of our family we didn't see but we keep in touch by 'phone of course. I hope your family Christmas was good too.

We are both looking forward to our visit to Minneapolis. A place I remember well from my school-girl Geography lessons in the 1940's. We have looked up temperatures for the month of April as we want to be adequately clothed. I imagine that it will be much like our Spring weather with a touch of Winter coolness in the air because your winter is very much colder than ours is normally. Any suggestions to guide us will be helpful. We shall be in Dallas before visiting you where we expect the temperature to be quite high., hurray!

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Neville has written ahead of me giving details of our itinerary which has taken several months to finalise. This you will know all about of course and I trust that your plans to visit U.K. are beginning to take shape. This year is flying by far too quickly for me. I expect you feel the Same.

Looking forward to our next meeting
With love, God Bless you & yours.
from Irene.

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Dear David and Elizabeth,

We have not written again since your reply of 2 November 1987. It seemed to me fruitless to do so until all arrangements were made for my little tour.

Things are now as follows: we shall leave Birmingham on 23 March to fly to Dallas, Texas, on 24 March. Early in the next week, I am lecturing at Abilene Christian University. We shall leave Dallas, as things are planned, and if it suits your convenience, on Wednesday 30 March or Thursday 31 March, and fly to Minneapolis.

the times I have been given are Abilene - Dallas 0915 hrs arr. 10.10 hrs. Dallas - Minneapolis (North Western Airlines) 11.15 hrs arr. 13.25 hrs. 1.25 p.m.

I propose to leave for Detroit (to make my way to Ann Arbor, where I am lecturing on 11 & 12 April) on 10 April. I have an early time from Minneapolis viz. 0845 hrs., but this was in relation to some other plans, and I shall probably take a later plane, if there are several, as I presume there must be.

Irene will leave you on 11 April to return to England. She does not wish to stay away longer, as Beryl and Cyril will probably come up to occupy our house while we are away, and we cannot impose longer. She will fly from Minneapolis to New York (JFK) 13.40 hrs arr. 17.00 hrs, Parkin and will connect with a British Caledonian flight at 18.25 hrs.

After University of Michigan, I am at a conference at Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, and later in April at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC. I then fly home on 2 May. I have yet to fill in my schedule between Notre Dame and D.O., but have several plans in mind.

I hope we are not inviting ourselves for too long. We shall look forward to seeing you. Would you please confirm our suggestions by return if you can, so that all will be tied up safely.

Ever yours,

Neville

Dear Irene & Neville, March 2, 1988

Thank you for your letters of February 22 with information about your trip. We are looking forward to your visit, and we are pleased that you will be able to stay about eleven days. We'll be able to show you many things, and we'll plan some interesting things to do.

Wednesday, March 30, will suit us just fine, and we'll plan to meet you at the airport for the Northwest flight arriving from Dallas at 1:25 p.m. If you find you have to change this to Thursday, March 31, let us know.

Of course, we'll take Neville to his plane on April 10 and Irene to hers on April 11. I'm interested that you're going to Ann Arbor, Neville. Did you know I graduated from the University of Michigan in mechanical engineering and worked with my father four years as a heating and ventilating engineer before entering the ministry?

Since I wrote February 25, we've had a slight change of plans. Our friends in Birkenhead will be away through June 1, so we've had to delay our visit there until the afternoon of Thursday, June 2. That means we want to stay overnight with the Hookways in Nuneaton on Wednesday, June 1. Since they are both away during the day, (both are teachers), we'd like to come to your house from about 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday before we drive to Birkenhead. We hope this change of one day will work out all right for you. Please drop us a note and let us know, instead of waiting to tell us when you get here, as I'd have to do some other adjusting if Thursday, June 2, won't fit your schedule. I assume that you both have retired and would be free to see us in the middle of the day.

Just a word about weather and clothes, Irene. I see by a chart just published in the paper on the weather throughout March that the average high and low on March 31 are 46°F and 28°F. However, the highest we ever had on that day was 82°F in 1986, and the lowest was −1°F in 1969. You have to be prepared for chilly weather, sometimes even snow. Elizabeth says to

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bring one or two warm things, like a wool skirt and a sweater. You should have a light-weight coat, perhaps one that is water-repellant in case of rain, with a sweater to wear under it in case there's a cold spell. Neville will have to figure it out for himself!

Love and best wishes,
David + Elizabeth

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Dear David & Elizabeth,

June 2 from 10 am to 2 pm is OK.

I am writing this in a hurry: the sketch map to find us will follow in typescript before we leave here. Hope that will be soon enough.

Thanks for yours of 2 March.

Till we meet. Please note flight NW 402 reaches Minneapolis St Paul @ 1425 hrs (NOT 1325 as I had been told).

Yours Neville

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Dear Elizabeth & David,

It is now a week since you took me to the airport for my journey home. If you had not been there to negotiate for me David, I think I might have been there still! However no harm has been done to me, I hope that you were both soon recovered after such an experience.

I went to my grandson's birthday the day after my arrival home. It was a beautiful warm day made the more so on account of their back yard being walled and therefore sheltered. I played party games with the boys (5) ranging from age 1½ yrs to 6½ yrs. We had a lot of fun as you may imagine.

Yesterday I phoned Bessie so we are meeting for lunch on Friday to catch up on our news. I will have a lot to talk about won't I? I was walking through the park yesterday when a young duck, startled by a dog, dropped an egg a few feet away from me. I picked it up, it was still warm, and brought it home. I am keeping it in a warm place for the time being, but I cannot possibly hatch it successfully so, as I post your letter, I intend taking it to the Nature Reserve where they will put it under a broody hen and hope for the best!

The nicest thing about arriving in England and leaving the airport was the sight of all the green fields and the wonderful display of daffodils in full bloom 'dancing in the breeze'. It was a most welcome sight and I perhaps experienced something of what visitors from the States experience on first sighting England.

I potted the little cuttings Elizabeth, as soon as I arrived home. They travelled well but they don't seem very happy just now! Perhaps the changes of temperature

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from day to night time are not good for it.

While I am sitting writing at 10 am. a fox has come right down to the garden steps. He is looking for a way through the fence to the woods at the back of our house but I see that the hole in the fence has been stopped up to prevent my neighbours dog wandering off. There is so much to observe around us all the while isn't there? all part of wonderful world. Words alone fail to express the pleasure of your

April 30, 1988

Dear Irene & Neville,

We enjoyed your phone call, Irene, and also your lovely letter with news of all the interesting things you have been doing. Every so often we remember how delightful it was to have you with us, and many people who met you have expressed their pleasure in getting to know you. We passed on the York address to Mary and Harry, and they were very grateful.

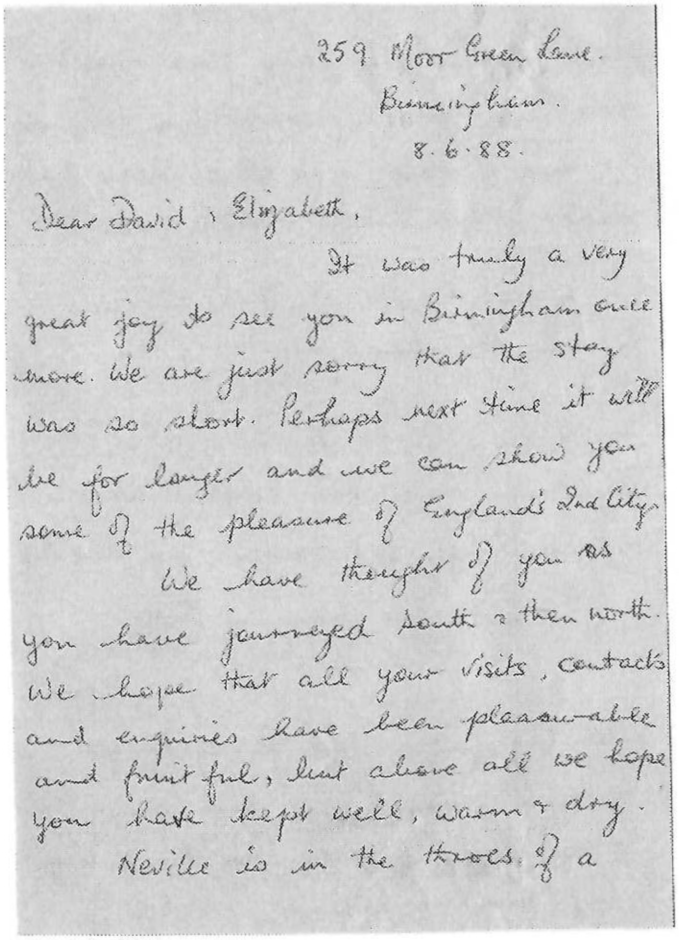
Just two weeks from today we'll be arriving in England, and it seems like such a short time in which to do everything that needs to be done. We're still having correspondence back and forth about our itinerary, and guess what! You are now going to have the extreme pleasure of our staying overnight with you on Thursday, June 2!

We've just heard that our friends in Birkenhead, Eric and Joan Allen, will not be able to get home from their trip to Sicily until June 4, so we won't be able to be with them on June 2 as we had planned. Although we'll miss not seeing them, it will really be more relaxing just being with you until we go to Pauline's & Sid's the next day. We'll assume this will work out all right for you unless we hear to the contrary.

If you want to write us, you should probably do so in care of Mrs. Kim Cook, 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF; Ph. 01-777 6072. No doubt we told you that Kim and Ray will be picking us up at the airport and returning us there later. We'll be staying with them a couple of days at the beginning and at the end of our stay, and they will always know where we are in case you need to reach us while we're in Britain.

Because of some of our discussions while you were here, we thought you'd enjoy the enclosed clippings from our paper. Now I must close and get back to the many things I have to do before we leave.

Much love,
David & Elizabeth



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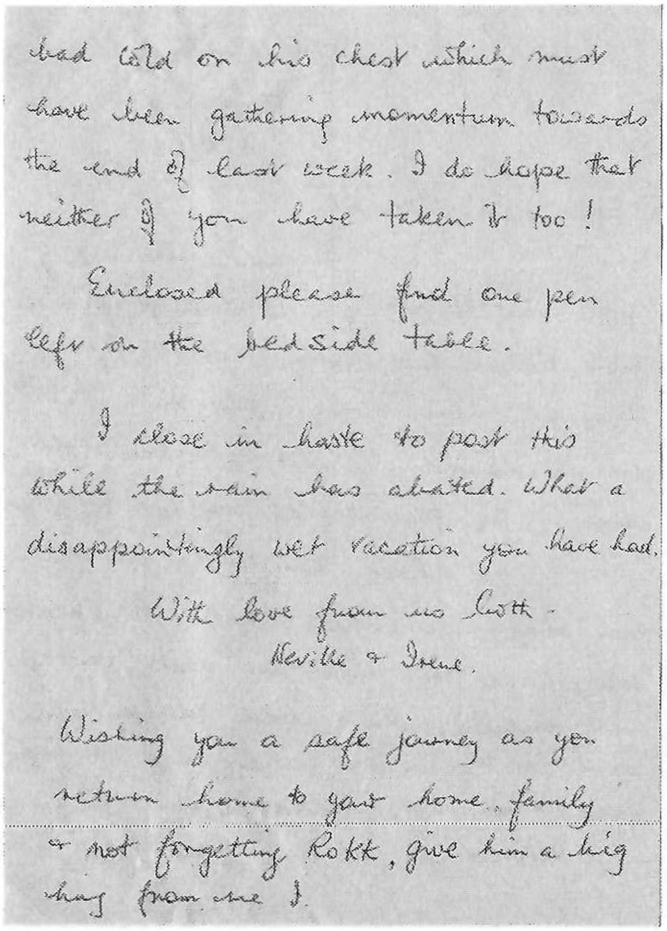
Dear David & Elizabeth,

It was truly a very great joy to see you in Birmingham once more. We are just sorry that the stay was so short. Perhaps next time it will be for longer and we can show you some of the pleasure of England's 2nd City.

We have thought of you as you have journeyed South & then north. We hope that all your visits, contacts and enquiries have been pleasurable and fruitful, but above all we hope you have kept well, warm & dry.

Neville is in the throes of a



bad cold on his chest which must have been gathering momentum towards the end of last week. I do hope that neither of you have taken it too!

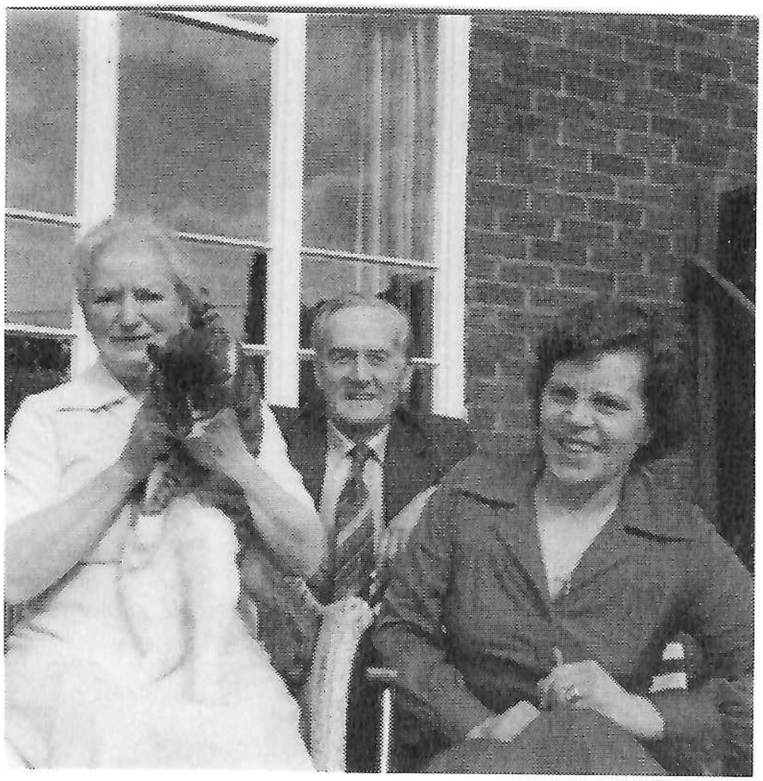
Enclosed please find one pen left on the bedside table.

I close in haste to post this while the rain has abated. What a disappointingly wet vacation you have had.

With love from us both.
Neville & Irene.

Wishing you a safe journey as you return home to your home, family & not forgetting Rokk, give him a big hug from me!

Inscriptions on the backs of these photos are by Irene Adams



"Pearline, Sid + Aunty
Gladwyn Adams
Taken at Irene's house
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Taken about 1980.
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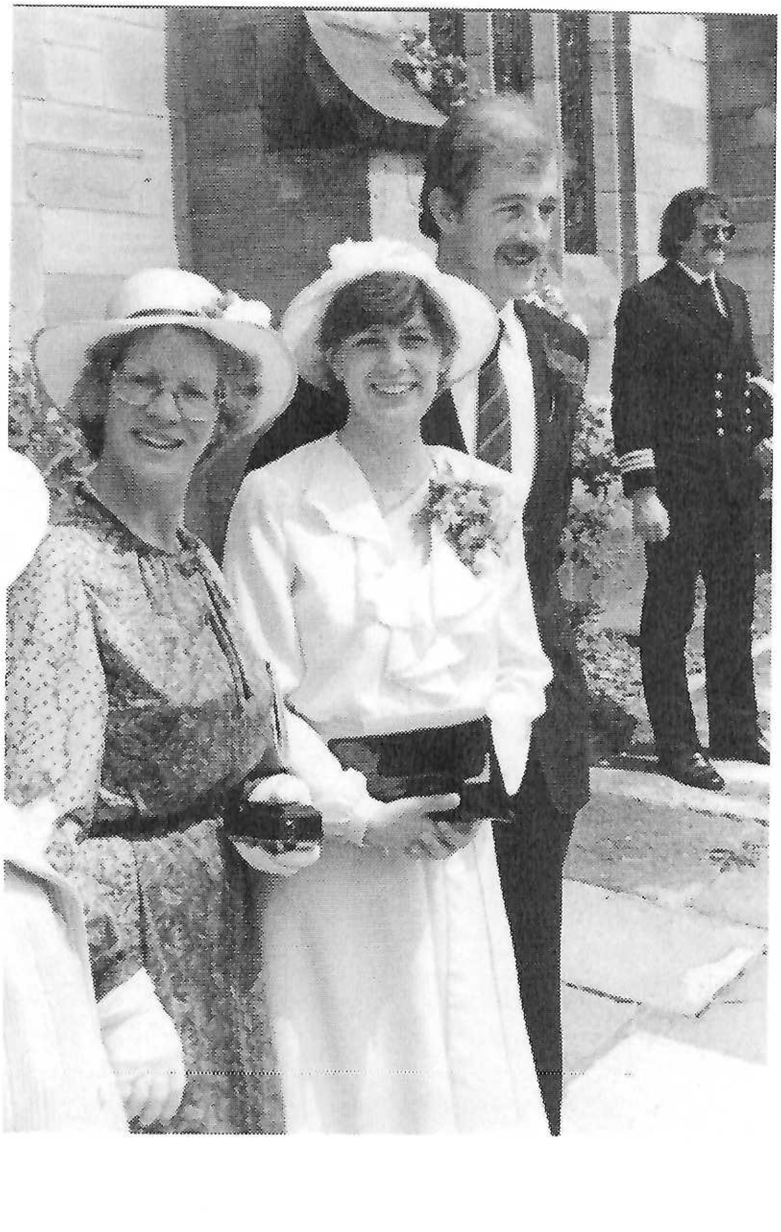
[Gladwyn was "Mom" to Irene,
"Aunty" to Pearline]



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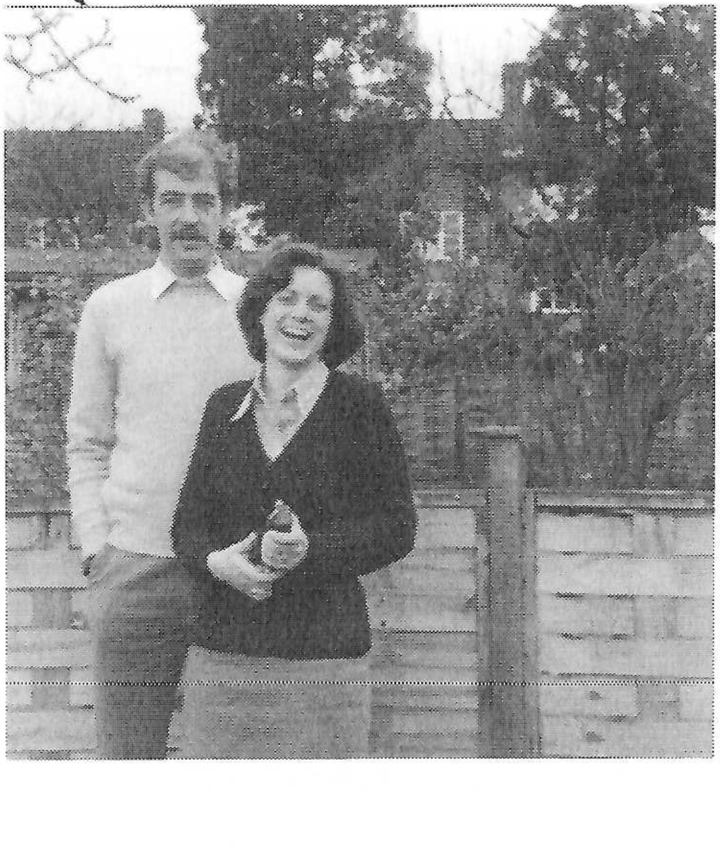

August 18, 1988

Dear Irene + Neville,

It hardly seems possible that over two months have gone by since we arrived home. We both had severe colds that lasted several weeks, probably from the cold, damp weather we were not used to at that time of the year. In addition, we found they were in the midst of a dreadful drought and heat wave here that is only now coming to an end. All this meant that our energy level has been very low, and we haven't yet finished all the things needing to be done after our trip, including writing many letters!

We did have a most wonderful trip, and we accomplished almost everything we had planned. We had absolutely no car trouble in our 3,000-mile drive through England, Wales, and Scotland, though occasionally we were temporarily lost.

Thank you very much for the lovely time we had with you. You went out of your way to be such gracious hosts, and we felt very much at home and closer to you because of your being with us earlier in the year.

We hope you enjoy the enclosed pictures, two of which, as you see, were taken here in April. We're sending two prints of the picture of Katherine and her darling boys, so you can give her one.

Thank you for sending Elizabeth's pen to us. It seems as though we kept forgetting things here and there as we traveled, but fortunately nothing serious. Our coats were waiting for us in London, as well as an umbrella which we had left in another place!

Now I must close, as I still have many more letters to write.

All our love,
David + Elizabeth

August 25th 1988.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

I had just settled down to some letter writing when the postman dropped yours in the hall. I am anxious to write as a postmen's strike is being threatened any day now.

Thank you for your letter and the enclosed pictures which are really good. I have been anxious about you both as your month in England was so very wet and cold. It was most disappointing for you. However you have written of your time here as being a wonderful trip. I am so glad for you that the memory of your visit is such a happy one.

We have followed the news both of the drought in the U.S.A. and also of the election campaigns though I cannot claim to fully understand them (campaigns). They are executed very differently from ours.

Thank you again for the pictures and for your kindness on our visit. We both wish you a speedy return to your former levels of energy & enthusiasm.

With much love

Irene & Neville.

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30th September 1989.

Dear David and Elizabeth,

It has been my intention to write all through our long warm sunny and often hot dry summer. Now that the days are shortening, autumn is settling in 'though the days continue to be bright and sunny, I feel if I don't settle down to my correspondence this morning in earnest I shall find myself dealing with 'Christmas Cards' before I can look round!

We are enjoying our new life in the town of Darlington. It has quite historical beginnings being the town when Stevenson developed his first steam train and built the Darlington to Stockton Railway line, which was the very first passenger line about 12 miles long. Neville's great grandfather must have come to Darlington to work during that period. He was a builder by trade. We can see the place where Neville's grandmother was born (not necessarily the same house) and the road is a small cobbled street called Post House Wynd. ('A narrow lane' is the definition of 'Wynd.') We attend for worship the church where Neville's grand parents were married. We are once again deeply involved in church affairs being sidemen, teamakers and readers of the lesson for the day. All these on a rota of course. I am on the church Council for the Parish and have joined several other meetings. So we are set for yet another busy period in our lives. Market days are Saturdays + Mondays. A few minutes out of town + we are in the lovely Yorkshire Dale country.

So! How is the little grand daughter, who by now has had a first birthday. I do hope you are managing to see a little of her as the early years are so charming and wonder-making. I note

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too that you will have had an anniversary early this month. I hope you managed to have a happy time together. We hope very much that you both keep well; and how is the lovely RoK? Hug him for me. Our greetings to Jim. It was good to meet him. I wonder if he will ever visit. UK? though we don't see our country as such a good place to be in just now. I spoke to Bessie a few weeks ago, we plan to meet up in L. Spa in the next few months. Our love to you both, take care of yourselves.

God Bless you always. from
Irene & Neville.

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Dear Elizabeth & David, 22.10.90.

I have in front of me your letter of August 18th 1988, written on your return home from your trip to the U.K. That would have been just about the time that we were visiting Mary in Darlington, thought it a good place to retire to, sold our Birmingham house & moved here on December 10th! I ~~may~~ must say that we haven't regretted the move one little bit, except that I am rather far off for visiting my grandsons, seeing Bessie while I am over there and also my closest friend is in Birmingham too, of course. However life in Darlington has a slower pace, we are very close to the town centre and therefore are able to walk along to the shops as needed. The doctors' surgery is opposite us as the houses are very large in this road and are often now made into flats (appartments to you) or consulting rooms in the case of the medical centre opposite. The church we attend is just 5 minutes away, across a small park, not a big one as we had in Shutlock & Moorgreen Lanes, but still a leafy pleasant area where the elderly sit in the sun on their afternoon walks. I keep rather busier than I ever imagined I could be when not in full time employment. Each Sunday I have some duty to perform either as a sidesman, reading the lesson, leading intercessions, making & serving tea or coffee after the service or accompanying the curate taking communion to a residential home opposite the church. My weekdays are equally busy with regular weekly, monthly and quarterly meetings. I find myself on consultative committees planning programmes for 5-10yr olds in Sunday School and preparation classes for 15+ yrs old who are to be confirmed and entering in full church membership next June. I'll not continue to describe my full & busy ~~life~~ life it would be sounding boastful, but I am enjoying all that I do and am glad to be able to use the ability I have. Glad to say that we both keep well, walk a great deal more than we did in B'ham, but we enjoy it all. Neville has been glad too of the time he has gained through taking early retirement. He has covered a number of in the past year, including some major encyclopaedia

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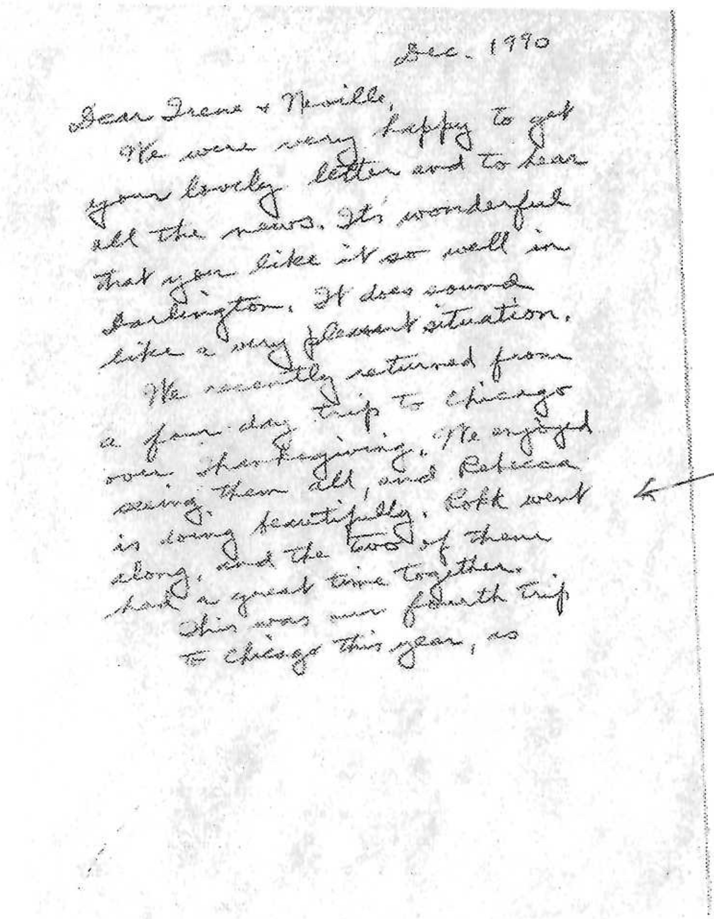
Texas studying Georgian with Neville, this being an alternative arrangement to our going there and it was convenient!

I must use this last space to say that I hope you are both keeping well. Thank you for the lovely pictures of the boys which you sent two years ago and also for the pictures of your lovely little granddaughter. The last one was particularly wonderful to see. I wonder how Rokk takes to her and how often are you able to see her as you are so very much further away from your son than we are from our children. I have Richard
visiting us this weekend and Katherine & Co. on 17th
going touring by coach in



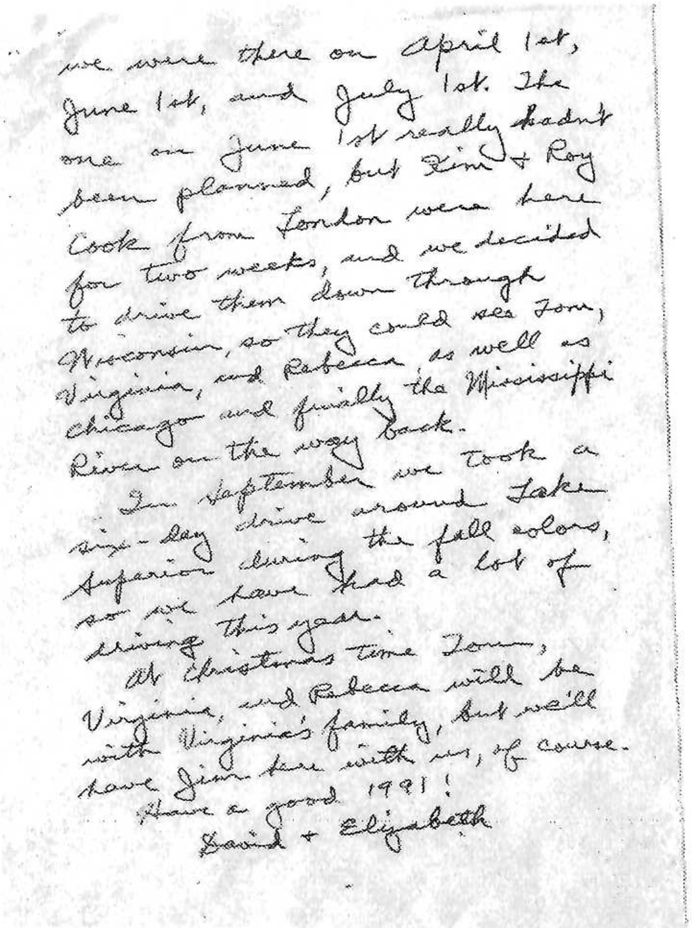
Dec. 1990

Dear Irene + Neville,
We were very happy to get
your lovely letter and to hear
all the news. It's wonderful
that you like it so well in
Darlington. It does sound
like a very pleasant situation.
We recently returned from
a four-day trip to Chicago
over Thanksgiving. We enjoyed
seeing them all, and Rebecca
is doing beautifully. Rokk went
along, and the two of them
had a great time together.
This was our fourth trip
to Chicago this year, as

This moment in our Chicago back yard was captured in a classic childhood video of Rebecca the toddler playing and giggling with her new friend, "Rokk the Dog."

Tom Witheridge
Feb. 15, 2022

P.S. Rokk was DEW + EPW's third Norwegian Elkhound (q.v.).



we were there on April 1st,
June 1st, and July 1st. The
one on June 1st really hadn't
been planned, but Kim + Roy
Cook from London were here
for two weeks, and we decided
to drive them down through
Wisconsin, so they could see Tom,
Virginia, and Rebecca as well as
Chicago and finally the Mississippi
River on the way back.
In September we took a
six-day drive around Lake
Superior during the fall colors,
so we have had a lot of
driving this year.
At Christmas time Tom,
Virginia, and Rebecca will be
with Virginia's family, but we'll
have Jim here with us, of course.
Have a good 1991!
David + Elizabeth

[DEW's draft of a note]

4/18/97

Dear Irene and Neville,

I was greatly distressed to get Neville's letter about your brain tumour, Irene, and I was certainly glad they were able to operate and institute a course of treatment. It will be long and stressful, but you seem to be getting the best possible care, and I trust it will be successful. You have always been an optimistic person, and I know that will help in your recovery.

I shall miss seeing both of you at Tiverton*, and I know you looked forward to being there, but you have other priorities now. The whole gathering will be thinking of you and praying for you during those days.

anyway ~~Please~~ let me know later how things are going, as I shall ~~be~~ and thinking of you often with great concern.

Lovingly,
David

* Tiverton, Devon, was the site of the Witheridge Society's 10th anniverary Witheridge Day celebration.

5 April 1997 (revised 8/4)

75 Stanhope Road South,
Darlington, Co.Durham, DL3 7SF
telephone 01325 462 307

I trust that our family and friends will excuse a pro forma account of the crisis which has beset us in respect of Irene's health.

On March 5, Irene was taken to hospital in Darlington, with a suspected stroke. The main symptom was inability to speak. She was treated and discharged on medication. On March 19, she had an identical attack, with more serious speech loss, and further investigation revealed a brain tumour.

She was immediately transferred to Middlesbrough General Hospital where Mr. Philip Kane removed the tumour on March 26. On April 1, he was able to tell us that he had succeeded in removing most of the tumour (which at an earlier stage of diagnosis elsewhere had been considered inoperable). The biopsy however revealed that it was malignant.

She will therefore need an intensive course of radiotherapy. We saw the consultant oncologist, Dr.Charla, on April 7. Treatment will start in about two weeks at South Cleveland Hospital (Ward 3), Marton Road, Middlesbrough.

She will return home, ~~probably~~ * certainly on Friday April 11 at the end of this week, and later return to Middlesbrough for her treatment.The course will be of about twenty-five days, five days each week for five weeks. As foreseen, she will be at home at weekends.

I intend to see her each day, so that cards and letters sent here will reach her on the day of arrival. If parcels or flowers are to be sent, it will, I think, be best to check her current address with me. As of today, she is at West Lane Hospital, Mbro.

Both neuro-surgeon and oncologist emphasise to us that this type of tumour can recur, and statistics reveal no regular pattern of the interval which might be expected. She will be kept under regular surveillance by the oncologist. I imagine that this remaining threat thus covers everything from sudden relapse to an intimation of our common mortality. The family has felt shock and grief. I now feel, however, confident that she will have very good care, and that every effort for as good a result as possible is being, and will be, made.

She is very brave, and appears to have lost most of her fear and apprehension. She makes a steadfast witness, and ministers to her fellow patients.

We are grateful for all the messages and floral gifts, and especially for the prayer which is being made for us and our family. We are manifestly upheld by it and ask that it may continue. We are encouraged by many words of scripture. Romans 14.8, "whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" is often in my mind.

Ever yours,
J.Neville Birdsall

Neville.

We shall be sorry to miss the Lightfoot Society & you yourself. Neville

# Holy Trinity Church, Darlington

## Irene Birdsall

1925 - 1998

Thursday, 23rd April 1998

12.00 noon

"Your life is hidden with Christ in God."

*St. Paul, Colossians 3.3*

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The congregation will stand at the entry of the funeral procession and the sentences will be said.

INTRODUCTION

**Hymn:**

Art thou weary, art thou languid,
Art thou sore distrest?
'Come to me', saith One, 'and coming
Be at rest!'

Hath he marks to lead me to him,
If he be my guide?
'In his feet and hands are wound-prints,
And his side.'

Hath he diadem as Monarch
That his brow adorns?
'Yea, a crown, in very surety,
But of thorns.'

If I find him, if I follow,
What his guerdon here?
'Many a sorrow, many a labour,
Many a tear.'

If I still hold closely to him,
What hath he at last?
'Sorrow vanquished, labour ended,
Jordan past.'

If I ask him to receive me,
Will he say me nay?
'Not till earth, and not till heaven,
Pass away.'

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
Is he sure to bless?
'Angels, martyrs, prophets, virgins,
Answer, Yes!'

**President:** The Lord be with you
**People** And also with you

**All:** Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The President invites the people to confess their sins.

**All:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Bishop of Jarrow absolves.

**All:** Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

COLLECT

*Sit*

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Romans 8: 28-39

PSALM 121

**All:** I lift up my eyes to the hills: but where shall I find help?
My help comes from the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble: and he who watches over you will not sleep.
Be sure he who has charge of Israel; will neither slumber nor sleep.

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The Lord himself is your keeper: the Lord is your defence upon your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day nor shall the moon by night.

The Lord will defend you from all evil: it is he who will guard your life.
The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in: from this time forward for evermore.

Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now: and shall be for ever. Amen.

*Stand*

**Hymn:**

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
Who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love:
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight,
Your wants shall be his care.

THE GOSPEL is Announced
Matthew 6: 24-33

(After the announcement):
**All:** Glory to Christ our Saviour.

(After the reading):
**Reader:** This is the gospel of Christ.
**All:** Praise to Christ our Lord.

*Sit*

## ADDRESS

After the Address there will be a short pause

*Kneel or Sit*

## THE PRAYERS

*Stand*

## THE PEACE

**Hymn:**

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moment make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high,
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President: The Lord be with you
**All:** And also with you

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President: Lift up your hearts
**All:** We lift them to the Lord

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
**All:** It is right to give him thanks and praise

President: It is indeed right ...
... for ever praising you and singing,

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*Kneel*

President: Hear us, heavenly Father ...
... Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All:** Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

President: Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father ...
... now and for ever.

**All:** Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER and BREAKING OF BREAD

President: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All:** Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive them that trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory
For ever and ever. Amen.

President: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

**All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.

President: Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Members of the congregation who take communion in their own churches are invited to receive communion in this service.*

*Others present who wish to receive a blessing are invited to go forward. Will these please carry their order of service.*

**Hymn:** Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
Here faith would touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
Here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load;
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need
Another arm save thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,
Thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet passing, points to the glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

President: Jesus said, I am the resurrection
and I am the life: whoever lives
and believes in me will never die.
John 11. 25,26.

**All:** Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name,
through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*Stand*

The Bishop of Jarrow Commends Irene to God and blesses the congregation.

**Hymn:** *During which the funeral procession will leave the church.*

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!*
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!*
*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;*
*And give Him the glory! Great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

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*The opening and closing hymns and the reading from the epistle to the Romans were chosen by Irene for this service, early in her illness. The gospel reading expresses the experience by Irene and Neville of God's provision throughout their lives. The rest of the hymns express their shared faith and experience.*

*After the service, there will be a light buffet with tea and coffee for members of the congregation in Walkington House (opposite the side entrance to the church-yard in Vane Terrace). After accompanying the coffin to the crematorium, members of the mourning party will return to Walkington House to meet their other friends there. Please wait if you can.*

*There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service for St. Teresa's Hospice, Harewood Hill, Darlington. Or donations for the same organisation may be sent by post, with cheques payable to: Seaton Leng and Son Ltd., Bondgate, Darlington DL3 7JR.*

*Professor Birdsall and his family wish to thank all those who attended and cared for Irene in any way from March 5th, 1997 to April 14th, 1998.*

*From the following institutions:*

*Durham Ambulance Service; Darlington Memorial Hospital; Middlesbrough General Hospital; Middlesbrough Neuro-Rehabilitation Unit; South Cleveland Hospital, St. Teresa's Hospice, Darlington; Templar Private Ambulance Service, Middlesbrough; Ventress Hall Nursing Home, Darlington ...*

*... and the clergy of Holy Trinity, Darlington, other clergy, many other friends, and our own domestic helpers.*

# Outline of the life of Irene Birdsall

Irene was the fourth child of seven of William and Gladwyn Adams, in the mining village of Cwmaman, Glamorgan. She was educated at the village primary school, and won a scholarship to Aberdare Girls' Grammar School. She trained for the teaching profession at Hull Municipal Training College, qualifying in 1946. Before her marriage and until the birth of her first child, she taught successively in Birmingham, Suffolk, Glamorgan and Essex.

She "learnt Christ" in the Anglican tradition. While still a child, hearing an address by a Welsh Anglican missionary in Persia (Iran), she was moved by the thought of the service of God in the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This remained her goal throughout her life. (She later met the missionary again, by then a bishop of the Church in Wales, to the great surprize and pleasure of them both !).

Her spiritual experience was deepened by encounter with the Baptist tradition at Hull in her student days. She identified herself with that tradition, finding her needs met by its warmth of fellowship and clarity of Bible exposition. She made the first steps of volunteering for service overseas, and it was thus that in 1947 she met her future husband Neville, himself likewise a volunteer. In the case of each of them, personal circumstances ruled out "overseas" service and their Christian life together was to be lived mainly in this country.

They married in 1951. Until 1956, Neville's calling took him to Baptist pastorates in Essex, Hertford and Lincolnshire, while continuing further studies. During that time, three of their four children were born. In 1956, they moved to Leeds, to his first academic appointment. There Irene's fourth child was born. In 1961 they moved again, to Birmingham, where they were to stay until 1988. In all these places, Irene was busy in the work of the church, especially in children's work such as the Sunday School and in the uniformed organizations for girls, Girls' Life Brigade and Guides. She also led worship and preached throughout the whole Baptist period of her life.

After the move to Birmingham, Irene returned to full time school teaching. Before 1965, she occupied as her second appointment the post of Reception Class teacher in the school of the local Jewish community, the first non-Jewish person to be so appointed. In this she showed not only her professional skills which were great in this area, but also bore a Christian witness simply by the quality of her life and character. We both enjoyed our contacts in the Jewish community in Birmingham as we had in Leeds. This was also the period of commonwealth immigration. We played a personal part in helping West Indian Christians to find houses, while there was still no legislation to protect them against discrimination, and integrated a number of married couples and their families into the Baptist church to which we belonged.

In 1965 to 1966 we lived in Los Angeles, where we had many multi-racial contacts. The most signal Christian event was our moving into the Anglican stream of Christian witness, rather for liturgical than for theological motives. On our return we retained this new ecclesiastical position. Irene continued there as before, in

Sunday School work and in uniformed organizations. Later, she was happy that the way opened for her to be trained as a server, a role which gave her great spiritual joy and fulfilment.

The Birmingham years also saw further success in her promotions, first to Deputy Head of an Infant school, and then to Headship of what was probably the largest Nursery School in the Birmingham Inner Ring. A far-sighted plan of Warwick University also allowed her to take the degree of Bachelor of Education, specializing in Primary Education. These were great achievements for a wife and mother of four, who never neglected husband or children.

After Neville's retirement, we moved to Darlington. She was invited to join a small women's oecumenical group for prayer and Bible study. This she took with great seriousness, and applied herself solidly to the understanding of scripture. In this way, she had a firm basis for exposition when a new avenue of service within the Anglican communion opened. This was her accreditation as a speaker within the Mothers' Union in the diocese. It is, I believe, true to say that as a speaker, she was heard "with great acceptance" wherever she went. She also helped locally at parish and deanery level. She derived especial joy and gave much service at diocesan level as a committee member, guiding prayer life and organizing retreats.

She was given to hospitality. Several members of her family lived with us for periods in our earliest married years. At Birmingham we had student lodgers from overseas in our home, and fostered for somewhat over a year the baby daughter of a West Indian nurse. Irene could and would often lay a meal for unexpected guests, for instance, university colleagues from overseas arriving late in the day at the beginning of conferences. We entertained regularly both her colleagues and Neville's at evening parties. Throughout our marriage, she supported Neville's academic work and career, alongside her own busy life.

She became ill with a brain tumour in March 1997. Despite surgery and radio-therapy, and a period of improved health, renewed activity of the tumour led to her death on Easter Tuesday 1998. She bore her illness with great calm and courage, in which her faith in God and her love for others was always evident.

In her final illness, especially in its last stages, she was incredibly brave, and never complained. To the end, she still did all she could to make contact and to comfort those who visited. This reveals a quality which characterizes the whole of her life, the overflowing love which went out to others. This informed her work with children, adding a dimension to her great talent as an educator. It was in her encounters with those around her, from new acquaintance to those most dear. It coloured her contacts with those of other racial stock and religious belief. After only a short visit by us to Nigeria, she has been loved and prayed for in a town of that country by Muslim and Christian alike. She devoted herself to the care of her mother, widowed as a relatively young woman, and did all she could to support and encourage her sister and her five brothers.This was without any diminution of her care of children or husband. She was a wonderful Christian. As wife and lifelong helpmeet, and as a mother, she was beyond compare .

J.NevilleBirdsall

[DEW's →
notes
from a
phone call
with
Neville]

Call from Neville Birdsall
(March, 1998)
In Nov. Irene looked
well, but tumor
not gone
After Xmas a steep
decline
Weakness on right side
Goes to a hospice
twice a week
Radiation again
Doctor says she
may last just
weeks, not months
Neville is very tired

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Neville Birdsall
*with Richard Birdsall, Alison Wightman,*
*Jonathan Birdsall, Katherine May,*
*their spouses and families*

Thank You

*for sympathy at Irene's death*
*and appreciation of her life*

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Thank you also for sharing your experience of caring for Elizabeth with me, in late February or early March. It helped to decide to move Irene into care for her last weeks with us.

God bless you and your family.

Sharon Brydges (b. 1944)
documents

(born Sharon Hanson)

8902-17 Avenue,
North Battleford, Sask.,
May 5, 1996.

Rev. David Witheridge,
2425 Irving Ave. S.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

I have been attempting to do some genealogy on the Witheridge family for some time. My grandmother (born 1880 in Ontario) was a Witheridge who eventually married and relocated to Saskatchewan in approx 1905.

Recently I was advised of a "Witheridge event" in Minneapolis in June/96.

Would you please be able to forward me information regarding this activity as I may be able to accommodate it in my holiday schedule.

If it is more convenient for you to fax information, my fax number is 306-445-6414.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Sharon Brydges

[DEW's notes from a phone call
with Sharon Brydges]

1-306-555-1212

(306) 445-4666

Sharon Brydges, Tel ~~(403)~~

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Canada

3 children
31 she has degree in business?
& lives in Winnipeg
27 " phys. therapy
2 years in Alberta
25 son in univ?.

Mr. Orgos - Mother 1st cousin of Sharon's mother Stella Orgos
Interested in genealogy
Devil's Lake N.D.

2 yrs ago - Kathy had published in Witheridge Times an article by Clarence Orgos, Sharon's uncle

Many other relatives in Western U. S.

May 15/96

Dear David,

Thanks again for your phone call of last evening - it really took me totally by surprise! I have photocopied some of Kathy Witheridge's material to forward to you to perhaps provide you with some interesting reading with regards to our "branch of the Witheridge tree."

My mother, Vivian Hanson (Ayre) presently resides in Edam, Saskatchewan which is approx. 40 miles from North Battleford. Edam is a small rural town of approx. 400 people consisting mainly of retired farmers. Mum is 77 years old, in good health, drives, is active in church work (United), and is the caregiver for my 80 year old father that has Parkinsons, Alzheimer, kidney /heart problems. We have Home Care staff coming in 3 times a day and I try to go there most weekends to do whatever I can. Our Health Care system in Sask. has been undergoing major cutbacks/reform in the past three years and although it needed some changes it seems as if the new philosophy is too drastic! The pioneers who worked so hard to implement adequate/affordable health care over the years now are seeing the care being eroded when they are starting to need it. My parents are fortunate that finances are not an issue however money cannot buy you something that is not available!

My Uncle Clarence Ayre (85 years) is a real character as I'm sure Paul & Kathy will tell you! He is in marvellous health, drives (just bought another new car,) plays the stock market VERY successfully, rides a bicycle around Edam, bought a computer when he was 78 and does the spread sheets etc., has been widowed twice and keeps his own house as if his wife was doing the housework. Also plants a garden every year and does some of his own canning. He is constantly reading and is always up on the latest news/financial issues. Also he is never at a loss for words and is somewhat the centre of attention at family gatherings - the teenagers in our group are even in awe of his knowledge/activities and sometimes that can be a real feat in itself!!

Mum's other brother Elmer (80 years) also is a retired farmer living in Edam. but his health is not so good - has had a knee replacement, has only one kidney, has lung problems and also arithritus that restricts his activities. He still is capable of driving, maintaining their yard/house however has alot of pain.

Now about me - I have a B.Ed degree however after several years decided that was not for me with the everchanging shift in educational philosophy so 12 years ago I went to work as a rehab. counsellor for social service recipients. About 4 years ago I was promoted to the Director's position for North Battleford and area. N. B'ford has a population of approx. 15,000, is basically an agricultural centre, is near several lakes and really has year round leisure facilities including good down-hill skiing which I really enjoy if it is not too cold!! I also taught piano for 21 years and forgot to mention that my Uncle Clarence has his ARTC in piano - has a very expensive organ which he plays daily and derives alot of enjoyment from. I really like to travel and last year we went to Europe for a month (9 countries) and enjoyed every minute of it. We were on a bus trip with 44 other people from all over the world and we thoroughly enjoyed every one of them - there wasn't anyone that complained, was late, abused alcohol or was rowdy. It was rather sad when everyone had to say their farewells and depart for home! My husband was a Supt. for Commercial Construction for over 20 years however due to severe arithritus the past several years has been somewhat restricted in his activities. My parents still have their farm which is rented out however we have 2 horses there and Ted likes the farm life so he spends quite a bit of time there plus helping Mum keep up the house in Edam. It seems that there is always something that needs to be fixed even though it is a relatively new house!

Enough about us - now about June 8/96! We would love to come to meet everyone however there are several complications for us as I mentioned on the phone. Also I must attend a federal meeting for the province of Sask. on June 10/96 which really crowds our travelling time - I am a 10 hour drive from N. B'ford to Winnipeg and then it is about 11 hours more to Minneapolis which doesn't hardly leave us enough time. However we will see what we can possibly arrange. If we are able to come we will book a hotel room, we certainly don't want to inconvenience anyone but thanks for your concern anyway.

I have been a member of our local genealogy society for about 5 years but I find that I don't have the time that it takes to really delve into the past. This will be one of my retirement projects!! I have so many things that I want to do WHEN I retire that I don't know how I'll work them all in!!

We are going to phone Stella Oyos in Devil's Lake, North Dakota tonight and get her son Lynwood's number and address in the event that they may want to chat with some other Witheridge's.

I'm sure you'll enjoy Kathy & Paul - she is like a walking, talking history book on the Witheridge clan!!

I must close and get this in today's mail - thanks again for your wonderful phone call and will keep in touch with you.

Your Canadian relative??

Sharon

Sharon Brydges

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 22, 1996

Dear Sharon,

I had a letter all ready to send to you which I must now revise after receiving your letter today. It was wonderful to get all the information about you and your family. I haven't yet had time to digest all the family history material, but I have skimmed through it.

I can see what you mean about having a tight schedule to get back to your meeting on June 10th. I don't know what time your meeting is, but you'd obviously have to leave Saturday afternoon in order to make it. If you could get here by Thursday evening, you'd at least have some time on Friday to be with many of the group, in addition to Saturday morning and noon.

I don't know if I told you that Kim and Ray and I will be spending four days, June 3-6, on a trip up the North Shore of Lake Superior as far as Thunder Bay, Ontario. But we'll be back by late Thursday afternoon, June 6th, in case you arrive Thursday evening.

I'm enclosing a map to show you how to find our house from I 94 from the northwest, which is probably the way you'd be coming. Stay on I-94 until you get to the Lyndale exit. Keep going on Lyndale past the Walker Art Center on the right and the Episcopal Cathedral on the left. At that point Hennepin Avenue angles off to the right. Go to

25th St. and turn right a few blocks to Irving. Turn right and go to the middle of the block – 2425 on the right side. Of course, you may go to a motel first, which might alter these directions somewhat.

Besides Kim and Roy from England and Kathy and Paul from Sarnia, we'll have my son Tom, his wife Virginia, and their seven-year-old daughter Rebecca, who live in one of our suburbs; and my son Jim, who is gay, and his partner, David Tortorg, who live in Minneapolis. Then from Detroit we'll have my niece, Jennifer Burke, and from Saginaw, Michigan, we'll have my sister-in-law, Janice Witheridge, and her son Jay. My brother John had a heart attack and surgery, so he probably won't be coming.

From Arkansas we'll have my second cousin, Jean Tomlinson. She has a son Dennis and a daughter Pat Johnson living in the Twin Cities, and they will also be at the Saturday lunch. From Geneva, Illinois, we'll have Tony Witheridge. He was born in Australia, so it will almost be a world-wide event!

I've also invited my niece and nephew Virginia Anne Sorensen and Bill Witheridge, from Bay City, Michigan; and my nephew and his wife, Jamie and Penny Mark, from Sackville, New Brunswick, but I haven't heard yet whether they can make it. In addition, there will be a half dozen friends from Minneapolis who are not Witheridge descendants.

We'll gather at the Minnesota Historical Society building at 345 Kellogg Blvd. in St Paul at 11:00 a.m. to give us a chance to get acquainted before the complimentary luncheon is served about 12:00. Then about 2:00, those who want to go through the wonderful Society's museum may do so, after which we're hoping people will come to our house in Minneapolis to talk further and have a bit of tea and cookies. Of course, you could leave any time you had to after 2:00.

If you need to talk to someone about your plans while Kim and Roy and I are away June 3-6, you can call either Tom or Virginia at (612) 332-4784, or Jim or David at (612) 825-7444.

I hope you can work things out so you and Ed can come, but if that's impossible, we'll understand.

Yours sincerely,
David Witheridge
(612) 377-4810

June 25/96

Dear David,

First of all I want to thank you for your letter with the detailed instructions on how to find your home - I have filed it carefully away in hopes that I can utilize it at some time. It was just impossible to make arrangements to attend the Witheridge event in June and my sincere apologies in not getting ahold of you by telephone prior to the occasion however I had spoken to Kathy Witheridge and she had indicated that she would be calling you and would advise you of our not being able to attend. My father ended up in the hospital the end of May and we were basically going day to day with him and then one of my girlfriends passed away very unexpectedly. All of that combined with my work obligations just made trying to do anything extra virtually impossible. However we would love to meet you at some time when things are not so rushed.

When I contacted Lynwood Oyos regarding the June 8/96 plans he had indicated that Paul Freed was now living in Minneapolis and may be interested in meeting other Witheridge's! I understand that Paul did attend and as a result phoned my mother last evening indicating that he would like to come to Sask. to meet everyone! My mother was very excited (and pleased) as she has never met any of his family members and as an added bonus he is bringing his aunt (Stella Oyos) with him. She is 1 of Mum's 2 living first cousins! They are expecting to arrive on June 28/96 so needless to say we are all excited about being able to meet face to face. I find genealogy very intriguing however it is even better when you can locate some living relatives as opposed to history records!!

I trust that June 8/96 will always be a day for you to remember and many others will also have fond memories. If there was any newspaper coverage of the day I would really appreciate a copy for my geneolgy files if possible.

I must tell you that when I received your letter my first thought when looking at the handwriting was that it was from My Uncle Clarence.! I could not believe the similarity in the handwriting (he is 85) - is that a Witheridge gene that has been common to many branches of the Witheridge Tree?!

My apologies for being so tardy in responding to your letter - have had good intentions for quite some time but seemed as far as I ever got! If you ever feel inclined to venture to Saskatchewan you are more than welcome to spend some time with us at your convenience. Next time I write I will try and include some photos for you (even though I dislike having my picture taken!!)

Must close for now - will try to keep in touch - perhaps Paul Freed will update you when he returns.

Best Wishes,

Sharon Brydges

[This document and the following documents in this section were sent to DEW on May 15, 1996, by Sharon Brydges (b. 1944).]

# THOMAS HENRY AYRE

1880 - 1942

# SARAH MAUD WITHERIDGE

1880 - 1972

CHILDREN

**Clarence Ray Ayre**

**Elmer John Henry Ayre**

**Vivian Irene Ayre**

Vivian is my mother.

←[note by Sharon]

The Ayre Story can be seen a little further along in the book, which was written by Clarence R. Ayre, eldest son of Thomas and Sarah Ayre.

Sarah Maud Witheridge was the ninth child of John and Miriam Witheridge, and was born in Darlington Township on September 4, 1880.

On August 30, 1905, Sarah Maud Witheridge married Thomas Henry Ayre at Maple Grove, Ontario. The wedding announcement can be seen in the following pages which gives an excellent account of the wedding.

Immediately after the wedding Sarah Maud along with her new husband, Thomas Henry Ayre, moved West.

Thomas Henry Ayre was involved in a farming accident October 6, 1942, and was killed instantly. Sarah Maud Ayre lived a further 30 years and died August 1, 1972. Both are buried at Edam Cemetery, Edam, Saskatchewan.

ONE FAMILY RECORD

SURNAME AYRE

HUSBAND (Name in full)

Thomas Henry AYRE
Father's name
John AYRE
Mother's Maiden name
Jane AYLESWORTH

| Date | Place |
|---|---|

Born - Aug 3, 1880, Bowmanville, Ontario
Mar - Aug 30, 1905, Bowmanville, Ontario
Death - Oct 6, 1942, Edam, Saskatchewan

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Sarah Maud WITHERIDGE
Father's name
John WITHERIDGE
Mother's Maiden name
Miriam MOORE

| Date | Place |
|---|---|

Born - Sep 4, 1880, Darlington, Ontario

Death - Aug 1, 1972, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

CHILDREN

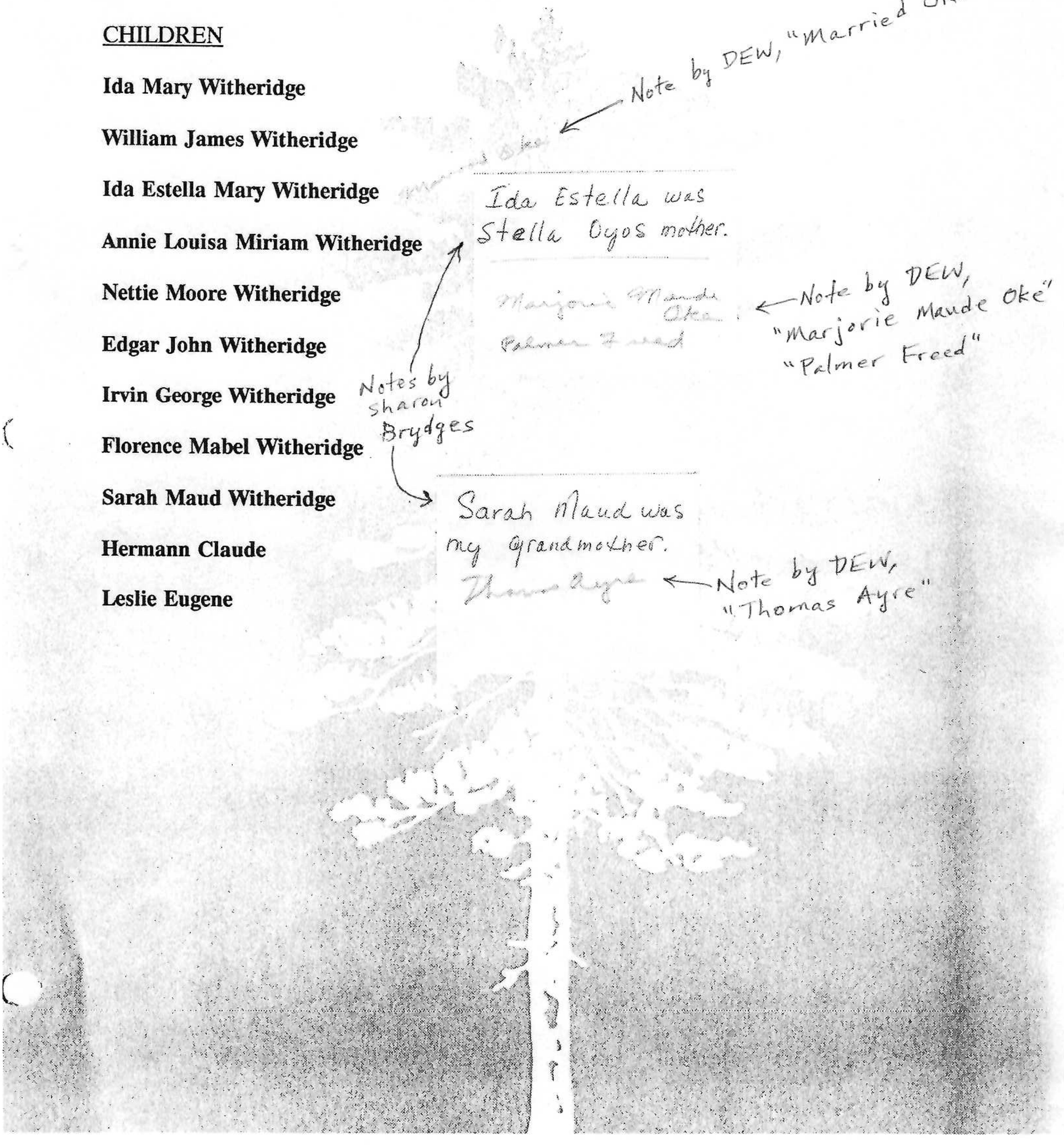
| | Date Place |
|---|---|
| 1. Clarence Ray<br>Married to<br>Gertrude Ethel BENSON (1)<br>Alida PEPPINCK (2) | Birth - Feb 3, 1911, Edam, Saskatchewan<br>Mar (1) - Oct 14, 1939<br>Mar (2) - Sep 22, 1984<br>Death - |
| 2. Elmer John Henry<br>Married to<br>Doris Jean HUFF | Birth - Oct 12, 1915, Edam, Saskatchewan<br>Mar - Apl 3, 1942<br>Death - |
| 3. Vivian Irene<br>Married to<br>Clarence L. HANSON | Birth - Nov 23, 1918, Edam, Saskatchewan<br>Mar - Jul 6, 1940<br>Death - |

# JOHN WITHERIDGE

1839 - 1929

# MIRIAM MOORE

1842 - 1924



CHILDREN

**Ida Mary Witheridge**

**William James Witheridge**

**Ida Estella Mary Witheridge**

**Annie Louisa Miriam Witheridge**

**Nettie Moore Witheridge**

**Edgar John Witheridge**

**Irvin George Witheridge**

**Florence Mabel Witheridge**

**Sarah Maud Witheridge**

**Hermann Claude**

**Leslie Eugene**

married Oke

Note by DEW, "Married Oke"

Ida Estella was
Stella Oyos mother.

Marjorie Maude
Oke
Palmer Freed

Note by DEW,
"Marjorie Maude Oke"
"Palmer Freed"

Notes by
Sharon
Brydges

Sarah Maud was
my grandmother.

Thomas Ayre

Note by DEW,
"Thomas Ayre"

John Witheridge was the eldest child of George and Mary Witheridge, he was born in Cleverdon, Bradworthy, Devon, England, on December 22, 1839, and baptized at Bradworthy Parish Church on January 5, 1840. John, along with his parents emigrated to Canada on or about the year 1841.

He appeared in the 1861 census, for Darlington Township, at that time he was 21 years old and listed as a labourer.

On May 24, 1862, when he was 22 years old, he married Miriam Moore. Miriam was 19 years old at the time and the daughter of James and Mary Moore. They were married in Darlington Township. Miriam was born in Bradworthy, Devon, England, on September 27, 1842, and emigrated to Canada on or about the year 1853.

John next appeared in the 1871 census for Darlington Township, at that time he was 31 years old, his wife, Miriam, was 28 years old, and had four children at that time.

Their first child, Ida Mary Witheridge who was born on January 20, 1864, having died on February 18, 1864. It would appear that all the children were born in the Darlington Township area, in Ontario.

In the 1881 census they resided in East Whitby Township, Division 2, and had an additional four children.

On August 28, 1884, at East Whitby, Ontario, another son, Herman Claude was born, but died on September 8, 1864. On May 10, 1886, Leslie Eugene was born in Pickering, Ontario, but died on the same day.

Upon the death of John's father, George Witheridge, on April 18, 1884, John Witheridge was left one half of his father's farm, being the north one half of Lot 21, in the First Concession, for the Township of Darlington, in the County of Durham, and being approximately, 93 acres. John and his brother, William Thomas Witheridge, sold the said lands on January 6th 1905 by instrument number 8921, to Walter Foley, Farmer, for the sum of $2,700.00, Walter Foley also assumed an existing mortgage in favour of Richard Witheridge, in the amount of $1,000.00 with interest at the rate of 5% per annum, which the said Walter Foley covenanted to pay.
On or about 1919, it is believed that John and Miriam moved to North Dakota, U.S.A. and took with them their daughter Annie Louisa Miriam Witheridge, who was mentally handicapped. They moved in with their daughter Florence Mabel and her husband, Thomas Bramwell Wood. Shortly after their arrival they all moved to Edam, Saskatchewan, Canada. They settled on fairly poor land and after about five years, the Wood family moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, U.S.A., and John and Miriam moved in with another daughter Sarah Maud and her husband Thomas Henry Ayre, at their farm in Edam, Saskatchewan.

Miriam had suffered a stroke in 1921 and was bedridden for three years, until her death, at the age of 81 years, on May 22, 1924. John died, at the age of 90 years, on November 26, 1929. Both are buried in Edam Cemetery, Saskatchewan.

## CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MIRIAM WITHERIDGE[1]

Ida Mary Witheridge
b. January 20, 1864, Darlington, Ontario
m. d. February 18, 1864

William James Witheridge
b. November 29,1864, Darlington, Ontario
m. March 4, 1907. d. April 18, 1922

Ida Estella Mary Witheridge
b. October 14, 1866, Darlington, Ontario
m. October 21, 1895 d. April 10, 1962

Annie Louisa Miriam Witheridge
b. October 13, 1868, Darlington, Ontario
m. d. August 20, 1942

Nettie Moore Witheridge
b. September 2, 1870, Darlington, Ontario
m. March 14, 1897 d. September 2, 1900

Edgar John Witheridge
b. September 13, 1872, Darlington, Ontario
m. May 27, 1903 d. August 30, 1965

Irvin George Witheridge
-b. July 5, 1874, Darlington, Ontario
m. December 20, 1899 d. March 19, 1965

Florence Mable Witheridge
b. March 16, 1876, Darlington, Ontario
m. November 14, 1906 d. December 23, 1954

Sarah Maude Witheridge
b. September 4, 1880, Darlington, Ontario
m. August 30, 1905 d. August 1, 1972

Herman Claude Witheridge
b. August 28, 1884, East Whitby, Ontario
m. d. September 8, 1884

Leslie Eugene Witheridge
b. May 10, 1886, Pickering, Ontario
m. d. May 10, 1886.

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[1] Recorded in the family Bible.

Eleven children were born to the marriage, Ida Estella being the third of this impressive number of offspring. John and Miriam eventually moved to the wheat fields of northwest Saskatchewan where they lived out the remainder of their lives. Miriam died on May 22, 1924, and John on November 26, 1929. Both were interred in a cemetery at Edam, Saskatchewan.

Marwood was twenty-nine when he married Ida Estella, age 28, in 1895. Witnesses to the marriage were Ida Estella's brother, Irvin George Witheridge, and her sister, Florence Mable Witheridge. The 5"-4", 140 pound "Mir" found employment as a laborer in Bowmanville, either in a piano factory or an iron foundry. It was in this southern-Ontario community that all six of their children were born. They were:

Greta Miriam Lorene Oke - February 12, 1896
John Wilfred Ross Oke - August 2, 1897
Frederick William Oke - February 15, 1899
Nettie Irene Oke - February 9, 1901
Marjorie Maude Patricia Oke - March 27, 1903
Estella Mary Oke - February 13, 1905.

[Note by Sharon Brydges]

Stella Oyos is presently living in Devils Lake, N.Dak. (in good health.)

Finding economic circumstances difficult, the family left Bowmanville in 1909. Ida's brother, Irvin George Witheridge, invited Marwood and his family to come to the Sarles' area, in northeastern North Dakota, to farm. The family traveled by train from Bowmanville, via Winnipeg, to Crystal City, Manitoba, arriving there on March 6, 1909. They were met at the depot by Irv Witheridge and traveled by horse and buggy to the Sarles' area. Living in a vacant house near Uncle Irv's farm, Marwood Oke worked for Irv Witheridge for several years. There followed a sucession of moves to rental properties. Initially, "Mir" rented a farm from Bill Dillabough and then the family moved to a site four miles east and one mile south of Sarles, owned by the Minneapolis Trust Company. The soil of these two quarters of land was poor, production was limited, and grain prices were low. Despite the adversity, this strict Methodist continued to work the land, and the family moved to a farm in the area between Hannah and Wales.

Neither of Mir and Ida's two sons, Ross and Fred, served in the military during World War I. They were about to be drafted in 1918 when they were afflicted with the Spanish Influenza. Many people died of this respiratory ailment that was accompanied by a high fever. Because of the extraordinary fever, Fred Oke lost his hair. By 1925, Ross had moved to Washington state, and following his marriage to Winifred Day he resided in Everett. Fred was very mobile during his younger years. After marrying Agnes Moen on February 22, 1929, he lived at Starkweather, North Dakota, and then moved to Crary in 1940. From Crary, he travelled to Everett, Washington, where he worked in the shipyards until 1944 when he returned to Crary. Fred worked on a section crew for the Great Northern Railroad until his retirement in 1964.

Greta, the oldest of the Oke children, met Clarence Purcell, an itinerant farm hand when he was working in the Sarles area. Following their marriage at Sarles, they moved to southern Kansas. Nettie, the second daughter, also left North Dakota for Washington in the late 1920s. A nurse, she took up residence in Everett where she was to meet and marry John Dalton.

In 1929, "Mir," the inveterate pipe smoker, ill with cancer of the throat, moved to Everett, Washington. Expectations of a positive treatment for the disease at a Seattle clinic did not materialize, and Marwood died in Everett on May 12, 1934. His wife, Ida Estella, lived at Nettie's home in Marysville until she passed away on April 10, 1962, six months short of her ninety-sixth birthday.

During the 1920s, the two youngest daughters, Marjorie and Estella Mary, completed their high school education in the Sarles Public School. Estella Mary (Stella) the youngest member of the family, was four years old when the family moved from Canada to Sarles, North Dakota. Growing up on a farm involved a mix of play and work. She and her sister Marjorie cut illustrations of furniture and people from catalogs and played house with them. She shared a bed with Marjorie (Midge) and there were times when they clashed. On one occasion, Stella was confined to bed with a severe case of the red measles, and Midge tried to annoy her by pulling her hair. This was one of the few times when their mother, Ida, had to separate them.

Saturdays were always anticipated because a trip into Sarles followed a bath in the home's round tub. "Mir" conveyed the family into town by horse and buggy. Cream was sold at the local collection point, and the week's groceries were purchased. The children spent time walking the streets of Sarles, and their dad usually treated them to an ice cream cone.

The Bible Christian ethic of Bradworthy persisted on the North Dakota prairie and Marwood, the strict Methodist, enforced certain Sabbath rules. He would not permit the picking up of scissors or the stirring up of a cake on Sunday. The children attended Sunday School at Calvin, and their father would give them a nickel or dime for the collection plate. Stella admitted that there were times when the money went for candy.

When physically able, Stella helped in the fields, shocking barley, one of the lightest of the grain crops. She also took lunch to the men working in the fields. One such instance led to a lifelong scar as she was cut severely while crawling under a barbed-wire fence. She appeared prone to this type of injury as she cut her arm on a sharp stone while playing in the school yard, leaving another permanent scar.

Washing dishes and gathering eggs were other childhood assignments. Because there was no refrigeration, cream, milk, and butter were put in a bucket tied to a rope and lowered into a well to be kept cool. Minor rebellions occurred, and her even-tempered mother was forced to spank Stella when she refused to bring in kindling.. Their home was heated by two stoves, a large pot-bellied stove in living room, that also provided heat for the upstairs via openings or registers in the downstairs ceiling, and a kitchen range. Both coal and wood were used for fuel.

The girls had to offer assistance at threshing time when the threshing crew, composed primarily of neighbors, came to the Oke farm to complete harvesting of the crop. Ida needed the help of her daughters in feeding the hungry bundle haulers and machine-men. Stella never learned to milk cows because her father feared she would not do it right and "dry-up" the cows. She also never drove horses.

Estella Mary attended Woodbridge Grade School through the eighth grade; Mrs. Ernest Stein was her teacher. As noted earlier, she attended high school in Sarles, graduating in 1923. Her class was made up of 6-8 students. She received her best grades in mathematics, algebra and geometry, and spelling. Her poorest performance was in civics and history. The principal, a Mr. Pierson, was short, fat, and strict. Stella took music lessons, her only extracurricular activity, from Mrs. Pierson. Herfavorite teacher. J. R. Norgaard went on to become superintendent of several North Dakota schools, including Lakota. "Hud," Stella's high school nickname, received some very practical training while attending Sarles High. She appreciated the cooking and sewing instruction that she received in her home economics classes. During her high school days, Stella also learned how to drive a car.

She worked as a teller in Sam Mowry's bank in Sarles before attending

Valley City State Teachers College. Stella and Midge enrolled in a three-month summer session to secure teaching certificates. Her goal was to make a little money. And little it was, as she received $75.00 per month at her first and last teaching position.

She was employed for two years at the Billings School, District No. 3, in Billings Township, Cavalier County, 1924-1925 and 1925-1926. District No. 3 was known as the "Berggren School" because it was located a mile and one-half from the Ernest Berggren farm. She stayed at the Berggren home and if the weather was nice she walked to and from school. If the weather was very cold, Mr. Berggren provided transportation via a buggy or sleigh pulled by horses. Included among her ten students was Arvid Berggren, the son of the Ernest Berggrens.

Stella taught all eight grades at the "Berggren School." Teaching rural school during the 1920s included janitorial work. Thus, she had to fire the pot-bellied stove with coal and wood, hoping that the coals would burn through the night so that she would not have to start a new fire in the morning. The teacher swept the floor and accompanied the students out-of-doors at recess time. Included among the simple games of the decade was "fox and geese," if there was adequate snow. Stella carried a lunch basket to school each day. There was a well on the school grounds for drinking water.

Her older sister, Marjorie, went on to teach for five years. While Stella was teaching in Billings Township, Marjorie had taken a position at Nekoma, approximately six and one-half miles to the east. When Stella went to spend a weekend with her sister, she met Oscar Oyos, her future husband.

Oscar Oyos, born at Union, North Dakota, on June 14, 1898, was an infant when he moved with his parents, Ole and Anne Halvorsen Oyos, and sister, Gyda, to East Billings Township

OKE - WITHERIDGE

Ida Estella Mary Witheridge

Born - 14 October 1866
Darlington, Canada
Married - 21 October 1895
Bowmanville, Ontario
Died - 10 April 1962
Marysville, Washington

Married --

Marwood Oke

Children:

Greta Miriam Lorene Oke
Born - 12 February 1896
Bowmanville, Ontario
Married - 10 November 1926
Hannah, North Dakota
Died - 10 May 1969
Edna Kansas

John Wilfred Ross Oke
Born - 2 August 1897
Bowmanville, Ontario
Married - 1925
Sarles, North Dakota
Died - 17 September 1986
Everett, Washington

Frederick William Oke
Born - 15 February 1899
Oshawa, Ontario
Married - 22 February 1929

Died - 20 October 1979
Devils Lake, North Dakota

Nettie Irene Oke
Born - 9 February 1901
Bowmanville, Ontario
Married - 15 February 1935

Died - 28 July 1966
Everett, Washington

[Note by DEW]

Marjorie Maude Oke
Born - 27 March 1903
Bowmanville, Ontario
Married - 23 June 1926 Palmer [illegible]
Sarles, North Dakota
Died - 6 April 1949

Devils Lake, North Dakota

**Estella Mary Oke**

Born - 13 February 1905
Bowmanville, Ontario
Married - 4 August 1926
Sarles, North Dakota
Died -

Estella Mary Oke
Born - 13 February 1905
Bowmanville, Ontario
Married - 4 August 1926
Sarles, North Dakota
Died -

Married ---

Oscar Adolph Oyos
Born - 14 June 1898
Union, North Dakota
Married - 4 August 1926
Sarles, North Dakota
Died - 3 October 1972
Devils Lake, North Dakota

Children:

Lynwood Earl Oyos
Born - 24 May 1927
Nekoma, North Dakota
Married - 18 October 1952
Madison, South Dakota
Died -

Donald Oscar Oyos
Born - 9 June 1931
Nekoma, North Dakota
Married - 15 June 1952
Nekoma, North Dakota
Died - 31 July 1986
Leonard, North Dakota

Lynwood Earl Oyos
    Born - 27 May 1927
        Nekoma, North Dakota
    Married - 18 October 1952
        Madison, South Dakota
    Died -

Married ---

Bedia Ann Shaheen
    Born - 6 August 1929
        Madison, South Dakota
    Married - 18 October 1952
        Madison, South Dakota
    Died -

Children:

Martin Paul Oyos
    Born - 25 July 1958
        Sioux Falls, South Dakota
    Married - 7 October 1989
        Sioux Falls, South Dakota
    Died -

Tanya Lynn Oyos
    Born - 15 January 1960
        Sioux Falls, South Dakota
    Married - 27 June 1987
        Sioux Falls, South Dakota
    Died -

Matthew Mark Oyos
    Born - 27 July 1961
        Sioux Falls, South Dakota
    Married - 24 August 1991
        Columbus, Ohio
    Died -

Donald Oscar Oyos
Born - 9 June 1931
Nekoma, North Dakota
Married - 15 June 1952
Nekoma, North Dakota
Died - 31 July 1986
Leonard, North Dakota

Married ---

Selma Mae Monshaugen
Born - 12 October 1931
Minot, North Dakota
Married - 15 June 1952
Nekoma, North Dakota
Died -

Children:

Carol Jean Oyos
Born - 15 December 1954
Devils Lake, North Dakota
Married - 7 October 1978
Leonard, North Dakota
Died -

Nancy Lee Oyos
Born - 20 July 1956
Devils Lake, North Dakota
Married - 7 July 1978
Leonard, North Dakota
Died -

Bradley William Oyos
Born - 27 December 1957
Grafton, North Dakota
Married - 8 June 1979
Sheldon, North Dakota
Died -

# AYRE STORY

(Written by C. R. Ayre)

Mr. Thomas H. Ayre and his wife, Maud Witheridge were not the first settlers in the district but were among some of the earliest. They were both born and raised in Ontario in the Bowmanville - Oshawa area. The parents of each of them had emigrated from Devon, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayre were married in Ontario in 1905. There must have been some misgivings among their families when they decided to move out West to what seemed to them a wild, untamed, far away country, populated by unfriendly Indians. Of course, that might have been true twenty to thirty years before.

After their marriage, they first went to North Dakota to work on farms of Mrs. Ayre's relatives in order to gather some money and equipment with the intention of moving to Saskatchewan later.

The move to Saskatchewan took place in June, 1907, after Mr. Ayre had first been out to locate a homestead quarter. To locate land, he came to North Battleford by rail and then there were those who made a living taking future homesteaders out by team and democrat to where there was still available land. Where they ended up was more or less according to where they were taken.

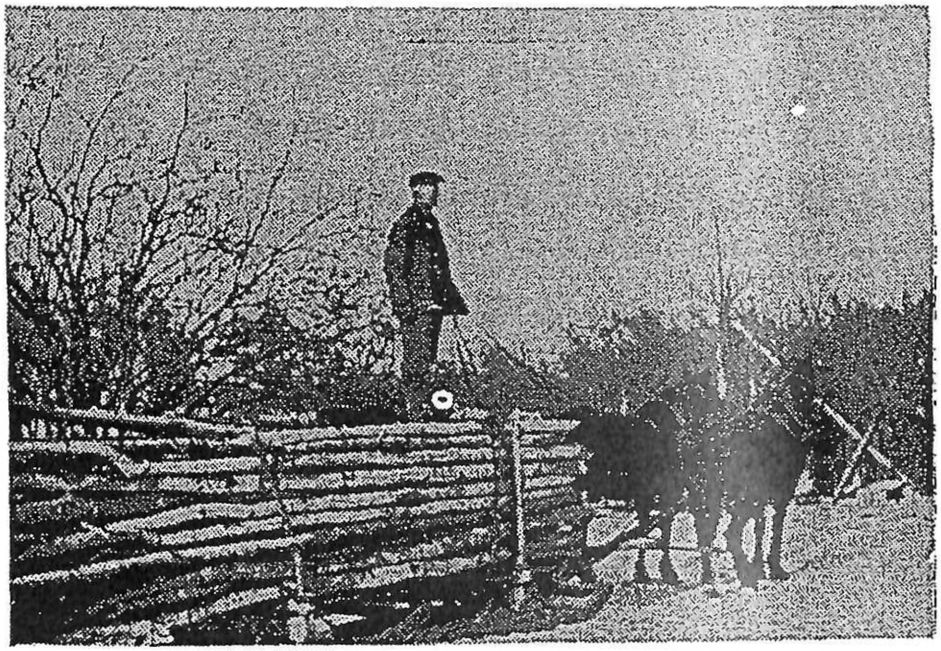
The location chosen was the N.E. section 6-50-18 W3rd. They were more fortunate than some, in that they were able to bring some horses with them and thus escaped the trials of

**The first home of T. H. Ayre, later a room built of log was added. Here the Hills were visitors.**

using oxen as many had to. The first house was a very small lumber shack with tarpaper on the outside, then another larger addition of logs was added with a sod roof. Neighbors were few and far between until later, when all the homesteads were taken up.

The land had been surveyed into townships of 36 sections and certain numbered sections were for settlers (4 to a section), certain sections were C.P.R. land grants, some Hudson Bay land grants, the rest crown lands for school purposes and some set aside for Indian reservations.

Mr. Ayre, having horses, was soon able to get jobs breaking land for other settlers, sometimes quite a few miles away, which meant leaving Mrs. Ayre alone for several days at a time with no neighbors. She recalled being at home alone one time when a band of Indians consisting of some thirty or more wagons, many horseback riders, hounds, etc. went by close to her house. It must have been rather frightening after having heard all sorts of stories in Ontario. However, all she could do was tie the door shut and watch as the horseback riders circled the house several times and went on their way. The house was located near a trail the Indians used to go between Thunderchild Reserve and Moosiman Reserve at Jackfish, and their overnight camp was on Blackfoot Creek, this area is now part of the Ayre farm.



**Mr. T. H. Ayre driving Rock and Jerry, just home with a load of logs for fuel.**

All was well for some time until Mr. Ayre took quite ill (1910). No doctor was closer than Battleford so he was taken by team and democrat to Battleford. The diagnosis was a ruptured appendix, internally. Good health soon returned without surgery.

Later, when each of the homesteads was taken up, neighbors were plentiful, much more so than today (1978). Of course, not all were to stay, some just stayed the necessary time to get title to the land and moved, while many stayed on and made the communities what they are today.

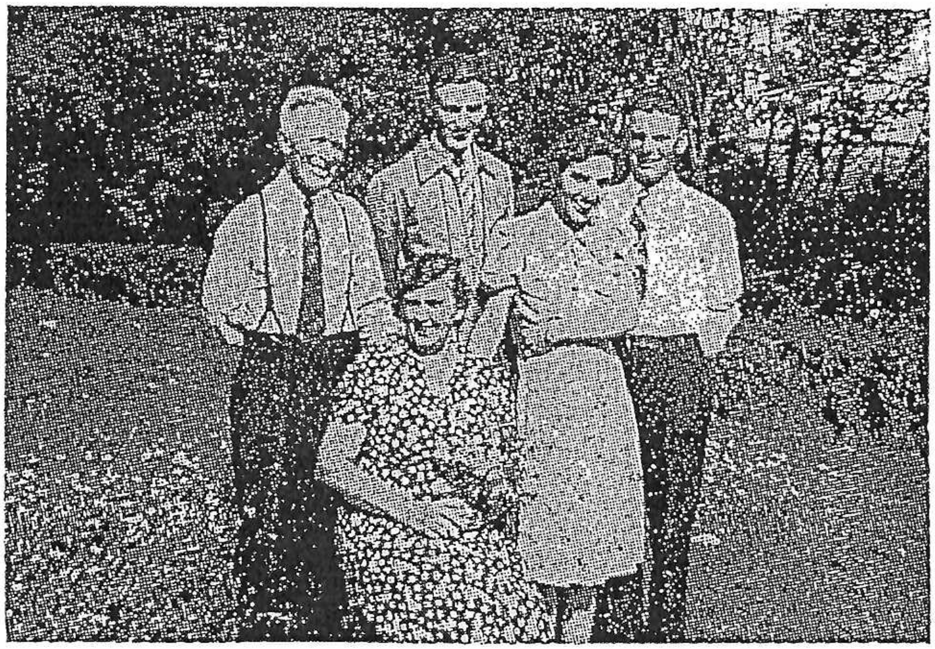
Mr. and Mrs. Ayre moved a few rods south to S.E. 6-50-18, having bought this place from Mr. Ed Bell. This quarter had a two storey house on it and a better water supply. With several additions to it, this house is still there today and their family was all born and raised there, with the exception of their first son, Clarence. He was born at Flander's farm, eight miles north of North Battleford - to be near a doctor. Clarence was reported to be the first white baby in this district. George Bower was only two weeks or so later.

Like all new mothers, Mrs. Ayre was proud of her son, and she was teased by her neighbors when one day she forgot him on the counter top in Jepson's store - started home alone - in a few minutes was back for the baby.

The Ayre family consisted of two boys, Clarence and Elmer, and one girl, Vivian. Clarence was of a very quiet nature when a very small boy. When he and his parents went to visit neighbors, he was quite content to sit on a chair the whole time. Later, when a little older, one of his chores was to bring home the cows for the evening milking. In those days (early 1920's), there was open range and the cows could be in any direction for several miles around. Many an evening a tearful Clarence would arrive home, unable to find the cows.

Elmer was very active when a small boy, and it seemed paint pails, oil and grease containers had a very great attraction for him. When a little older and able to help mother, one day he was operating the barrel churn. These churns were operated by a hand lever and a foot treadle, causing the barrel to rotate vertically. Fast was not good enough, faster was better; so when he really had it rolling, he said, "Look, Mother, look!" Right about then the drain plug flew out. The result was the contents were scattered the length of the room on floor and ceiling.

Elmer, Mr. Ayre and Vivian.



Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ayre on their 37th Wedding Anniversary August 30, 1942 with their family, Clarence, Elmer and Vivian.

Clarence married a nurse, Ethel Benson, who worked at Edam Hospital. Elmer married a teacher who taught at Blackfoot school. Her name was Jean Huff and she was from Wilkie. Ethel's home was on a farm at Kerrobert. Vivian married a local boy, Clarence Hanson, and they farm in the district. They have two daughters, both married and away from home.

Elmer and Jean have four daughters, all married. Elmer lives on the home place. Clarence and Ethel farmed and lived one-half mile south of the home place for thirty years. They still farm, but now live in Edam. They have no family.

Mrs, Ayre, Sr. had no musical training, but could sing very well and loved to take part in that way, at any community gathering. She had taught herself to play the piano a little. Mr. Ayre was not really musical but liked music, and got a kick out of telling neighbors who called that he could now play the piano, and going in another room and playing the player piano, before he told them he had this instrument. He also liked to get on the drums of Mr. Albert Greening at some of the dances.

Mrs. Ayre saw to it that her family had some music training, piano, wind instruments and singing. Mr. Ayre served as director of the rural telephone company (phone were installed about 1917), served on the school board (school was held for a few months in their first log house), and on church boards. In the earlier days church was held in private homes. The minister often stopped overnight at the Ayre place, even if it meant sleeping under the table because that would be the only dry place in a rainy season.

Mr. Ayre died in a farm accident in 1942, aged 62 years, an indirect casualty of the Second World War, as he would not

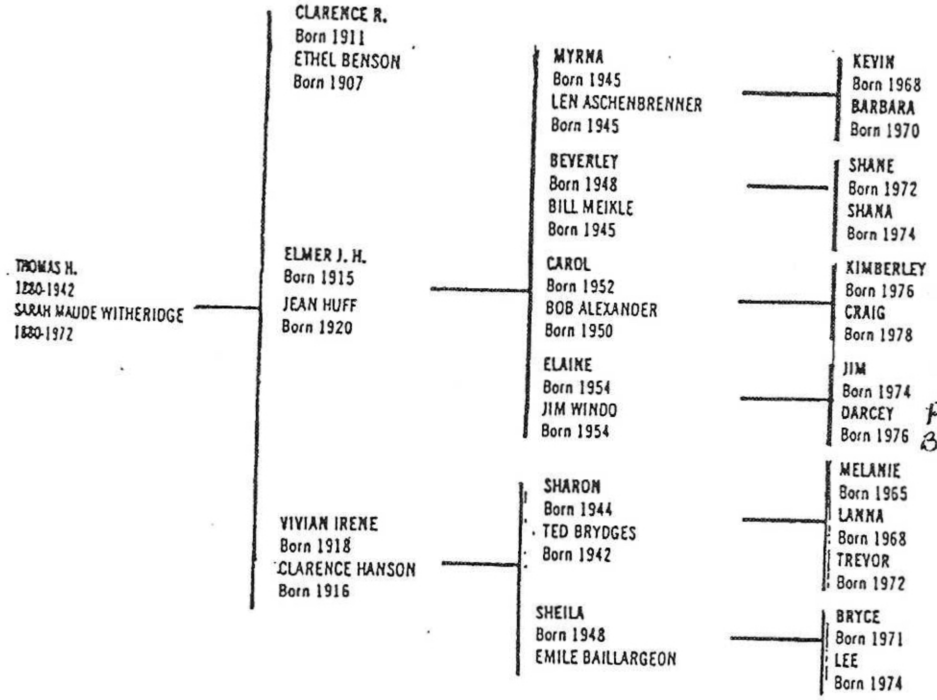
**Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hanson, Mrs. T. H. Ayre, Clarence and Vivan Hanson, Clarence and Ethel Ayre.**

have been working in the field during threshing time had there not been a shortage of men. After his death, Mrs. Ayre lived with her daughter until the last few years. She passed away in a nursing home in 1972, aged 92 years.

One of the earlier cars in the district was the Ayres' Maxwell (1918). It seemed to be as unreliable as Jack Benny's Maxwell on his radio show of the 1930's. Many a time it was pushed home. An early radio in the district was their Atwater Kent with its large and many tubes and dials and a large speaker horn. This would be in the middle twenties. During the early years, people relied on each other more than now and visited often. Another pioneer family, the Hoods, used to visit back and forth with Ayres and during the Christmas season when King George V began to broadcast Christmas messages to the Commonwealth, the Hoods would come up to Ayres and play Lost Heir (card game) until broadcast was to commence; possibly 4 or 5 a.m., then the children would be awakened, having fallen asleep or been put to bed before, and all would gather around the radio to hear the speech. Alas, usually the result would be nothing but squacks, squeels, static and other assorted noises, but everybody had fun anyway.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. H. Ayre on their 35th Wedding Anniversary with daughters, Myrna Aschenbrenner, Beverley Meikle, Carol Alexander, and Elaine Windo.

The Ayre family have taken part in community affairs over the years, Vivian has shared her talent in singing, is active in church and other organizations; Elmer has served on church and school boards and was a leader in the 4H club for a long time. Clarence has been on church, school and hospital boards, municipal council, wheat pool committee and Edam Donors Choice Committee, also Credit Union.


THOMAS H.
1880-1942
SARAH MAUDE WITHERIDGE
1880-1972
CLARENCE R.
Born 1911
ETHEL BENSON
Born 1907
ELMER J. H.
Born 1915
JEAN HUFF
Born 1920
VIVIAN IRENE
Born 1918
CLARENCE HANSON
Born 1916
MYRNA
Born 1945
LEN ASCHENBRENNER
Born 1945
BEVERLEY
Born 1948
BILL MEIKLE
Born 1945
CAROL
Born 1952
BOB ALEXANDER
Born 1950
ELAINE
Born 1954
JIM WINDO
Born 1954
SHARON
Born 1944
TED BRYDGES
Born 1942
SHEILA
Born 1948
EMILE BAILLARGEON
KEVIN
Born 1968
BARBARA
Born 1970
SHANE
Born 1972
SHANA
Born 1974
KIMBERLEY
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CRAIG
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JIM
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DARCEY
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MELANIE
Born 1965
LANNA
Born 1968
TREVOR
Born 1972
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LEE
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23 - 4 - 1981

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

I noticed in the Cornish Family magazine the names of families you were interested in. The following may be of help to you.
My family is "Carkeek" & the names you mentioned married into my family.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MARY ANN HARRIS | m. | William Carkeek | 1835<br>18<br>17 | Redruth |
| Jane RICHARDS | m | William Carkeek | 1841<br>18<br>23 | Madron |
| Jane RICHARDS | m | John Carkeek<br>b. 1759 | 1778<br>18<br>60 | Redruth |
| Mary RICHARDS | m | John Carkeek | 1821<br>18<br>03 | Redruth |
| Alice RICHARDS | m | Stephen Carkeek | 1804<br>18<br>86 | Redruth. |

I also have their children.

Good luck with your research

(Mrs). Moira Lawrence

#1054

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
July 4, 1981

Mrs. Noela Lawrence
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Australia

Dear Mrs. Lawrence:

Thank you for your interesting letter of April 23rd about our common interest in Cornish family history. I especially appreciate the information you gave about members of the Harris and Richards families who married into the Carkeek family.

My great grandmother was Christiana Richards, who was baptized in Gwennap on Feb. 16, 1820, and was married to William Allen in Gwennap on Jan. 19, 1843.

Christiana's father was John Richards, who was baptized in Gwennap on Aug. 3, 1774, the son of John Richards and Hannah Tregunna. Her mother, Elizabeth Harris, the daughter of George and Mary Harris, was baptized in Gwennap on May 27, 1775. George was the son of George and Ellenor Harris and was baptized Jan 1, 1746, also in Gwennap.

So far I have failed to find a connection between your Harris and Richards relatives and mine. We have a Latter Day Saints (Mormon) branch library in Minneapolis, and I went there to check the names you sent in their microfische International Genealogical Index. I did find a record of the marriages you listed, as follows:

CARKEEK, William m. Mary Ann HARRIS, 12 Oct. 1835, Redruth
CARGEEGE (That's the way they had it), William m. Jane RICHARDS,
12 Oct. 1841, Madron
CARKEEK, John m. Jane RICHARDS, 17 Jan. 1778, Redruth
CARKEEK, John m. Mary RICHARDS, 25 Dec. 1821, Redruth
CARKEEK, Stephen m. Alice RICHARDS, 30 June 1804, Redruth

However, I was unable to identify the baptismal records, and thus the parents, of these individuals. In each case there was more than one possibility, so I couldn't select the right one.

I'm hoping you have more information on the family relationships of these Harris and Richards relatives of yours. If you will send me all you have about them, I'll try to continue the search for a connection with my family.

It would be very interesting to find that I have some relatives in Australia, so I hope to hear from you again.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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CARKEEK, William m. Mary Ann Harris, 12 Oct. 1835 Redruth
S - Cleared - Batch M053411 Ser. sh. 4169

CARGEEGE, William m. Jane Richards 12 Oct. 1841 Madron
S - 10 Oct. 1973 P.V.; Batch M001691, Ser. sh. 6853

CARKEEK, John m. Jane Richards 17 Jan. 1778 Redruth
S - 28 Nov. 1973 LA; Batch 7214628; Ser. sh. 55

CARKEEK, John m. Jane Richards 17 Jan. 1778 Redruth
S - 19 Nov. 1947 LG; Batch A178128; Ser. sh. 0418

CARKEEK, John m. Mary Richards 25 Dec. 1821 Redruth
S - Cleared; Batch M053411; Ser. sh. 3134

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CARKEEK, Stephen m. Alice Richards; 30 June 1804 Redruth
S - 27 Nov. 1973 LA; Batch 7214628; Ser. sh. 96

CAR^K^EEK, Stephen m. Alice Richards; 30 June 1804 Redruth
S - 5 Mar. 1948 SL; Batch A184796; Ser. sh. 1571

[check also other spouse surnames]

RICHARDS, Jane, d. of Michael + Ann Richards, bapt. 16 Mar. 1821,
Madron - B - 13 Sept. 1968 SL; E - 18 Nov. 1968 SL;
S - 11 Dec. 1969 IF; Batch P001692; Ser. sh. 5949

RICHARDS, Jane, d. of Robert + Jane Richards, bapt. 26 Sept. 1819;
Madron - B - 13 Sept. 1968 SL; E - 18 Nov. 1968 SL;
S - 11 Dec. 1969 IF; Batch P001692; Ser. sh. 5843

RICHARDS, Jane, d. of Thomas + Mary Richards, bapt. 11 June, 1815,
Madron - B - 13 Sept. 1968 SL; E 15 Nov. 1968 SL;
S - 11 Dec. 1969 IF; Batch P001692; Ser. sh. 5585

RICHARDS, Jane, d. of Richard + Mary Richards, bapt. 27 July 1751
Redruth - B 19 Mar. 1960; E - 20 Apr. 1960 M.T; S 12 Feb. 1970 I.F.
Batch P020291; Ser. sh. 7504

RICHARD, Jane, d. of John + Jane Richard, bapt. 5 Feb. 1750, Redruth.
B - 31 Mar. 1969 LG; E - 12 June 1969 LG; S - 12 Feb. 1970 IF; Batch P020291, Ser. 7312

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RICHARDS, Mary, d. of Robert & Honor Richards, bapt. 20 Mar. 1803,
Redruth; B - 19 Mar. 1976 PV; E - 14 May 1976 PV;
S - 23 June 1976 PV; Batch C053411, Ser. Sh. 11594
RICHARDS, Mary, d. of Philip & Ann Richards, bapt. 26 Sept. 1802,
Redruth; B - 19 Mar. 1976 PV; E - 14 May 1976 PV; S - 23 June 1976 PV;
Batch C053411; Ser. Sh. 11469
RICHARDS, Mary, d. of Robert & Honor Richards, bapt. 31 July, 1800,
Redruth; B - 19 Mar. 1976 PV; E - 14 May 1976 PV;
S - 22 June 1976 PV; Batch C053411; Ser. Sh. 11006
RICHARDS, Mary, d. of Henry & Barbara Richards, bapt. 24 Feb. 1799,
Redruth; B - 19 Mar. 1976 PV; E - 14 May 1976 PV;
S - 22 June, 1976 PV; Batch C053411; Ser. Sh. 10656
RICHARDS, Mary, d. of Nicholas & Ann Richards, bapt. 15 Apr. 1798;
Redruth; B - 19 Mar. 1976 PV; E - 14 May 1976 PV;
S - 22 June 1976 PV; Batch C053411; Ser. Sh. 10463

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Dear Rev, Witheridge,

Thank you for your letter. I have enclosed my family tree as far as I have gone & the only information I have so far as regards the Richards etc is.

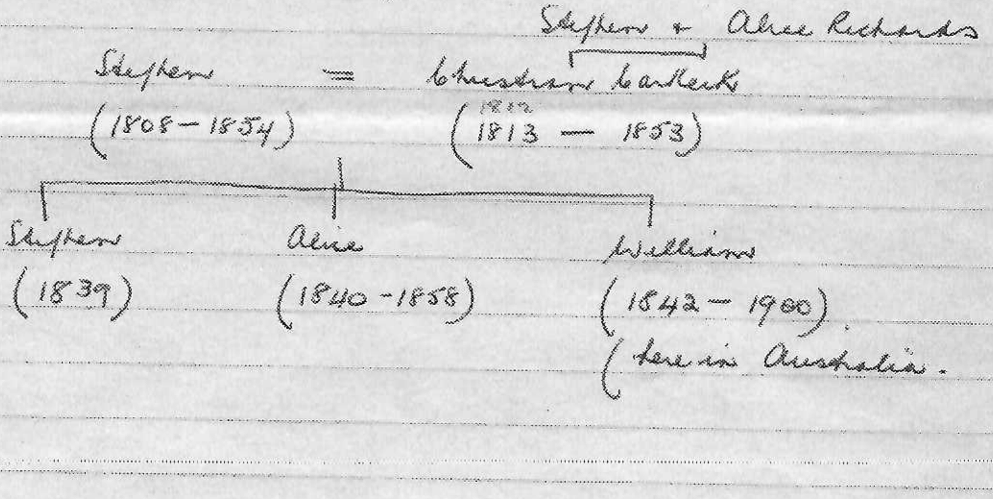
John m Jane Richards in 1778
(1759)
Johns parents were Zacharias & Mary Noble (① on family tree)

John m Either Mary Richards in 1821 (② on family tree).
(1800) or Charity Hocking in 1821
Johns parents were John & Rosamond Brown.

Stephen m Alice Richards in 1804 (Could be ③ on family tree).
(1786)

I am still working on this one. I do know Stephen & Alice had a daughter Christian who married a Stephen Carkeek in 1838. (his second wife). She & Stephen are buried (1853 & 1854) in churchyard at Gwinear. Their son William came to Australia in 1858 with John (his stepbrother)

Their tree is


Stephen & Alice Richards
Stephen (1808-1854)
=
Christian Carkeek (1812 1813 — 1853)
Stephen (1839)
Alice (1840-1858)
William (1842-1900). (here in Australia.

Another bit of information

Stephen = Alice Richards in 1804 in Redruth.

Stephen 1805 (Redruth)
Mary 1806 "
Mary Jane 1808 "
John 1811 (Gwennap)
Christian 1812 " = m Stephen Carkeek in 1858 (1808)
Elizabeth 1814 (Redruth)
Alice 1816 (Gwennap)
Eliza 1819 "
William 1823 " .

Thats all I have at present, I am waiting on information from England (wills etc) so if I obtain any information pertaining to your family I will forward it to you.

Yours sincerely

Noela Lawrence.

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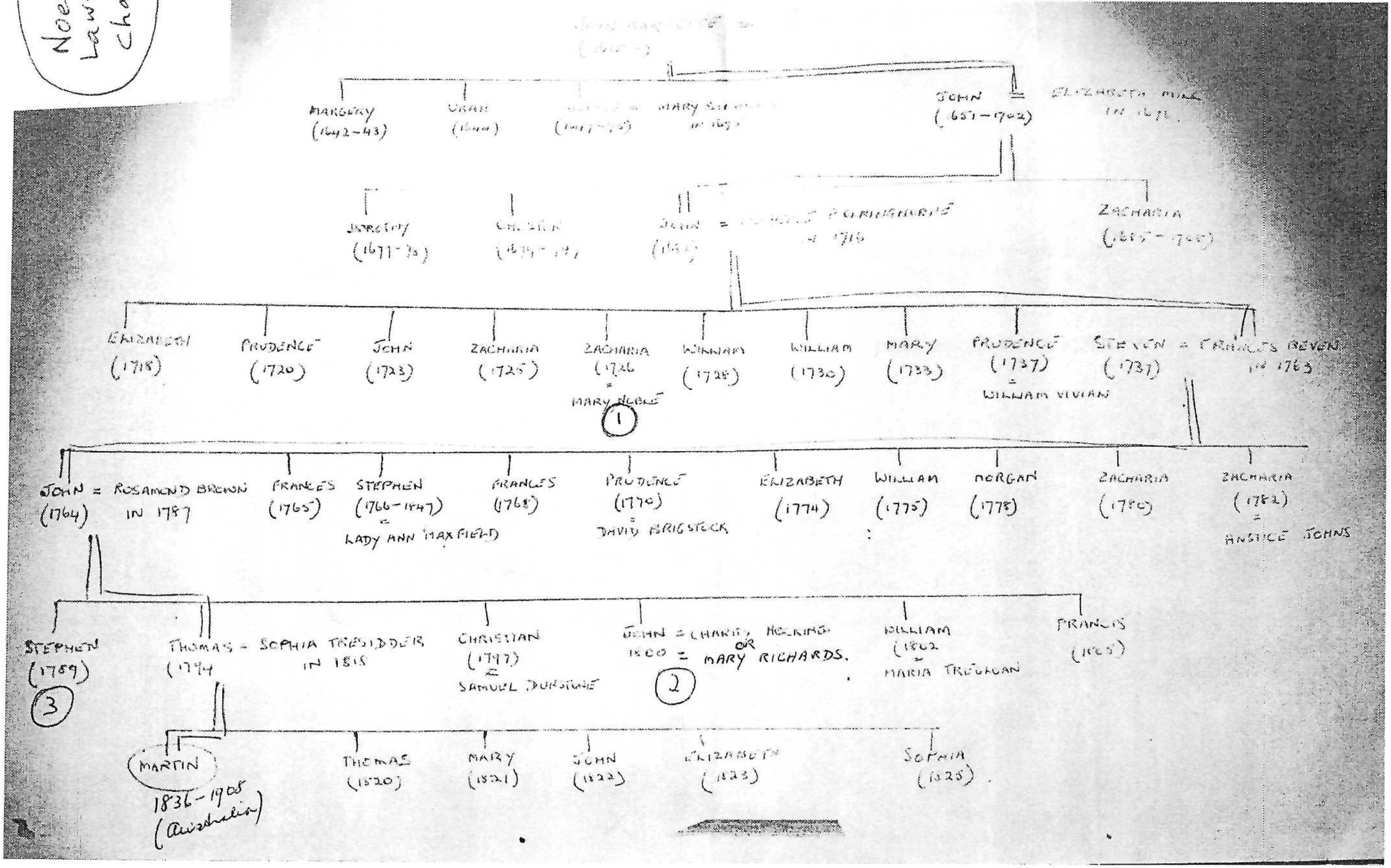
MARGERY (1642–43)
URAH (1644)
(1647–95) = MARY in 1695
JOHN (1651–1702) = ELIZABETH in 1676.
DOROTHY (1677–78)
CHRISTIAN (1679–1?)
JOHN (1682) = PENINGHURST in 1716
ZACHARIA (1685–1705)
ELIZABETH (1718)
PRUDENCE (1720)
JOHN (1723)
ZACHARIA (1725)
ZACHARIA (1726) = MARY NOBLE
①
WILLIAM (1728)
WILLIAM (1730)
MARY (1733)
PRUDENCE (1737) = WILLIAM VIVIAN
STEVEN (1737) = FRANCES BEVEN in 1763
JOHN (1764) = ROSAMOND BROWN IN 1787
FRANCES (1765)
STEPHEN (1766–1847) = LADY ANN MAXFIELD
FRANCES (1768)
PRUDENCE (1770) = DAVID BRIGSTOCK
ELIZABETH (1774)
WILLIAM (1775)
MORGAN (1778)
ZACHARIA (1780)
ZACHARIA (1782) = ANSTICE JOHNS
STEPHEN (1789)
③
THOMAS (1794) = SOPHIA TRESIDDER IN 1815
CHRISTIAN (1797) = SAMUEL DUNSTONE
JOHN 1800 = CHARITY HOCKING OR MARY RICHARDS.
②
WILLIAM (1802) = MARIA TREGUNAN
FRANCIS (1805)
MARTIN 1836–1908 (Australia)
THOMAS (1820)
MARY (1821)
JOHN (1822)
ELIZABETH (1823)
SOPHIA (1825)

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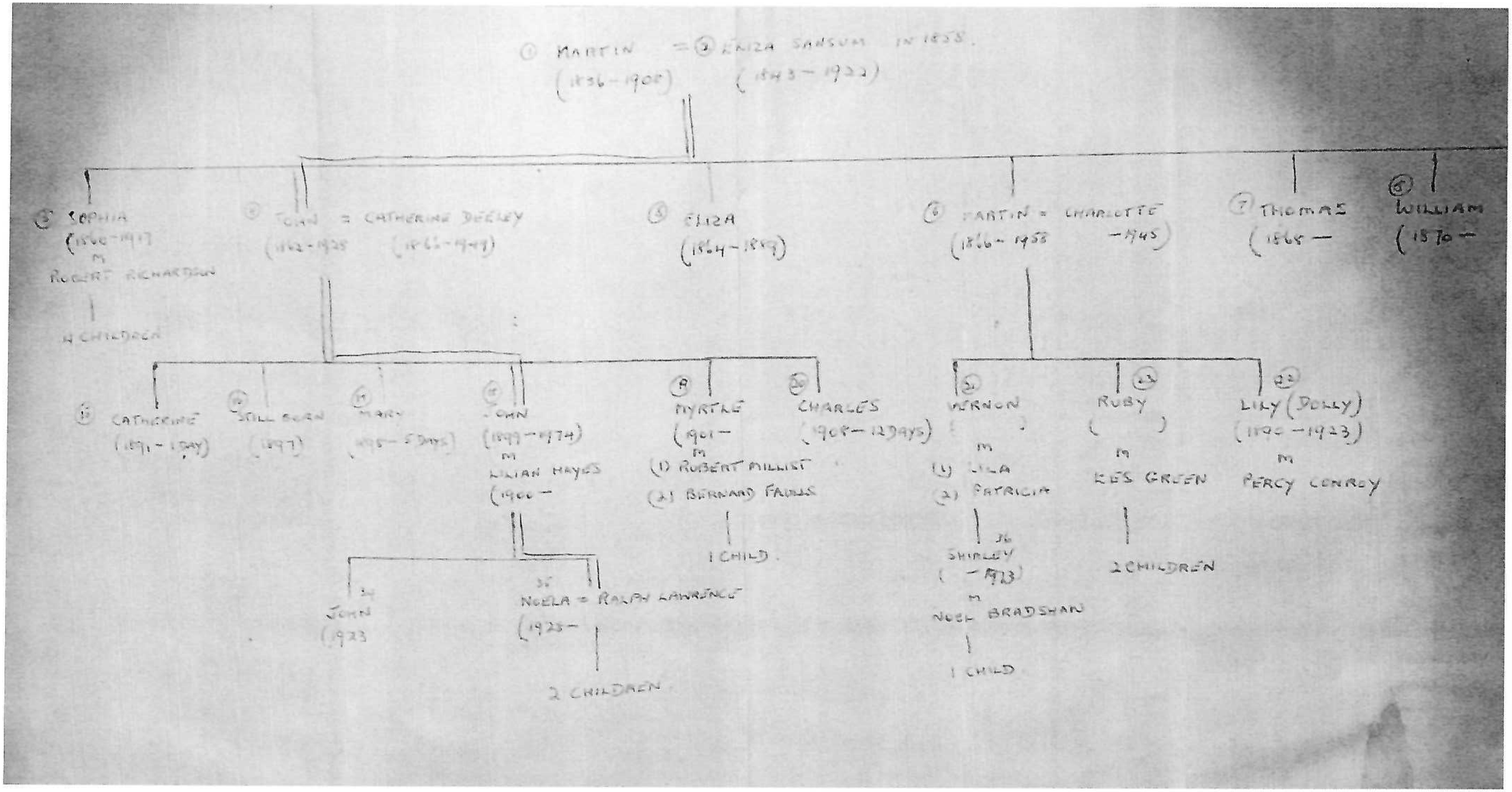
① MARTIN = ② ELIZA SANSUM IN 1858.
(1836-1908) (1843-1922)
③ SOPHIA
(1860-1917
m
ROBERT RICHARDSON
4 CHILDREN
④ JOHN = CATHERINE DEELEY
(1862-1925 (1861-1949)
⑤ ELIZA
(1864-1889)
⑥ MARTIN = CHARLOTTE
(1866-1958 -1945)
⑦ THOMAS
(1868 —
⑧ WILLIAM
(1870 —
⑮ CATHERINE
(1891 - 1 DAY)
⑯ STILL BORN
(1897)
⑰ MARY
(1895 - 5 DAYS)
⑱ JOHN
(1899-1974)
m
LILIAN HAYES
(1900 —
⑲ MYRTLE
(1901 —
m
(1) ROBERT MILLIST
(2) BERNARD FAULS
1 CHILD.
⑳ CHARLES
(1908 - 12 DAYS)
㉑ VERNON
( )
m
(1) LILA
(2) PATRICIA
36
SHIRLEY
( - 1983)
m
NOEL BRADSHAW
1 CHILD.
㉓ RUBY
( )
m
LES GREEN
2 CHILDREN
㉒ LILY (DOLLY)
(1890 - 1923)
m
PERCY CONROY
34
JOHN
(1923
35
NOELA = RALPH LAWRENCE
(1925 —
2 CHILDREN.

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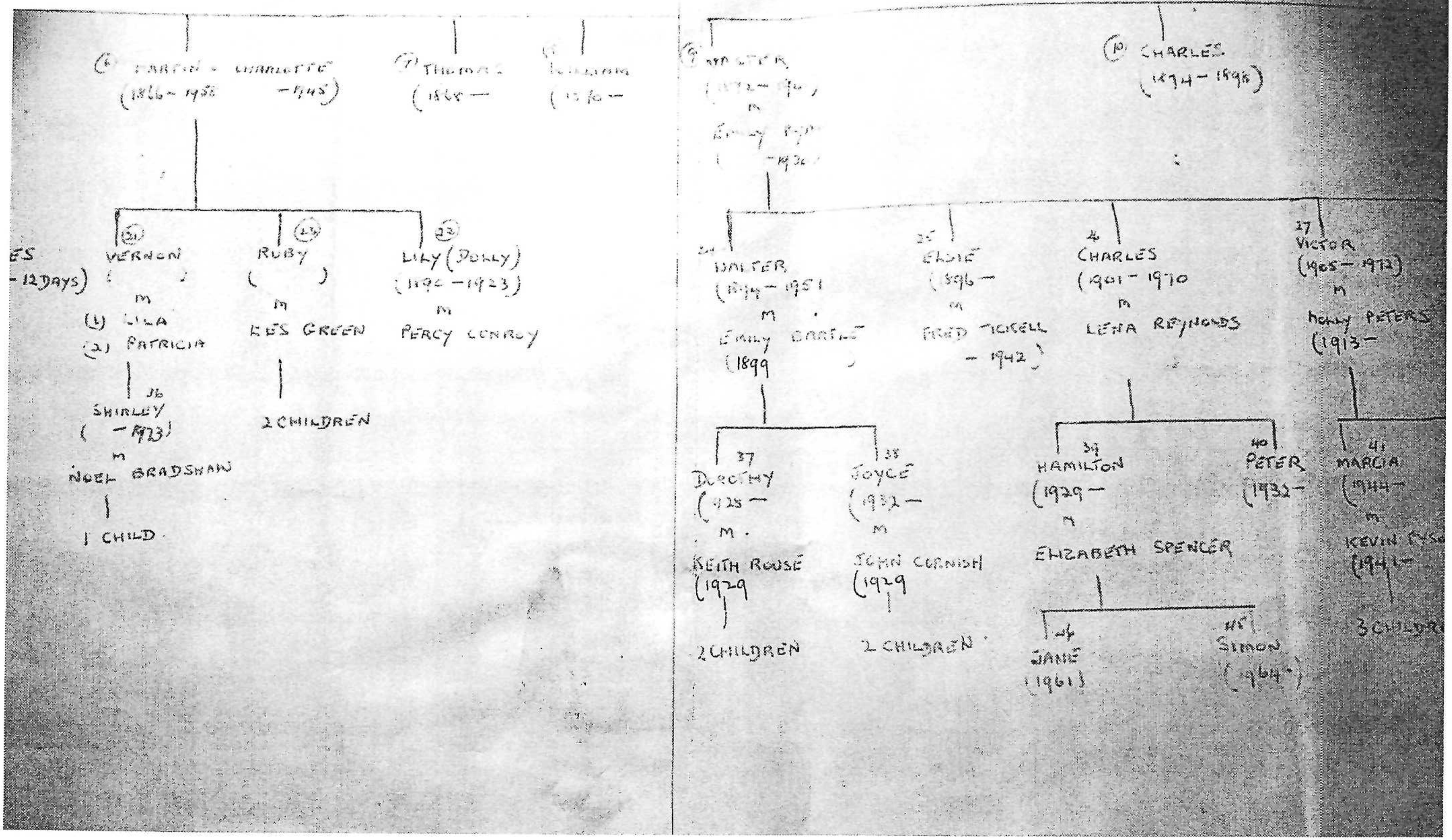
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(1866 – 1958 – 1945)
(7) THOMAS
(1868 –
(8) WILLIAM
(1870 –
(9) [illegible]
(1872 – 19[illegible])
m
Emily [illegible]
( – 1936)
(10) CHARLES
(1894 – 1898)
ES
– 12 DAYS)
(51) VERNON
( )
m
(1) LILA
(2) PATRICIA
36
SHIRLEY
( – 1973)
m
NOEL BRADSHAW
1 CHILD.
(23) RUBY
( )
m
LES GREEN
2 CHILDREN
(22) LILY (DOLLY)
(1892 – 1923)
m
PERCY CONROY
24
WALTER
(1894 – 1951
m
EMILY BARTLE
(1899 )
37
DOROTHY
(1925 –
m.
KEITH ROUSE
(1929
2 CHILDREN
38
JOYCE
(1932 –
m
JOHN CORNISH
(1929
2 CHILDREN.
25
ELSIE
(1896 –
m
FRED TICKELL
– 1942)
4
CHARLES
(1901 – 1970
m
LENA REYNOLDS
39
HAMILTON
(1929 –
m
ELIZABETH SPENCER
44
JANE
(1961)
45
SIMON
(1964)
40
PETER
(1932 –
27
VICTOR
(1905 – 1972)
m
Molly PETERS
(1913 –
41
MARCIA
(1944 –
m
KEVIN TYS
(1941 –
3 CHILDR

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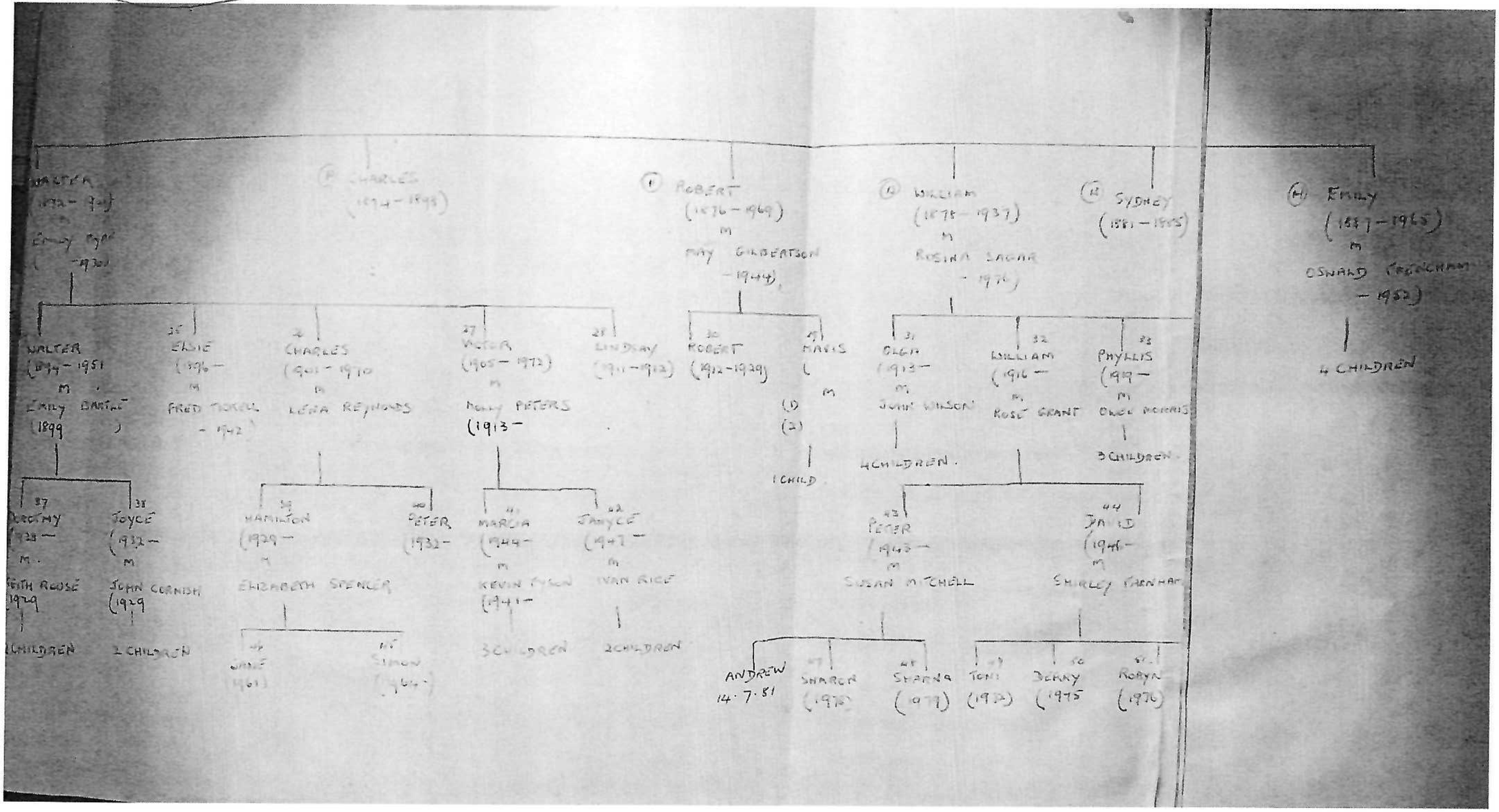
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(1872 - 1931)
m
EMILY PYPE
( -1930)
Ⓟ CHARLES
(1874 - 1895)
① ROBERT
(1876 - 1969)
m
MAY GILBERTSON
-1944)
⑫ WILLIAM
(1878 - 1937)
m
ROSINA SAGAR
- 1976)
⑬ SYDNEY
(1881 - 1885)
⑭ EMILY
(1887 - 1965)
m
OSWALD FRENCHAM
- 1952)
4 CHILDREN
WALTER
(1894 - 1951
m
EMILY BARTLE
(1899 )
25 ELSIE
(1896 -
m
FRED TICKELL
- 1942)
26 CHARLES
(1901 - 1970
m
LENA REYNOLDS
27 VICTOR
(1905 - 1972)
m
MOLLY PETERS
(1913 -
28 LINDSAY
(1911 - 1912)
30 ROBERT
(1912 - 1939)
29 MAVIS
(
m
(1)
(2)
1 CHILD
31 OLGA
(1913 -
m
JOHN WILSON
4 CHILDREN.
32 WILLIAM
(1916 -
m
ROSE GRANT
33 PHYLLIS
(1919 -
m
OWEN MORRIS
3 CHILDREN.
37 DOROTHY
(1928 -
m.
KEITH ROUSE
(1929
2 CHILDREN
38 JOYCE
(1932 -
m
JOHN CORNISH
(1929
2 CHILDREN
39 HAMILTON
(1929 -
m
ELIZABETH SPENCER
40 PETER
(1932 -
41 MARCIA
(1944 -
m
KEVIN TYSON
(1941 -
3 CHILDREN
42 JANYCE
(1947 -
m
IVAN RICE
2 CHILDREN
43 PETER
(1943 -
m
SUSAN MITCHELL
44 DAVID
(1946 -
m
SHIRLEY FARNHAM
46 JANE
1961)
45 SIMON
(1964 -)
ANDREW
14 · 7 · 81
47 SHARON
(1976)
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(1979)
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(1972)
50 JERRY
(1975
51 ROBYN
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George and John Chivers
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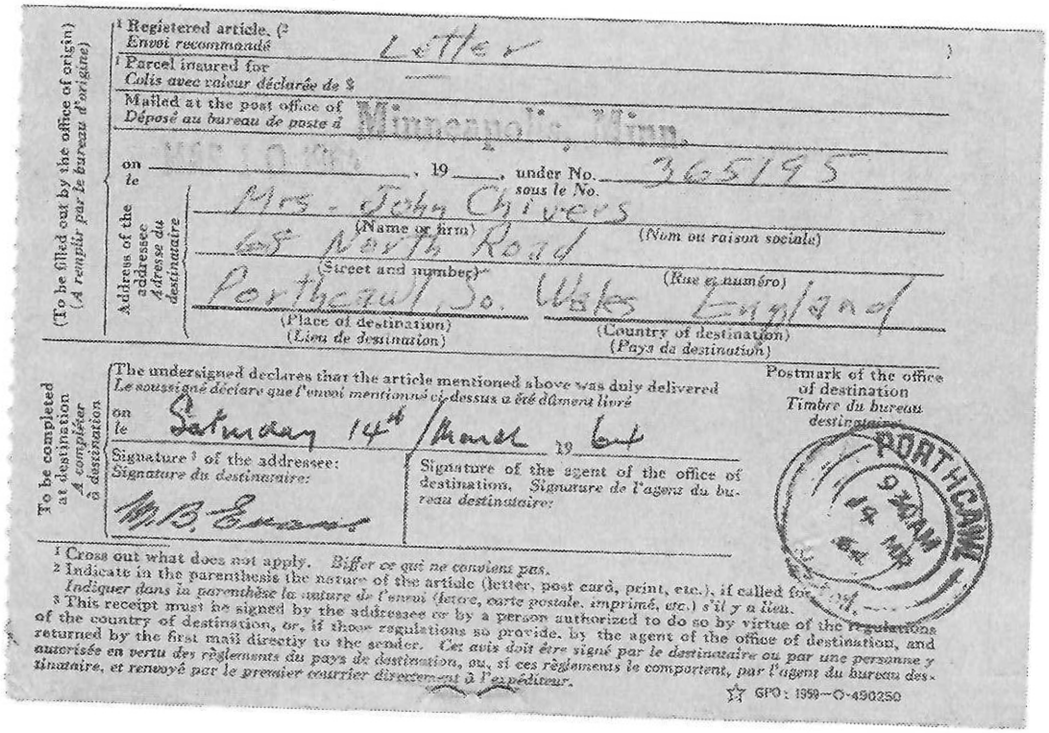

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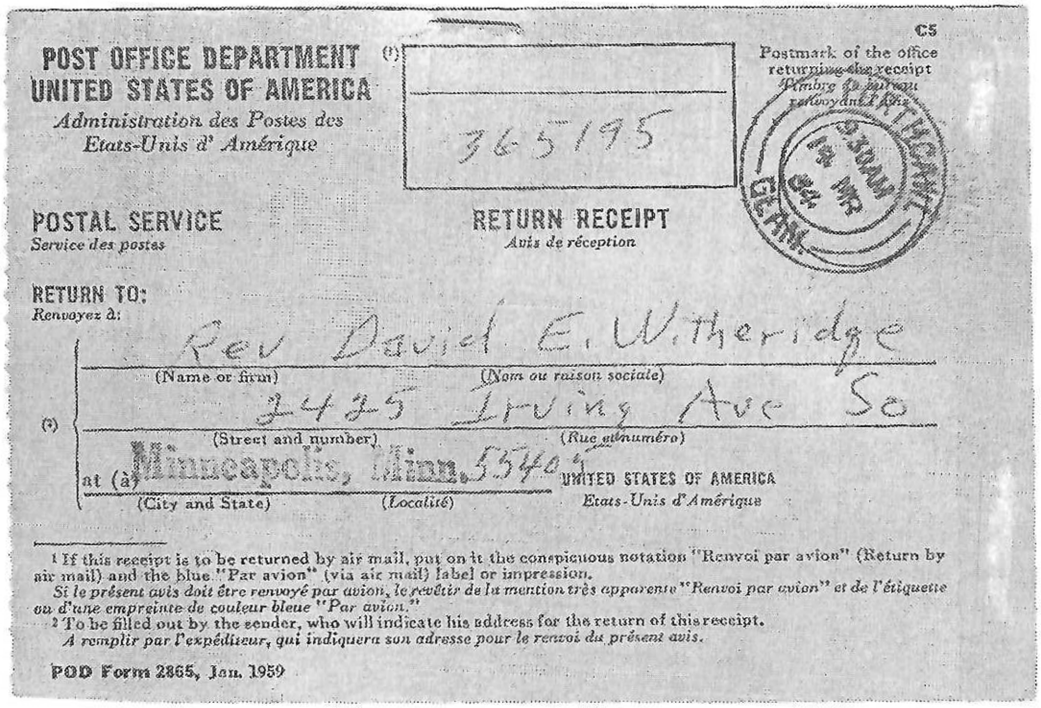

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*A remplir par l'expéditeur, qui indiquera son adresse pour le renvoi du présent avis.*

**POD Form 2865, Jan. 1959**

2425 Irving Avenue So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
March 9, 1964

South
Mrs. John Chivers
68 ~~North~~ Road
Porthcawl, So. Wales
England

Dear Mrs. Chivers:

Let me introduce myself. If my information is correct, your husband's mother, Elizabeth Witheridge Chivers, was my grandfather's sister. My father was William Allen Witheridge, and he was the son of William Witheridge, who married Mary Jane Allen.

When my father died last year, I suddenly realized that we knew very little about his family and ancestry. So I began collecting all the bits of information we had and organizing them into a family record.

In the process I had a very interesting talk with George Chivers in Auburn, Michigan, and he is the one who gave me your address. I hope it is still correct. So far, I have not established contact with any of our relatives in England, and I am hoping you can help me by providing some addresses.

My Aunt Clara Mae (Mrs. Alan E. Marquis) in California gave me an address for a cousin of my father, George Adams. I guess he would also be a cousin of your husband. However, the address was wrong, for my letter to him came back undelivered.

Perhaps you would know the address of Mr. Adams, if he is still living, or of some member of his family.

If you could give me the addresses of any other relatives who are descendents of the Witheridge family, I'd be very grateful to you. It seems strange that we have lost contact with all our relatives there.

Now a word about myself. I am a Baptist minister. After a number of years as a pastor in and near Chicago, I came to Minneapolis to be the executive secretary of the local council of churches. My wife Elizabeth and I both grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and we have two sons in high school, James and Thomas.

I hope your health is good. Please tell me a little about yourself and your family when you write.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

68 South Rd.
Porthcawl
S. Wales England

(4/1/64)
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Dear Friends

Just a line in answer to your letter of the 14th of March, sorry I have not answered before as I have'nt been very well anyway I have sent your letter to your cousin Edgar Adams as he will be able to give you the information you need better than I can. I hope so. I knew Aunt Susy & Uncle John Adams and some of their children. I know Will Adams & George their children have passed on many years ago. They had two daughters one called Clara and one Susanah. I dont know if they are still alive but Edgar remembers me at Christmas time. He was the only cousin on my husband John Chivers side who could come to see us when John was so sick and one cousin on John's Fathers side. As you know the nearest relatives are over there. John and I came over to U.S.A.

twice so we knew your Grandparents. We had a lovely time over there. We also knew your father and your Uncle & Aunt Clara.

I lost my dear John 8½ years ago. He was a semi invalid for 12 years after a stroke and how I have missed him. We lived a very happy life. I have no children.

I am living in my own house and I let two rooms to an old lady so I have company in the house. I have a lot to be thankful for, I have a sister & brother and their children living quite near.

George Chivers writes to me regularly Elizabeth & Ed Chivers sometimes. I am not too good at writing now, not so easy to concentrate. I am in my 80th year so please forgive the imperfection. I hope by now you have heard from Edgar Adams and that he has been able to give you what you require. We are having cold weather for the time of year, but we had a very mild winter. I hope you & family are well. I am not too bad except for old age pains. Now I must conclude. With love & best wishes & God bless you & all

Yours sincerely

S E Chivers

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
May 31, 1964

Mrs. John Chivers
68 South Road
Porthcawl, So. Wales
England

Dear Mrs. Chivers:

I did enjoy your letter very much, and I know I would enjoy talking with you. I'm interested in the fact that you visited in America and knew my father and other relatives.

For two months I have been looking forward to receiving a letter from Edgar Adams. I was waiting to write you until I heard from him, but so far he has not writen. So I finally decided to write and ask you for his address. Then I'll be able to write directly to him.

I'm glad you have your own house to live in and that you have a pleasant companion living with you. It sounds as though you are in fairly good health, for which I am thankful.

We are all well and very busy. My wife just finished writing a children's book and sending it to the publisher. She has already had four books published, two on Bible themes, one about a boy in Pennsylvania over a hundred years ago, and one about a girl on a farm in Michigan early in this century.

Our older boy Jim is about to graduate from high school, and he expects to go to the University of Minnesota next fall. Our younger boy Tom has one more year in high school. He is 6'-3" tall and still growing!

Since you knew my grandparents and also Cutie and John Adams, I wonder if you knew your husband's other uncles and aunts. According to my information, there was Ned Witheridge who married a girl named Elizabeth, and also a Clara Witheridge and a John Witheridge who would have been brothers and sister of your husband's mother. Do you know anything about them?

Please write as soon as possible and give me Edgar Adams' address, as I am very anxious to correspond with him.

Yours sincerely,

David M. Witheridge

# Editor's Note

The document on the next three pages is a set of notes made by my Aunt Janice (Janice Witheridge [q.v.]) on poor quality note paper that hasn't held up well. You will notice that over the years (since about 1963 or '64) it "bled" a brownish stain onto the page following it in my dad's files. Fortunately, most of these notes are still more or less readable.

I'm glad, because they represent some of Dad's very earliest efforts to make contact with his Witheridge relatives still living in Britain.

Tom Witheridge
February 17, 2022

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Tom Witheridge
February 17, 2022

George Chivers, 105 Macomber St, Auburn, Mich

Daughter lives in Auburn - Tel. 6622952
Mrs. Elmer Smidt (Gladys) ?[Elmer W. Schmidt
919 Broadway
Bay City, Mich.]?
Chivers wife in Mausoleum (Oakwood)

Betsy Chivers, born Oct. 17, 1858
Mrs Witheridge
This was his mother (Elizabeth)

Alfred William Chivers, born June 29, 1858

Their children:
George William Chivers, born Nov. 7, 1881 Married Aug, 1908
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John Chivers, born August 24 ~~or 25~~, 1885 - Married May 7, 1908
died in old country
Alfred Edward Chivers, born Dec. 14, 1887 or 88 died Mar. 31 - 1888 (?)
Elizabeth Mary Chivers, born June 7, 1893 - Married George, 1919
(Elizabeth Kessling of Lansing)
Maria Chivers, born Nov. 23, 1889 died June 8, 1894
Edgar Chivers, born Sept. 14, 1896 - Married Mable - 1919
(First in family [illegible])

Mrs. John Chivers - 68 ~~North~~ Smith Road Porthcawl, So. Wales, Eng.

Cwmaman, So. Wales

Geo. Born in ~~[illegible]~~ - near
Worked in Shepherds Pit
His mother born in Combe Martin, ~~Devonshire~~ near Ilfracombe
~~Combe Martin~~ moved to So. Wales.

His Grandfather was lighthouse keeper off Lundy Isle
(John Witheridge) Combe Martin was grandmother's home

[apprenticed] ②

His Mother worked in Devon for one of the Lords
as chambermaid
His father was apprenticed as a butcher
Then went on to coal mines
Followed by his mother —
They met in Wales.
Bad times in England. so went
to Wales.

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Wm. W. Sr. came from Eng. to Shamokin.
then to St. Charles.

Geo. worked in Coronaman mine
Dangerous gassy mine
young man — full of energy
Became sick from gas
Uncle Wm. W. said "Take a vacation & come to America"
But Geo. said no — (was on contract)
(He W. was then working in St. Chas. for
Dick Jenkins (Bill's father) was on strike &
went back to England)
Then mine ready to start up again
Uncle Bill introduced him to Jenkins who
asked him to come to work —
An Englishman or Welshman would travel ocean only
spring or summer — (not winter) He (Geo.) came Oct. 3
so he had to stay until spring. Lived with Witheridges

Dick Jenkins gave him good job
(Billy Jenkins met + married Chris)

Came to Saginaw – Also a shareholder of
Consolidated Mine –
He was good at figures – boss couldn't understand
Paid all the same money
"Measure the man" – Pd. by yardage –
Became temporary boss.

Bill left mine + went to school + finished
(John went to school but didn't finish)
Geo. Chivers went to same school at night

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Susie Witheridge
m. John Adams –
John Adams took Geo. Chivers's father's
place +
stayed in Wales

John Witheridge had a brother in Pa.
no one knows about –

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Witheridges in St. Chas. belonged to Bapt ch.
Geo. Chivers lived with them + went around
with them. (People thought he was one
of the W. boys – except at church)

# Editor's Note

The document on the next page (CM41) summarizes DEW's ancestry in the North Devon seaside village of Combe Martin. He wrote this letter to Daphne Challacombe, one of the invited guests at a gathering organized by Una Parsons (q,v.) and others during my parents' final trip (of three) to Britain in 1988. Apparently Daphne never replied.

The letter is useful because it briefly encapsulates more than three centuries of Dad's ancestral "presence" in the area, of which he says, "I have a sttrong feeling that that [area] is home."

The specific family names he mentioned to Daphne were Blackmore, Ley, Peake, Reed, and Witheridge, but he also enclosed a copy of 19 North Devon lines from which he was descended (although he used the number 20 in this letter); see documents B46 and B47 in folder 1.12c.

Tom Witheridge
February 18, 2022

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Log 1158

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U. S. A.
March 27, 1989

Daphne Challacombe
Buzzacott Lane
Combe Martin
North Devon
England

Dear Daphne,

I'm sure you have wondered from time to time whether you would ever hear from me after our interesting get-together at Combe Martin last year. I won't go into all the reasons for my delay in writing, but I am glad to be able to write to you at this time. As you see, I am enclosing one of the pictures I took on that occasion, and I hope it will serve as a pleasant reminder of that evening.

Una told me that your mother was a Ley from Berrynarbor and that you are greatly interested in local history and were writing a chapter for the history of Combe Martin. On the attendance list that evening you also indicated that you have Peake ancestry and are related to other family lines in my background. I'm enclosing a copy of the list of twenty North Devon family lines that I am descended from. My ancestors lived in the Berrynarbor-Combe Martin area over 300 years, so I have a strong feeling that that is "home." I'll be interested in seeing the history of Combe Martin when it is finished.

You are no doubt some kind of distant cousin of mine. I'll tell you about my own Ley and Peake connections, and if you have much information on those families, you may be able to tell how we are related. My 5-gr.-grandfather, William Witheridge, married Rebecca Ley in Combe Martin on July 20, 1723. She was the daughter of William and Joan Ley and was baptized in Combe Martin on July 2, 1696.

My 3-gr.-grandfather, Robert Blackmore, married Catherine Peake in Combe Martin on June 10, 1780. She was the daughter of David Peake and Joan Reed and was baptized on May 21, 1758. I also have another Peake ancestor. My 4-gr.-grandfather, Edward Northcott, married Margaret Peake in Combe Martin on Dec. 26, 1765. She was the daughter of Anthony and Margaret Peake and was baptized in Combe Martin on Oct. 31, 1741.

Do any of these connections tie into any family information you have? Do you know any persons who have more information on the Ley or Peake families than you have? If so, I'd be glad to correspond with them.

I'd greatly appreciate hearing from you and learning about your own Ley and Peake ancestry. I may be able to tie that into other records I have. I'd also like to know if you descend from any other of my ancestral lines, and if so, how.

I hope you will write when you are able.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Folder

# 1.63o

Kim Cook
documents

# Editor's Note

On the next page is the first of many unnumbered documents in this section pertaining to Kim Cook (q.v.) and her family. As you will see, this initial item starts with a bang — Kim's apology for taking so long to respond to Dad's previous letters, which weren't in the file and so far haven't turned up elsewhere. One of the subjects addressed by Dad in those letters was Mom and Dad's planned trip to Britain (their first of three) later in the year.

In fact, many of the documents in this section have more to do with friendship (between the Cooks and the Witheridges) than with genealogy *per se*, even though the latter topic is why they met in the first place.

Dad met Kim quite by accident. She was caught in his "dragnet" of British phone books (see the index entry, Telephone directory strategy [DEW's]). He wrote to Dorothy Witheridge, one of his "finds," and Dorothy turned his correspondence over to her niece, Kim, who was very interested in genealogy. What luck!

Tom Witheridge
February 18, 2022

81 Ash Road
Sutton
Surrey SM3 9LA

9 February 1976

Dear David and Elizabeth,

I hope you haven't been too disappointed at having to wait so long for a reply to your letters, for I really had intended to get down towriting much sooner. But you know the old saying about the best laid plans of mice and men ....and women! It was really a combination of events that conspired to delay me - partly Roy's job and partly health factors.

When Roy started his new job last summer he was promised a full training course, in stages, totalling six weeks in all. This should have come about pretty quickly, but unfortunately the company's headquarters and training centre near Winchester suffered a severe fire which destroyed one whole wing and rendered much of the rest of the building unsafe, so that all training programmes had to be postponed while they made ready an alternative training centre in Derby. Roy got his first training call in early

Personal information
redacted

Fortunately the week immediately before Christmas found us all together again and in reasonably good health, but having missed all the posting dates for greetings and presents to our many friends overseas. (2 families in Australia, one in New Zealand, one in Rhodesia and one in France, as well as yourselves and Dick and Jenni were all without our Christmas wishes this year).

We had both the mothers with us for Christmas, which was marvellous for the boys, but not quite so for me, as their two grandmas don't really get on, and I was alittle on edge throughout the holiday. In the event all went smoothly, but I did find it something of a strain.

My new year resolution to finish off the project I had started for you (of which more later) was unfortunately thwarted by the severe weather conditions of gales and floods which swept the country. Fortunately the damaged we suffered was slight compared with many others, and of course in our location we weren't flooded, but we did lose a couple of windows, some slates from the roof, and a strip of corrugated polythene roofing which covers the passage from the kitchen to the boiler house. And of course the garden was a total mess, which we still haven't fully restored yet.

Last week Roy was called away again for the final two weeks of his training, and just before he left Jason was taken ill with a flu' virus that combines fever with violent sickness. Needless to say Adam caught it too, so I had the two of them home sick for the whole week. Roy came home for the weekend, but returned for his last week in Derby this morning. Adam is still not well, but Jason was fit enough to go back to school again for the first time this morning. It seems that in Jason's school alone 150 children out of a total of 320 have been ill with this virus infection, and it seems to be sweeping through all the schools and playgroups like wildfire.

So here we are in February and this is the first chance I've had, despite all my good intentions, to sit down and write you a real letter.

Firstly I must say again how thrilled we all are to think that you will be with us this summer, and we really are looking forward to having you stay with us - and please make it for as long as you like. We haven't yet made any plans for holidays or anything, as we wanted to wait until we knew for certain when you would be here, so that we can be on hand to show you around as much as possible. There's so much of interest for you to see within a short distance of here - places like Hampton Court, Kingston (the old capital where the Saxon kings were crowned - hence Kings-stone), Guildford, the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley and the famous Botanic Gardens at Kew, Windsor Castle, and the many olde-worlde Surrey villages, to say nothing of all the sights of London. And of course, with all the travelling you've planned to other parts of the country, there are bound to be days between when you'd just like to sit back and put your feet up in an English home, so we'd like to be sure that we'll be here whenever that happens.

When you mentioned High Leigh I hadn't a clue where it was, but our minister says he feels sure it is the conference centre near Hoddesdon in Hertfordshire, which is quite a journey from here. Certainly it wouldn't be practicable to travel daily from here, but if accommodation for both of you at Hoddesdon should prove a problem, we could always look after Elizabeth here, if she hasn't any other special plans for that time. Of course if you'd rather use hotels we could always get any information for you, but hotels in the London area tend to be pretty exorbitant - at least we think so! I understand that anything from £6 upward per day for bed and breakfast is considered reasonable, but personally, I think it anything but!

But please don't hesitate to let us know if there are any plans we can put into action for you, or any facts or items of information, brochures etc we can get for you to help you plan your stay to the best possible effect. I was thinking particularly in terms of things like British Rail and London Transport special season tickets etc.

One thing we're not quite sure on is where your other interests lie - other than in things ecumenical and historical. We know you're both keen gardeners, but how about sports, music, theatre, and things like vintage cars, old steam trains, brass rubbings? Do write and tell us if you've gotany special hobby-horses so that we can look up some appropriate trips for you.

One thing that I've been meaning to do for you, and which I know will be a great help to you in planning your time with us, as well as giving you an idea of where we live and what it's like, is to send you a good map of the area. This has been a bit of a problem for two reasons - firstly because the more detailed street maps are always just in black and white, without any of the more helpful colour indications, and secondly becuase where we live happens to be almost on the dividing line of two recognised map boundaries! However, I've finally overcome these two problems by embarking on the project I mentioned at the beginning of this letter. I've bought two large scale street maps which cover all of south London and quite a bit of Surrey, ranging from Kew and Chiswick to Lambeth and Camberwell in the north, to Epsom, Banstead and Coulsdon in the south, and taking in Kingston, Sutton, Morden Croydon, Fulham (where my mother lives) and Stockwell (where Roy's mother lives). To combat the colour problem, I have coloured them myself (though not very expertly) with waterproof oil pastels. All the parks and open spaces (and there are an incredible number of them!) are in green; streams and rivers are blue; major bus routes that we use (but not all, as that would be too confusing) are in yellow; places directly concerned with us are marked with a red spot; and main shopping centres with pink. Also, I'll enclose with this letter a brief key to the two maps. That way you'll have a chance to study the area and get an idea of what it's like, and at the same time, if you bring them with you on your travels, they should help you find your way around. The maps I'm sending under separate cover along with some booklets about the area, our usual calendar (belated!) which I bought way back in November, some photos of the Morris dancing we went to last summer, and press cuttings and other things. By sending them unsealed and without any of my typing in them, I can send them airmail printed paper rate - quick without being too expensive as it's quite a bulky package! But the whole package should combine to give you a fairly good idea of what living in this part of the world in like.

One thing I expect will strike you straight away - the lack of space here compared with the wide open expanses of USA. To give you some idea, the frontage of the fairly average type of terraced house in outer London and the suburbs is somewhere about 15-18 feet; front gardens are about 10-12 ft, house depths about 25 feet and back gardens about 50-60 ft, giving a total plot area of about 1500-1600 sq ft. Larger semi-detacheds such as ours usually have a plot area of about 3800-4000, while the four bedroom detached houses are rather fewer and far between, except in pockets of what are called 'executive housing developments'. Judging from the photos of your house I would say that ours is about half the size of yours, and yet ours isn't considered small by any means. We are lucker than most, too, in the amount of open spaces we have around us, particularly with Morden Park, Nonsuch Park, Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park all within such easy reach. In fact visitors from other parts have always been surprised by the amount of green open spaces and stately old trees we have, though sadly we have lost many of the trees through Dutch elm disease. Still we manage to enjoy a pretty good variety of wild-life as well, with squirrels, hedgehogs, field mice, and plenty of butterflies and moths in our gardens, and deer, sheep, horses and foxes in the surrounding parks. At present we are also enjoying the sight of plenty of birds feeding at the bird table and hanging nuts in the garden. Currently we have sparrows, dunnocks, blue tits, chaffinches, greenfinches (or green linnets), a wren, two magpies, blackbirds, starlings, thrushes and a very friendly robin feeding regularly in our garden. The boys have become quite avid birdwatchers, and even Adam is pretty good at identifying the different species. It really is quite a good selection, especially as we are only about 120 yards from the main A 24 London - Epsom - Worthing trunk road!

But that's enough about our environment for now - I just hope we have given you some idea of what to expect when you get here!

One piece of news which I mustn't forget to give you concerns Jason. As I believe Dick and Jenni mentioned after their visit, J has always been pretty forward academically, especially with his reading, and as a result was one of the few from his school to be chosen to read a lesson in the school's carol service, held in our church. In fact there had to be two services to accommodate all the parents who wanted to attend. Our minister was of course present, introducing both the services, and was so impressed with Jason's reading that he asked if he could read one of the lessons at the parish service of lessons and carols on the following Sunday evening. His text was the Isaiah prophecy which we feel belongs to our church, as it incorporates our church's name, Emmanuel 'that is, God is with us'. We were very proud of him as he stood in the front of the church, reading loud and clear, though I must confess I was more nervous about the whole thing than he was! The father of one of Jason's schoolmates took some photos of the school's service, including one of J in the pulpit, so we have asked for a print of it to send you. Quite apart from the aptness of the photo for you, it also shows the style of the church's interior quite well.

At this point I must introduce my usual apology for bad typing - rather worse than usual I'm afraid. I don't know which is more in need of a good overhaul - me or the typewriter! I've had this little portable since I was 19, with never a service needed, so I rather think one is overdue. And as for me, the one thing that is overdue is sleep. With the boys ill last week I didn't manage one unbroken night, late visitors on Friday kept us up till 2 am, and I didn't even get a lie in on Sunday as I was teaching in Sunday school. So I suppose it's hardly surprising that tiredness has set in for the evening. For the time being, I'll call a halt, and hope to resume tomorrow.

4/25/76 ?

Well, they say that tomorrow never comes, and this 'tomorrow' has certainly taken far too long - about ten weeks in all! I think ~~ha~~ I shall have to make a resolution that when I have to stop in mid-letter at any time, to make a hurried close and post the bit I've done, even if it isn't completed. At least that way, even if the information is incomplete you will at least know that all is well, and not have to resort to transatlantic phone calls. I still feel very guilty about that, though it was really great to hear your voices and to be able to talk to you both. It was such a grand surprise when the operator came through saying she had a call for me from America. I could hardly believe it.

The day you called was Mothering Sunday here, and my mother was with us at the time, and as I said over the phone, we were all fit and well. At least, I had had a slight couch just that day, but didn't think anything of it. However, by the next day my voice had gone, and the dreaded bronchitis was back agin. This time it took much longer than ususal to get over it, and for two weeks I had to do all my office work at home. I couldn't let up, as March 31 was the end of the company's financial year, and April 4is the end of the government tax year. This,coupled with the dreaded quarterly VAT returns and the closing of our subsidiary branch in S E London (both fell on March 31) meant a very considerable build up of work, which I have only just cleared.

However, I did take time off at Easter (as a matter of principle I wouldn't work - or shop - on Good Friday, although many businesses particularly department stores and supermarkets carry on business as usual) and at the invitation of friends, spent the day near Haslemere, on the Surrey/Sussex/Hampshire border. The countryside thereabouts is beautiful, and we spent part of the afternoon at Benbow Lakes, a beauty spot on the Cowdray estate. The boys greatly enjoyed feeding the ducks and watching flocks of chaffinches feeding on the banks.

On Holy Saturday my mother came for the day, and on Easter Sunday it was Roy's mother's turn to visit. Easter Monday we had my aunt Eva and cousin Joan with us for the day, and were able to show them the photos we had taken at Caroline's 21st party a few weeks before. The party was quite a gathering of the clans, with most of the Wither-idges in attendance. Of course Eva, Joan and Caroline were there, with Joan's brother Eric, his wife Celia and daughter Elizabeth.The Kent Witheridges included Auntie Dolly, Mary and her husband Michael, and Brenda and her husband Ron. My other aunt, Dorothy (to whom you wrote originally) was also at the party, and I think the only absentees were my mother, and my aunt Maisie on cousin Rodney. The latter was a great disappoihtment, as although they live not far from us, I have never ever met them!

But to return to your call, and your letter recently received (for which many thanks) perhaps I can answer some of your queries. As soon as we know the flight number and airport of arrival, we'll make the necessary arrangements to meet you so that you can spend those first few days with us. Should you not wish to take all your luggage with you to High Leigh, we can arrange to hold some here for you. I do hope that by now you have received the package we sent you - I can't think what has delayed it so, and only hope it is not completely lost. But in the hope that it has finally arrived, I hope you will be able to get a good idea of the lie of the land, and in fact see that we are quite near to the Students Club inSW5 so perhaps you will be able to spend a little more time visiting with us, and perhaps we can help you plan your sightseeing and drive you around at the weekends. I must admit that I hadn't heard of the centre before, but assume from its name that it is associated with Lee Abbey in Devon - a place I've heard a lot about but never actualy been to. By all accounts Lee Abbey itself is a truly remarkable place, and if the London centre has anything of the character and atmosphere of the Abbey it should be a great place. But should you find at any time that restriction offunds means a cutting of expenses, you could always spend that time with us, as we are very easy of access to central London as you will see (hopefully) from the maps I sent.

You don't say how much Avis quote for car rental. I have made enquiries of another reputable firm with a nationwide coverage, called Budget Rent-a-car. Their rates are £29.95 plus VAT (8%) per week, with unlimited mileage. Petrol costs about 75p per gallon, depending on grade. Probably some local firms would be cheaper, but I'm not sure that you'd get the same efficient service if you were hundreds of miles from their headquarters in the event of an emergency. Had you considered the possibility of rail travel between the maincentres, with local car hire or coach trips? I'm making enquiries of British Rail regarding their Rail Rover tickets four touring - I believe these give unlimited mileage over a given period (say one month) at quite reasonable cost, but we've never had occasion to make use ofthem ourselves. As soon as I get further information on this I'll let you have it.

I'm sure you'll just love your time in Devon. There's something about the county that gives those connected with it, however remotely, a great sense of homecoming. It's certainly a feeling I'd experienced, long before I even knew that my family were originally Devonshire folk.

The only slight snag I can see in your programme ( which I'm sure we can turn to advantage) is that your final Monday and Tuesday planned for London coincide with our August Bank holiday. Things should be back to normal on Tuesday, but everywhere will be shut on the Monday. and if you're travelling at all that weekend, the roads will be pretty well packed. So being greedy, our reaction is to say 'come to us'.

American
Revolution
Bicentennial
celebration

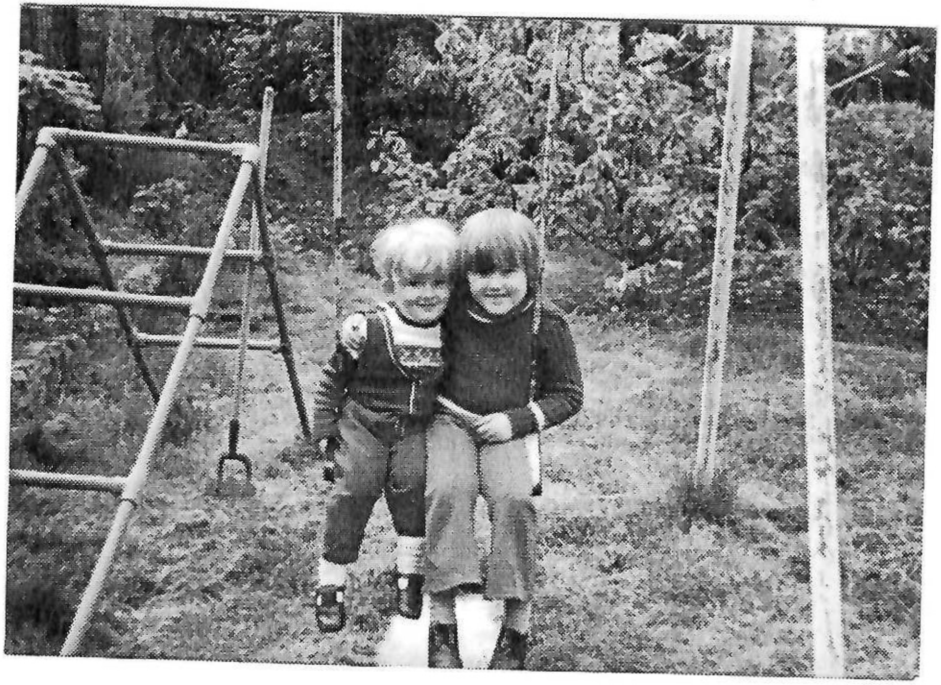
One other point I mustn't forgetto mention, is something of a coincidence. Some months ago, our parish decided that this year our annual garden party should be cancelled this year. By way of compensation, a group of us planned a social evening at the church hall and picked as our theme for the evening 'America' - mainly because we knew that in this bicentennial year the neccessary material would be available. So we are arranging to have a half-hour travelogue film, some American folk songs, a quiz on America, and for refreshment we felt that coffee and coke, hamburgers and popcorn (if we can get the genuine article) would be pretty representative for a mid evening snack. The coincidence comes in the date that we have been allocated the hall to hold this event - Saturday 19th June, when you will be with us, so we do hope you will add the final perfect touch to our American evening and be our guests of honour for the occasion. It'll be a very informal evening - nothing grand at all - and we do hope you'll be sufficiently recovered from your flight and the changes of time zones to join us.

Well, now I must close, as I'm babysitting for friends and I'm expecting them home shortly and I really do want to get this into the post first thing in the morning. I've just got to provide you with the promised key to the maps, which I noted in scribbled long hand at the time and haven't yet typed out. Please do let us know whether the packet has arrived, as I'm really rather worried about it. I can't remember the exact date I posted it, but it must have been about February 14th, so it really shouldn't have taken this long to reach you. And do let us know if you've any more queries, or if there's anything really special you want to see or do in you visit, and we'll do our best to arrange it for you. YOu've no idea how much we are looking forward to meeting you and having you with us, and we want to do everything we can to make your stay everything you hope it will be.

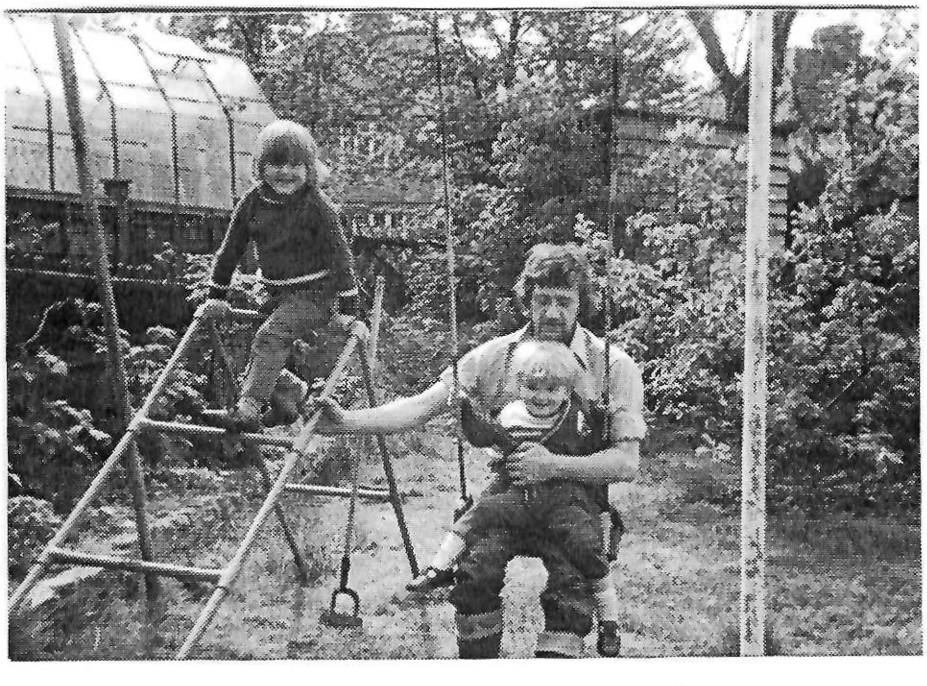
Love to you all, and our best wishes to the boys (! men!) in their studies and decisions,

Roy, Kim,
Jason & Adam

P.S. Boys very excited when I told them of your phone call - A thought it meant you'd be arriving next day! All is now explained, & they have made us promise to bring them to the airport, whatever time of day or night you arrive! Our third copy of N.G. Wld has just arrived & J has already read it from cover to cover & was fascinated by the albino pics. A is still overawed by the terrific volcano pics in the previous issue, & Roy & I have found them all very interesting & informative - altogether a really super present that reminds us again of you each month as it arrives. K



Adam (left) and Jason Cook,
1974



Jason (left), Roy, and
Adam Cook,
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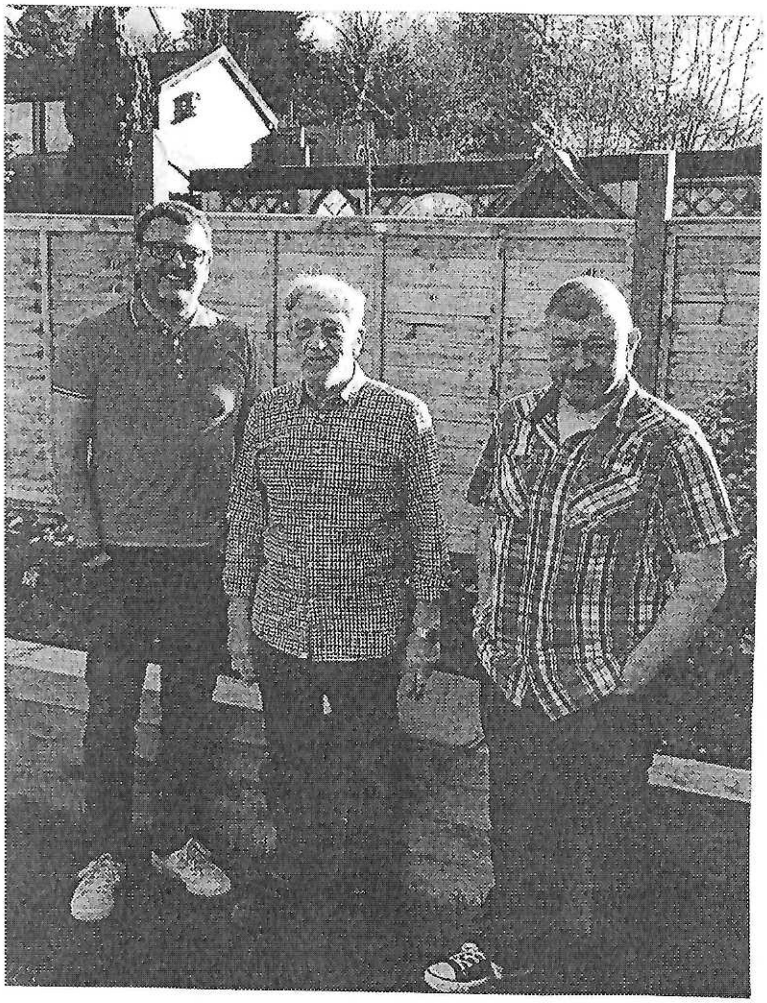
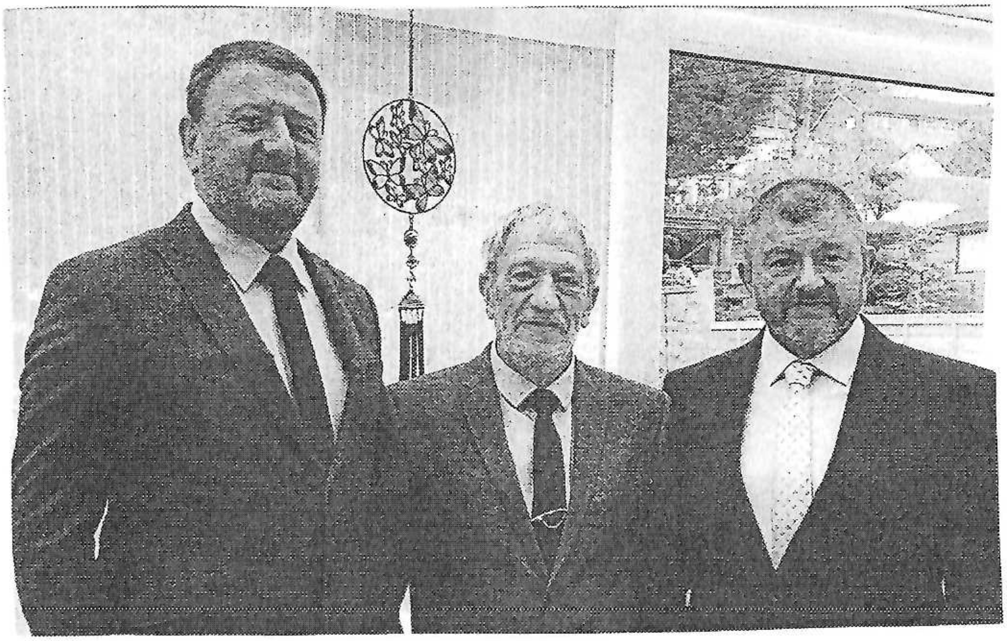
Adam, Roy, and Jason Cook 47 years later, in 2021 (from Facebook).





Two views of the Cook house
in Sutton, Surrey (1974?)

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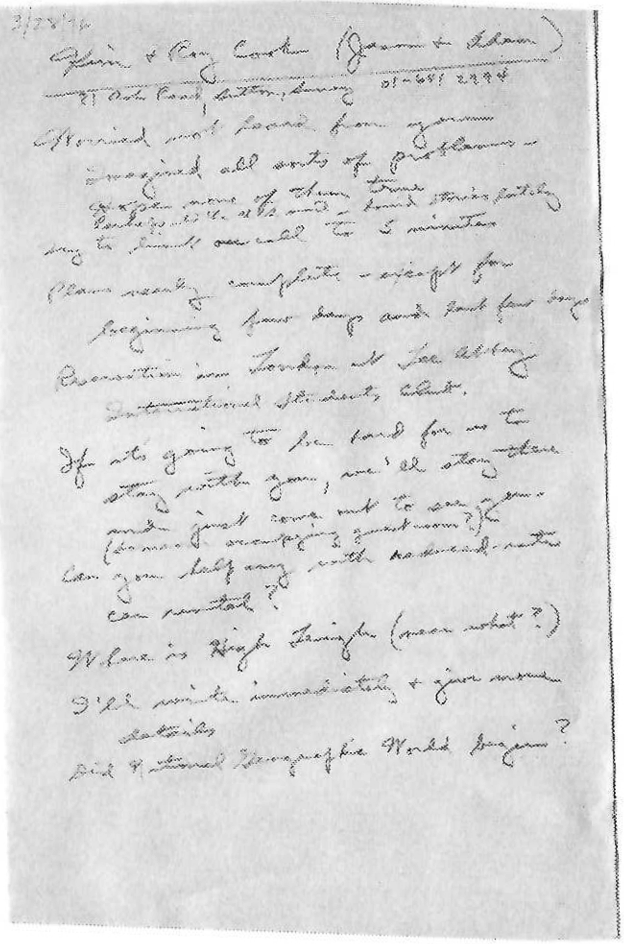

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Kim + Roy Cooke (Joanne + Adam)

27 Oak Road, Sutton, Surrey 01-641 2994

Worried not heard from you

Imagined all sorts of problems —

Hope none of them true

Perhaps it'll be all over — [illegible] strikes lately

Try to limit our call to 5 minutes

Plans nearly complete — except for

beginning four days and last four days

Reservation in London at Lee Abbey

International Students Club.

If it's going to be hard for us to stay with you, we'll stay there

and just come out to see you.

(Is someone occupying guestroom?)

Can you help any with a/c rental-rates

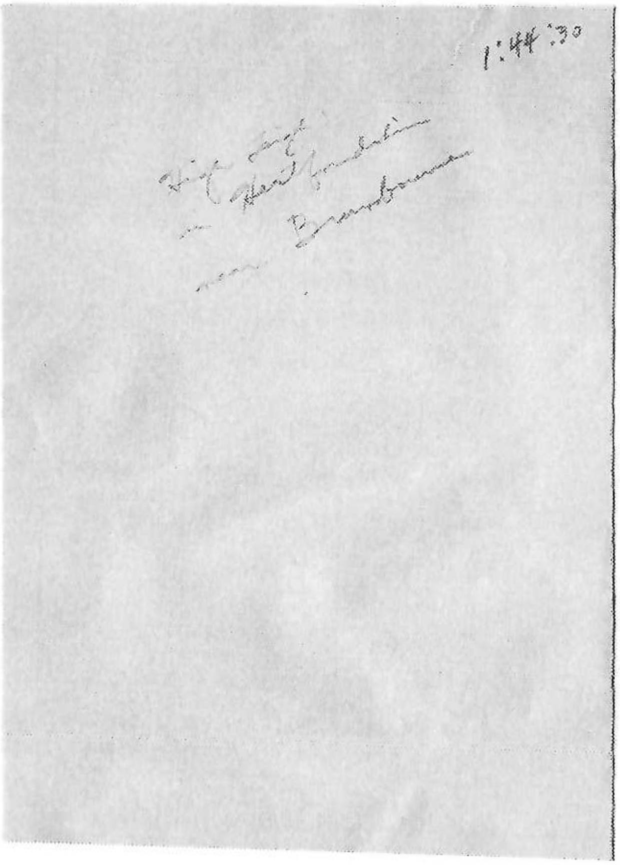
car rental?

Where is High Leigh (near what?)

I'll write immediately + give more details

Did National Geographic World Magazine?

DEW's notes for long-distance call to Kim + Roy (see previous document).



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High Leigh

in Hertfordshire

near Broxbourne

[Planning for DEW + EPW's trip to Britain, summer 1976]

2625 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405
U.S.A.
March 31, 1976

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, and Adam:

It was just wonderful to talk with Kim on Sunday and to know that there is no serious reason why we haven't had a letter from you--just a lot of time-consuming problems. That we can understand, because there are many times when my own letters are long overdue.

Now we are anxiously awaiting the package you say is in the mail. I know the things in it will be of great interest and help for our trip. There are certainly a great many things to do to prepare for such a trip, and they all have to be fitted into my busy schedule of regular activities. I'll give you a rundown of our plans as they have developed so far.

We were able to locate a 11½-week charter flight at an excellent reduction in fare. This was somewhat of an achievement, because most charter flights are for not over four or five weeks. We leave Chicago on June 17, which probably means we arrive in London on June 18, though they haven't told us the time of day or the airport.

We really do want to spend the next few days with you to get acquainted and get our bearings and get any general advice you may have. Then, as you know, we are scheduled to be at the Conference of Ecumenical Officers at High Leigh from June 21st to the 24th. I just checked my letter from Rev. John Nicholson of the British Council of Churches, and he does say, "I have booked you and your wife. . ." So that's all set.

After that we have made a reservation at the Lee Abbey International Students' Club, 27 Courtfield Gardens, London SW5 0PQ. We'll be there from June 24 to July 8, during which time we'll be visiting the British Council of Churches, the Catholic Central Library, the University of London, as well as Somerset House and the Public Records Office.

From July 8 to August 6 we'll be traveling through England, Scotland, and Wales visiting local Councils of Churches and hunting up distant relatives and, hopefully, genealogical information. We hope to be doing this by rented automobile, and maybe you could be of some help in this regard. All I have investigated so far is Avis, and I'm hoping maybe there is a cheaper way!

By August 6 we expect to arrive in Devon, and we hope to spend the first few days in the northern part near Combe Martin. I guess I've told you I have a distant cousin, Mr. John Witheridge, living on a farm at Middle Stoodleigh, West Buckland, Barnstaple, Devon. Jenni and Dick visited them when they were in England. I hope we can stay with them, as they are only about ten miles from Combe Martin.

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Then for two weeks (from August 8 to 21) we have reserved a small student flat at the University of Exeter. I have two objectives there. One is to continue my reading about the church situation in Britain by means of materials in the University Library. The other is genealogical research in the collections of the Devon and Cornwall Record Society in the Exeter Central Library, as well as in the Exeter Cathedral Library and any other materials I have time to infestigate. Naturally, we'll also drive around Devon and Cornwall as we are able during those two weeks.

From there we go to the University of Cambridge, where we have also reserved a room for a week--from August 22 to 28. Here, again, we hope to combine ecumenical and genealogical study.

That will leave us several days before our return flight home on September 3. I'm hoping we can spend a couple of days (Monday and Tuesday) in London, so we can return to Somerset House or the Public Records Office to follow up on leads we may get on our travels around the country. Then back for a couple more days (Wednesday and Thursday) with you to tell you all about our experiences in Britain before we depart.

This will have to be all for now. I'll write again, of course, after we get the letter you said you were in the process of writing. Elizabeth and I just loved hearing your voice, Kim, and now we can hardly wait to see all of you. We do hope your health is reasonably good.

Love to all,

David & Elizabeth

[more trip planning]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
May 22, 1976

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, and Adam:

I must get a letter off to you right away, because we have a slight change in the date of our arrival--we'll be there two days earlier. I'll have to write again in a couple of weeks, because I can't tell you the exact hour of arrival until then.

The problem was that the June 17 charter flight we were all confirmed on was canceled, because they didn't have at least 80% of the seats sold. That really put us in a tail spin, since what they call "long duration" charter flights are rather scarce, and regular fare would be at least twice as much.

After some frantic hunting, we finally discovered a flight going non-stop from Minneapolis to London on June 15 and returning on September 2. This is perfect from our point of view, as we leave directly from here, rather than having to go to Chicago. (For a while we were on standby and were actually accepted on a flight from New York to London on June 21 and returning on August 29, which would have gotten us to the High Leigh Conference late and wouldn't have given us any time with you at the beginning.)

At any rate, it's all set now, and we'll be arriving at Gatwick Airport on June 16, though I haven't the slightest idea what time of day. As I said, I'll write again when they tell us. We're just as excited as Jason and Adam, and we're delighted they want to meet us at the airport. We just hope it won't be too difficult for you to have us arrive two days earlier. We can find things to do in London during those days.

"We hope by now all is forgiven."

Your church's American Bicentennial party on Saturday, June 19, sounds terrific! We can't think of anything more enjoyable to begin our summer in Britain. We've been quite impressed by the interest shown there in our Bicentennial. It would seem more natural for the British to be upset with us for breaking away 200 years ago! We hope by now all is forgiven.

Now back to you and your miserable fall and winter--Roy's being away, Kim's flare-up of bronchitis, the severe weather, the boys' spell of the flu, and many other distracting events. Someone has said that the British have an amazing ability to stand any amount of disaster and still come through, and I'm beginning to believe it. You should pretty well have your troubles behind you for this year, so it should be a pretty good summer. Let's hope so!

You asked about our special needs and interests. I guess the most crucial right now is the rental of a car. We feel that for our purposes renting a car will be better than going by train between cities and then renting cars or using public transportation for local travel. A BritRail Pass for four weeks costs $145, which would be $290 for two people, not counting the cost of getting around in the towns and countryside. A Budget Rent-a-Car rental would be about $60 a week or $240 for four weeks. Of course, the petrol is extra, but the convenience of having one car throughout our trip means a lot to us. That's the way we do all our traveling around this country.

It's hard for us to be sure of the comparative prices and provisions, but it looks as though the Budget Rent-a-Car price you quoted (£29.95) is definitely better than either Avis (£41.00) or Godfrey Davis ($84.00) or Europe-by-Car ($70.40), which are the ones I could reserve over here. If you have any way of checking prices over there, you might do so. But if it still looks as though Budget Rent-a-Car is best, please reserve a car for us beginning July 7 for about 7½ weeks. Let us know right away what we need to send as a deposit.

Regarding other interests, we aren't interested in brass rubbings or vintage cars or old steam trains, but we are interested in music and in a Shakespeare play either in London or Stratford-on-Avon. Of course, we want to see all the main tourist attractions in the Surrey and London area.

Norwegian Elkhounds

One thing in particular you would never think of is this. We'd like to visit one of the top-notch Norwegian Elkhound kennels in England. We've probably told you about our beloved Elkhound, Trygg. He's our second one. Jarle (Trygg's great uncle) lived to the ripe old age of fifteen.

We have a book about Elkhounds that tells about some of the English breeders, and we find that one of the finest was in Surrey when the book was written in 1970. "The world famous affix 'of the Holm,' which has been prominent for the last quarter of a century, belongs to W. F. Holms, Hampton Wick." These kennels "have been known world-wide since 1924, and they are still the largest kennel of the breed in England today, standing in eight acres of ground with very large runs and ideal conditions for rearing Elkhounds."

Another one of "the largest kennels of Elkhounds is Fourwents, owned by Mrs. Winter, formerly Miss F. Joyce Esdaile, Holmwood, Surrey." Perhaps that kennel is still there, too.

If you have any way of checking on these kennels and the possibility of visitors from America seeing them, we'd be very grateful. By the way, Elizabeth has just sent the manuscript of her latest book--which is about an Elkhound--to her publisher.

I guess I haven't said yet that we did get your package with the maps, the calendar, and all the other interesting items, and we do thank you very sincerely. You did a beautiful job with the maps, Kim, and I know they are going to make our stay more enjoyable and meaningful. I was surprised at how close you live to your church and to where you used to live.

Rev. Allen

Did I tell you we were going to have a visitor from England staying with us? He was Rev. Eric Allen, head of the Leeds Metropolitan Council of Churches and a United Reformed minister. He was here in early April as the recipient of the American Memorial Chapel Travel Grant of the English-Speaking Union. We did enjoy him so much, and we'll be staying with them when we go to Leeds in July. He is the one who showed us on your map that Hampton Wick is near you. I gave him your address and telephone number, and I think he will be writing or calling you.

Birds

You mention all the birds at your feeders and in your garden. This is another of our interests, and we hope you have a bird book that shows the British species.

The gathering of relatives you described at Caroline's birthday party sounded like a delightful occasion and one we would have enjoyed attending. It would be great to be able to meet your mother, Kim, and at least some of your aunts, uncles, and cousins while we're there. I don't know yet how you are all related to me, but maybe tenth cousin or something like that! Some day we'll figure it out.

Now I must close and get this off to you. Drop us a short note soon. We'll write again as soon as we know our exact schedule.

Love to all,

David + Elizabeth

81 Ash Road
Sutton
Surrey SM3 9LA

June 4 1976

Dear David & Elizabeth

We were thrilled to receive your letter announcing your earlier arrival - it will be lovely to have you here for that much longer to give us a chance to get really well acquainted. From the information you gave me, I was able to get in touch with Gatwick airport and have your flight number and ETA checked out, as Roy needs to book the time off in advance. You'll be amazed to know that they never normally have flights from Minneapolis to Gatwick (which is our local airport!) and in fact the flight arriving on June 16 is the only one known! They tell me that the airline is Overseas National, the flight number is 6051 and the ETA is 10.30 (British Summer Time) a.m. As Roy works on Saturday mornings, he gets a half-day off in the week, so he has booked it for the Wednesday morning that week. I shall be seeing Jason's teacher on Monday morning (they're on half-term holiday this week) to arrange for him to have the day off school, and my boss has given me the day off, so we shall be there as a whole family to welcome you. I expect you'll be rather weary after the night flight, and losing hours on the time change too, so although there are lots of people longing to meet you, we thought you'd rather keep the next 24 hrs clear. However, my cousin Brenda has suggested that we might all visit them (and her mother, Mrs Dorothy Witheridge, and sister Mary & respective husbands) on either the evening of Thursday or Friday. It's only about a 40 minute drive from here, so if you think you'd like that, I'll confirm with Brenda whichever day you prefer. She has also offered to try and get hold of some tickets for the Wimbledon tennis through her tennis club, if you would be interested..

Now on to car rental, I think you'll find that Budget are the cheapest. The £29.95 plus VAT is for their smallest car, the 2-door Mini 1000 cc saloon. Rather larger and more comfortable is the Allegro 1300 4-door saloon at £37.75 + VAT for a single week, but which, for periods of longer than 4 weeks, reduces to £33.75 + VAT per week. Bigger still are the Allegro automatics, 1500's, estates, and Dolomite models at £44.75 + VAT per week, or £38.00 + VAT for hiring for more than 4 wks. There is no long term reduction on the Mini hire. Booking should be two weeks in advance, and the booking deposit is £10. Roof racks are available if required, & there is a pick-up point about a couple of miles from us.

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I have also contacted Mr Holmes of Hampton, but he is no longer breeding Elkhounds. He is now at the ripe old age of 95 and has retired! Mrs Winter we have been unable to trace, but the Kennel club have given us an address in Worcestershire which could be helpful. We'll follow it up and see what we can find for you.

I was really relieved that the maps and books turned up at last, as I'd begun to think they were well and truly lost. I'm not sure if Courtfield Gdns is on the Wandsworth map, but it certainly can't be far off. It's betwen Old Brompton Rd and Cromwell Rd about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles due north of my mother's home! So you won't be far away, and we hope you'll manage to join us a few evenings if you're not fully booked, and at weekends too. Like most large city centres, central London is not the best place to be on a hot weekend, but if we could take you to to places like Kew and Hampton Court, I'm sure you'd enjoy it. But don't let us railroad you into doing anything you'd rather not. After all, this is a once-a-lifetime trip and you'll want to make the very most of it.

arrange for him to have the day off school, and my boss

has given me the day off, so we shall be there as a

Plans for the American evening are going ahead, and we are also aiming to include a small show of objects of 'Americana' About the only thing I've not yet laid my hands on is a Stars and Stripes!

Before I forget, I must check on something that occurred to me last week, regarding your asthma, Elizabeth. Do feather pillows or cushions affect you adversely, and if so, do you find foam or acrylic fillings more comfortable? And is there anything else that could be troublesome that way? Do let us know, so that we can have everything just right for you.

We haven't yet heard from Eric Allen, but now we know he has our address, we'll look forward with pleasure to hearing from him. We have contacts with clergy in a number of different places, but none in the Leeds area.

Must close - running our of space, but hope I've answered all your queries. If you get a moment to drop us a line before departure, please do -Roll on June 16th! Longing to see you & love to all, Loy, Kim, Jason & Adam.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
June 5, 1976

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, and Adam:

Well, it's all set now! We leave Minneapolis at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, and arrive in London (Gatwick) at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16. If that's a bad time for you to meet us, you'll have to leave a message for us some place at the airport, and we'll either have to wait or come some place by cab.

Just for the record, they tell us our return flight on September 2 leaves London at 1:30 p.m. and arrives in Minneapolis at 6:00 p.m. on the same day. We'll have to be at Gatwick two hours before it leaves.

We'll be traveling both ways on Overseas National airways DC-8S planes. The flight on June 15 is #M6051, and the one on September 2 is #M6051. If you have any questions on the flight, or if you want to call to be sure of the exact time of arrival, you might call International Travel Arrangers, Tara Hotel, Wrights Lane, Kensington, London W85SR; Phone: 01-937-7211. They could tell you how to leave a message, too, if you can't meet us when the plane arrives.

These last ten days are going to be hectic, I know. We have purchased most of the main or difficult things we need, but there are still a lot of little things ~~undndedt,~~ minute details to take care of. Fortunately, Jim will be staying at home, so we won't have to worry about taking care of the house and yard or wonder what to do with Trygg.

I hope you've been able to figure out what to do about our car rental. I was sorry to dump that onto your shoulders, but I didn't know anything else to do.

Now we'll say good-bye until we see you on the 16th.

Love to all,

David & Elizabeth

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
June 10, 1976

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, and Adam:

Thanks for your wonderful letter. I'll try to answer a few main points briefly, and we'll take it right down to the Post Office so it might get there before we do.

It will be great to have a family gathering at Brenda's, and we'll go either evening the two of you decide is easier, as we have absolutely nothing scheduled (except your American evening) before we to to High Leigh. The idea of tickets for Wimbledon tennis sounds terrific!

Elizabeth says to tell you that a few years ago she did find feather pillows bad for her asthma, so she has avoided them ever since. She finds acrylic fillings more comfortable than foam. If you find a pillow we could take with us on our tour around Britain, we'd be most grateful. We always take one on our travels here--in and out of motels and friends' houses. There is really nothing else that bothers her that we can think of.

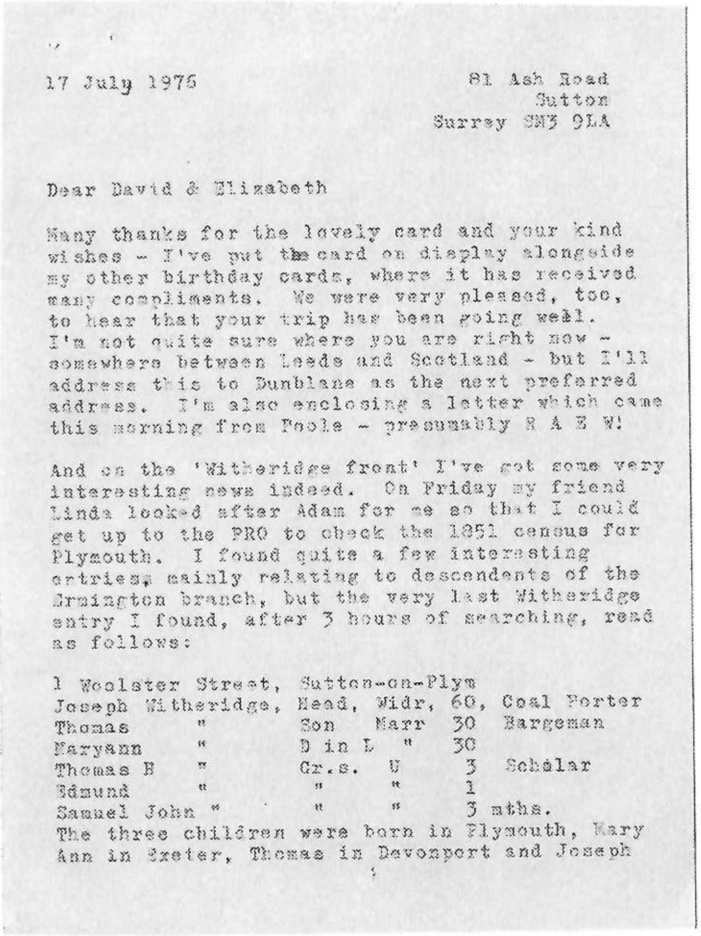
The car rental information sounds good, but since we only have to book one two weeks in advance, we think we should wait until we get there and can consult with you and perhaps see them. Making the deposit will be easier right there anyway.

We had already purchased a couple of small "Betsy Ross" type flags for Jason and Adam, but we'll try to bring a regular 50-star flag, too, for your Americana display.

We'll be seeing you at 10:30 on June 16, or as soon thereafter as we can clear through customs (or whatever). Having you all there will be a special treat.

Love,

Dave + Elizabeth



17 July 1976

81 Ash Road
Sutton
Surrey SM3 9LA

Dear David & Elizabeth

Many thanks for the lovely card and your kind wishes - I've put the card on display alongside my other birthday cards, where it has received many compliments. We were very pleased, too, to hear that your trip has been going well. I'm not quite sure where you are right now - somewhere between Leeds and Scotland - but I'll address this to Dunblane as the next preferred address. I'm also enclosing a letter which came this morning from Poole - presumably R A E W!

And on the 'Witheridge front' I've got some very interesting news indeed. On Friday my friend Linda looked after Adam for me so that I could get up to the PRO to check the 1851 census for Plymouth. I found quite a few interesting entries, mainly relating to descendents of the Ermington branch, but the very last Witheridge entry I found, after 3 hours of searching, read as follows:

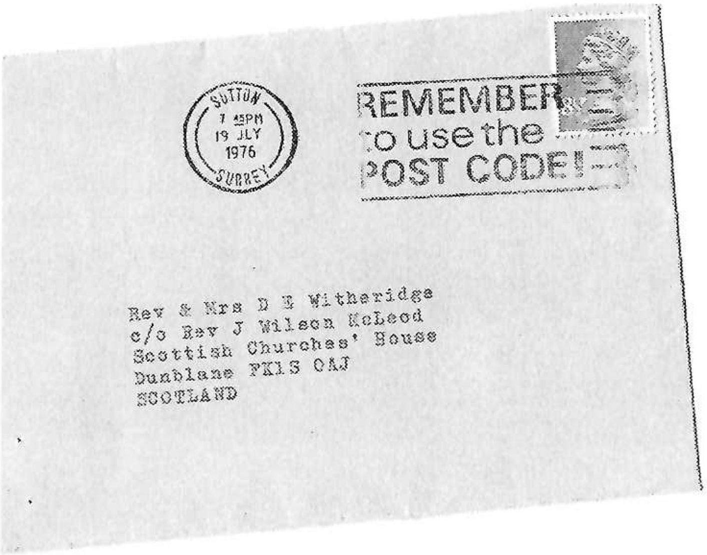
1 Woolster Street, Sutton-on-Plym

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph | Witheridge, | Head, | Widr, | 60, | Coal Porter |
| Thomas | " | Son | Marr | 30 | Bargeman |
| Maryann | " | D in L | " | 30 | |
| Thomas B | " | Gr.s. | U | 3 | Scholar |
| Edmund | " | " | " | 1 | |
| Samuel John | " | " | " | 3 mths. | |

The three children were born in Plymouth, Mary Ann in Exeter, Thomas in Devonport and Joseph

PRO = Plymouth Record Office

See DEW's August 15, 1976 letter from University of Exeter.



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1976
SURREY

REMEMBER to use the POST CODE!

Rev & Mrs D E Witheridge
c/o Rev J Wilson McLeod
Scottish Churches' House
Dunblane FK15 0AJ
SCOTLAND

DEW + EPW were on the road

in Holsworthy! Which just goes to show how wrong even the most logical of deductions can be! So now I have to start on a whole new avenue of detection so far not attempted, and we may even prove that elusive relationship yet! Holsworthy is only 18 miles from Bideford.

← Holsworthy

The other interesting point is the mention of the grandson Thomas E, aged 3. There seems to have been no Thomas Witheridge recorded in the GRO births for that year (1847/8) and Thomas senior and Mary Ann weren't married till August 1848. Either he's the son of another son of Joseph (or possibly daughter), or he's the son of Thomas and Mary Ann and being born before the marriage was originally registered as a Garry (her maiden name). At least, they're the two most likely explanations that spring to mind, but obviously more detective work is called for. Of the W children born in Plymouth between 1848-53 the only two unplaced were Samuel John 1851 and Mahala 1852. With one now resolved, perhaps the 1861 census will throw light on the other. Certainly Friday's visit was very worthwhile!

Tomorrow we have a pretty busy day ahead. After Sunday school we go to the Parish Church for the Sunday school commemoration service, and Jason has been chosen to represent the Ridge children and place a posy on the memorial to the minister who founded the Morden Sunday schools. Directly after the service we travel to Kent, to have lunch and tea with Mary and Michael, as it was Mary's birthday on Tuesday, and we always have a get-together about this time.

I almost forgot to mention that last Monday

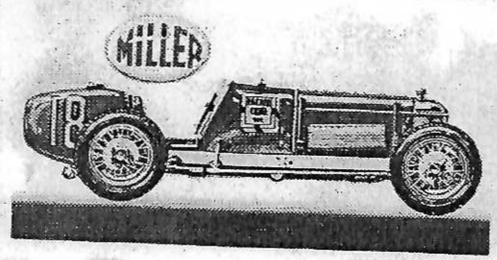
evening our Young Wives group went on a history walkabout in Cheam village and learnt a great deal that you would find fascinating. I also found out how to gain access to the famous Lumley chapel, which includes an enormous memorial to the first Lord Lumley giving his entire pedigree (alleged!) All in Latin, but nevertheless quite fascinating - and now believed by some to be wishful thinking too!

Roy and the boys are all very well. Adam had his introductory session in school last Wednesday afternoon, and was most reluctant to leave the classroom and come home. He keeps asking me how many days it will be before he can wear his school uniform! Jason continues to do well in his work, and is of course looking forward to his little task at St Lawrence's tomorrow. Roy was delighted today when our greengrocer gave hime nearly four lbs of bruised and damaged peaches - not fit to eat as they were, but ideal for wine making. So we now have another brew on the go, and the greengrocer has been promised a bottle when it's ready!

Well, it's time I closed now, as the time is getting late and I still have a few jobs to do before bedtime. Hoping that your travels continue to be happy and fruitfull, and looking forward to seeing you again next month,
With love from us all,

Roy, Kim, Jason + Adam.

P.S. Any more news of Jim? We hope his life has calmed down a little lately! K.

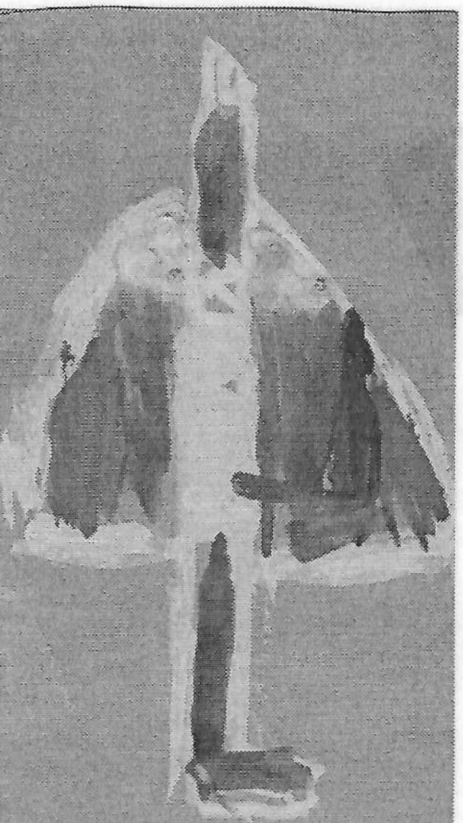


Happy Father's Day
To Uncle David

from Jason and
Adam

To David
With lots
and lots
of Love
from

Jason



University of Exeter
August 15, 1976

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, + Adam:

Here we are at Exeter enjoying our stay in one place for a couple of weeks. I'm beginning to get my ideas together on my ecumenical study, and doing a little genealogical research.

See Kim Cook's July 17, 1976, letter (above)

The other day at the Devon Record Office I went through the Bishops Transcripts for Holsworthy from 1780 to 1800, but no Joseph Wetheridge turned up. The only Witheridge during that time was an Elizabeth Wetheridge, who married Emmanuel Jewel. I did record their children, but otherwise my search was in vain.

Tomorrow we're going to Cornwall, staying overnight and returning Tuesday evening. We've booked a room in a hotel in Truro to be sure of a place. We'll do a little work on my Allen ancestors there, as well as on Elizabeth's Gilbert line.

Our first roll of film turned out beautifully. I've ordered a lot of reprints from Kodak in London, and I asked them to mail them to you. I think I sent enough money so there'll be a slight refund, which I asked them to make out to you, too.

Please open the package right away, because practically all the prints are for you and the other family members in them. The only ones that aren't are two of Kim and Roy and two of Jason and Adam I want for Janice and Lance, and of course two of the Twiggs for them. We are absolutely enthralled with the pictures of the farm of yours and hope you like them, too.

We've decided that it won't be possible to come to Sutton on the way to Cambridge. We'll stop briefly in Poole, then head for Oxfordshire to look for Witheridge Hill and to Bedford where Elizabeth wants to investigate Dunstable and

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Oct. 8, 1976

Dear Doris & Elizabeth

Just a very brief note to say how pleased we were to hear that you arrived home safely & without any further delays. I guess you & Jim had quite a reunion, even though it was in the early hours of the morning!

Since your departure I've been frantically busy on two counts — preparing a special surprise for you which I hope to be able to post in a few weeks (keep guessing!) & also with assimilating all the information we've aquired this Summer between us. The card index is growing rapidly & when I finally get up to date it should have about 400 cards in it! I've now got the necessary letters of reference to the Society of Genealogists & have sent everything off, so will write more fully when I get into those hallowed halls!

I'm enclosing a letter which arrived about a week after your departure, & also the photos which finally turned up at the same time! Not up to the standard of yours I'm afraid, but hope you like them nevertheless.

Well, the drought has ended at last & we seem to have had all the Summer's rain in the last ten days. Unfortunately it was too late to save some of the fruit crops, but oh, how green the grass is again!

The boys have both settled well in school now, & have just had their school photos taken. If they're good we'll send you a copy.
Ron is keeping busy at work & we are all keeping well, but the house seems empty without you! We all miss you & send our love & the boys asked me to send you a specially big hug & kiss each.

Our love & best wishes also to Jim & Tom – we feel we know them so well now!

Will write more fully when I've got my genealogical work sorted out – my hand is aching dreadfully from writing scores of filing cards – sample enclosed. So I'll close now & get back to work, but meanwhile, take care of yourselves,

Love from us all.

Ron, Kim, Jason & Adam.

P.S. Hope all your talks & reports go well & also that your garden was looking good for your return. K

October 10, 1976

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason + Adam:

It's hard to believe that it's over a month since we ended our wonderful visit to Britain and returned to Minneapolis. We've been very, very busy and still aren't completely caught up from being away all summer.

I did complete a 15-page paper on "The British Ecumenical Scene from an American perspective," which I gave to my clergy group, the Saturday Dinner Club, on September 25. We have also spent a lot of time going over our hundreds of slides trying to select the best ones to use at our church this Wednesday.

We think of you every day, remembering fondly the lovely times we spent with you - both in your home and in other places you took us. We still consider 81 Ash Road our home in England and you our family there.

Getting together all these pictures has also been quite an operation. Some of these are copies you wanted, but most of them are prints from slides. I think you will recognize all of these, though you may be a little uncertain about the John Witheridge children and grandchildren in Devon. Please accept these as our gift with love.

We're sitting here in our living room listening to a Young People's Concert by the New York Philharmonic on TV, having just seen our Minnesota Viking professional football team "squeak through" with a 20-19 victory over the Chicago Bears, also on TV.

The last of the five packages we mailed just before leaving England arrived a couple of days ago. All were in good condition, so no harm was done because they wouldn't let us insure the two big ones!

Now I'll close and turn this over to Elizabeth for a few paragraphs.

Love, David

Dear Ann, all four of you,

We're having afternoon tea now, still sitting in the living room. It's 4:30 here, beautiful and sunny – just the time to have tea. It's an English habit I have certainly carried home with me. Even days that I'm alone I usually make tea in our darling fat little teapot from Honiton Potteries and nestle it in its lovely gold and brown cozy. And it's a rare day that I have tea without my thoughts winging across the wide Atlantic to you. Too bad it's so far!

Now about the newspaper clippings. Weeks ago I started collecting things from our papers that I thought would interest all of you. Then one day when I went to our Byerly food store I found the new edition of their news sheet was devoted mainly to wine-making so I picked one up for Roy, thinking he would have fun reading it.

I almost forgot to tell you that I have made three "batches" of Rock Buns since we came home, and friends and family think they're wonderfully good.

Rock Buns

We're planning a trip to Chicago the weekend of October 27 to see Tom, so we will take him his game then.

Our love,

Elizabeth

To David & Elizabeth,
Jim + Tom,

With

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and all

Good Wishes

for the

NEW YEAR

+ our love to you all,
from
Ron, Kim,
Jason
XXXXX
Adam
++++

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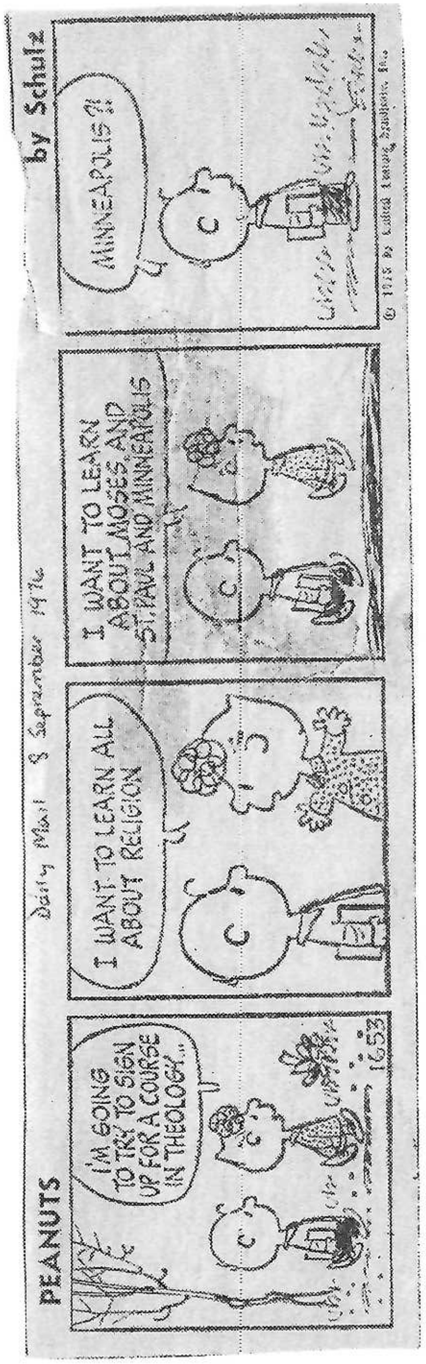

Daily Mail 8 September 1976

PEANUTS
by Schulz
I'M GOING TO TRY TO SIGN UP FOR A COURSE IN THEOLOGY...
I WANT TO LEARN ALL ABOUT RELIGION
I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT MOSES, AND ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS
MINNEAPOLIS?!
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Dear David & Elizabeth, Tom & Jim,

Just a brief line in the middle of frantic preparations for Christmas to let you know that we are still in the land of the living & haven't forgotten you! A parcel is on it's way to you separately with a little gift we hope you will enjoy & which will remind you of a Surrey summer, even in mid-winter Minnesota!

My first visit to the Society of Genealogists was very interesting. The building itself was fascinating & was obviously once a private house of some substance. The once lofty & airy rooms that must have been very gracious are now crammed from floor to ceiling with old books & the rooms themselves have been divided into sections by very tall bookshelves. Unfortunately I

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t yet found Joseph W. in the Holsworthy area,
I've eliminated nearly a dozen parishes & found
o individual mentions of other Witheridges, but
ing to indicate where the family home was. Still,
are plenty more parishes to check, though not
all in the S o G library unfortunately.
d I mention in my last letter that I am back
work? My present job is for 30 hrs a week, rather
re than I would have wished, but there wasn't really
f choice. Part time jobs are like gold dust, & there
e over 80 applicants for this one, so I was lucky
get it. I do wages & personnel records & some
stings for a building firm not far from here.
Although I enjoy the work, it doesn't seem to leave
nough hours in the day for all the other things that
are to be done. I still haven't finished typing &
sorting my S.o.G work, but as the firm closes
r nearly 2 weeks holiday over Christmas & the New

Year, I should be able to catch up a bit then.
Life has also been complicated by a series of small mishaps to the children, the last of which was rather worrying. Adam dashed out of school one day, not looking where he was going (as ever!) & ran smack into the iron railings & split his forehead open. It really was a ghastly sight, with blood pumping everywhere. The school caretaker rushed us up to St Helier Hospital where the wound was cleaned & stitched, & my boss let me work at home for a bit until we knew that no serious damage was done. The wound has healed marvellously, the stitches came out on Saturday & on Sunday Adam was able to wear his shepherd's head-dress in the Nativity Play with no discomfort!

The whole Sunday School concert went very well. I wrote a very simple script for the little ones (3-6 yrs) to act to, while the over-7's read the words. Jason

was chosen to read the John Betjeman poem on Christmas & I chose as the Bible reading Isaiah $7^{14}$ which we at Emmanuel regard as our special favourite.

Jason has also been successful in his chess club & was chosen for the school team for the Sutton Junior Chess Congress. It was an all-day affair, with 6 games each on the Swiss Pairing System, & J. won two of his games. At the end of the day he emerged top in his age group & won a chess set & roll-up vinyl board. He also goes automatically into the finals of the "Evening Standard" Junior Chess Tournament, which takes place on 27 & 28 December, in London.

Roy is rushed off his feet with work & not getting any time off in the race to get all repairs completed before Christmas. So we are all looking forward to the holiday. On Christmas Day we shall be at home with both the mums, but on Christmas Sunday we are going round to Graham + Sue's now that they are at long last in their new home.

How did all your talks go, David? I'm sure with all the material + photos you had you were much in demand for talks on every possible aspect of your trip. And I can't believe that you won't have started thinking about a new book based on something English, Elizabeth. My own guess was that you would work something out around the story of Ryan — or am I way off the mark?

Will Tom be able to be with you for Christmas this year? And are you staying home? I'm sure if Jim has anything to do with it, you'll all be home together! How is the job situation for Jim – has he decided yet in which direction his future lies? We do hope he has been able to resolve his dilemma successfully.

Well, now I must close + run to catch the post. Hoping you all have a really joyous Christmas + a truly happy year ahead. With lots of love from us all, Ron, Kim, Jason + Adam

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March 6, 1977

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, and Adam:

This is the first Sunday afternoon in a long time that I've been able to sit down and do just what I want to do with no urgent jobs or pressures. Not that I'm all caught up on everything! But there doesn't seem to be a deadline of tomorrow or the next day. And what I really want to do most is to write to you, our dearest family in Britain.

I don't think we'll ever forget our summer in Britain. It was one of the most enjoyable and enriching experiences of our lives. All that we do and think is now set in a broader perspective that extends beyond our own country to yours. The British people now are frequently in our thoughts, and we hope maybe the American people are often in yours because of our having been there.

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During the past week we have been blanketed with about ten inches of beautiful, white snow. We always love it when the drab, dirty landscape gets covered up with new snow. This time it was especially welcome, even though it was more than we like to have at one time, because we have still been in the drought that began last summer. This is the most precipitation we've had at one time since last July. Many of the fields have been bare and dry, and the level of our lakes and rivers is way below normal. Now we have hopes that this may now be changing.

What has kept me so busy since last September, of course, is my work with the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Much had been neglected in my absence, and the period from the first of December through Holy Week is always my busiest period, anyway. The lack of funds in recent years, due primarily to inflation, has meant that I have had to pick up the responsibilities formerly carried by staff members who have left from time to time without being replaced.

Elizabeth and I went to a meeting of the Minnesota Genealogical Society about a week ago. It was mainly an open meeting for questions and answers on any genealogical subject. We didn't learn a great deal that we didn't already know, but I did get a good suggestion to work through the Wisconsin Genealogical Society (the state next to us) on my ancestry in Germany, because Wisconsin is so heavily German.

We did enjoy hearing about your experiences at the Society of Genealogists, Kim. We're so glad you have made a good start there, and we hope you have been able to return a few times for additional research. You mentioned that some of the parish records you want are not at the S.O.G. library. Have you studied the information I left you about the Devon Record Office in Exeter? It seems to me they are glad to answer one or two questions at a time without charge. Pe Perhaps they would search for Witheridges over a time span of a few years in one particular parish near Holsworthy from time to time.

Kim, we were so thrilled to get your beautiful painting of the roses for Christmas. Nothing could have delighted us more. We have it sitting on top of the bookshelves in my study, where it brings a touch of summer all through the winter! You have so many talents!

Last Friday, March 5th, was the World Day of Prayer, and we wondered if you were celebrating it in Sutton (or Morden), too. Because they wanted me to take some pictures, I attended three services--one at a Lutheran church in the morning, another in a downtown Catholic church at noon, and an evening dinner meeting at a Greek Orthodox church. Elizabeth was also at the evening one, as we always go together to the evening observance on the World Day of Prayer. Church Women United (one of the departments of the G.M.C.C.) holds 25 neighborhood services in Greater Minneapolis, plus the noon and evening services, and this year they took the services to 85 nursing homes, where they were greatly appreciated.

How are all of your remodeling projects going around the house, Roy? We hope the rush of your job has eased off a bit, so you can find time for some of your own projects. We were quite impressed with your expertise along so many lines. We imagine, too, your garden has already begun to show its new spring growth, which we don't get for another month or two here. You should see our rose bushes all covered up. Did we tell you how we put a styrofoam cone over each bush? Right now after that recent snow, they look like big marshmallows sticking up above the rest of the snow.

We're glad you're back at work, Kim, even though it's more hours than you like to work each week. In these days the extra income is so essential!

Please say "Hello" to Graham and Sue. We're happy to know they are now in their new house, and we wish we were there to see it. We did so enjoy being with them several times.

Now I guess I'll close my part of the letter and turn it over to Elizabeth for a few more remarks.

Love,

Dave

Having been married to me for thirty-six years I suspect that David is pretty sure that I'll never be satisfied with "a few more remarks" so he has prudently provided me with an extra sheet of paper! For some unaccountable reason I've been feeling "homesick" for England and you beloved people the last few days so when I re-read your last letter this afternoon it made me all the more lonely for all four of you! It's so sad that our two countries are separated by the vast Atlantic.

We're happy (so far, at least) with our new President Jimmy Carter. Yesterday he held telephone conversations with people who called in to the White House and we were wondering if you saw and heard any part of it on your BBC. Our PBS which is somewhat comparable to BBC showed a good bit of it to us last evening in a taped replay. We heard it live on radio in the afternoon.

I just stopped for a minute to make David a cup of tea and give him a "British" rock bun." I make them all the time and you'd never believe what tea drinkers we've become, Roy!

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We began with buying a very useful little
electric "Hot Pot" in lieu of your electric tea
kettle, not made in our country. I use it for
boiling water quickly, and usually make tea in
our darling Honiton teapot and keep it warm
nestled in its matching cozy. By the way, Kim,
I'd love it if you'd send me the "recipe" for
knitting cozies sometime when you find it and have time.

✓ Before I forget it I must tell you that we have
mailed a package to the boys and it should
arrive in a few weeks. We sent it "surface"
because it's so much cheaper and there wasn't
any hurry about it, but it does take a long
time. We hope Adam will find his useful
and Jason will have fun with his.

It was so good to hear about both of the
boys. We were very sorry to know that Adam
had such a bad bump, but glad that it
healed well. He is so young that it isn't apt to
leave much of a scar, hopefully! And were
delighted to hear about Jason's chess victories and
are anxious to know what has happened since.

Would that I were ready to write something
new, and indeed I would love to do something
laid in England, but I'm afraid the Plague Village
might be too sad a theme for my young readers.
Right now I'm still revising my dog book. I hope
to have it back in New York by Easter. I'd be
farther along with it now but was delayed by our
wildly busy holidays. My dearest friend from
home in Michigan came Dec. 20 and stayed until
New Year's. Tom couldn't come for Christmas but arrived
a day before Grace went home & stayed about 3 days.

The 8th of January we drove to Chicago, stayed
with Tom, and were with Grace for the marriage
which David performed. It is her first and they
are divinely happy - she is ten years older than Dave!
We never again expect to have such an exciting
holiday season. Jim & Tom are both fine.

I've been cooking a pot roast & now I must go and
put in the vegetables. Wish you were here to eat it
with us. It smells good. Much love, Elizabeth
Jim sends greetings.

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30 March 1977

Dear David & Elizabeth

It was lovely to receive your letter and hear all your latest news. In fact it was quite an American week for mail in the Cook household, as a couple of days later the March issue of World arrived, and at the end of the week the boys were thrilled to receive their parcel from you. Both were delighted with their gifts, and will be adding their own thank-yous to the end of this letter. And talking of the boys, I'd better apologise right now for the typing - I have Adam as an assistant! He insists that he can type just as well as I can, though not so fast, because he's left handed like me and will therefore type left-handed like me! My efforts to persuade him otherwise have so far been unsuccessful. But his favourite children's programmes start on TV soon, so once he settles down to watch those, and with Jason out at his chess coaching course, I should have a more peaceful time of it!

I was very relieved to hear that the painting has arrived safely, after the terrible time I had with postal regulations etc. at this end! I wasn't even allowed to knot the string, as I'm told that the union rules of the Customs men say they don't have to undo knots, so all the fastenings had to be single bows! The customs declaration presented some problems too, until someone came up with the phrase 'no commercial value' in the rule book. I hope you didn't have any problems with it your end.

We would have written sooner after Christmas, but we got so many reports of the terrible blizzards in the northern USA, with all the tremendous difficulties involved for the public services, that we felt it best to delay writing until your weather conditions were better. One evening in our main news bulletins on television they even had a clip of firemen fighting a tower block fire in Minneapolis, and the water from the hoses was freezing into cascading icicles as soon as it touched the building. On film it looked very picturesque - almost like a Disneyland fairy castle, but it can't have been any pleasure to those poor firemen. In fact for three or four weeks the freak Arctic weather conditions throughout the northern US were a regular feature of our TV newscasts, but from your letter it seems that you didn't get too much of the snow.

We had really thought our spring was here to stay, and last week our clocks went forward for the summer daylight saving time, and the cold weather promptly returned! The masses of glorious golden daffodils in our gardens have been bent to the ground each morning under the severe night frosts, but they do struggle up again if the sun thaws them out in the day. Snowdrop and crocus time is long gone, daffodils and hyacinths, forsythia and almond trees are at their height, and soon it will be the turn of the tulips and flowering cherries and early apple blossom. We do so love it when the colour comes back to the garden, especially at blossom time.

We too celebrated Women's World Day of Prayer with special services at many of the local churches. Unfortunately my own contribution had to be a private one here at home, as the two services nearest here were both at impossible times. The afternoon one co-incided with the children coming out of school, and the evening one started before Roy finished work, Friday being his late night. But it must have been fascinating for you to see so many different denominations celebrating each in their own way - surely what WWDP is all about.

Yesterday was also a special prayer day for our church Young Wives group, as it was our annual 'Quiet Day'. Each year, on one day in Lent, we remove ourselves from our usual surroundings and devote the best part of the day to talks, prayer and discussion. In the past we have travelled out to the country somewhere, but the journey has reduced our useful meeting time and also posed problems for mums with children at half-day playgroups. Last year the local Baptist church very kindly let us use one of their church meeting rooms, nicely equipped with carpet, sofa, armchairs and small tables, and much more like a large homely sitting room that our more formal meeting rooms. We also had the use of another room as a creche for the children, and of the kitchen for coffee and soup etc. It was such a success that we repeated the arrangement yesterday, and welcomed Freda Franks, a lovely lady from Crawley (not far from Gatwick Airport) to lead our discussion on 'Prayer - does it bounce off the ceiling, or raise the roof!' Freda was one of a team which first came to Emmanuel on an outreach mission in 1972, and with whom we have kept in touch ever since. She is such a sweet soul, and very practical as well as spiritual, and we all gained a great deal from our 'Quiet Day'.

I was certainly very glad of the quiet after a very busy time, in recent weeks. Unfortunately my new job didn't last very long, and I was again made redundant at the end of February. I hadn't realised until I stopped work just how tired I had become, and in the following weeks seemed to catch every germ going. Also, our Craft Club held a coffee morning which I had to organise, and which raised £27. Jason had enrolled in an 8 week chess coaching course in Sutton for 1½ hours each Wednesday afternoon, which finishes today. He has also been on the waiting list to join the Cub Scout pack at the Baptist Church and at the beginning of the month they had two vacancies and were able to take both Jason and his friend Kevin who has been going to chess with him. After four weeks as a tenderfoot he has learned his law and promise and fitted in nicely with the rest of the pack, so was enrolled as a full member last night, complete with full uniform. Adam has been referred by the school doctor toa speech therapy clinic as they are concerned that he still can't manage to sound 's', so we have been travelling to Cheam and back for weekly sessions. Then on the 18th we went to a charity barn dance organised by Graham and Sue for the Horder rehabilitation unit for arthritics - a very enjoyable evening out. On Thursday and Friday last Roy had two days off to knock down the walls of the old larder cupboard in the kitchen. As all the main fuse boxes etc for the whole house were attached to that wall everything had to be re-routed. Then just after Roy had booked his two days' holiday we had a phone call from one of his neices in Lowestoft (on the east coast) to ask if she and her husband could come and stay for the weekend! Of course, Roy had to go ahead with the demolition as planned, or we'd never have got it done, so I spent all Friday frantically trying to remove the omnipresent brick-dust, and make the place reasonably presentable for their arrival at 6.30 that night. It was the first time we had seen Jackie & Tony for 18 months, and as they expect their first baby in July it was a very happy reunion. (Roy and I will be great-aunt and great-uncle for the fifth time, which makes us seem very ancient!) Jackie and Tony spent all day Saturday in London, visiting the Ideal Home Exhibition, having a meal out, and then going to a show, and Roy collected them from Morden station at about 12.30 am! That left us free on Saturday afternoon to go and pay a farewell visit to Wendy and Geoff who leave for their new home in Bradford tomorrow. They are none of them very happy, about going but they have no alternative. Geoff's firm has moved up there and the employment situation generally is so bad that it has been impossible for him to get another job anywhere in the south. We shall be as sorry to see them go as they will be to go, and I am just praying that they will both be able to make the necessary adjustments involved without too much difficulty. However, as Wendy has recently been in hospital and is still suffering from post-operative depression there will be considerable problems all round. But we hope to go up for a visit in the summer holidays, and meanwhile have taken the liberty of giving them Eric Allen's address, as Leeds is only nine miles from Bradford and they will need good friends. So our visit with Wendy and Geoff on Saturday was a rather sad one, and we were glad of Jackie's and Tony's company over the rest of the week-end. They finally drove home in flurries of snow and sleet on Monday afternoon, leaving us with an invitation to visit them in early June.

So you can see life has been fairly busy, but on the whole enjoyable. And what a real pleasure it must have been for you to go to Chicago and have two such enjoyable visits - to see Tom and to be with Grace for her Wedding. And it must be lovely to have the ceremony performed by someone you know. The minister who officiated at our wedding was a complete stranger to both of us!

And I was really amazed by your reference to pot-roast Elizabeth. You see, we hadn't had a pot-roast for ages, and then they had some special offers on beef in our local freezer centre. I bought two nice pieces of brisket and put them in the little freezer I bought with my earnings just before Christmas. On the Sunday before your letter arrived we had had a delicious pot-roast, and when I checked the dates I found it was the same day that you had written of your pot roast and said you wished we could share it! Quite a coincidence!

Now I must tell you the news on the genealogy front. A visit to St Catherine's house turned up some useful information for me, and I was able to check out quite a few facts. I have transcribed the marriage entries I copied and a copy is enclosed. I'm hoping I'll get a chance to type out the death register transcripts this evening and include them with this letter, but if not I'll include them next time. Concerning my own family tree, I have had to make a fresh neat copy because of all the information that has come to light since I made the original one about three years ago. Unfortunately I still haven't found the birthplace of Joseph in 1791 in the Holsworthy area, but there are still many parishes to check. Also I am beginning to wonder if the census enumerator might have made a small mistake and written Holsworthy in error for Galsworthy, which would sound very similar in broad Devonshire brogue. It's another possibility to follow up anyway, and if the worst comes to the worst, I can always advertise in the Genealogists magazine, as they have many such adverts, Viz: 4738 Kennerley. Wanted: Parentage, birthplace and date of William Kennerley, born c 1787 in North Kent or London. Married in Bexley. (F C Kennerley, 32 Eastbrook Road, London SE3). There are 24 such similar requests in the March issue of the magazine, which I have just received (more of which later). But I did discover that the mystery grandson of Joseph, recorded in the1851 census as Thomas Henry Witheridge but not registered in that name at the GRO, was the son of Thomas and Mary Ann, born about 18 months before their marriage and therefore registered as Thomas Henry Garry (his mother's name). He was therefore the elder brother of my great-grandfather Edmund, though as yet I haven't been able to discover what became of him, as I shall have to search under both names in future. However, I did discover that their younger brother Samuel John (3mths old at the time of the 1851 census) survived into adult life and married at Portsea, Portsmouth in 1878. Of the three so-far unattached Plymouth Witheridges who could belong to the same family, Nahala (b 1852) married in Plymouth in 1871, Elizabeth Jane (b 1855) married in Plymouth in 1877 and William James (B 1856) married in Plymouth in 1874. As I have been unable to find any of their baptism records, (and also unable to find any of my family's baptism records, which makes me think that they may all come from the same register that I have not yet been able to see), I may be able to trace the relevant marriage entries more easily and thus determine the parentage of the elusive three. I also wonder whether Samuel John was in the Navy, as Plymouth and Portsmouth were, and still are, the two major naval bases in this country. I also recorded the death in Plymouth in 1857 of Thomas, possibly their father. I shall certainly have to bear the possibility in mind on my next visit to the PRO to check the 1861 census again, and I may also try and do some work on the 1871 census which hadn't been released when I first wanted to check it.

Now back to the magazine of the SoG, the first copy of which, together with the index to last year's vélume, arrived last week. I have typed a very brief resume of its contents, with a bit more detail from the American article which I thought you might find useful. I also picked out three other items of particular interest, and felt that it might be very useful to make contact with the Devon Family History Society. And the advertisement about the Gilbert index might be of some use in tracing Gervis and his whereabouts. If you'd like me to follow it up, perhaps you could let me have all the relevant details and dates back to him, and I could see if any of their references tallied with any of yours.

I'm hoping to manage another visit to London one day next week, but haven't decided which would be the most beneficial course to follow. There are four places I need to visit - St Catherines, the PRO Census Room, the Society of Genealogists and County Hall, home of the Greater London Council Records Room which houses copies of most of the parish registers ofthe Greater London area. I think I might try the Census Room, especially as my PRO reader's ticket has expired and I must renew it. I have found County Hall useful in starting work on Roy's family, although working with more common names (Cook, Anderson and Lawrence) in an area of very dense population involves much more slogging and much slower results than my previous Witheridge work. Also, I am hoping that I may be able to turn up something in County Hall on my grandmother's family (Marks) My aunt Elsie also married a Marks who was vaguely believed to be a distant relation, and his family carries a rather picturesque legend (though I doubt whether there is a great deal of accuracy in it) that the family was originally French, and that the name was originally de Marquis(e). The tale has it that following escape from France during the time of the French revolution, the family fled to England and anglicised their name to Marks. Time will tell how much truth (if any) there is in the story.

Also on the genealogy side, I have been able to do some work on the photo copies you gave me of the Salt Lake City records. While some of the information does tally with what I already have, and much of it is quite new to me, I was disturbed to find some quite blatant errors which have apparently not been corrected or even queried, and which must therefore give rise to concern about the standards of accuracy generally. The most notable case is that of John Witheridge of Barnstaple (b circa 1541) and his wife Elizabeth. The record quite confidently states that they had ten children, the last three being Thomas (B 31.8.1578), Simon (B 4.10.1580), and Mary (B 15.1.1585). Yet the document also states that their mother Elizabeth was buried on 4.9.1578! As the baptisms of all ten children were at regular intervals, it is reasonable to assume that they were baptised fairly soon after birth (unlike some families who had their children baptised in batches!) Elizabeth's burial date would tie in with a post-natal infection or something similar following the arrival of Thomas. But even allowing a two year delay in the baptism, which might just explain Simon, we are still left with the puzzle of Mary. And there is nowhere on the document any query, or any suggestion of a second wife for John. What do you make of it? Also I couldn't help noticing one or two Christian names that seemed chronologically wrong. Oliver as a Christian name is the 16th centmry would have been rare, except among those of the nobility descended from the Norman French perhaps. But the Mormon records show an Oliver born in 1569 in Barnstaple. Of course it may be quite right, but instinct tells me it feels wrong. Likewise with Susan B1631 in Ilfracombe. I haven't found this name in common use much before the 18th or 19th centuries. I have entered them all in my card index, but with the appropriate queries pencilled in for future checking as and when the opportunity arises. Incidentally my card index is now nudging the 400 mark of Witheridges by birth, and with wives, and the children of Witheridge women, the actual figure must run to nearer 600! And I've still got some of the odd references from my last two research trips to transcribe. But I'd be lost without it, as it really is the most organised and best classified and concise section of my records. Classification and filing of documents gets a bit more involved, especially with families that spread about a bit, The only deficiency in my card system at the moment is that I don't have separate cards for the Witheridge wives, but this I shall have to remedy before much longer.

Incidentally, I have some notes in my genealogy note book that have nothing whatever to do with genealogy. We were watching TV one night about a week ago when I spotted that ITV had a long programme about Michigan, which I thought would be inresting to watch to get some idea of what your original home state was like. But the programme wasn't quite what I expected - it was a horrifying report of 'The Poisoning of Michigan' following the Firemaster debâcle. The research had been very thorough, and I can't remember when I saw a more disconcerting piece of journalism in any medium. I think in its way the cover-ups in this case have been even worse that the Watergate ones, because people's health and possibly even their lives could be at stake. I don't know whether this particular programme, or anything similar, has been shown on your TV networks, but I grabbed my notebook and wrote down as much as I could at the time, because I knew I'd never remember half the facts quoted. And it was heartbreaking to watch farmers having to destroy herds that had probably been built up over generations of careful buying and breeding, and tosee some of the appallingly grotesque deformities in calves of the third 'post-Firemaster' generation. Prior to this programme we heard brief reports which gave the impression of minor poisoning in two or three herds, brief details of which had been in the press at intervals during the past three years, but at no time had we imagined anything on such a scale. I'll see if I can find the relevant newspaper reports on the programme and include them, so that you can let us know how it looks to you.

On television we also saw some of the Jimmy Carter phone-in and he came over quite well. In fact, one of the things that impressed many people was strangely when he had to admit he had no idea of the answer to one woman's question. 'At least he's honest' seems to have been the general comment!

We were very touched to read your comments about feeling homesick for England, and often wish you could be back with us too. I still feel that there is so much more we could have seen and done had you been able to stay longer, but perhaps you'll manage another visit someday. We were pleased to hear Jim and Tom are both keeping well - do give them our love, as we quite feel they are like members of the family, even though we've never met them -yet! Maybe they too, will in turn be able to make the Atlantic crossing in due course!

Graham and Sue are both very well, although Sue has had a couple of very severe colds this winter. Did I tell you that they now have a gorgeous pedigree Airedale dog. He is a real character, and at only seven months old weighs 3½ stone! His pet name is Norman, and the boys call him 'Nutty Norman' because he's sometimes quite barmy! We call him Norman the Foreman, because no matter what Graham and Sue may say to the contrary, it's quite obvious who's the boss in their house! As he has a pedigree showing five generations of champions, they also had to choose a suitable kennel name to register him at the Kennel Club. Most of his ancesters had the forename Bengal, as the breeder had spent much of his early life in India. I was quite sure in advance that Norman's character was such that he would be a Sahib, and one of his grandparents had Sahib in his name. Finally Sue hit on the brilliant invention of Sugra (from their own Christian names), so he was registered with the grand title of Bengal Sugra Sahib - much more dignified than it's owner, who looks like one of those pups you sometimes see pictured on toffee tins!

Well, now I really must close, as its nearly bed-time and I must lay out all the clean clothes for everyone for tomorrow. Jason is going on a school outing to the Fairfield Halls concert complex in Croydon tomorrow to take part in a recording for the BBC of the end of term concert of the schools' music programme.

I'll leave a space for the boys to add their messages tomorrow, because they've both said they'd like to write their own little bit. Adam is very proud of his new-found ability to read and write, and his teacher is very pleased with his progress. Jason's teacher too is very pleased with his work - he is doing excellently at mathematics, very well in history and geography and general subjects, and I was delighted to see that his facility for creative writing has suddenly blossomed and he is showing great promise there too.

But now I'll sign off, and wish you all a very happy Easter season.

With much love from us all,

Ron, Kim, Jason & Adam

Dear Uncle David and Auntie Elizabeth

Thank you very much for my marker pens. I can make lovely bright pictures with them. I have joined the Cubs and am looking forward to taking tests to win some badges. I think there is a badge for art, so my pens will come in useful. Thank you.

Lots of love

Jason

Thank you for my lefty scissors

Lots of love

Adam

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P.S. Almost forgot to mention - we've booked a cottage to share with Graham & Sue (& Norman!) for a week at the end of August. It's near Kingsbridge, so I may get another chance to check those Plymouth archives! Kim

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Modern Sources for Genealogical Research in the United States
By T L Boam. The author is the Area Representative in West Germany of the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
The article lists a number of repositories which may be of use, including: The Genealogical Society of Utah, 50 East North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newberry Street, Boston, Mass. 02116: New York Public Library, 5th Ave & 42nd Street, New York, NY 10018: George-Peabody Collection/Enoch Pratt Library, 17 East Mt Vernon Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21202: Library of Congress, 1st Street South East, Washington DC 20540: National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D Street Northwest, Washington DC 20006. Also recommended is 'Grassroots of America' an index to the American State Papers 1789-1837, covering class 8 & 9 of the Congressional Papers dealing with land grants and indexing over 80,000 claims. The original record yields name, age, previous residence, names and vital dates for wives, children or other relatives. This is edited by P W McMullin, pub Gendex Corp, Salt Lake City 1972. Nearly 30 other sources are also listed.

Lysons and the 'Model Merchant' - new light on the family of Sir Richard Whittington, Mayor of London. By G R Tibbetts, MA, FLA. The author is a librarian in the Unviersity of London. His subject is oriental studies, and most of his writings are in that field.

The Congress - A Personal Impression by J S W Gibson, FSA, FSG. The author has been joint editor of this Magazine, General Editor of the National Index of Parish Registers series, and is now Editor of the Oxfordshire Family Historian.

### Other Items

Advertisement: Gilbert and Connected Surnames. 1836 to 15th century cross-index of 25,000 references compiled from Parish Registers, Wills, Deeds, etc will shortly be available on loan. Local searches for all surnames undertaken. Enquiries to 9B Charles Street, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3EJ

Book Review: American and British Genealogy and Heraldry - A Selected List of Books, 2nd edition, compiled by P William Filby. American Library Association, Chicago, 1975 xxii, 467pp $ 25.oo 'The book should be invaluable for anyone...engaged in American genealogy'.

Notes & News: Federation of Family History Societies. ...News comes.. of the formations of new local groups. The secretary of the Devon Family History Society is Mrs A V Chiswell of 96 Beaumont Street, Plymouth PL2 3AQ, and the subscription, covering also the quarterly journal, is £2.00......

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14 July 1977

Dear David and Elisabeth

Many thanks for your leter received many weeks ago, and apologies for not having answered sooner - we have been going through yet another of our periodic 'chaos phases' as you will soon realise!

I can't remember if I mentioned in my last letter that I had been made redundant yet again. Part time jobs are like gold-dust, and the few there are are always the first to be discarded when a company is forced into making economies. I began to think that maybe I wasn't meant to work after all! But at Easter I spotted a rare advertisement in our local paper for a publisher's reader for a local company with offices near Sutton station. Originally the job was for a freelance working from home, but when their directors saw from my application form that my past experience included scheduling they asked me to take on that as well. So I go into the office for 15 or 16 hours a week, at times to suit myself, and have now completed most of the major job of scheduling the work through, and then once the schedules are organised it need only take an hour or so a day to keep them updated and the reading I can bring home, which will be ideal in the school holidays. We set books for other publishers, using mainly IBM computerised composing machines, and also do technical drawings, artwork etc, and provide either camera ready copy or negatives as required. One of our biggest customers is the American firm of Prentice-Hall of New Jersey - we do a lot of college text books for them.

Jason and Adam are keeping busy too. Jason is now a Cub (with all the additional social life that that gives rise to!) and is learning to swim. Adam has been having a course of speech therapy classes one afternoon a week, to help with his 's' sounds, and it now seems possible that he may have a minor defect in the frequency range of his hearing, so we are waiting for an appointment at a special audiometric clinic. The boys have both been going through a phase of mutual dislike, rubbing each other up the wrong way, so we have separated their beds and put Adam in the little room. It seems to be an improvement!

As well as moving the bedrooms about, Roy and I have been busily working on the dining room, painting and papering, and it is nearly finished at last. We are delighted with the result, and as soon as we have completed the finishing touches we'll photograph the result and send it to you. We've also been busy in the kitchen - that awful old doorless larder has gone and in its place is a tall wall cupboard, not nearly so deep, with laminated doors in a pine finish. We have put cork tiles on the wall underneath to make a notice board (much needed for all the school, Church and Cub notes), and have put a matching single cupboard on the wall over the draining board. We have also just bought a new stainless steel sink unit to match the new cupboards, but are waiting for new flooring to put down before we fix the new floor unit arrangement.

However, we haven't been able to do much in the last few weeks. For the Jubilee holiday we took ourselves off to Suffolk, planning to stay for ten days. We had a really enjoyable visit, seeing all the family and friends we had planned to, but unfortunately had to come home early when I caught a heavy cold which rapidly turned into bronchitis. When we came home I had a week off work, and had only been back in circulation for two days when we were all in a minor car accident. We were stationary at traffic lights and the car behind us just didn't stop. Fortunately Roy and the boys came to no harm, but I suffered a whiplash injury to my neck muscles and have been in a soft surgical collar for nearly four weeks. Fortunately it is on the mend now, but we are still going through all the inevitable insurance and legal hassles.'

One side effect of that is that I had planned to have my typewriter serviced (at long last) last month, but haven't dared be without it in view of all the legal and insurance correspondence we've had to deal with.

But now all the family news is told, I can start on the genealogy news. I went to the Society of Genealogists' one day conference in June, which was extremely beneficial, not only for what I came to know, but also for who I came to know. One of my new contacts is Don Steel, by profession an Education Officer with the BBC in Bristol, but also a very experienced author and lecturer in the genealogy field, and the youngest person ever to be elected as a Fellow of the SoG. He has just left England for a 5-week lecture tour of the USA, but before he went he managed to convene a meeting of interested parties to organise an East Surrey Family History Society. I was nominated on to the steering committee, with special responsibility for publicity and for editing and producing a printed magazine. Fortunately the firm I work for was able to provide an acceptable quote for setting, and I got a reasonable quote from a printer in Wallington to produce the finished copies, so all I have to do now is to conjure up 32 pages of material and 3 pages of adverts and have the whle thing ready for sale at the inaugural meeting in September! Sutton Central Library (a new building, only open about 18 months) is now specialising in Genealogy and Heraldry as their pet subjects, so they have welcomed us with open arms and will provide excellent meeting facilites at a reduced rate. Diplomatically we have elected the senior librarian there as our President, and have also chosen as Treasurer the wife of a bank manager! We have already uncovered hitherto unsuspected sources of copies of records for what might be called 'historical Surrey' - extending in to London as far as Southwark - which should help me a great deal in my hunt for Roy's antecedents. Also, it could lead to the arrangement of exchange facilities with other Family History Societies, and hopefully the one in Devon, which could prove extremely useful.

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Adam's mark!

On the more personal side of genealogy I have dug up a few more

(not literally of course!)

Witheridges in various parishes around Holsworthy, but as yet have found no trace of my 3xgreat grandfather Joseph. I now have a good parish map of Devon (purchased at the SoG conference) which gives me a much more accurate idea of where to search. Unfortunately all the parishes in the next phase of my hunt are ones which are neither with the SoG nor the Devon Records Office, so I shall have to have a session with the Crockfords Clerical Directory in the library and start writing to the incumbents of the parishes concerned.

But I have got some very interesting news on other fronts. Firstly I sent off for copies of the only two remaining Witheridge wills from the DRO. The most interesting is that of Richard Witheridge of Tavistock, and the phrasing is so beautiful that I feel I must type it out in full for you, just as it comes:

The last Will and Testament of me Richard Witheridge of Hogbear in the parish of Tavistock in the County of Devon Yeoman being now of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing there is an appointed time once for all to die do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament Principally and first of all I recomment my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and touching such worldly goods as God in his Mercy has been pleased to bestow upon me I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner First I desire that all my just debts be paid together with my funeral expenses and the expense of proving this my last Will Secondly I give and bequeath to my Youngest son Richard my silver watch silver shoe buckles and silver knee buckles Thirdly all the rest residue and remainer of my estate and effects wheresoever and whatsoever and of what kind and quality soever the same may be I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Witheridge and I do make ordain constitute and appoint the said Mary Witheridge to be sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament to be by her held occupied and enjoyed during her life after which should there be any of the said property left I should wish the same to be equally divided amongst all my children at the discretion of my beloved Wife Mary Witheridge these presents I publish as my last Will and Testament whereunto I subscribe my name this fifth day of July One thousand eight hundred and thirty four //. Rd Witheridge.

But the really interesting part is the affirmation by the witnesses who sign themselves: Roger Percy, John Percy, Roger Crossman's mark. As the parishes of Tavistock and Lamerton share a lengthy common boundary, and as the wife of John Phillips Witheridge was a Jane Percy, I can't help feeling that there's a connection. It could even be that Richard senior was John Phillips' father and the two Percys father and/or brothers/uncles to Jane; certainly the dates would be about right, However as neither the Tavistock nor Lamerton records are available in London, it will have to be another Devonshire job. (Richard died 9 July 1834, effects sworn under £600.)

One further item that may be relevant to your own family David, is an entry in the BT of the registers of Bulkworthy (about halfway between Holsworthy and Bideford). It shows a marriage on 27 October 1608 between Thomas Saunders and Wilmot Witheridge - no futher details given, but that name Wilmot does seem to be peculiar to the Combmartin Witheridges. Does it tie in with the dates of any of the Wilmots you have records of?

Ans

Did I mention in my last letter that on a visit to St Catherine's House I had found the marriage index entries for three of the Plymouth 'mystery' Witheridges that I feel may belong to my family? The three concerned are Mahala (b 1852, m 1871), Elizabeth Jane (b 1855, m1877) and William James (b 1856, m 1874). As I cannot trace their baptismal records, I'm hoping that the marriage entries will be easier to find, and Mr Chell the Plymouth City Archivist has agreed to have a quick search for me. That should give me some more information to work on before we go down to Kingsbridge in the summer holidays.

19 July

Five whole days gone, and this is the first chance I've had to sit down at the typewriter again. Roy has been poorly with a nasty tummy bug, and I've had a severe migraine, but fortunately we're now both fit again. I'm beginning to think we really need that holiday.

Luckily we were both well enough to get to our last Young Wives meeting of the session - a barbecue to which husbands were also invited. There were about 36 of us all told, in the very large garden of our friends Cedric and Margaret, and we finished the evening with a sing-song to guitar and tambourine accompaniment. It was a really good evening of fellowship.

Looking back I see that I forgot to mention the second Witheridge will - that of Susannah Witheridge of Kingsbridge. Unfortunately although it mentions many other members of her family, it doesn't mention any other Witheridges. As she died aged 93 (according to the monumental inscription in Kingsbridge, as recorded at SoG) her husband probably pre-deceased her by many years, and as the only child mentioned is a widowed daughter, that particular Witheridge line would seem to end there.It would seem that her maiden name was Bentley, and she mentions her 'late brother' Samuel Bentley. Her daughter is named as Susanna Shillabeer, and three grandchildren Samuel Bentley Shillabeer,Eliza Jane Shillabeer, and Henry Shillabeer.

I've just been speaking on the phone to an Australian genealogist now living in London who has kindly written an article on his convict ancestors for our new magazine. He's just told me that the Mormons have just opened a microfiche branch of their genealogy library in Exhibition Road, South Kensington - it's only been open a few weeks - and he's volunteered to look for Joseph Witheridge for me! He expects to be going there tomorrow, so with a bit of luck we may have an answer to that particular mystery before much longer.

Another piece of information that caught my eye came from an entirely different and completely unexpected source - the manuscript of a book I was reading at work. It's a book called 'Year's Work in English Studies' - a review of all major publications in English Literature which came out in 1975. One chapter mentioned, in passing, a five-day seminar on James Joyce at the University of Hawaii in 1974 and a talk on 'Ulysses' given by James Penny Smith. Seeing those two names together I couldn't help wondering if he might be another descendent of your James Penn(e)y.

Well, I guess I ought to close now - it's time I sould be in bed, and if I leave this unfinished it could be another five days before I get down to typing some more, and at that rate you'd never receive this! Do write soon with all your news and let us know how you are all keeping, how work and research are going for you David, and how Elizabeth's book in getting along, and also how the job situation is working out for Jim and whether Tom is still in Chicago. And if you should visit the Mark family and/or the Burkes, do give them our greetings and best wishes.

With love from us all,

Roy, Kim, Jason & Adam.

P.S. Have a book project of my own under way, but still in very early stages. Will tell you more about it next time! K

P.P.S. Have made contact with the Charles Witheridges, but have not yet come up with anything further on that line. Our 'Princess Elizabeth' is now a riot of bloom & a constant reminder of you, Elizabeth. Even the boys now refer to it as "Auntie Elizabeth's rose"!

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25 October 1977

Dear David & Elizabeth

Just a few quick lines, hoping all is well with you and the family. It seems ages since we last heard from you and are just hoping that no news is good news. I expect you have been pretty busy - hopefully happy-busy!

Did you get my last letter, and the will transcript etc? I hope it reached you safely, as I was very naughty and didn't take carbons, although of course I do have all the documentary originals. By coincidence my aunt Dorothy has just had a letter from G Keith Witheridge - it seems the genealogy bug has bitten him too! The letter has been passed to me, so I have just written a quick letter telling him a little of what I know and mentioning the Richard Witheridge will and the Percy witnesses.

We had a glorious week in Devon, and I did manage to get a few hours in the Plymouth record office - though a few weeks would have been better! In the time available I didn't have much success, except in tracking down the elusive marriage of my great-grandparents. I have been very lucky too, in that my aunt Dorothy has been turning out some old photos, documents etc, and has given me photos of my grand parents and both sets of great-grand parents! One excellent photo showns my grandmother with all her brothers and sisters and their parents - at a guess I would date it about 1888. There are also a few pictures of my great-grandfather Witheridge at his home on Kingston Hill - all in all a real treasure trove for the family historian.

East Surrey
Family History
Society

Would you believe that yet another honorary 'job' has landed in my lap. At the Society of Genealogists' AGM in June, the formation of a Family History Society in this part of the world was raised, and all those interested were asked to attend a hastily convened extra meeting. Half an hour later I found myself on the committee of the East Surrey Family History Society, with the job of writing and producing a journal and handling all the publicity for the group as well. What a job! But it has been very rewarding - the first journal was published in September, in time for the first meeting, which was attended by 130 people, of whom 90 enrolled on the spot. Our second meeting last night was also well attended - at a guess about 80 - with membership now on the 130 mark. We need about 300 members to be totally self supporting financially doing all the things we want to, but it's not bad for a start. I am sending a copy of the journal under separate cover - you have a mention in it!

Private information redacted

However, we have had one bit of hassle we could have done without. In June a travelling rep ran hard into the back of our dear old car, doing quite a bit of damage, and causing me a whiplash neck injury. I had to wear a surgical collar for a month, and am still having trouble, so have an appointment at the hospital for next Tuesday. Our solicitors say that I should get some financial compensation for it, but it will take some time. More immediately, the car will have to be written of. She still runs beautifully, and did the journey to Devon and back almost non-stop, but the damage to the bodywork exceeds the value of the car, so the insurance company are bound to write it off. As the road tax for it has just expired we felt it was pointless to re-tax it in the circumstances so have taken the plunge and (with the help of our friendly bank manager!) have bought another vehicle. It is very similar to the other, another Triumph estate, but only 9 years old instead of 16! It has a slightly larger engine, with a bit more power, but the structure is the same, so we have been able to salvage the seat covers, special steering wheel and other goodies from the old one. This one, which is white, also has a radio, sun roof and heated rear screen, which is nice. We are delighted with it (although Roy is having to treat a few small rust spots before they prove troublesome) and, in very timely fashion we each had a pay rise, which will cover the cost of repayments - a real answer to prayer that was!

How are Jim & Tom? We do hope Jim has found the 'right' job, & that all is well with all of you. Oops - end of paper - love to all! Roy, Kim, Jason & Adam xxxx

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October 29, 1977

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason + Adam:

You would never know how often we think and talk about you by the frequency of our letters! We've decided to send a couple of pages now and a couple of pages later – and so on – rather than trying to do it all at once, which we never have time for. Elizabeth will write some family news, so I'll concentrate on genealogical matters.

After our summer vacation trip east, I decided I simply had to get back to all the family data we compiled last year in Britain, that's right — much of it had just been sitting all that time because of my being so busy! So for several weeks I had books and papers spread out on a card table in the living room. Elizabeth was very tolerant and patient.

I was working mainly on Witheridge records from Devon and Allen and Richards records from Cornwall. Later I got into Elizabeth's Amos line and my Narnity line.

What happened was that in August we took two long weekends (I had some extra vacation days coming) and made trips into two parts of Iowa (the state just south of us). The first was to Dubuque where a distant cousin of Elizabeth lives. She is the author of a book on her branch of the Amos family, and she has a lot of information we had never seen before. We spent two full days there and had a marvelous time. Then, of course, I had a lot of work to do on this material when we got home.

The other trip to Iowa was to meet some "long lost" cousins of mine. For years I had known that my grandfather Narnity had a brother who settled on a farm in Iowa, but we had lost all contact with that part of the family. A couple of years ago I learned on our trip out west, where

I met some other cousins for the first time, that the town where they lived in Iowa was Charter Oak. Then a little later we were in Des Moines, the capital of Iowa, and went to the State Archives Building, where we found the Telephone directory of Charter Oak. We copied the page with several Nemitz entries and wrote to one of the families.

The information they sent confirmed that we are related, but I couldn't tell exactly how, because there seemed to be some discrepancies. We determined to visit them sometime, but due to our trip to England, we weren't able to go until this summer.

We spent a little over two days there and had a most interesting time meeting many new relatives and digging information out of the church register and out of the scrap-books and memories of several relatives. When we came home, I was able to reconstruct practically all the descendants of my grandfather's brother Ernst — 40 of my "our Family Record" sheets. It was an amazing accomplishment for one weekend.

I guess I'm telling you all this just to explain why I haven't had time to correlate and comment on the genealogical information in your letter of several months ago. All my work has been on things begun when we were in Britain or before that.

The only thing I will mention from your letter, Kim, is your very *astute* comment about the Mormon records. Those archive record sheets were compiled by individuals with varied abilities and are filed just as submitted with apparently no expert checking. So they can be used only as clues or secondary information. I have a book written by one of the Mormon experts, and he says: "Information on file in the Church Records Archives is not always genealogically correct nor *complete*. Its value is directly related to the competency and efforts of the compiler of the record."

That's all for now. More next time.

Love, Dave

Tuesday, November 1, 197

Dearest Family,
I think it was a small miracle that your
letter arrived this morning while I was ironing
and thinking about the letter I planned to
write to you this afternoon! I was so pleased
that I hadn't done it before because there
they would have crossed and that's so frus-
trating, isn't it? David got your two (unanswered
letters, oh dear!) out of his desk the other day
and we both read them over and loved them
and he wrote his part immediately and I
procrastinated. This time it was lucky that I did
I called the office and told him your letter
had come and reassured him that all was
well with you but he hasn't had the joy
of reading it yet.

How wonderful that Jason is off the out-patient
list at last! We're sorry that your whiplash is
still troubling you but I understand they are slow
mending. Wish you had our doctor to consult
about it. He is a most marvelous osteopath
and so good at treating things like that. So
often other doctors don't quite know the best
way to approach joint and muscular and
nerve injuries. I've been having a bout with
sciatica this fall, but thanks to Dr. Zettel
it is almost 100% over now.

Speaking of fall, ours has been lovely. Now,
member! we still have roses budding and
blooming in our garden because we here in
the city have not as yet had a killing
frost. I just put a lovely, radiant Miss All-
American Beauty in a bud vase on the
chest in the living room. We think each one
may be the last now. On Saturday we bought
the two little Christmas tree tops that we put
in hanging baskets at the front door in winter.

October 8, 1978

Dearest Kim, Roy, Jason, + Adam:

The first three issues of Kim's *Journal* have just arrived, and we are inspired to write immediately and tell you how pleased we are.

I can't even remember when we last wrote to you, and my desk is piled so high with so many things that I don't want to take the time to figure it out.

Just let this be a short note to thank you and to tell you a little about what's going on. Of course, I haven't read all three issues of the Journal, just part of the first one. I'm fascinated, and I congratulate you and the others, Kim. I was even pleased to be mentioned.

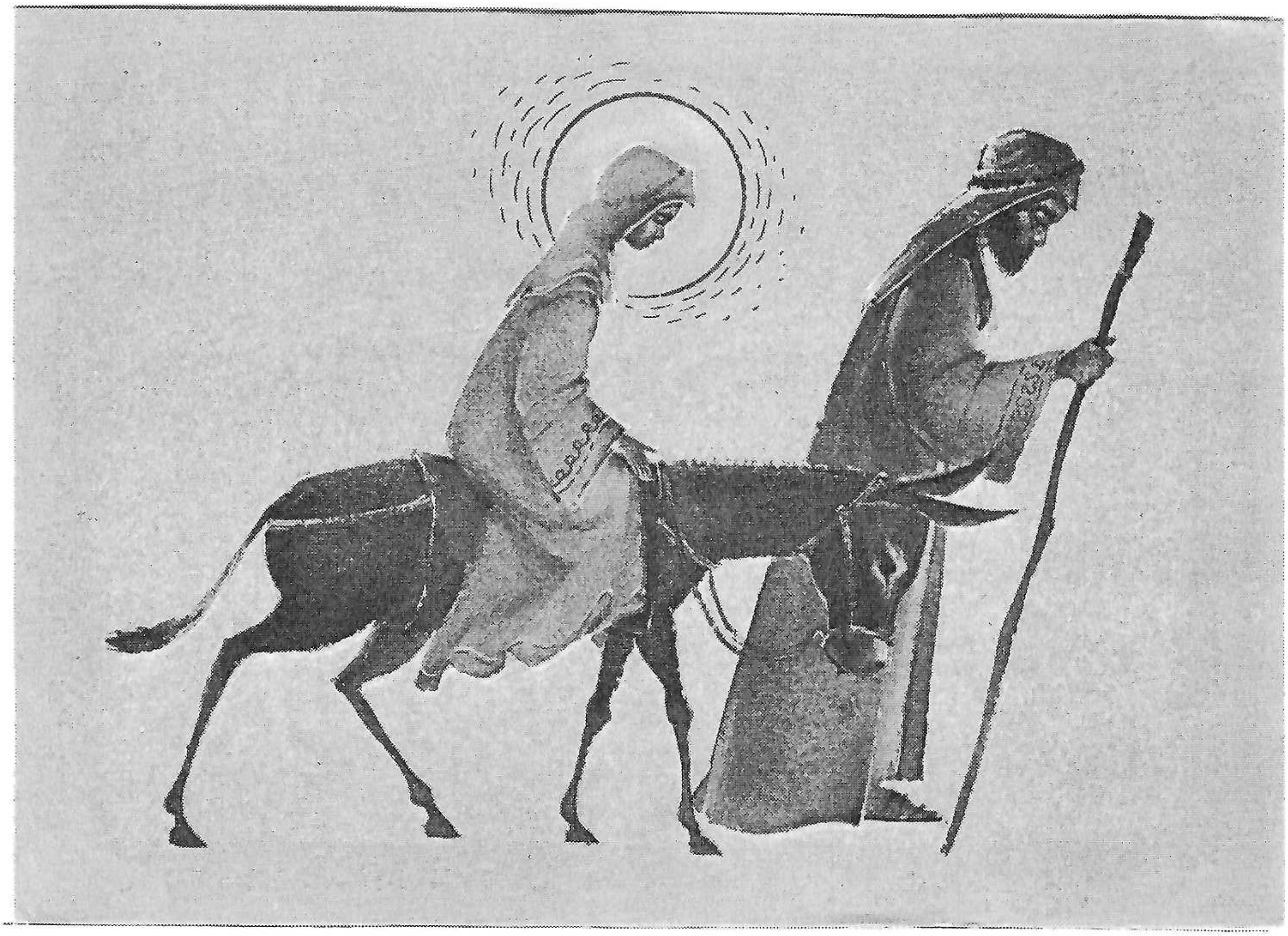
I'm not going to get into genealogy. I'm going to let Elizabeth finish this. – Love, David

We think of you all so often and would give so much to walk into your house again and hear Jason and Adam call, "Elizabeth and David are here!" Both of you boys must have grown so tall during the two years and more since we have seen you.

All the things you have told us about your house "renewal" sound wonderful and we'd love to see it. We need some renewal of our own. We certainly thought we would have our bedroom done this summer, but somehow we were too busy after we returned from our part-conference, part-vacation trip to New Mexico and Texas. We do have new front steps and porch floor, however. Our roses are still blooming, but every night brings threat of frost now.

Love from us all,

Elizabeth



To David & Elizabeth,
Jim & Tom

May the Blessings of Christmas
be with you

With love from us all,
Roy, Kim,
Jason & Adam
xx xx

Christmas 1978

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15 December 1978

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Just a few briefly written lines to let you know that we haven't really fogotten you! In fact, if we wrote to you as often as we thought and spoke of you, you'd get a letter just about every day! But in spite of the fact that I have given up a couple of my jobs for the church, there still don't seem to be enough hours in the day to spread between all the things I want to do!

I did a little more genealogy this summer, particularly during our Devon holiday - of which more later - but since I helped to found the East Surrey Family History Society last year, it seems that most of my efforts have been directed at helping other people work out their family histories! Mind you, in the process I have learned a tremendous amount for myself - all I now lack is the time to put that new learning into practice! However, I think that my next big task will be to cmplete the GRO listings of all births, marriages and deaths up to the present day, and also to list all the PPR wills for Witheridges indexed at Somerset House. A solid week in London might do the trick, but that just doesn't seem a possibility right now.

Hoping to move to Devon

One thing that does seem more than just a possibility is the great news that we have a chance of moving to Devon in the new year! Roy's firm is desperately short of engineers at the present time, and Exeter is at present bottom of the company's league tables for job efficiency and productivity. While the London area don't want to lose Roy, the company would rather transfer an engineer that lose him, and Roy has been told, unofficially, that it is extremely unlikely that a transfer request to the Exeter area would be turned down. And we are both getting rather fed up with the rat race which has really extended to this part of suburbia now. Customers are so agressive and rude, wanting everything done yesterday, and yet lacking even the most basic of common courtesy, that we would all rather live where the pace of life is still slow enough to give time for the essential courtesies of life. While on hoiday in the beautiful moorland village of Lustleigh, we fell in love with the small town of Bovey Tracey (scene of a historic battle of the Civil War , and home of the church built by Sir Gilbert de Tracey as penance for his part in the murder of Becket at Canterbury - plenty of writing material there!) and also with its people, who made us so welcome. We went back to Bovey again at half term, and have found a lovely house, and are now just waiting to sell ours. We thought we had a buyer for ours a couple of weeks ago, but that has now all fallen through, so we will have to start again after Christmas.

While on holiday we went into Newton Abbot, where I visited the showrooms of the publishers David & Charles, the largest non-fiction-only publishers in Europe. In the course of browsing, I asked one of the staff about job possiblilites, an interview was arranged on the spot, and I was offered as much freelance work as I like, on the same terms as I work now! So our income shouldn't be adversely affected by the move, and in addition we have found an excellent primary school, with a Christian head-master, for the boys to go to. We have already made many friends, and the members of the local Baptist church welcomed us with open arms when we attended their service. At half- term some of them even put us up, and we were also invited to a Christian book sale in aid of Tear Fund at the home of the head-master and his wife, where we discovered that their daughter, at teacher training college in Wimbledon, goes to the same monthly Christian meetings in Wimbledon as I do, and we had unwittingly met earlier! Small world, isn't it?

But I wish it were even smaller, so that we could see more of you. The years seem to have rushed by, and the boys have grown up tremendously since you last saw them. Jason is inthe top class at school, although he won't be able to go to secondary school until 1980 as he's too young. (Another reason why the move will come at a good time is that it avoids Jason being the only one of his group staying behind in school, as moving to a new area he will go into the class appropriate to his age.) He is captain of the school chess team, sings in the school choir, and has just earned a place in the school football team. Adam is in his final year of infant classes, and will transfer to the junior section in September. Both here and in Devon the change does not mean a change of school buildings, just an extra lesson at the end of the day and a later home-going time. Both boys are showing real interest in natural history and wild life, and have also just discovered the joys of horse riding. They had their first lesson on Dartmoor in August and loved it. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to follow it up here, as the cost of lessons inthis part of the world is nearly three times as much as in Devon, but needless to say, they are longing to go riding when we eventually move.

I am glad you received the family history magazines safely, and hope you liked them when you were able to read them right through. You will no doubt have gathered that the FHS and the journal editing have been extremely time-consuming, but I have promised myself that I will not get involved at that level with the Devon FHS! I must admit it will be a relief to shed many of the jobs I have somehow acquired here, particularly as I still suffer from migraines and neck and shoulder pains following the whiplash injury last summer. And to make matters worse, we are still waiting for settlement of the insurance claim. The other driver's insurers have now paid for the car, but are still haggling over the injury. I have just had my fourth specialist medical check ( and my second in Harley Street!) and as the law only requires a maximum of three such checks, I don't see that they have any excuse for dallying any longer.

But that is enough about us - how are you all keeping? Are you having a hard winter, or is it being mild for you? And how is you asthma, Elizabeth? Does it still bother you? I hope not. And how is the writing coming along? Have you yet decided to write something set in England? I do hope you will. But do write soon (that's abit of a cheek I know!) and tell us all your news. And how are your boys - or rather, men! Do you still have Jim with you at home, and Tom in Chicago, or have things changed in recent months? And how is the work of your Council of Churches developing? We are very much enjoying the greater ecumenical movement here, with the real lowering of barriers between the denominations. At a recent diocesan renewal service, the worship was led jointly by an Anglican, a Baptist, a United Reformed and a Catholic minister! Of course, sharing with Catholics makes the Eucharist impossible, but it was good to feel there were still many things we could share.

And how I wish there was more time to share more things with you all right now, but the hour is late, and I have to be up early in the morning! But I will enclose a couple of photos of the boys - the official school ones, and not exactly brilliant, but they're the only ones we have at present, and there are none of the four of us I'm afraid. But we do still have some in the camera, and when we've finished the film, if we can get a good one of all of us together, we'll send it to you. Meanwhile, I've sent under separate cover a couple of weeks ago, a West Country calendar (genuinely produced in the West Country, and bought on holiday!). And between the pages I've slipped a couple of rather nice old prints of Devon. One is of Combe Martin, and the other of the Valley of the Rocks, between Lynton and Lynmouth, just a few miles along the coast. I should imagine that they both look in those pictures much as they must have done when your ancestors lived there David. I realise they don't look their best unframed. but it seemed safer and less complicated to send them that way, and hope that you would be able to find some suitable frame for them. I have tried to find out something about the date of the pictures and the artist, but so far without success. But if he were a local man, you may even come across the name (which I've forgotten at present) in your research!

And so now I really must close, albeit reluctantly, and wish you all a very, very happy Christmas, and every blessing in 1979.

With lots of love from us all,

Roy, Kim, Jason + Adam

PS Once again the usual apologies for the typing, if anything even worse than usual! But my fingers keep tripping over themselves in eagerness to tell you all the news!

P.P.S. Am also trying to get hold of a special book (Devonshire of course) to send you after the Christmas rush!

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February 4, 1979

Dearest Family:

I'm sitting here looking at the two lovely pictures you sent of Jason and Adam. They've grown so much since we were there, that we're delighted to have this way of keeping in touch. Such good looking boys and such good pictures!

We're wondering most of all just where your moving possibility stands. It would be exciting to move to Devon and especially to the Exeter area. Naturally, we looked up Bovey Tracey, Lustleigh, and Newton Abbot on our large scale maps, and we are sure that would be an interesting and pleasant place to live.

When you wrote in December, Kim, you hadn't yet experienced the severe winter weather that arrived at the end of the year. Enclosed is one of the stories in our paper about your storms. We hope it wasn't too disastrous for you. It sounds as though the weather was much worse in Devon and Cornwall than it was in the London area, though the article does mention Kent, which is east of you.

You might be interested in reading the article about our weather at about that same time. We did set some records for cold temperature, and the cold weather (but not that cold!) stayed through most of January. Even this morning the temperature went down again to 15 below zero (F.), but the sun is shining beautifully, and it doesn't seem that cold. They say it might be 20 below tonight.

I think we pointed out how large a state Minnesota is, so when they say it's 30 below in Virginia, Minnesota, you must realize that's 190 miles north of here. We never have as much snow or as low a temperature as they do.

At any rate, we're used to our weather and seem to be able to get along with it. We've already had 45 inches of snow this winter, which is more than average, but not a record. We have about 20" on the ground now, but the piles go up several feet in many places. However, they keep the streets plowed, and even the alleys, so we have been able to get around reasonably well.

Chicago, where Tom is, has really been a disaster area, as you may have heard. They've had more snow than we have, sometimes 20" in one day, and they are not as well equipped to handle it. Their main airport, O'Hare Field, has been shut down several times. Hardly any of their side streets are ever plowed, so they were practically immobilized for weeks. We were worried about Tom and talked with him several times by phone.

One thing you'll be interested in is that I'll be retiring at the end of this year. Actually, I'll retire officially at the end of August when I'll be 65, but I'll continue as a part-time consultant to the end of December. As a matter of fact, starting February 1st I began working only two-thirds time, or about four days a week. In other words, instead of working full-time for 2/3 of the year, I'm working 2/3 of the time for a full year. This works out the same financially for both the council of churches and me, but it spreads my time out over the full year so the council won't have to employ a new executive until January and can thus save enough money to pay such extra costs as bringing candidates here to be interviewed and moving the new executive here.

I look upon it as partial retirement early, and I hope to have a little more time this year for genealogy, work around the house, occasional short trips, and other kinds of relaxation.

This afternoon I went to a meeting of the Minnesota Genealogical Society at the University of Minnesota Library. They told us about many resources there that we can make use of. You have to be a student or faculty member to take books and other materials out, but anyone can use the items there at the library or have them Xeroxed.

We were especially shown their extensive map collection. For example, they told us about the excellent gazeteers and large-scale maps they have of most countries. So I looked up two maps of North Devon and had them Xeroxed in sections (total cost 30¢). One is the old Ordnance Survey in the 1969 David and Charles Edition, and the other is called the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain, One Inch to One Mile Map (Seventh Series).

I was especially fascinated to see that the Publisher of the 1969 Edition was the company you might be working for, Kim, if you move to Devon. You would probably have access to many useful things if you were there.

A recent interesting development in my Witheridge line was a letter sent to me by my Aunt Clara Mae Marquis, one of my father's sisters. My great grandfather, John Witheridge, married Clara Blackmore. (There were a great many Blackmores in North Devon.)

Before she married my great grandfather, Clara Blackmore "married" George Curtis, though there is no record of the marriage in the parish register, and the twin sons she had, George and John, are listed in the baptismal record as the "Illegit. sons" of Clara Blackmore. (I haven't told this to any of my Witheridge relatives.)

John seems to have died early, but George and his descendants used the family name of Curtis. George Curtis (Clara Blackmore's son) came to America with his family; and one of his sons, John, wrote the enclosed letter to my Aunt Clara Mae about 1944. There are several things I'd like to investigate further in this letter:

1. "Grandfather Curtis sailed with the Marines for Mexico." Would there be some naval records that might turn up information about George Curtis?

2. "Grandmother Witheridge (Clara Blackmore) had 3 farms before she married J. Witheridge." Perhaps there are some proberty records of that period that would confirm this. Some distinguishing features are the name of the farm (Ham) and the name of the hotel across the road (King's Arms). Apparently the hotel was owned by "our people" (Blackmore relatives).

3. He speaks of "Mighty Atom," written by Marie Corelli, as being about the Combe Martin Church, but I don't know anything about this author or her work. Do you?

4. Regarding Lorna Doone, I hope to pursue that connection, including R. D. Blackmore's background, when I have time.

If you have any suggestions on any of these matters, Kim, please let me know. It sounds as though you have been so busy with the East Surrey Family History Society and other matters that you haven't had much time to spend on your own genealogical research. You said you had learned a lot, but didn't have time to put your learning into practice. That's about my situation now, but I'm looking ahead for more time to pursue my numerous ideas.

That's all I have time for now, but I know Elizabeth also wants to add a few lines.

Love to all, David

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Aug + Sept. 1979

Dear Dave and Elizabeth,

Once again I must start by apologising for such a long delay in writing - it seems amazing to realise that seven months have passed, for it has flown by like seven weeks.

But never the less it has been a very eventful seven months, in many ways. Early in January I managed to get a little more genealogical research done, and at long last proved that my 3 x great-grandfather Joseph, and the Joseph Witheridge born in Wembury in 1788 were in fact one and the same! This link takes me back now to about 1570. I'm sending under separate cover copies of the two latest issues of our Journal, one of which includes the story of my research, complete with family tree. Now I've confirmed the Wembury link I want to get hold of the copies of the Manorial Rolls for the three manors covering the area - Langdon, Down Thomas and Wembury. I know that the Mormons have recently microfilmed some of the rolls, and hope in fact that they have all been filmed. Some of the originals are at Exeter - too far for me to take the necessary time to study them, but if I could obtain copies from Salt Lake City, I could study them at home in my own time and hopefully discover more about the family.

However, although January started with good news, it ended on a very sad note, for on 29 January, Eva died. She had been unwell for a fortnight, and had spent some time staying here with us. Although a hospital check-up just after Christmas had shown her to be in excellent health, she apparently developed diabetes, and went into a diabetic coma before the condition could be stabilised. It was a great shock, for although she was in her 84th year, she had always been strong and healthy. It was also a great loss, for (as I have probably told you) Eva cared for me and brought me up for nearly ten years. Since February we have been helping Joan to sort and dispose of Eva's effects, and I think we have just about finished the task.

Our winter was bleak weather-wise too - frequent snowfalls, and just as one thaw was almost complete, a fresh fall ofsnow set us back to square one. However, we did have one reasonably clear week in February, which coincided with half term, and we went to Devon hoping to further our move. By Easter we were finally set to go, and were only three days short ofsigning contracts on the sale of our house, when Roy's firm withdrew their offer of a transfer - leaving us to foot the legal bills! We are still hoping to move, whether with a transfer from Roy's firm or (as seems more likely) with a change of job for Roy. Although Roy really enjoys his work, the company's administration is so inefficient, it makes the job very frustrating for him. We have even been considering setting up a servicing and repairs business of our own, but feel that this is not the most favourable economic climate forsuch a venture. For the time being,

Glitch
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we are keeping an open mind on all our options, and have booked our holiday for two weeks in Ashburton, starting 18 August. Then if there should be any suitable property on the market we shall be on the spot to take action.

Another surprise in the Spring was the discovery of the family of my mother's half-brother David - in New Zealand! As you know, I had often thought of searching for David, but I knew it could be a long and difficult task, and would depend on being able to trace the reported re-marriage of my grandfather's second wife. But all that proved unnecessary, for a copy of the ESFHS Journal, listing my interests of Witheridge and Barry happened tofall into the hands of a lady in New Zealand who had known a David Barry Witheridge and wrote to me, wondering if there might be any connection. From the details she gave me, it was immediately obvious that he was 'our' David. Unfortunately, David himself had died shortly after Christmas, leaving a wife, two sons and a daughter. His widow, Eve, came to England in March to join her parents for their Golden Wedding anniversary, and was able to make contact and come and spend a day with us. I was able to show her photos of members ofthe family and of the house in which David was born. I have had many of my old family photos re-photographed, mainly because many of the originals are rapidly deteriorating. Having modern negatives means that even should the originals fade beyond recognition, the pictures will not be lost, and of course there is the added advantage of being able to have extra prints made. I'm having a set of the appropriate ones made for Eve, which I can send to New Zealand, so that she can show her children.

May saw Jason in Paris for a week, as part of a school exchange with Sutton's twin town, Gagny. We hadn't planned forhim to go, thinking that we would be in Devon by then, but at the last minute one of the boys dropped out and Jason was offered the place. Normally such a trip would have been beyond us financially at such short notice, but as we had just received the insurance compensation for my injuries in our 1977 car accident, the money was there to pay for the trip. All the children had a really good time, and the trip has marked a major step in Jason's growing up - he has matured considerably.

Just three days after Jason's return, we had another upset, for Adam was attacked by the Jack Russell terrier of our neighbours opposite. He was quite badly bitten about the face and had to be taken to the hospital. In spite of the hospital treatment, the wound became infected and the situation was made worse when, just as the wound finally started to heal nicely, Adam went down with chickenpox. Needless to say, the first and heaviest crop of blisters came all round the wound, and sadly Adam's face is now scarred. Whether the scars are permanent or will eventually fade, only time will tell. Once Adam had returned to school it was Jason's turn for chickenpox, and in the meantime I had had an operation. What had seemed to be a large mole on my chest had started to play up and be very painful. My doctor was so concerned that he sent me to the hospital with a letter the very day I went to him, and I was booked in for surgery within ten days. Under examination they found a second 'mole' which they felt could give similar concern, so both were removed at once. We had quite a tense week afterwards waiting for the biopsy results, but fortunately all was clear.

Shortly after that the French boy with whom Jason stayed in Gagny came for the return visit. Sadly it was not a success. Christophe was very spoiled and self-willed, and I guess he had resented the attention his family had given Jason. The first three days here he cried nearly all the time and wouldn't eat (at least, not until he thought I wasn't looking). When that gambit was exhausted, we then caught him making lengthy phone calls to Paris, without permission. This was followed by choosing presents for his family when we went shopping, and then walking out and leaving me to pay the bill for them! Throughout the whole week we faced absolute refusal to take a bath, wash hair or change clothes. By the end of the week we were all quite shattered, to the extent that on the day Christophe went home, Roy went down with tonsillitis and was off work for a week!

But the following Saturday was some compensation, for I was an official steward at the Society of Genealogists Conference at Baden-Powell House in London. The conference was organised by Alan Reed, one of my fellow co-founders of ESFHS, who is now of the Committee of the Society of Genealogists . As a steward, I was able to lunch in the room set aside for organisers, staff and speakers, and the contacts made there were in many ways more useful than the rest of the conference put together! As a result of some of the contacts made, I am seriously considering starting a Witheridge one-name Society.

Idea for a
Witheridge
one-name
society

However, that will take a little more time than I have at present, for I am in the throes of my annual stint of work on 'Year's Work in English Studies', a volume published annually by John Murray for the English Association, which I copy-edit, proof-read and generally organise for them. It is always the biggest job of my working year, and this year, because some chapters were held up in a mail strike, the book is well behind schedule. But as today is Sunday, and everyone is fit and well, and we're not due anywhere or expecting visitors, I have actually been able to snatch a couple of hours to write.

My work on YWES has meant quite a few trips to John Murray's offices just off Piccadilly, and this year I have been able toput the trips to a dual purpose. My cousin Eric (Eva's son) had to retire some years ago while still in his fifties, because his heart was rapidly weakening. In recent years he has had to lead a very quiet life, and there were times when his family felt that there were not many days left to him. But he had grown a little stronger in himself this year, sufficiently so for his doctors to consider surgery. He is now in St George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, having had open-heart surgery, in which four veins were taken from his legs and inserted in his heart, the leg veins being replaced by plastic ones. The operation has so far been more successful that we had dared hope, and I have been able to combine my business trips to London with visits to Eric in hospital, visits which would otherwise have been rather difficult to arrange.

At the end of this month our church will once again be sharing in the organisation and running of a holiday club for children in Morden Park. The club, which lasts for one week, caters for children from the ages of three to fourteen, and includes sing-songs, Bible teaching and sports. This is the fourth year we have run the club, and in previous years the total attendance of children has been about six-hundred - although the most we get in any one session is about half that. It is usually a very rewarding exercise, but always quite exhausting!

13 September

Mealtime finally caught up with my last writing session, and the days that followed provided more surprises - and more busy times! - with the result that this is the first chance I have had since then to continue writing.

The biggest surprise of all was the news that Caroline (Joan's daughter and Eva's grand-daughter) is getting married. She and Nigel have been engaged on and off (literally) for about three years now. Originally they had said that they wouldn't be getting married this year, but suddenly they were offered a flat in Tonbridge, Kent (where Nigel works), and almost simultaneously a vacancy arose for a nursing sister on the children's ward of the local hospital - Caroline is qualified in both general and children's nursing, but has always specialised in child nursing. Choosing a place for the wedding was a problem. Caroline hasn't lived at home for six years, having had to be resident at the hospitals where she worked, and in any case, Joan's flat is not really a suitable place from which to organise a wedding. Nigel's home in Tonbridge was too far away for Joan to be able to organise things down there, so we offered our home. At the time we didn't realise just how quickly they wanted the ceremony, and just ten days before we went on holiday, they asked if they could get married from here on September 22!

In those ten days I booked the church, the reception, the photographer, the cars, the flowers, the hair-do's, we bought the invitations, and I went to London with Joan and Caroline and the two bridesmaids to help choose their dresses, head-dresses etc. The night before we went on holiday Joan and Caroline came over to help me pack - packing had rather gone by the board in the circumstances! - and while they were here we went to the caterer and planned the menu. By the time we returned from holiday, most of the replies were in, and the final details of seating plans etc were completed. I managed to get a beautiful dress in a sale, but still have to get gloves and bag - hopefully on Saturday.

The wedding service will be in our old Parish Church of St Lawrence, where Roy and I were married 15 years ago, when Caroline was our bridesmaid. By coincidence, the place were are having the reception is the very room where Roy took me on our first date, so it will be a doubly sentimental occasion for us. After the reception, those who wish will be coming back here, together with Caroline's hospital colleagues who will have been on duty and unable to get to the church. As you can imagine, it is a tremendous amount of work, especially as I am still working on the book for the English Association, and doing at least six hours a day on that. But I have told my boss that I am having three clear days before the wedding when I shall not be working, to get the final arrangements complete.

But rather than spendlots of time describing all the details, I will send you some of the photos as soon as we get them - we are just praying that it will be a dry sunny day, so that we can all get plenty of good pictures.

Our holiday in Ashburton went very well, and we came back fit and well and very tanned. The boys had riding lessons, had great fun playing with their inflatable boat in the lake which remained on the beach when the tide receded, explored the countryside, and generally had a whale of a time. We had one day in Plymouth, when Roy took Jason and Adam around the harbour and on a boat trip, while I spent the day in the record office and the local history library. During that time I added eight new names to my family tree, all from the 17th century, on the female lines. The result is that the birth-brief chart for my 6xgreat grandfather is now nearer completion than my own grandfather's. Grandfather's chart has 11 of the 31 names, while the ch art for Thomas Witheridge (Born 1695)has 16 names! The reference library too came up trumps with a number of old photos and sketches of the streets in Plymouth where the family lived in the 19th century. I also purchased prints of two lovely old maps - one of the streets of Plymouth in 1861, and one of the area surrounding Plymouth, showing 'the Fortifications thereof, with the workes and approaches of the Enemy at the Last Seige; AD 1643', each for the amazing sum of 5p! I also managed to get some good photos of Wembury Church to add to my collection of illustrations for the family history.

One other point of interest I unearthed recently from an old book concerns the origin of the name Witheridge. Like everybody else I had always assumed that it originated solely from the town of Witheridge in mid-Devon. Certainly the surname seems tohave no links with the only other place of that name, in the Reading area. But I have just discovered that there was once a manor called Witheridge, in the Plympton Hundred, which was mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086. The snag is that, according to the old book I found the reference in, no-one seems to know just where the manor was exactly. Needless to say my palaeography isn't up to checking the original reference in Domesday, but the publishers, Phillimore's, are due to issue the volume concerning Devon in their series of Domesday translations, later this year. So as soon as I can get a copy of the Phillimore edition I hope to try and correlate that with old maps and the modern Ordnance Survey and try to locate the missing manor. Then it's a case of finding which of the places was established first, and whether the surname came from one or the other or both? It's a tall order I know, and I may never come up with a conclusive answer, but it should be fun trying.

September 24

Once again events caught up with me - notably wedding events! Saturday went beautifully -the sunshine appeared to order, the bride looked absolutely gorgeous, the flowers and the food were all just perfect, and the ceremony went without a hitch. Afterwards about 55 people came on here after the reception, and I was run off my feet keeping everbody fed and watered, but it was worth every minute. Now I could just about sleep for a week!

But I won't get the chance - the boys have just come in from school, and I must go and get them something to eat and drink. So I'll close this letter now, having finally got up to date with our news, and look forward to hearing all yours. I've been wondering whether any wedding bells have been ringing in your family this year, and how the semi-retirement is working out. It certainly seems a very sensible way of winding-down from the pressures of full time work to the joy of 'doing your own thing' in retirement. Are you working on another book at the moment, Elizabeth? Or are you going to retire as well? We're longing to hear how you are all keeping, and how Tom and Jim are getting on.

Meanwhile, I'll sort out some photos for you and put them in the post next week. Unitl then, I'll say goodbye for now,

With love from us all,

Roy, Kim, Jason & Adam
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| Joseph | Witheridge | Head | Widr | 60 | Coalporter | D. Holsworthy |
| Thomas | " | Son | Marr | 30 | Bargeman | D. Devonport |
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| Robert | Witheridge | Head | Marr | 23 | Carpenter | D. Plymouth |
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21 Higher Street

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| Robert | Witheridge | Head | Marr | 57 | Salt Refiner | D. Ermington |
| Ann | " | Wife | Marr | 40 | | D. Modbury |
| Henry | " | Son | Unm | 24 | Sailmaker | D. Plymouth |
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| Arthur | Witheridge | Head | Marr | 62 | Carpenter, master employing 2 men | D. Ermington |
| Elizabeth | " | Wife | Marr | 70 | | D. Plympton St Mary |
| Henry | " | Son | Unm | 28 | Carp/journeym | D. Plymouth |
| Elizabeth | Goad | Serv | Unm | 21 | | |

3 Coburg Place

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| Thomas | Witheridge | Head | Marr | 64 | Superannuated from Excise | D. Tavistock |
| Sophia | " | Wife | Marr | 62 | | Worcs Bradferton |
| Mary | Browne | Vis | Unm | 62 | Independent Lady | Scotland |
| Elizabeth | Mildren | Serv | Unm | 19 | Housemaid | D. Wembury |

7 Garden Street

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| Thomas | Truscott | Head | Marr | 46 | Cartman | D. Stockenham |
| Mary Ann | " | Dau | Unm | 21 | Dressmaker | D. Stokenham |
| William E | " | Son | Unm | 14 | BlacksmithApp | D. Plymouth |

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| John B | Witheridge | Head | Marr | 31 | Carp/Joiner | D. Plymouth |
| Mary Ann | " | Wife | Marr | 34 | | D. Plymouth |
| John E | W " | Son | Unm | 3 | | D. Plymouth |

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* D. = Devon.

[Plans for 1980 trip to Britain]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
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April 23, 1980

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, and Adam:

Since we haven't heard to the contrary, we're assuming that you are still in Sutton and very busy as usual. We should have answered your long and welcome letter of last September long ere this, though we did send you our Christmas letter with a few words of personal news and greeting on the back, as I remember.

You'd think that since I'm retired, I'd have all the time in the world for everything. It seems, however, that I'm as busy as ever--just at different things. I tell people that I'm as far behind as I ever was, but now I don't have a guilty conscience about it.

The fall months through December were especially taken up with trying to do on part-time at the Council office what I had always spent full-time doing! We did secure an excellent young man to take my place as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches on January 1st, and Elizabeth and I spent many days in the fall months helping him and his family find a suitable home to move into.

You got the news in our Christmas letter that we plan to come to Great Britain again this summer. One of our happy surprises at the various events in honor of my retirement was a monetary gift from many co-workers and friends of the Council, including a number of churches. This was more than we could imagine, and it was enough to pay for a large part of the cost of our projected trip.

For several reasons we decided that this time we should make our trip later in the year. We plan to leave here on August 2nd and return on October 2nd. In this way we'll at least have part of our stay--the month of September --at a time when there will be fewer tourists in Britain. I don't know if that will make much difference in crowded situations or in expenses, but we shall see.

That is also a good time to be away from our rose garden of 32 bushes. The early part of the blooming season will be over, and I won't have to begin putting the roses to bed for the winter until the middle of October.

I also wanted some extra time to prepare for the trip after all the rush of closing up my job and settling into a new mode of life. I needed time not only to make the travel arrangements, but also to do some preliminary work on genealogical matters in order to take the best advantage of our stay in Britain.

That's the way it's working out, and we're glad we're not coming until August. It's especially advantageous in terms of the flight plans. Northwest Airlines has just received approval of a new non-stop service from Minneapolis to London, and we have made reservations to leave at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday August 2nd, and arrive at Gatwick Airport at 7:00 a.m. Sunday, August 3rd.

Now we have a two-month stay to plan, and we're just beginning to do that. The only definite dates we have set so far are two weeks at the University of Exeter from August 12 to 26. We had such an enjoyable time in the Lafrowda Flats last time that we wrote and asked if we could stay there again. They replied that all they had available was a small self-catering flat a little off campus in a house called End Cottage, so we have definitely booked that for those two weeks.

Of course, we won't know how to fit our visit or visits with you into our schedule until we know whether you will be in Devon by the first of August or whether you will still be in Sutton. Please let us know how it looks at this time, so we can adjust our plans. You have no idea how we have longed to see you all again during these four years. You are the first ones we think of whenever we read or hear anything about Britain. I hope you have been getting our vibrations across the ocean by mental telepathy, even though we haven't corresponded very frequently.

I've had two big excuses for not writing this letter--which I knew would be a long one--during the past five weeks. The first was my annual task of income tax preparation, which was finally sent in last week. The second was our acquiring a darling new Norwegian Elkhound puppy five weeks ago. You may remember that Trygg died almost two years ago, and we have been all this time waiting for a new puppy we could have confidence in.

Our previous breeder was down to one female, and she just didn't produce. She had what is called a mixed litter and then two false pregnancies. So we decided not to wait for another attempt, and we bought an 8-week-old puppy from another breeder that our breeder has perfect confidence in--one we have also known several years.

We call him Rokk after one of his ancestors, who was also an ancestor of Trygg and was, in fact, the father of our first Elkhound, Jarle, twenty-six years ago. Rokk is everything we could ask for--intelligent, loving, beautifully formed and marked. However, starting out a young puppy is almost a full-time job. I don't know how Elizabeth could have managed if I hadn't been retired! Rokk is now practically housebroken and is becoming well civilized and socialized. Wish you could see him!

Another big job after my retirement was moving my study from a room on the first (ground) floor to a room on the second floor that used to be Tom's bedroom. I also brought two bookcases and two file cabinets up from the basement. Then, of course, there were boxes and boxes of books and other things I brought home from the office. All this is still far from being organized and settled, as you can imagine.

Finally, I was so far behind in my genealogical research, that I found I still had information from our 1976 trip I had never copied into my records. I've made a start at this, but there is still more to be done. As an outcome of some of my recent work, I have written to parish rectors or vicars in Cornwall and Devon and to the Devon Record Office and even to the Society of Genealogists. I've had a few replies, but these things take time, which is the reason I felt our trip should begin a little later in the summer.

Now back to some of the news in your September letter. We were very disappointed to learn that Roy's anticipated job transfer failed to materialize, especially since Kim had received an offer from David and Charles for free-lance work, and you had such a good possibility of a buyer for your house in Sutton. We hope something else will develop to your satisfaction.

We were sorry, of course, to hear that Eva had died. We did so much enjoy being with her. She was such a wonderful person, and we know how close you felt to her, Kim.

The other big family event--Caroline's wedding--sounds as though you must have been run ragged for several weeks. I just don't see how you can do so much, Kim. At my age I certainly can't, and that's probably why I retired!

Jason's trip to Paris must have been a delightful experience and a tremendous opportunity, but that was too bad about the way his French host behaved when he got to your place. It's hard to believe he wouldn't have been better screened in advance.

And then Adam's attack by the neighbor's dog! We hope the wound is nicely healed and the chickenpox scars have pretty well disappeared. We're not familiar with Jack Russell Terriers, but they can't be as friendly with children as Norwegian Elkhounds.

How fortunate that the moles they removed from your chest, Kim, were not malignant. You must have excellent health and stamina to keep going the way you do all the time.

It sounds as though you continue to make good progress on the genealogical front. What a great feeling to confirm your conviction that the Joseph Witheridge born in Wembury in 1788 was your 3x great-grandfather! I've been looking around in some of my disorganised things for the issue of your Journal that describes your research and results; but if you sent it, I can't seem to find it.

The discovery of David Barry Witheridge's family in New Zealand must have been another thrill. It's always exciting to have such relatives turn up unexpectedly by chance. And then it was especially good to meet his widow when she came to England. You are certainly making wonderful progress. I'm fascinated by your discovery of a Witheridge manor mentioned in the Doomsday Book of 1086, and I'll be waiting to get further information from you on this when you have a chance to study the new Phillimore edition.

We've just had a couple of the hottest days we've ever had in April. It got up to 94° F., but now it's down in the 50's again. I keep track of the temperature you're having through our local paper--in such places as London, Birmingham, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen--and I see you've been having temperatures in the 50's, too.

Jim moved out of our house January 1st into a place with four other young men. They have the whole first floor and basement of a good sized house about three miles from us. It's working out very well for him, and we usually see him two or three times a week, sometimes for a meal. He and Rokk are very fond of each other, so that brings him over more often!

Tom is still in Chicago, of course, but we are expecting him and his friend Virginia on Friday to spend several days with us. They haven't been here since Thanksgiving in November (It's 425 miles each way), so we're anxious to see them. They're making a special effort to come now while Rokk is still a young puppy. Tom was recently in Toronto giving a paper on their work at some psychological convention, and Virginia was doing the same thing in Cleveland.

National and international events keep us in a state of turmoil--the hostages in Iran, the situation in Afghanistan, the presidential election campaign, and the state of the economy. Everything is so unpredictable, complex, and frustrating. I know you have similar problems to cope with.

This has turned into quite an epistle! I want to get this off right away in hopes that you will be able to let us know soon where you expect to be in August and September. Hope you're all well and happy!

Love to all,

Hello to all four of you!

I've just finished reading David's long epistle and can't resist adding just a little bit to it. I echo all the things he told you about Rokk. He is most adorable, and we missed our dear Trygg so much that we are especially happy to have a dog in the house again. In his baby way he is already becoming quite a watch dog.

In many ways it doesn't seem possible that four years have slipped by since last we saw you. But I'm sure we'll realize it when we see Jason and Adam again. Big boys now!

Lovingly,

[E. P. W.]

P.S. I just remembered that I wanted to ask you to buy me some British stamps of the size currently needed for airmail to the United States. Please send as many as this pound will buy in your next letter. Thanks!

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Kim Cook
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6 May 1980

Dear Dave and Elizabeth

We were so thrilled to receive your letter on Friday confirming your trip to Britain this summer! We have thought of you so often, and since we received your Christmas letter saying that a visit was possible we have prayed that the possibility would become fact. I had been hoping for confirmation of this before writing to you, but had told Roy that if we hadn't heard by this weekend, I would write over the Bank Holiday anyway!

In the event, I didn't do any letter-writing yesterday, as we spent most of the late afternoon and evening watching the live TV coverage of the dramatic events at the Iranian embassy. When it eventually transpired that no lives had been lost as a result of the intervention of the SAS Regiment, there were great sighs of relief all through London - and doubtless in many other places as well. We had all been so aware of the wider implications in international relationships that could be seriously affected one way or the other, that the message of congratulations from President Bani Sadr was almost the best news of the day. Dare we hope that the Ayatollah will take this as an object lesson on how to deal with hostage-takers? Given a reasonably rational regime, one could feel that the British action would put them in a somewhat invidious position where they would feel that some similar response to the American hostages would result. Sadly, the rationality of the regime is very much open to question, and we can only continue to pray for a peaceful solution.

But to return to your letter, I must say that I know just how you must be feeling about retirement, Dave. Recently my own source of freelance work has dried up, but like you I have discovered the law of 'everything expands to fill the time/space available'. My involvement with a number of Christian groups, including a venture into Christian publishing, together with expanding family activities, seem to be leaving me with even less free time than ever - hence the dearth of letters!

Looking back through our calendar of events since our last letter, it shows that while September was the month of several weddings, October was the month of many schools. Although many local authorities have abandoned academic selection for transfer to high schools, the Borough of Sutton is one of the few that has retained the '11-plus' exam. On a basis of exam results in conjunction with teachers' reports, the top 25% of pupils are then offered places at the more academic grammar schools. Parents also have a say in the choice of school (subject to selection assessment) which means that all the borough high schools have open evenings for parents. Following these open evenings, and consultations with the primary school teachers, parents then complete a form listing their preferences in both the selective and non-selective categories, indicating also their thoughts on mixed or single-sex schools. So in October we did the rounds of the schools, and in November Jason sat the borough exams. The resultant allocations came through last month, and we heard that Jason had won a place at the borough's top grammar school.

But meanwhile our friend Shirley (who is a member of our church, and who had been Jason's class teacher a couple of years ago) had suggested that Jason was bright enough to earn a place at one of the independent 'public' schools, and should sit their exams. As you can imagine, public school fees are quite beyond us, let alone the social implications of public school life. But Shirley put us in touch with the Whitgift Foundation, a charitable trust founded in the 16th century by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, John Whitgift. The Foundation runs two public schools, Trinity and Whitgift, and provides both scholarships and bursaries for appropriate cases. Entrance is purely on merit, and the financial assistance to parents in the lower income brackets means that pupils are drawn from a very wide range of the social spectrum. Thus there is none of the social elitism often associated with public schools. In the light of this, we entered Jason for the special entrance exams for the two schools, feeling that although it was quite possible that nothing would come of it, we would at least get some idea of Jason's academic potential from the exam results. Imagine our surprise then, when Jason was offered a place at Whitgift School, and then a few days later we learned that he had won not only a place, but also a scholarship, at Trinity School! In addition, the bursary fund of the Foundation is prepared to give very generous help with the Trinity fees, so that of the £1200 p a fees, we have to pay only £200! Naturally we could not refuse such an offer, so Jason will start at Trinity in September.

In the circumstances there is now no question of our moving to Devon in the near future. However, the school is over ten miles away, and reaching it from here would involve Jason in a long and arduous journey crossing the two busy town centres of Sutton and Croydon. This long trip twice a day coupled with a fairly intense academic programme and a wealth of extra-curricular activities would be far too much for an eleven-year-old to cope with, particularly as there are no other local children at Trinity. So, just when we had decided to stay put in this house, we find ourselves on the moving trail again. We have found a house to buy in West Wickham, which is just over the Surrey border in Kent, about 15 miles due east of here. In fact, you may remember our visit to Wendy & Geoff's home in West Wickham when you were last here. Sadly, they are now living in Yorkshire, for our prospective new home is only a few turnings away from where they used to live. I don't know what you still have in the way of maps of this area to give you an idea of where we are moving to, but rest assured that we are still quite handy for meeting planes at Gatwick!

However, house-buying and the legal transfer of property (conveyancing) is a vastly different proposition here from the comparatively simple system you have there in the US. It is a very protracted procedure, (anything from 3 -6months is quite usual), is expensive (government duty alone amounts to 2% of the purchase price), and uncertain (buyers and/or sellers can pull out at anytime prior to the final exchange of contracts, with no penalties or redress). So when we say that we hope to move at the end of July, you will understand that the actual moving date is in itself very much a moveable feast. Once contracts have been exchanged, completion is usually 28 days later, so that all parties have four weeks in which to make final removal arrangements, send out change-of-address cards, and organise all the other details involved in moving house.

Neverthe less, wherever we happen to be when you arrive, nothing will give us greater pleasure than to meet you at the airport and to bring you home to make our home your home base - even if you have to change address with us in mid-trip! If we are still here in Sutton, we can give you Jason's room (the larger bedroom overlooking the garden), and move Jason in with Adam. The way we have rearranged the furnishings etc since your last visit will make this quite simple and give you more space and comfort.

All being well, the house in West Wickham will afford even more space. The house is very similar in size and style to this one, but has the added advantage of an extension to the ground floor all across the back of the house, This gives an L-shaped dining room with maximum dimensions of 23' x 18', quite large enough to accommodate all our living room furniture as well as everything from the dining room. This will leave the downstairs room at the front of the house free for you to use as a bed-sitting room - a haven to which to retreat in peace and comfort from the over-exuberance of the boys, when you feel the need!

We were delighted to learn that you will be able to get a direct flight through from Minneapolis to Gatwick - it will be so much easier and less tiring for you. We have already booked on our calendar for August our Gatwick appointment for 7am on the 3rd, and are counting the days to reunion day (89 and going down!).

The only disappointment for the boys will be the impossibility of Rokk coming with you. He sounds a real darling, and we would love to see him, but no doubt by August you will have lots of photos to bring with you. We shall have to think of some special English treat that you can take back with you for him!

And talking of taking things back with you, we hope to have amassed a fair collection for you both. Since your last letter I have been trying desperately to get hold of some books for you, which I had wanted to send for Christmas. Sadly, so far they have proved unobtainable locally. One is Marie Corelli's 'Mighty Atom' which is long since out of print, having been originally published in 1896, and now sadly considered much too dated and out of fashion to reprint. Such copies of the early editions that have survived have, if they are in any reasonable sort of condition, become collectors' items, and can command quite exorbitant prices as such. However, I have contacted one or two local sources of old books, asking them to let ~~them~~ me know if a copy should come their way.

Another book I am trying to get for you is R D Blackmore's 'Lorna Doone', readily available in an edited version as a 'Children's Classic' but temporarily out of print in its original version. Hopefully new stocks will be available in a few weeks' time. The Phillimore edition of the Devon Doomsday has not arrived yet either, and I am getting quite impatient for it. Meanwhile, I've collected an assortment of genealogical and other material for you, which I think will be safer handed over personally than consigned to the tender mercies of our PO! However, I will put another copy of the ESFHS Journal with my Witheridge article in the post to you under separate cover.

It was good to hear that Jim has branched out into a new independence. Of course you must miss him dreadfully, but the fact that he's not too far away must be some consolation. Do give him all our best wishes for happiness in his new home. We're sure you are having a grand time right now with Tom and Virginia home, and hope that all is going well for them too. They seem to have been very close for some time now - is it too old-fashioned to ask if there are distant echoes of wedding bells and rice?

There is so much more news to tell you. Roy is hoping to start a new job in June - coincidentally based on Croydon and West Wickham! He is just awaiting written confirmation of the agreement reached verbally. Did I tell you last time of Roy's Confirmation by the Bishop of Kingston last November - an occasion of great joy for all of us. Our church is now blossoming quite nicely - so much so that we shall be really sad to leave the fellowship. My Christian publishing ventures are just now emerging from their more nebulous stages into practicality, and I hope to be able to show you some completed work by the time you arrive. The boys are growing fast. A recent educational assessment of Adam put his reading age at 13 yrs - not bad for an 8-yr-old! Jason has been representing both school and borough at chess again this season, and this year reached the zone finals in Swansea. He is now the proud owner of a commemorative tee-shirt produced for the occasion! He has also been playing in the church football team with some success. My attempts to learn guitar have sufferred greatly from lack of time, so that I am still restricted to four chords! One day......!

But now I must close so that this can catch the first post out in the morning. Hopefully it will reach you on Friday morning, as yours reached us last Friday, and will be in good time for you to make the rest of your holiday plans. I am enclosing the stamps you asked for - do please let us know if there is anything at all we can do to help with your arrangements for the trip. You've just no idea how much we are all looking forward to seeing you both again!

So farewell for now, with much love from us all,

Roy, Kim, Jason & Adam
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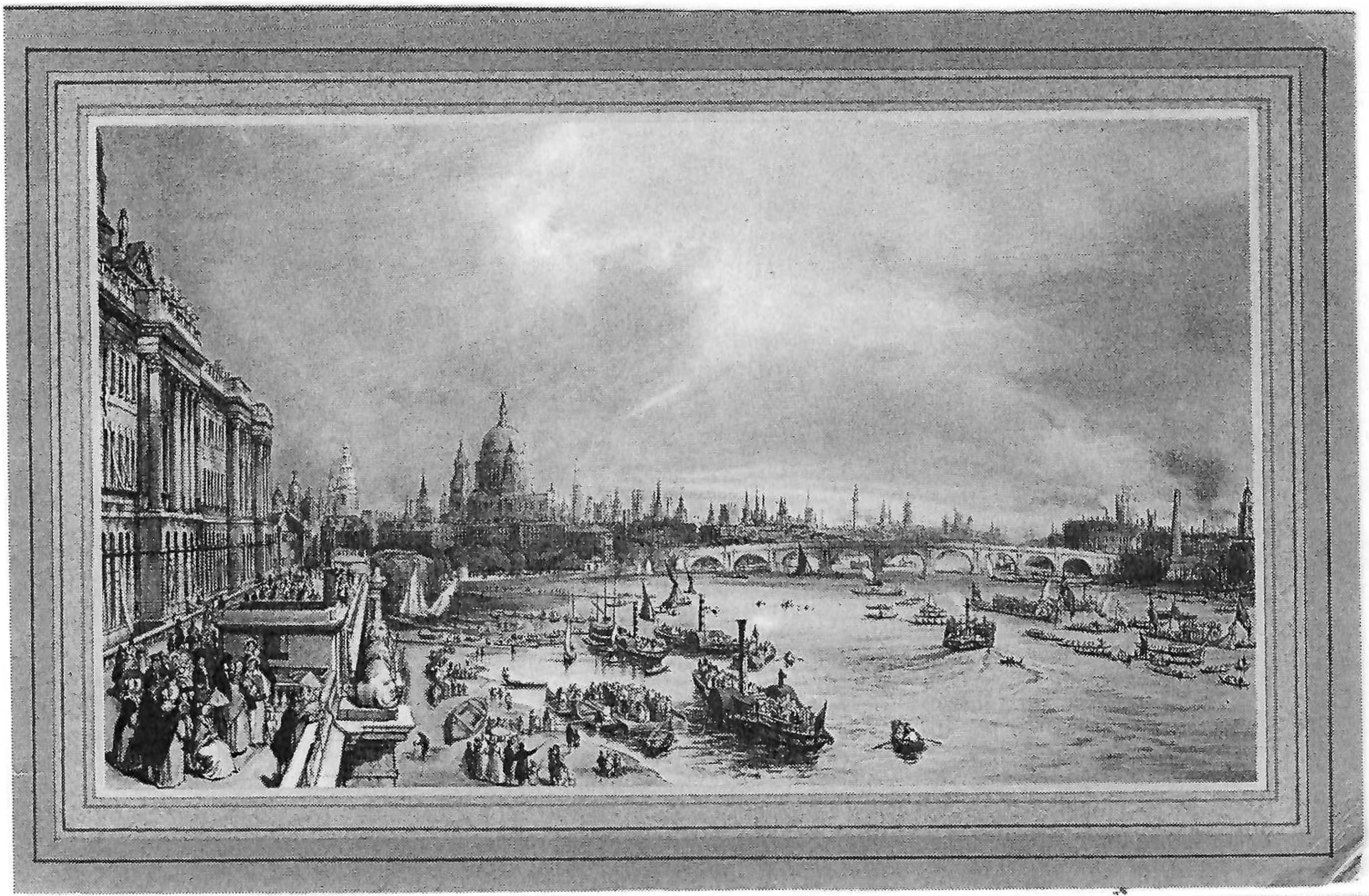
(and two extra big hugs for Rokk from J & A!)

P.S. Thought you would like the boys' latest school photo, - they've grown up even more tho', since September! K/



[Somerset House by the Thames]

[for August 15, 1980]

To David

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES

for a very happy birthday

with love from

Roy & Kim

& looking forward to a belated celebration with you next month!

[Plans for 1980 trip]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
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May 18, 1980

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, and Adam:

As always, we were delighted to get your letter, Kim, and to know that all is well. I don't know when you've had so much exciting news--Jason's acceptance and scholarship at Trinity School necessitating the move to West Wickham, finding the lovely house there, Roy's new job--just to mention a few things! We look forward to getting more details and reliving the experiences with you when we get there.

I want to get this right off to you to keep you informed about the state of our plans. Now that we know you will still be in the London area, we are able to say more definitely what our itinerary will be, though there may be some minor changes as we hear from other people.

We do appreciate your enthusiastic offer to meet us at the airport and welcome us into your home, wherever it may be at that time. Although we know it will be a hardship in any case--whether you're getting ready to move, right in the process of moving, or just settling into your new place--there doesn't seem to be much anyone can do about it now. And since we know you want to see us as badly as we want to see you, we'll all have to make the best of it and rejoice that we're together again.

I'll start with our itinerary. Our plan is to be with you a few days at the beginning and again a few days at the end. We'll combine this with a total of about six days in London. (Be sure to tell us if you already have reasons why our plans ought to be changed.)

It looks now as though we would be with you on Sunday and Monday, August 3 and 4, and would spend Tuesday and Wednesday, August 5 and 6, in London. It seems to me it would be best for us to go into London on the train early Monday evening and check into a hotel, so we can get a reasonably early start Tuesday morning. We'd stay in the hotel Tuesday night and come back to your house late Wednesday afternoon. I've started to investigate hotel rates and accommodations, and my present inclination is toward either the Bedford Hotel, 83 Southampton Row, or the St. James Hotel, Buckingham Gate. I've written to them and about four others for information.

On Thursday morning, August 7, I figure we would pick up the car we are going to hire for seven weeks. If you are still in Sutton, we might go to the same Budget Rent a Car place in Morden. I've written for current prices, but haven't had their reply. Another company that seems to have reasonable rates is Auto Europe. They also handle the Austin Allegro we liked so well last time. You might try to discover the nearest place they have to Sutton and to West Wickham, in case they are cheaper than Budget Rent a Car.

I thought we would start out by going east to Canterbury, which we failed to see last time, and then returning to Albury near Guildford that evening (Thursday) to be with George and Gwen Witheridge. I've just written to them, so I don't know if that will be a convenient date for them. By the way, have you kept up any contact with Anthony and Francoise, and do you know where they are now?

After leaving Albury, we want to stay in Salsbury a couple of nights before going on to Devon. Then we'll spend a few days in Combe Martin, Berrynarbor, and Barnstaple before our two-week stay at the University of Exeter.

From then on we'll be going to Cornwall, Wales, Birmingham, the Isle of Man, Kendal~~l~~, Scotland, Leeds, Sheffield, Cambridge, and Chelmsford before returning our car on Wednesday, September 24. We would be with you at either Sutton or West Wickham that night.

Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26, we would be in London, going in on Thursday morning and returning Saturday morning, spending Thursday and Friday nights at the hotel. Saturday, September 27 (Elizabeth's birthday) and Sunday we would be with you, returning to the London hotel on Sunday evening. Monday and Tuesday, September 29 and 30, we would be in London, returning to your house again on Tuesday evening.

We would be with you on Wednesday and until we left for Gatwick some time Thursday morning, October 2. Our plane is scheduled to leave at 1:40 p.m., but I don't know how early we would be expected at the airport. Thus, we would be with you all together about five days and six nights. As I said, if there are things about this schedule that would be difficult for you, be sure to let us know.

Now to respond to some of the items in your letter. I already have a copy of The Mighty Atom, so don't buy one! Among the gifts at the time of my retirement was $50 from the church we belong to. They suggested that I use it for books, so I wrote to an~~d~~ out-of-print book finder, who located a copy of The Mighty Atom in very good condition for $16.00. I haven't tried to find a copy of Lorna Doone, however, so if you find one, I'll be very happy.

We just love the picture of the boys and can hardly wait to see them. Congratulations, Jason and Adam, on all your accomplishments! We, too, wish we could bring Rokk so you could see him. He is growing up very fast and is developing into a truly remarkable dog. We're enclosing a picture of him at 10 weeks old and another at 14½ weeks. The other picture, showing our living room at Christmas time, is one I had intended to send you a year ago. (Note the horse brasses we brought from England in the frame at the left.)

Yes, we have a map that shows West Wickham. I see there is a British Rail station there, and the line seems to tie into the underground at New Cross. We remember well the enjoyable evening we spent with Wendy and Geoff Gray, and we're sorry they have moved to Yorkshire.

Kim, I assume you are still a member of the Society of Genealogists. If you happen to go in to their library between now and when we get there, there is something very helpful you could do for us. It has to do with Elizabeth's Kendall ancestry. We came upon the information that the brother of one of Elizabeth's ancestors was Miles Kendall, who was Governor of Bermuda about 1616. I figured that anyone prominent enough to be a Governor of Bermuda would show up in various records. Among other things, he or his father probably had a will probated back in England.

Gov. Miles
Kendall
of
Bermuda

I read in the little book, Tracing Your Ancestors, by Anthony J. Camp (who was Director of Research for the Society of Genealogists when he wrote this book in 1964) that "the Society has a small staff which undertakes research for members and non-members both in its own rooms and elsewhere. . ." So I wrote a letter to the Society enclosing a bank draft on a London bank for five pounds, asking if they would check their various indexes to see if the family connections and place of origin of Miles Kendall would appear. I didn't think it would take over a half hour to check the indexes. However, after about a month the Society sent my draft back with a form letter saying they were unable to make individual replies at the present time. I suppose the explosion of interest in genealogy has produced an avalanche of questions and requests to the Society.

In case you do get to the Society library, here is a little more information. Elizabeth's first Kendall ancestor in this country was Francis Kendall (b. about 1620), who came to New England with his Brother Thomas in 1640. According to one author, Norman F. Kendall, who doesn't give any documentation, Francis was the son of John Kendall (1580-1660), who was the son of John Kendall (1548-1628) and Mary Miles. Other sons of John and Mary Kendall were William, Thomas, Samuel, Edward, Henry, and Miles. We think this was the Miles Kendall who was Governor of Bermuda. At any rate, it is not a common name, and the time period is right.

Books on the history of Bermuda also indicate that Miles Kendall was a cousin of another early leader in Bermuda, Sir Edwin Sandys, who is referred to as a Kendall descendant. There were apparently other Kendalls also involved in the settlement of Bermuda, presumably all related in some way.

Because the Society wouldn't accept my bank draft, Kim, I'm sending you a five pound note for your help. If you don't have a chance to go in to London, we can check the Society indexes when we get there. But if you do get there and find something, it will give us a running start on locating Elizabeth's Kendall ancestors in some English parish.

The other pound is for some more airmail stamps. Thank you very much for those you sent, but I've already started to use them, and I know I should have asked for more.

Now just a few more words about ourselves. Elizabeth has been busy giving a number of talks at schools this year, mainly on the subject of how to write books. I guess you know what I've been doing in recent weeks. Jim is still getting along well in his new living arrangement, and he enjoys his occasional visit with us and Kokk. Tom is doing a great job as director of a special project of working with hard-core, recidivist psychiatric patients. He and Virginia are both working on Ph. D.'s at Northwestern University, and we think they are putting off thoughts of marriage until they get their degrees.

That's all for now. One of these days we may decide we should telephone you about something, so you should probably tell us if your phone number is still [redacted]-641-2994. Ours is (612) 377-4810.

Love to all of you from all of us,

[Final trip plans]

July 24, 1980

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, and Adam:

We can hardly believe that the time of our departure for England is almost at hand. I decided today that I would have to write this letter tonight and mail it tomorrow morning if it is going to get to you before we do. It's over two months since I wrote you in May, and much has happened in terms of planning and preparation for our trip. I suppose we could wait and tell you all this when we arrive, but that will be a busy time, too. So I thought this information might be easier to absorb in written form. We still may decide to telephone you next week before we leave.

Because of your forthcoming move, I know you are even busier than we are. After all, I'm retired, and I'm supposed to have time for things like this. I've been expecting a letter, however, telling us where you expect to be living when we arrive. Perhaps our letters will cross in the mail. In any case, I've just had to assume that for now it is still Sutton, and I've given many people your address there, on the assumption that at least for a while after you move, mail will be forwarded.

Our arrival at Gatwick Airport is still as I described it: 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 3, on Northwest Airlines Flight #44. However, our total stay in Britain has been extended one day, as they canceled the return trip originally scheduled for October 2. Apparently they weren't getting enough business for a non-stop flight every day. So we hope you can put up with us for an extra day. We'll now be returning home on Northwest Flight #45 that leaves Gatwick at 1:40 p.m. on Friday, October 3.

We've made arrangements to hire an Austin Allegro from a company called Auto Europe, because it was considerably cheaper (or should I say less expensive?) than Budget Rent-a-Car. However, the closest place we can pick it up is in the Kensington area in London (84-90 Holland Park Avenue). We'll be getting it on August 7 and returning it on September 25.

George and Gwen Witheridge have invited us to stay with them not only on August 7, but also the following night, so we can meet his brother Henry and his family. Then we'll spend a night in Salisbury as planned and go on to Berrynarbor for Sunday evening.

I won't go into all the details of the rest of our itinerary now, but I'll have it typed up for Jim here at home, so I'll xerox an extra copy for you, so you can forward mail during our stay in Britain.

There are still a few uncertainties about our schedule. For example, we had expected to go to the Isle of Man to see a Methodist minister and his wife, whom we met here when he was an exchange preacher. They haven't replied, but we heard through the church he preached in here that they were in a serious automobile accident in May, so that trip will probably not materialize.

There was another George Witheridge we had expected to visit in Wales (the one we call George the second, because we met him after the George in Albury). However, in April(!) we had our Christmas greeting to them returned saying "Gone away," and after correspondence with some of his relatives, we learned that he had died in 1978. Now we have worked out a visit to his brother and two sisters in Llanelli, Wales, and also a visit to his nephew, who lives in Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

We've also discovered another Witheridge family in Hertford Hill, near Warwick, who had been in correspondence with George the second and even had visited them occasionally. They thought they were related to George, but hadn't figured it out. They are a sister and a brother, both retired and unmarried, Bessie and Dick Witheridge. We'll be staying one night with them.

We were fascinated to learn that Bessie breeds, shows, and judges Cardigan Welsh Corgis, so we told her about our passion for Norwegian Elkhounds. She then told us about a three-day dog show in Birmingham at the time we'll be there, so we want to attend when the Elkhounds are being shown.

While we're in Scotland, we're going to meet Neil Witheridge in Aberdeen. He's the ~~son~~ brother of the Dr. Edmund Witheridge who used to live in Stony Stratford. You remember we stayed overnight with his widow Jean in 1976. Neil teaches in an academy in Aberdeen, though he lives in Stonehaven.

Our trips into London are set up just as we told you in our last letter, and we have reservations at the Bedford Hotel. In other places we'll be staying in some hotels, some bed and breakfast guest houses, as well as in some private homes. In Cambridge we'll be in Madingley Hall again for three nights, and of course we'll be two weeks at the University of Exeter.

Did I tell you we'll be leaving Rokk with his breeder while we're in Britain? We were delighted when she offered to take care of him. She also has his litter-mate sister, so they'll have good times together. He'll miss us, but not as much as if he were in an ordinary kennel.

~~We~~ We're anxious to know how your plans are working out, and we hope all is well. We get such a warm feeling when we think of being with you again. We can hardly wait!

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

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25th July 1980

Dear Dave & Elizabeth

It was lovely to have such a quick reply to our last letter — I'm only sorry I haven't been able to return the compliment with another quick reply. I really had intended too, but the past six weeks have been a continuing saga of "the best laid plans" going off astray.

Briefly, we lost the buyer for our house & had to put it on the market again. We found another buyer, only to find a short time later that the owner of the house we were buying had re-advertised it and started negotiating with someone else — something we discovered only by accident. When we lost our purchase, our buyer decided he couldn't wait, so within 48 hours we were back to square one. We have now found another house in West Wickham and are awaiting a decision from a couple who seem interested in buying ours. But it does mean that all the paper-work has to be done over again — to say nothing of all the fees!

Additionally we have been trying to resolve the final hassles with Roy's previous employers over money & documentation, & I have been trying to complete a rush copy-editing job for John Murray the publisher. With both boys changing schools & two sets of uniforms, medical forms etc to sort out, it has been a particularly hectic time. But hopefully things will be calmer from now on.

To answer your question, our local directories show no entries for Auto Europe, so I can only assume they don't have an office in this locality. I hope by now you will have heard from Budget, as I rang them & asked them to send you another rate card etc. in case you didn't receive the first.

With regard to your Kendall ancestors, Elizabeth, I am planning to do some checks tomorrow. I thought I'd start with PCC wills, both for Kendall & Sandys, & then check some shipping passenger lists, which usually give town and/or county of origin. Some of the earlier passenger lists to New England have been published, & there is just a chance I could locate Francis & Thomas Kendall & locate the area of their origins that way.

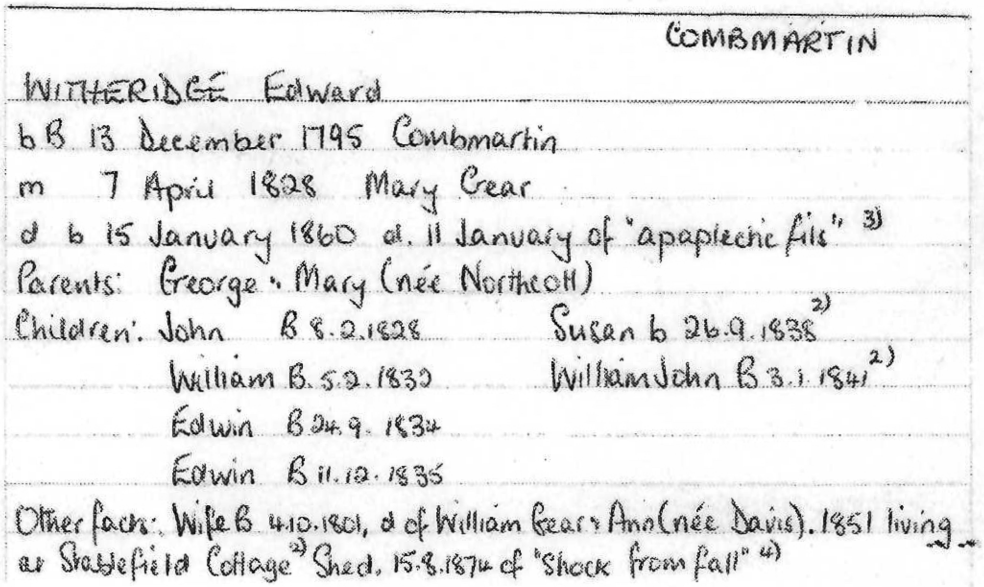
As far as the Society of Genealogists is concerned, I have in fact discontinued my membership. Their organisation is increasingly inefficient — witness the month it took to answer your enquiry with a pro forma letter — and the state of some of their archive material is appalling. These, coupled with the facts that their sources on Devon are limited, and that materials like the Mormon microfiche are now readily available free of charge elsewhere in London, made me feel that, for the time being at least, there was not enough worthwhile gain for membership. Perhaps when they find new premises & get sorted out things will improve.

We were delighted with the photos of Rokk – he is certainly growing into a handsome dog – & we loved your Christmas photo too. We have just had some photos printed of the latest family event, the wedding of Eva's other granddaughter Elizabeth. Her husband's name is David — a good combination of names, don't you agree?! We have also just heard that Caroline & Nigel expect their first baby in March — great excitement! I'm hoping you'll be able to meet them this time.

Your planned itinerary is fine with us, although from a selfish point of view, we wish you could spend all the time with us! So if you find that changes are necessary, & you have spare days, or need to break journeys, your room will be ready & waiting.
For now I must dash to get this off to you in time to reach you before your departure, so will say farewell until we see you at 7am at Gatwick on the 23rd. With love to you all, & really looking forward to seeing you,

Cass, Kim, Jason & Adam.

[This index card (front and back, below) was located directly after Kim's letter of July 25, 1980, in her file. It shows how she kept records for many hundreds of Witheridges before the age of personal computers.]



COMBMARTIN

WITHERIDGE Edward

bB 13 December 1795 Combmartin

m 7 April 1828 Mary Gear

d b 15 January 1860 d. 11 January of "apoplectic fits" 3)

Parents: George + Mary (née Northcott)

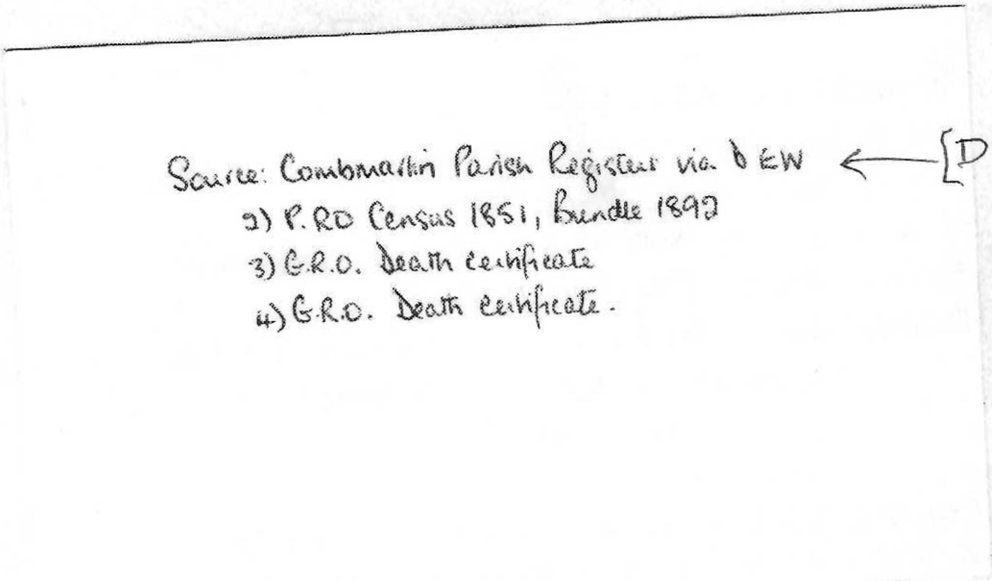
Children: John B 8.2.1828 Susan b 26.9.1838 2)

William B. 5.2.1830 William John B 3.1.1841 2)

Edwin B 24.9.1834

Edwin B 11.12.1835

Other facts: Wife B 4.10.1801, d of William Gear + Ann (née Davis). 1851 living at Stablefield Cottage 2) She d. 15.8.1874 of "Shock from fall" 4)



Source: Combmartin Parish Register via DEW ← [DEW]

2) P.RO Census 1851, Bundle 1892

3) G.R.O. Death certificate

4) G.R.O. Death certificate.

[These notes by DEW were after Kim's July 25, 1980 letter]

Ask Kim

Manorial Rolls at Exeter

Pay phones

Listing of Witheridges, Wotheridges, etc. in phone books

Postage for forwarding mail

✓ Kim itinerary

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Ask Kim about:

Pallot Index

Inst. of Heraldic & Geneal. Studies
82 Northgate
Canterbury
Kent CT1 1BA

Marriages [mostly London, but some in Cornwall & elsewhere], 1780-1837 and many baptisms, burials, obituaries, etc

To
Uncle David

Come rain, Come shine
Have a Wonderful time
Happy Birthday

with love from

Jason + Adam

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13th August 1980

Dear Dave & Elizabeth

Thank you so much for your lovely card of Salisbury. It was good to hear all your news & to learn that your journeys had been safe — despite the extra circular tour of Canterbury!

[Norah Gregory]

Did you have enough time in north Devon to glean all the information you wanted from Norah (have I got the right name?). I'm sure they must have had so much to tell you, that you'll be glad of the time in Exeter to sift and assimilate it.

We had hoped that we might have managed a short visit to Norfolk at some time to combine research with visits to Roy's sister & his nieces & their families, but it doesn't look as if we shall be able to now, for our house deal has just fallen through again. The owner of the house in Langley Way has decided to sell to someone else, so we are again back to square one. We have instructed another agent in Morden to act for us in the sale of this house, & have gone back to all the agents in West Wickham to be re-instated on their mailing lists.

One thing that may make it temporarily easier at the Wickham end is that my mother is 'house-minding' for my cousins Brenda & Ron while they are away on holiday. They have said that we can stay there with mother if we wish, and as it's only a couple of miles from West Wickham we may take up the offer for a night or two if we find we need to.

We will keep you posted on developments as and when they arise so that you will know what to expect at the end of your tour – though frankly it will take a small miracle for us to be moved by October after this setback! But we live in hope.

The boys are continuing to enjoy their holidays despite the erratic weather. Last Sunday we were scheduled to join the church picnic after morning service. Unfortunately Roy had to bring me home as I had a bad migraine, but our teacher friend Shirley kindly took the boys under her wing, so that they could enjoy the picnic & the games that followed. They came home very hot & tired, but very happy!

But now I must close so that this can catch the first post out in the morning, to reach you for the 15th. We do hope you both have a lovely birthday celebration day & a really good time in Exeter

With love from us all,
Ray, Kim, Jason & Adam

August 14, 1980

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, + Adam:

We are now at Exeter trying to catch our breath. Except for an occasional hitch, things are going very well. However, we wish it would stop raining.

I have some later information about places we are staying. The Home Lea Hotel in St Andrews on Sept 11th is now confirmed, and the Telephone there is (0334) 73252.

Rigghead Farm in Strathaven on Sept. 14 is now definite. Sept 6-8 we'll be staying at a guest house called Brantholme, 7 Sedbergh Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 6AD (Phone: Kendal 22340).

We're still uncertain about Aug. 27-29, Sept 1, Sept. 4-5, and Sept. 21.

On Monday (Aug. 18) we're going back to Combe Martin, as Una Parsons and Myrtle Blackmore have planned a little gathering of any others they can secure who descend from any of the same family lines I do. It may be only a few or a dozen.

We'll stay overnight at the Lodge in Berrynarbor again and then go on to Cornwall for a couple of days, staying at Pencourt, Ferris Town, Truro, Cornwall (Phone: 0872-74946)

The two most interesting things we discovered in Combe Martin are (1) that the last name of

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Susanna Blackmore (wife of William and mother of Clara) was Berry, so that adds another whole family to be searched in North Devon. And (2) Norah Gregory turned up an article by Roger Pine in the Devon Family Historian that traces the Devonshire Pines (Pynes) all the way back to Spain in the 13th century, and he says the Berrynarbor Pines are part of this. Now I'll have to see if I tie into this.

At Barnstaple I came across the Devon Protestation Returns, 1641, Vols I + II (indexed), published in 1973, and I'll want to talk to you, Kim, about these.

We're still eating the mints that Adam gave us just before we left. We call them 'Adam's little mints,' and we have them in the car where we have one every day or so.

Now I have to get to bed so we can get up and go to the Westcountry Studies Library tomorrow morning.

Love to all,

Dave + Elizabeth

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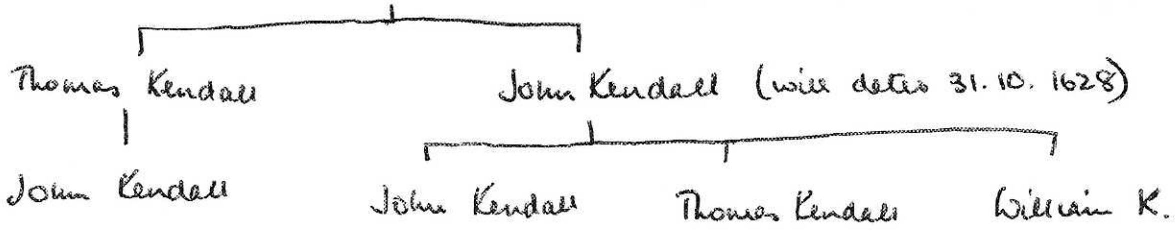
15th August, 1980

Dear Dave & Elizabeth

Just as we were going out of the front door yesterday morning to post our letter to you, we found this package on the doorstep! Hence the hasty note on the back of the envelope. But I wanted to check the contents of the package before forwarding it, just to make sure that the order was correct & complete. It is!

I don't know how good your palaeography is; mine's a bit rusty, but I managed to read most of the documents. Neither of the Kendall families (Wiltshire & Derbyshire) tallies exactly with the details you have. The Wiltshire family seems to have consisted of three sons & a daughter, William, John, Nicholas & Alice. William & John appear to have died without issue, Nicholas had a daughter Dorothy, & Alice married a Mr. Rogers & had two sons Thomas & William. Thomas Rogers seems to have been less than popular (in one will he is cut off with a shilling). Thomas had a son, also Thomas, & William had a daughter Margaret, but there is, from these wills at any rate, no evidence of male descent in the Kendall line.

John Kendall of Melborne, Derbyshire, looks a more hopeful proposition, however. John Kendall had a brother Thomas (presumably older than himself, for Thomas's son John was of age before his own children were). The names mentioned in the will give these relationships



Also mentioned are two cousins (but note that the term cousin was then much more loosely applied, & implied a general, rather than a specific relationship) Hester Hopkin & Sarah Rowdidge and one of the witnesses is John Hopkin. Hester & Sarah may well have been nieces. But here at least there is evidence for continuing descent in the male line. And as the reference to his brother Thomas is made purely in passing, & only because he is appointing his nephew John as joint guardian of his children, it may be that the elder John had other brothers beside Thomas who are not mentioned.

The will of Sir Edwin Sandis is much more complicated, & much of it is taken up with legal convolutions. He names five sons & three daughters, Henry, Edwyn, Richard, Robert, Thomas; Frances Elizabeth & Penelope, as well as other relations including Gerard & Katherine Skrymshire, Margaret Sandis & James Burlegh. But possibly most interesting from your point of view is a reference to "land at Stoneham, near Dartford, purchased of my brother

Sir Miles Sandis and he of Queen Elizabeth". So if Edwin Sandis had a brother Miles (then a quite uncommon name) it is possible that their mother (or grandmother) was a Miles + therefore related to the Mary Miles who married into the Kendall family. This would explain the relationship between Edwin Sandys + Miles Kendall. Of course this is only theory, but a family of such standing should be very well documented + almost certainly listed in Burke, which should be available in every library.

If you should decide to visit Melbourne, which is just south of Derby, or the Record Office in Derby itself, you will be within easy striking distance from Nuneaton.

I am also enclosing another letter which arrived today from North Devon.

We hope you are having a specially good day today – here we are enjoying the first bright sunshine of the week, following a night of quite lurid electrical storms. The boys are enjoying the chance to play out in the garden again, but I shall be desk-bound for the rest of the day, as a new batch of galley proofs has been delivered and I want to get them finished to return on Monday.

So now I will close + make a quick cup of coffee before settling down to work with this, while the boys go to the Post Office but I will doubtless be putting pen to paper again next week!. Hoping you are having a good time, meanwhile.

With love from us all.

Ron, Kim, Jason + Adam

**August 24, 1980**

## Letter from DEW to the Cook family, transcription by the editor (TFW) of a very faint copy of a handwritten document

Dear Loved Ones,

The other day I was looking at our large-scale Bartholemew map of South Devon, and near Newton Abbot I suddenly saw a place called Witheridge. Then I remembered, Kim, that you had spoken of a Witheridge Farm. So I checked and found that your letter said it was near East Ogwell, which this is, though it doesn't say "Farm."

We just got back from a most delightful visit there. We found there a lovely family of John and Jane Usher, with their son Julian and daughter Jennifer. They welcomed us in and gave us coffee on their patio overlooking the valley — a charming location. Their place is called Witheridge House, and down below [it is an?] older place called Witheridge Farm, though we didn't go down there. Mr. Usher teaches at a nearby Seale-Hayne Agricultural College.

They have only lived there a few years, so they don't know much of the history of the place, but if we find out anything they want to be told. So we'll probably be corresponding with them in the future. (Their address is Witheridge House, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, Devon [postal code illegible].) [Most of the next sentence is illegible, but it was something about genealogical studies and DEW taking some pictures of the family. It ended with "pleasant experience."]

The weather is now improved and we are enjoying our stay in Exeter very much. We've spent a few days at the Record Office and the Westcountry Studies Library, but time seems so short! Of course we took a day out to go back to Combe Martin and then on to Cornwall, where we picked up two new ancestral lines, Hocking and Tregunna.

We haven't pinned down the Kendall connection yet, but the [illegible word starting with E] Sandys will you sent is definitely the one who was in Bermuda and was the son of the Archbishop of York. The information ties in with what I got at the Society of Genealogists. I told you about that, didn't I?

On our itinerary cross out [illegible] House on Sept. 21. [Rest of paragraph illegible.]

We hope you are beginning to have some movement again in your house selling and buying. and we hope the boys are enjoying [illegible words] summer vacation.

Love to all from
David & Elizabeth

81 Ash Road,
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13th September 1980

Dear Dave + Elizabeth

Many thanks for the postcards — we were pleased to hear how well your visits have been going + how well you are doing with your researches. You've probably seen more of Britain than we have by now! Certainly we've not yet managed to visit the Lake District — it must be very beautiful in its Autumn colours.

I hope the mail we have been forwarding has reached you all right, + not hopping on behind you! This one arrived yesterday, having obviously gone second class despite the second franking. I thought it might be urgent, so rather than risk it going second class again, thought I'd put it in with our letter. We couldn't help noticing the Prudential stamp on the back + hope it doesn't mean you've had problems with car or luggage.

Life here has been very busy. Jason starts at Trinity ten days ago & loves it. Last Wednesday he did a 2.7 mile cross country run in very windy conditions, & clocked 29½ minutes – not bad for a first-ever run. He enjoyed it & will probably join the regular weekly run to help him keep fit. Lessons for the first week were easy & homework almost non-existent (apart from covering books etc!) but the "honeymoon" period is now over. He does find the long day & travelling tiring, so the sooner we can sort the move out the better.

The good news is that we have sold the house – subject of course to the purchaser selling his own property. As his is a flat in a lower price range, it should go to a first time buyer, thus ending the chain.

We have seen a house we like, which is bigger than we thought we could afford, but the owner is desperate to sell quickly & will accept our price as soon as he knows that our purchaser's flat is sold & the chain is complete; so we are praying that no-one else comes along meanwhile who could purchase the one we want sooner than us. It would really be the ideal house for us, as not only does it have three fair sized bedrooms (smallest 6'9 x 13'), it also has a study which would be a real boon. We should know within the next ten days or so if the deal is on.

Adam has started back at school too – he is a much improved lad since our visit to Shrewsbury over the Bank Holiday.

Our Christian Outreach Group staged a Christian Rock Festival in Wimbledon last Friday – very hard work, but well worth it. Over 600 teenagers, including some punk rockers, turned up. Many were already Christians, but some were hearing the gospel message for the first time. Already the enquiries are coming in for the next concert – so encouraging. Things at Roy's work are now much more settled & he is enjoying it more. They are talking about going into refrigeration now, which would really please Roy. I am now inundated with the page proofs of the English Studies book & trying to get the next issue of 'Lookout' under way. There don't seem to be enough hours in the day right now, but things should ease up in the next ten days or so, thank goodness.

Do remember us to Eric & his family – I'm sure you're having a lovely time with them. With apologies for the atrocious writing – am rushing to catch the post!

With love from us all,
Roy, Kim, Jason & Adam.

P.S. A big tube has arrived for the PRO – will ring you to see if you want it forwarded.

[Sept. 1980]

01-641 2994

81 Ash Road,
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Sept. 1980

Dear David & Elizabeth

It was lovely to speak to you both & be reassured that all is well. You must have been really thrilled by the call from Jim & to learn that all is well with him too.

We had a lovely time with Caroline & Nigel on Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately they won't be able to come over on Elizabeth's birthday as they are going to a wedding (obviously a popular day for it!), but are hoping to be able to come over on Sunday instead.

Roy is quite taken aback by his promotion, as he has only been with the firm since June, but I'm delighted that his integrity & expertise have at last been rewarded. We'll have a double celebration now!

Wishing you good weather, safe journey & good hunting!

love from us all,
Roy, Kim, Jason & Adam

Roy and Kim
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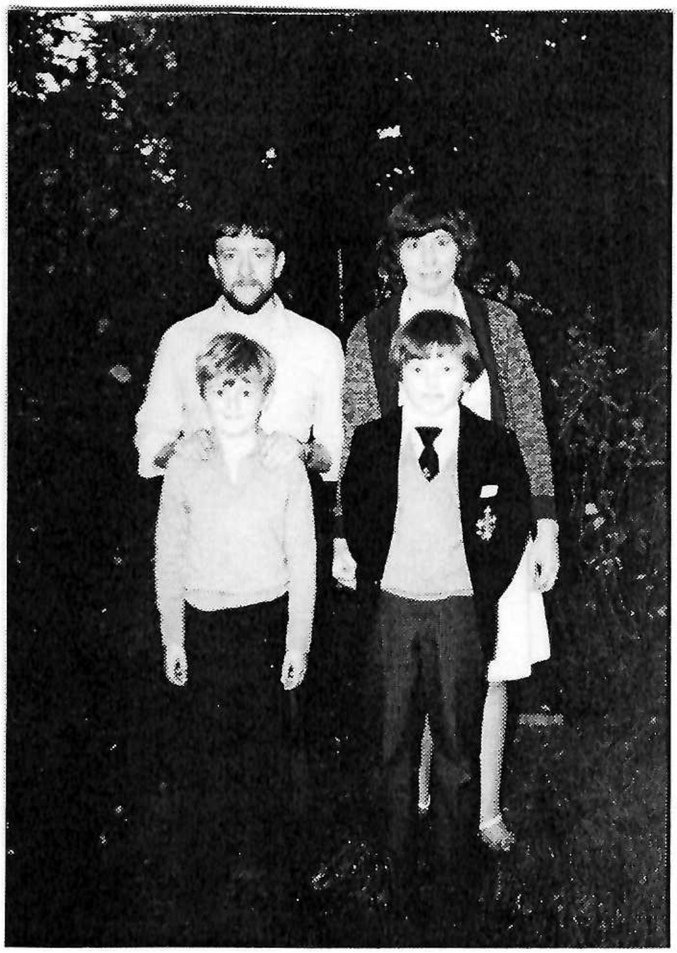
Oct. 2, 1980



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and Jason Cook
Oct. 2, 1980

[Photos by DEW;
see p. 2 of the
next document.]

November 16, 1980

Dear Kim, Roy, Jason, + Adam:

First of all we want to thank you all for the grand way in which you welcomed us with open arms and did so many things to make us feel that your home was our home while we were in Britain. We love you all and think of you often, though we can't be sure just where you are now. We wonder how your house deal is coming and whether you are in Sutton or in West Wickham. We hope it is working out well.

Our trip home was very pleasant, except for a long wait at this end to get our luggage. Jim was waiting for us, and it was great to see him again. Our reunion with Pokk was also a great thrill. He was in excellent health and spirits. We know he missed us because for weeks he was very apprehensive when we left him and ecstatic when we returned.

Life has been very busy since our return. Many things had to be done around the house that had been let go during the two months of our absence. There was a lot of work to be done around the yard and garden — leaves to be raked, roses to be put to bed for winter, bushes to be trimmed. Then I had to spend some time taking off window screens and putting on storm windows. There is still more of this to be done.

I think it took me at least two weeks to get caught up on two months of mail. There were bills to be paid and other business to attend to. Just unpacking our bags and putting everything back where it belongs took quite a bit of time.

Our trip interrupted the process of converting Jim's room into a guest room, so we had to get back to that right away. Elizabeth has been making curtains, and I have had to revise the arrangement of rods. We had to shop for a headboard for the bed and were fortunate to find a lovely one that was not too expensive. I still have to attach it to the frame.

Of course, one of the big jobs was having the slides developed and ready to show. We took over 300 slides. When we got them back, we had to go through them and put the numbers and titles on them in accordance with the record I had kept. Then we separated out about 50 that are only for family showing — pictures of relatives and related matters. There were also about 50 that were 'second rate' or perhaps just extra shots of the same things — like sheep in Scotland or ducks at the University of Exeter. So we ended up with about 200 slides we had to arrange in some reasonable order. We've now shown them about a half dozen times to various groups.

In between we had to select which ones we wanted to make prints from, and to whom we wanted to send them. This was a little tricky, because making the prints takes a week or ten days and we had to fit this in between slide showings. Most of the prints came out rather well, but we were disappointed in the ones of your family. You'll remember that I was unhappy about having to take them so late in the day. The light and the color are not good, but we knew you would want to see them anyway. I hope the ones you took — or rather I took on your camera — came out better.

The box of things we mailed home on the last day just arrived a couple of days ago. It took just about six weeks. The customs office here hadn't even opened it for inspection. Now we are about to mail a box to you, but since it will also take about six weeks, it probably won't arrive in time for Christmas — but you'll know it's on the way.

The last few days we've been busy looking for and buying a new car. Ours was 6½ years old and had 90,000 miles on it, so we didn't want to go through another winter with it. We waited until the end of the model year in order to get a good price. We finally settled on an Oldsmobile Cutlass. It's an intermediate sized car — much smaller than our last one, but not a true compact. It's a V-8 with automatic shift, but still gets very good mileage, and it's heavier, smoother, and more powerful than the compacts. It's a lovely burgundy red — really very good looking.

I've been so busy I've had to defer action on my genealogy, except for a day or so of sorting out some of the materials we got on our trip. I hope to have time soon to get down to serious business, and I'll be looking for those certificates that were supposed to have been sent to your address from St. Catherine's House. Last week I did go to a meeting of the English Interest Group of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, though I must admit I really didn't learn anything new.

I'll close now and let Elizabeth write a few lines. I'll write again after I get a little deeper into my genealogical materials. Love, Dave

Dear Family,

Although David expressed our thanks for your wonderful kindness to us when we were with you I just have to add my own special love and thanks to all of you, including the boys. I know it wasn't easy for you because you had your house problem on your mind, but no one could have been lovelier!

There a few more things that I want to add to David's letter. In the first place I'm going to send the boys' thanks to you, for the gifts you sent to them. I think I've mentioned to you that Jim just isn't a letter writer. He would never put pen to paper if he could possibly help it! So I'm used to apologizing for him, but Tom is usually very good about writing thank-you notes. However, right now he's deeply immersed in his Ph.D. thesis so he just may not have written. Jim went to Chicago for a few days' vacation soon after our return, and duly delivered your gift and our "coming-home" presents so we know he received them. However, we haven't heard from Tom since except for a tiny note on a piece of scratch pad paper saying, "We'll be home for Thanksgiving!" Jim, we know, was very pleased with your tape and your thoughtfulness in sending it to him. He is so busy these days that we have just short drop-in visits with him. However, he will be home for Thanksgiving, too, bringing three friends, so there will be eight of us to eat turkey that day, November 27.

While I'm on the subject of thank-yous I must tell you how thrilled I am with my beautiful new cook book, Kim! I have already shown it to quite a few of my friends and it is greatly admired, and the recipes I have tried from it greatly enjoyed. Robb's breeder who cared for him while we were gone is coming for lunch tomorrow and I plan to use a delicious salad recipe from the book.

We've just heard that Jenni and Dick are going to Rome for two months beginning Jan. 10 and then plan to spend two months in Great Britain, probably March and April. We're sure they will want to get in touch with you, so if you let us know if you have a change of address we will try to pass it on to them

We've had a delightful note from Sir John Ruggles-Brise since we've been home. Such a dear man! He's had a bad attack of bronchitis recently and was planning a two week trip to Egypt to recuperate. Said he had persuaded one of his sisters to go with him.

Hope you'll have a chance to read the splendid article about our Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul in the November, 1980, issue of the National Geographic. We're all so pleased with it.

Now I think I must say goodbye for now. This morning David I did get the new headboard attached to the bed and my curtains are quite a success, if I do say so myself (!) but there are still many more things to do before the room can claim its new title of "guest room". Some day when you come to Minneapolis to see us, there will be loads of room for all of you! We hope it may be not *too* far in the future.

My best love,

Elizabeth

P.S. We've had a beautiful fall – no snow here as yet, and a good deal of sunshine for November. Our North country in Minnesota has had snow but so far none for us. If it waits until Christmas it will be fine with us.

E. P. W.

Happy
Christmas

1980

To dear
David & Elizabeth

*With*

*Best Wishes for Christmas*

*and the New Year*

+ love from us all,

Roy, Kim,
Jason & Adam
xx xx

letter & package coming separately!

## Editor's note:

The 1980 Christmas card on the previous page was the last document in Kim Cook's file, although it's entirely possible (in fact, very likely) that others will turn up, filed under various topics. The Witheridges and Cooks continued to be close friends for many years after 1980.

Tom Witheridge
February 27, 2022

Robyn Connett
documents

February 4, 1988

Dear Robyn,

You may have heard from Una that we are planning a month-long trip to Britain beginning about the middle of May. We'd greatly enjoy meeting you and your family when we get to Exeter, and I am writing to tell you about our plans.

We expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. We'll spend about a week in the London area, and then hire a car for three weeks for a trip around England, Wales, and Scotland. We'll start out with three days in Sussex, and after a stop near Guildford, we'll arrive in Exeter on the late afternoon of Wednesday, May 25, and settle into a hotel near the center of the city.

On Thursday we want to spend some time at the Record Office and look around at a few places, such as the Cathedral, which is one of our favorites. On Friday morning we'll be going to Barnstaple, and on Saturday and Sunday we'll be in Combe Martin.

We hope you are going to be home at this time. We thought we could come to your home Wednesday or Thursday evening, May 25 or 26, to see you and your family. If that wouldn't work well for you, maybe you could be our guest somewhere for lunch on Thursday, but that way we wouldn't meet your family.

I assume you haven't had a chance to do anything at the Record Office yet, but I understand how hard it is to find time for such things. Don't worry about it. We'll talk about it when we get there.

We look forward to hearing from you about the possibility of our seeing you on May 25 or 26.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth Witheridge

from: Mrs R.E. Connett
Brook Green Cottage,
Well Street,
Exeter, EX4 6QD.

0392-58500
(call when we arrive)

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Tel: Exeter 58500

Brook Green Cottage,
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April 18th 1988

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10 pm that week, so he will sadly be unable to meet you on this occasion. Perhaps it would be easiest if you telephoned me when you arrive in Exeter - I should be home by 5.30. I will then be able to meet you to escort you to our home which is difficult even for locals to find!

To return to your initial requests for information from the Record Office/West Country Studies Library, I did, in fact, manage to make some enquiries for you, but the results were so disappointing that I was determined to persevere in order to be able to write to you with some good news. This was a mistake, of course, as I have been unable to find any time since to continue the search. I really do apologise for not having given an immediate report of my findings.

I located the Olive Moger abstracts with no difficulty, but was dismayed to find no Witheridge entries. (I decided to check on the Blackmore entries just to ensure that I really was looking in the right place)-I was reassured to find these.) There was another bound collection of Wills - I could find no clue as to who had made the collection, but again no Witheridge documents were included. My delight, incidentally, on finding a handful of Ley wills made the search worthwhile, but was checked by my disappointment at not being able to help you. I asked the staff at the Library and in the Records Office, but they were unable to point me in any profitable direction.

In my earlier searches for Ley entries I had come across a Susanna Ley who married Henry Witheridge on 28th October 1715, and a Rebecca Ley who married *William Witheridge on 20th July 1723. Although I have found no link between these Leys and our own family yet, I would be interested to know if you have any information of these Witheridges. I can see we shall have much to talk about – I just wish that I had more time to spend on the search.

* My 5-gr. grandfather + brother of John, your 6-gr. grandfather

I am enclosing the £10 you sent initially as you will now be able to make good use of it yourselves. It was certainly never my intention that you should pay me — I would have been delighted to have been able to help you, and feel so sorry that I have let you down.

Yours sincerely,

Robyn Connett.

April 22, 1988

Dear Robyn,

The time for our trip to Britain is drawing close, and I am trying to complete our itinerary and all the arrangements for seeing friends and relatives. At this point I haven't received a reply from you to my letter of February 4, and I hope this doesn't mean that you have had serious illness or other problems in your family.

We have had to make a few changes in our schedule in Devon, but we still plan to arrive in Exeter late on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 25--perhaps as late as 6:30 p.m. We have written for a reservation in the White Hart Hotel, but have not received confirmation of this yet.

The change is that we are not going to be able to spend all day Thursday and Thursday night in Exeter. Una and the others in Combe Martin have planned a get-together there on Thursday evening, so we are going to leave Exeter early Thursday morning and spend as much of the day as possible at the North Devon Athenaeum in Barnstaple and then go to the Thursday evening meeting in Combe Martin. We'll stay at The Lodge in Berrynarbor that night. Then on Friday morning we'll drive back to Exeter to spend the day, returning to Berrynarbor in the evening.

That means there are now these three times when we could see you (and your family, if possible): (1) You could come to our hotel on Wednesday as our guests for dinner, or you could meet us there later in the evening. Or we could drive to your house in the evening if you can tell us how to get there. (2) You could meet us as our guests for lunch on Friday. Or (3) you could be our guests for an early dinner on Friday evening, after which we would drive to Berrynarbor for the night.

We'd be very grateful if you would drop us a brief note in the enclosed envelope and let us know which of these alternatives would best fit your schedule. Since we'll be so close to you, we do want to meet you somehow. If we don't hear from you before we arrive in England on May 14, we'll try to reach you by phone.

Yours sincerely,
David + Elizabeth Witheridge

1988

David and Elizabeth,

With
Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year

Love from

Robyn, Andrew,
Nicola and Richard

I am working on the family records, and hope to send you copies early in the New Year!

1989

David and Elizabeth,

*With Best Wishes*

*for Christmas*

*and the New Year*

Much love from

Robyn, Andrew,

Nicola and Richard.

Curtis Family
documents

[This letter to DEW and EPW is
from his aunt, Clara Mae Witheridge
(b. 1894), but was located
in the Curtis Family
file.]

Oct. 1978

Dear David & Elizabeth
Did I mail you a picture
of white House or Hotel
I think it was the Ham
if I didnt sent it to you
I may have sent it to
John as I did mail
him some pictures & ite
They had the most delicious
apple white in side &
red skin - I guess call
sheep noses.
No I didnt spend time
in Cleveland with them
because Christina was the
baby & Ed. & I were born
yet

yes I know what happend to Grand Mother block of house or row of house - So I know why Aunt Susie Husband was mad - this is not gossip by truth - My Dad sister Elizabeth Chivers Got her self in duch - & Grand da died - She sold the houses by the court caught up with her be cause at that time all property was left to oldest son & that was my father the Lawyer wrote Dad & said He sister would have to go to jail or pay Dad all the money back - so he said if she give it to him he let her off & she promised & also signed paper

to that effect - So she promised
my Dad if he let her use
money to come to America
she return it to him - Dad
said I don't want it for my
self but it to be Clara mae
His mother name sake -
Dad lived up to his agreement
they came to St Charles & she
gave him about $900 - & said
when her husband got work
would pay rest - She never
did - bought a house with
it in St Charles & She & my
Dad never spoke to one
an other for years - He never
like dishonest - & when I
was married to Oliver my
dad turned over the
money to me for a nest

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a past age & I never touch it
till I had to divorce
Oliver - He was so untrue
me - It was your Dad my
Bro. Will who helped me
to get a lawyer & was
my witness - So that the
way thing go some time.
But I in end sure had
a wonderfull Christian
Man & good habit. &
we were so happy to
gether for 42 years

I have no date add of
John Curtis 1951 in July had
their 50 Wedding & Christina &
Allen & I attended was on Sun.
He & his wife Both passed
away

at that time Albany. Cal. + all
I can tell you, they had 2
daughter one son.
The oldest lived in East -
Violet in Berkily - Have no
idea were they lived was
Married But Son was I Q
+ to bright & had killed
himself before 1951 -
John sister Laura & Clara
were both Come out but
again don't know Married
Name or when in Ohio they
lived

I am enclosing the last
letter from John Curtis would
you or Elizabeth Please
type a copy of letter +
return to me

I do not type, I want a
copy of it because to me
I like to keep one & long has
I live

Our weather getting
cool. I had a new
roof put on a few wks
ago. Now I ready for rain
I will never forget my
Grand parent nice home &
Grand pa wonderful garden
& flower bed.

He was a very good looking man
He had white hair & beard
He was what call life saving
boat before he retired.

I called Gas Man to come
& turn on Wall furnaces &
I have a phone put in my bed
room   love you Aunt Claramae

[This transcript was probably made by DEW — see his note, "Curtis," below. The practically illegible letter to "Clara" (Clara Mae Witheridge [b. 1894] starts on the second page following this one.]

Berkely, Feb. 15 (1944 or 1945)

Dear Clara,

Pardon me not answering your letter sooner, but I am an ardent war worker these days. Now I believe Grandfather Witheridge's name was John. Uncle Ned was like him. When we were East in 1943, they had not heard from Ned for years; if he were living, I know he surely would go to Laura's, for he knew he could get all he wanted to eat & drink & also money. I never heard Dad or grandmother mention any other Witheridge, and it never occurred to ask. Grandfather Curtis sailed with the Marines for Mexico the time of Maxmillian; that was the last ever heard of the boat or men. The Mexicans cut off the Austrian Maxmillian's head. Grandmother Witheridge had 3 farms before she married J. Witheridge. There was a squatter on one of them when I was there, and Geo. Chivers and I stayed in the stone house of the other farm called the (Ham). It was a grand place and I picked apples (Sheep nose) from trees planted by dad when a boy. Some of our people owned the (King's Arms) Hotel across the road from the farm house. Grandma W. had a nice sock, I think, but we never received a cent of it. Do you remember you all spent a time with us in Cleveland? Christina was the baby. Well, that Xmas she sent us $310.00, but Dad sent it back, which made Uncle Ned very mad. Again in 1900 Dad and I visited them and our people in London. When we left, Granny sent Grandfor down to the depot and wanted us to take $500, but we would not take it. After Granny died, dad wrote to John Adams, aunt Susie's husband, and I guess he just told him to go to --. So if anyone got anything out of it, it must have been him. Do you ever write to George Chivers? John Chivers surely would know all about it. Devonshire is a beautiful Country and the Grandfather's clock and all of Grannie's dishes & furniture hundreds of years old, a lot of it was still there. A School chum of Grannie's was living there; she paid 30 shillings a year or $7.50 at that time. She said Granny told her she could be buried in her plot in the church yard. Combmartin the town where they lived is a street (or rather was) about a mile long skirting the bay, and the cliffs are chalk as are the white cliffs of Dover. Dad said when Granny was a widow and before she went to Wales, he used to haul lime from the cliffs to burn and put on the farm. He was 9 yrs old. The old church was built by the Romans in the year 1100, destroyed at the time of the reformation, and restored in the year 1300. The Carvings are wonderful, and about everyone in the town are related to us. Marie Corellie's Mighty Attom was written about this old Church and place. And if you have read & loved Lorna Doon you can say it was about this old historic place, and I believe the old Sexton in the book was still alive. Dad never tired reading Lorna Doon, as all the characters were known to him & he loved them all. There are so many Curtis' on this West Coast I wonder sometime if Grandfor Curtis did not get to Mexico or near there. Never heard of any other Witheridges except Grandfather & yourselves. Maybe they also were Nomads--I mean the old time men. Love from Lou & John.

I remain your loving Cousin John [Curtis]

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DEW's note

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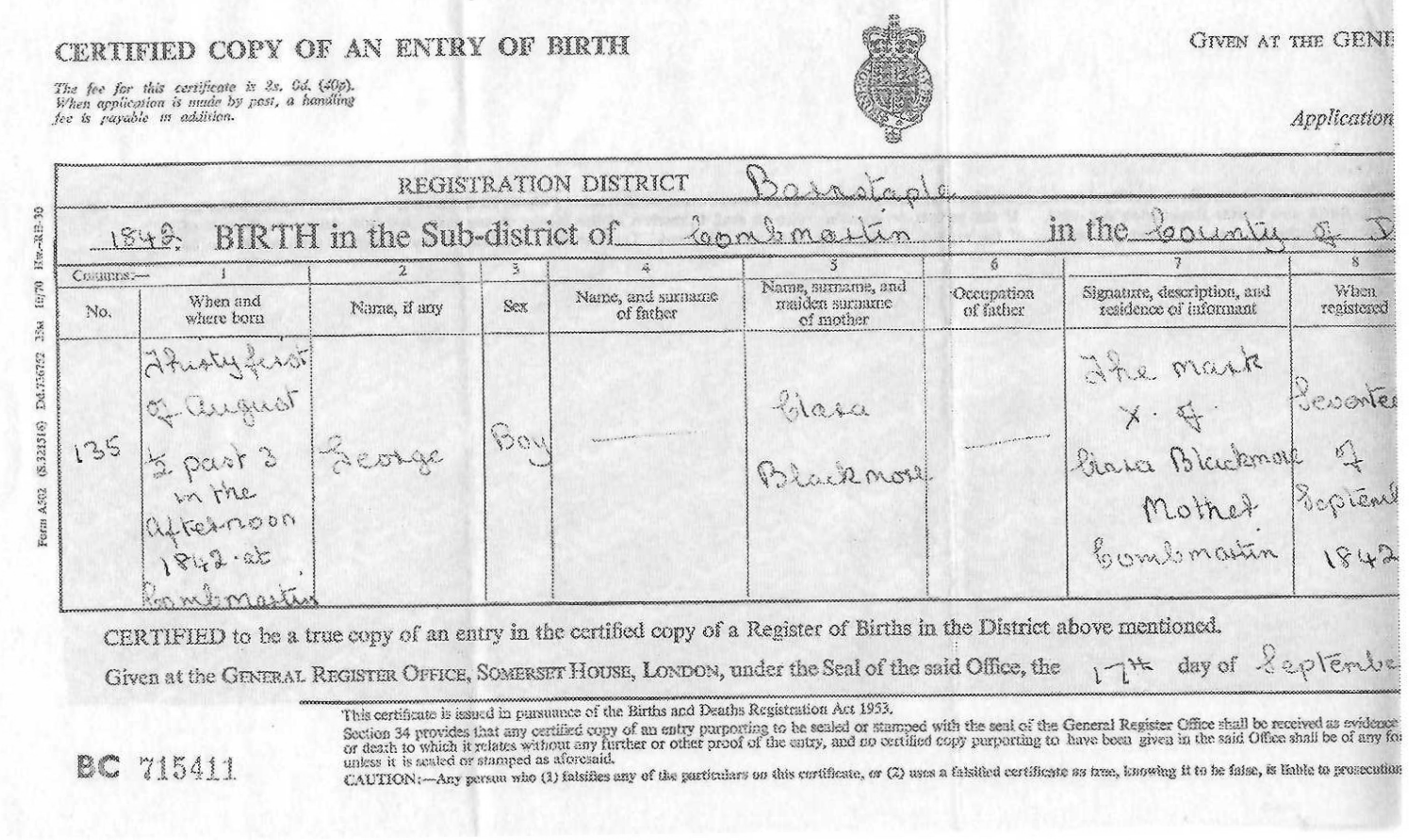
(we to Sacramento to White Shrine)

[This George has two entries in the index: ① George Blackmore (aka George Curtis) and ② George Curtis (Younger).]



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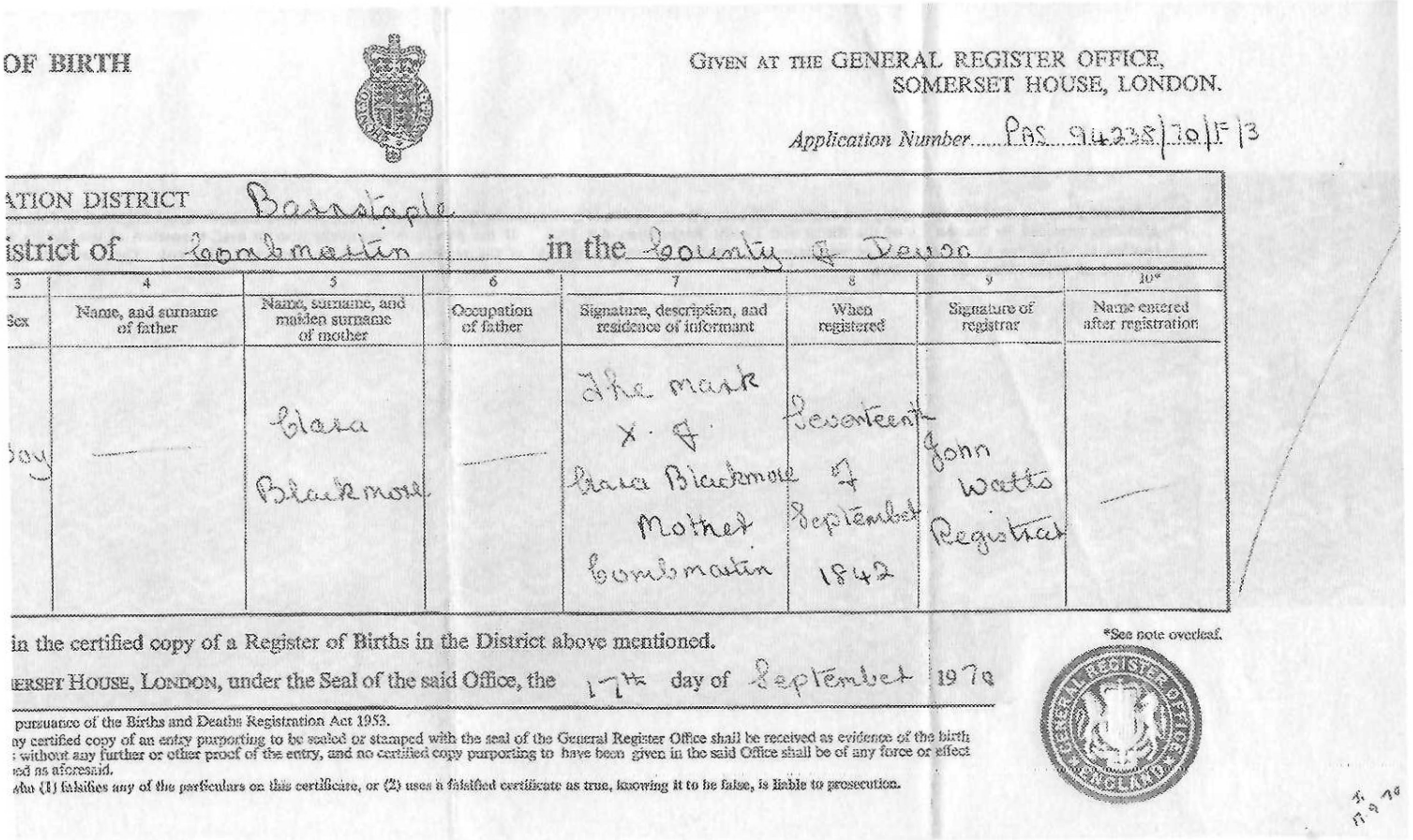

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Esther Duda
documents

April 25, 1966

Dear Esther:

Your father has probably told you of the correspondence we had about some old family pictures. I certainly appreciated the help he gave me in identifying the people.

For over two years I have been engaged in a project of working on our family history. When both my mother and father died, I suddenly realized how little I knew about both of their families. So I began what has turned out to be a tremendous project and has grown into something of a hobby. I have found many, many relatives I never knew I had, and I have established contact with many I had never written to before.

I thought you'd be interested in the enclosed picture, although you may have seen the one I sent your father last fall. You probably know that I am a Baptist minister. After graduating from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, I was assistant minister in Chicago for six years and minister in Marengo, Illinois, for three years before coming to Minneapolis. For the last fifteen years I have been Executive Secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. Now she tutors remedial reading and writes children's books. Four have been published, and another is coming out in September. Jim, our older boy, is at the University of Minnesota; and Tom is at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio.

I was most interested in the picture your father sent of your installation as president of the Grandmothers Club. Please tell me all about your children and grandchildren. How about a picture of you and your husband and family? Don't wait to have a new one taken. Just send something you have on hand!

See next page →

← George Allen Witheridge (b. 1887)

Does your father live near you? Is he retired now, or does he still spend a great deal of time at the flower shop? I suppose you see him rather frequently.

One of the pictures Arthur Allen sent me, which I asked your father to identify, was a picture of Jennie and Sidney Brown. This was the first I had known of them. I guess Jennie is a first cousin of your father and my father. Are they still living, and if so, what is their address? Did they have any children and grandchildren, and could you give me the information about them?

You will also note that I have enclosed a sheet for a biographical sketch of yourself. I'd appreciate it if you would complete this form and mail it back to me.

Elisabeth says to say Hi to you for her. You probably do not remember her, but she remembers you as a darling little girl while you were still in Saginaw. Her name was Elizabeth Plumb, and she also grew up in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw.

I look forward to hearing from you one of these days.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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# Grandmothers Club Installs New President, Assistants

SAN FERNANDO—Mrs. Esther Duda of 13974 Hubbard Ave. is new president of the Grandmothers Club, Chapter 66. She succeeds Mrs. Florence Atherton, of 850 N. Brand Blvd.

Mrs. Duda has two sons and three grandchildren, Cristi 7, Cindi 6 and Cassie 1, children of her son George.

The new president was installed last Friday by Mrs. Ruth Harp, past president, assisted by Mrs. Helen Junken of Reseda Chapter 68.

Serving with Mrs. Duda for her term in office are Mrs. Olive Nelson, vice president; Mrs. Martha Le Feber, secretary; Mrs. Sylvia Jacalone, secretary; Mrs. Mary Whitlock, treasurer; Mrs. Vesta Dickson, chaplain, and Mrs. Edna Rosell, flag bearer.

Chapter 66 has 36 members and its roster is open to new members, Mrs. Duda said. A non-profit organization, there are 3000 members of 81 chapters throughout California. Their convention will be held in October 1966, in Pasadena.

Projects of the Grandmothers Club involve work for patients at Olive View Hospital, Sylmar, and handicapped children.

Mrs. Duda announced that the Thanksgiving Day dinner party for chapter members will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Highlander Auditorium, 12831 N. Maclay St., San Fernando. Regular meetings of the organizations are held on the second and fourth Thursdays.

**TAKING OFFICE** — Grandmothers Club Chapter 66 installed Mrs. Esther Duda left, as new president. Presenting gavel is Mrs. Florence Atherton, outgoing president.

May. 9-1966

Dear David:

It was so nice to hear from you and about your lovely wife + fine boys (Men) I would have answered you sooner but David was home from Boot camp (army) on 13 day leave and was doing what he wanted while he was Home. He left May 6 – for Fort Knox Kentucy where he will get special school before he goes to Europe. He enlisted for 4 years so he could choose which theatre + School to attend. He is very interested in Photography + Machines. + had 1 year of College before he enlisted. The draft would have got him in mid-term anyway. His major was Industrial arts.

My Husband passed away last July 2-1965 after an airplane accident injury Broke his neck and he was bed-fast

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since 1947- We always had a nurse or David + I were with him constantley. He wasn't a Veteran and We had all the comforts for him + We Had a very close Family. He was a very good Man + We were very Happy despite his Handicap He Suddenly developed cancer in the lymph Glands in Nov. 1964 + after that his health + wonderful Spirit was full of pain constantley. It was a Blessing he didnt last long after cancer moved in. He pasted his time reading - Painting - watching T.V + Helping me raise the 2 Boys.

George my oldest son has a lovely wife + 3 darling "Granddaughters" for me to Spoil. She is a good Mother - Cook - + Spotless Homemaker. They live in Santa Ana near the world famous "Disneyland" George Keeps trim golfing - Base ball - and any other excuse to Keep from mowing lawn.

I am really kidding he is a wonderful father & worker.

David wanted to be a Advertising Photographer & was going to college to attain background & training when draft closed in.

I have a boss at home now a 8 mo. old poodle who really is a character, so "Carmellina Suzette" & Esther are keeping each other from getting lonesome with everone away.

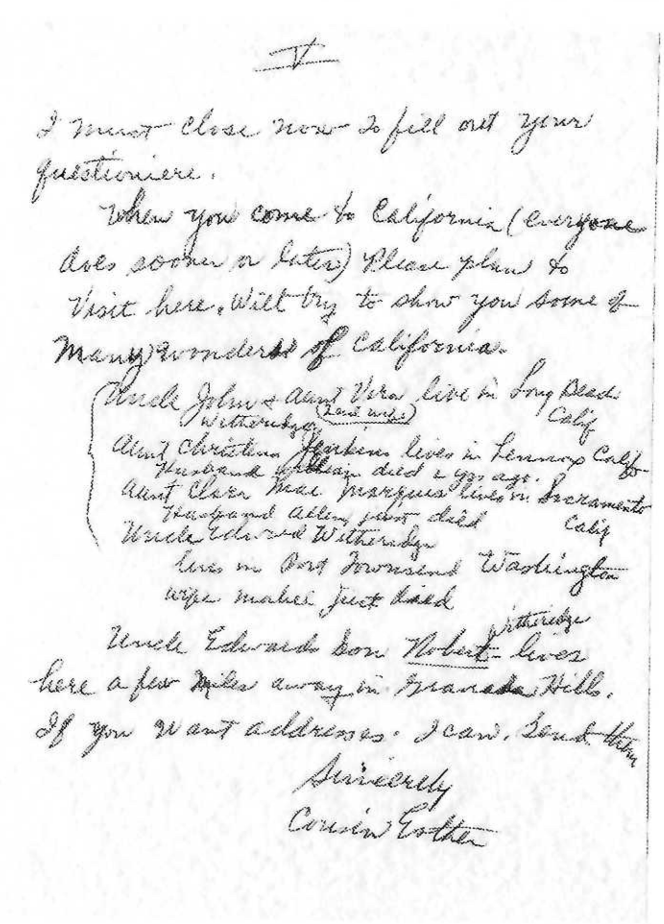
"Grandpa" George sold his home & is living in an apartment in Burbank But he works at Flower Shop 5 days a week. He has no Hobbies & does enjoy his Flower Shop. He is taking a week off this week to rest up after Mothers Day Rush.

I keep busy with clubs when I am not at Flower Shops. Now that I can I like to keep active. Next week a retired Business woman friend & I are going to a convention

In San Francisco. "Business & Professional womans Clubs of California". I am 2nd Vice Pres. & Will probally move up now I have more time.

The Calif. Grandmother's clubs are fun too. our little club has taken on a ward of Handicapped (Physically) children (from 3 mo to 11 yrs old) Every month we take a Birthday cake for all who have birthday - (but all have a piece (large cake) 30 children) Xmas we helped Santa when he visited them. This is a County Hospital (They are of poor families) The wonderful medical staff & improvement achieved is heart warming. We just do little extra things the Hospital can't do on limited budget. We do have our favorite little ones. We watch the wonderful progress they make.

Since David has been in the Service he has gotten much comfort from his religious training of his youth. Although I was Baptist when young. My Husband & I got more from our attendance at Episcopal services so raised Boys at that church.



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I must close now to fill out your questioniere.

When you come to California (everyone does sooner or later) Please plan to Visit here. Will try to show you some of Many wonders of California.

Uncle John Witheridge & Aunt Vera (2nd wife) live in Long Beach Calif

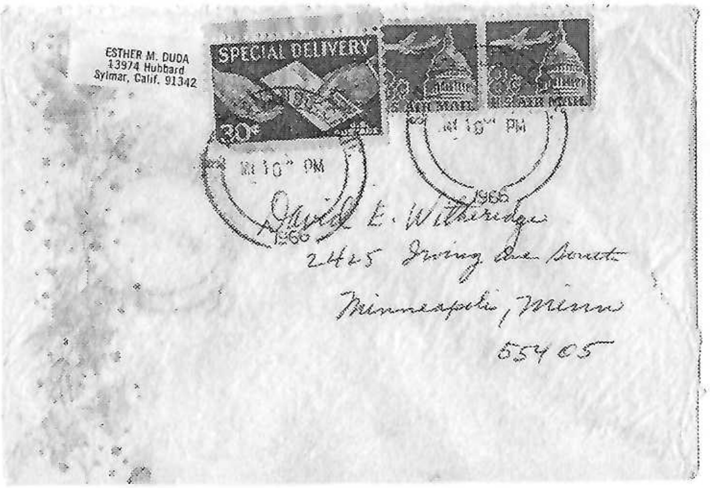
Aunt Christina Jenkins lives in Lennox Calif. Husband William died 2 yrs ago.

Aunt Clara Mae Marquis lives in Sacramento Calif. Husband Allen just died

Uncle Edward Witheridge lives in Port Townsend Washington wife Mabel just died

Uncle Edwards Son Robert Witheridge lives here a few miles away in Granada Hills. If you want addresses. I can. Send them

Sincerely
Cousin Esther



ESTHER M. DUDA
13974 Hubbard
Sylmar, Calif. 91342

David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave South
Minneapolis, Minn
55405

SPECIAL DELIVERY
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AIR MAIL
10 PM
1966

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# MERRILL

Among late Pilgrims arriving in America two brothers Job and Ira Merrill, who settled in Massachusetts, later moved to New York.

**GAD MERRILL**- a grandson of one of these brothers, lived near Salem, N.Y.
Seven sons and one daughter;
Jerry, William, Ira, George, Cady, Mark, Asher, and Lucribe.

**JERRY MERRILL**- went to Michigan by ox-team; married Lavenia Pratt,
three children- William George, Nathan Pratt, Ruth Ann.
His farm of 160 acres was in Burns(Union Plains) Shiawassee County, eight miles from Bancroft. He made two trips a year to the nearest mill, which was 65 miles away. He was caught in a horse power thrashing machine, which caused his death at the age of 98 years.

**WILLIAM GEORGE MERRILL**- son of Jerry, grandson of Gad
born November 27 1823- died October 17 1893
married 1847
ALMIRA SWEET
born in Vermont November 16 1830 - died November 24 1926

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|---|---|---|---|
| ROSELLA MERRILL | born October 19 1848 | died | |
| IRA B. MERRILL | " October 21 1850 | " | October 29 1926 |
| Ashley Pratt MERRILL | " September 21 1852 | " | June 22 1938 |
| MARY MERRILL | " January 25 1854 | " | ~~October~~ |
| Meade C. MERRILL | " January 8 1857 | " | October 2 1906 |

**IRA MERRILL** - son of William, grandson of Jerry, great grandson of Gad.
married November 4 1893 — DIED - JAN. 1927 OAKLAND CALIF.
AMELIA CLOUGH born May 14 1852 Argentine- died July 19 1930 ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] Calif.
daughter, Warren, born October 14 1821, died December 26 1908
Caroline Wolverton born July 4 1826 Steuben Co. N.Y.
Died Sept. 12 1877

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| ALBERT MERRILL | born August 6 1874 | Webberville Mich. | died May 8 1951 | Lansing Mi |
| ARTHUR MERRILL | " April 7 1877 | " | " February 12 1925, Calif. | |
| ALVA MERRILL | " April 1 1880 | " | DIED 1914 | |
| PEARL MERRILL | " April 20 1884 | " | DIED 1963 | |
| ALMEADA MERRILL | " September 15 1890 | Denver Colorado | DIED 1960 | |

**ALBERT MERRILL** son of Ira, grandson of William, great grandson of Jerry, great, great grandson of Gad Merrill.
Ida Marsh Sherman born October 30, 1874

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| SHERMAN MEADE MERRILL | born Bancroft Mich. | February 9 1898 |
| WARD E. MERRILL | " " " | June 6 1901 died October 1 1912 |
| FORREST ALBERT MERRILL | " " " | May 5 1907 |

**ALMEADA M. MERRILL** daughter of Ira, granddaughter of William, great granddaughter of Jerry, great, great granddaughter of Gad Merrill.
born September 15 1890 Denver Colorado — DIED - SEPT - 1960
GEORGE ALLEN WITHERIDGE born March 4 1887 Glamorganshire, South Wales, England.
married September 11 1908
ESTHER MARY WITHERIDGE daughter born January 12 1915 Saginaw Mich.
ANTHONY FRANCIS DUDA " May 29 1907 Crawford, Kansas DIED - JULY 1965
married December 8 1934
GEORGE STUART DUDA BORN February 9 1937 Los Angeles Calif.
DAVID ANTHONY DUDA " May 19 1946 Van Nuys Calif.

3426 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55406
July 31, 1966

Dear Esther:

It was a great pleasure to get your letter with all the information and pictures. You do have two fine sons and three beautiful granddaughters (and a lovely daughter-in-law). I am glad to have established contact with you and to know that you are also interested in family history. Later, when I have more complete records of the Witheridge and Allen lines, I'll send you all I have discoverd about our ancestry.

Of course, I was sorry to hear of your husband's death and previous tragedy. Yet it sounds as though you had a wonderful family life through the years.

This past week we were back in Saginaw for the funeral of Elizabeth's aunt, Alberta Plumb. She had almost brought Elizabeth up as a mother, as Elizabeth's mother died when she was very young. Alberta had been a teacher and a grade school principal all her life and had never married, though she had adopted two daughters. Like your husband, she died of fast-growing cancer of the lymph glands.

While we were in Saginaw, we visited the mother of one of Elizabeth's friends. She lives in a very nice nursing home. It happened to be her 90th birthday, and one of the nurses came in to wish her a happy birthday. I was interested to see that the nurse's name (on her badge) was Duda, which is certainly not a common name.

On the way back we stopped off in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to see my sister Louise (Mrs. James F. Mark, Jr.) and her husband. I had your letter and pictures along especially to show her, and she was delighted to see them. I know she'd be glad to hear from you some time. She lives at 1453 Giddings Ave. S.E. My younger brother, John, still lives in Saginaw, but my older brother, William, died two years ago in Birmingham, Mich.

I think I have most of the addresses of the relatives on the West Coast, but I would like the address of George and Sheila for my records. You mentioned Robert Witheridge, which reminded me of a letter I had from an Allen relative in England, Milly Roberts, who said a niece of hers, Kathleen Donnelley, is staying with Robert. I wonder if she is still there and if you have met her.

I appreciated the information about your mother's family. I have one question, though. On one of the family pictures ~~she~~ her mother was called Mrs. Doty. Did she marry a second time; and, if so, when, and what was her husbands full name?

In my last letter I asked about Jennie and Sidney Brown. Are they still living, and do you know their address or the addresses of their children, if they had any? Perhaps your father would know. Thanks again for your help.

Yours sincerely,

2/11/71

Dear Esther,

We have been greatly concerned ever since news came of the earthquake. You are in our thoughts and prayers as we wonder if all of you are well. The articles in the papers are so disturbing that we fear your homes were damaged and perhaps some of the relatives were injured. How about the flower shop? Please write and let us know.

← [owned by Esther's father in San Fernando]

You will be interested in these articles from our paper. You can see why we would be worried. The damage is hard to imagine from here.

I'm sorry that this is one of my busiest times, and I can't write a long letter. We just had the annual meeting of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, and now we are about to begin our finance campaign.

Elizabeth is trying hard to finish her latest book — about an American Indian boy — and get it off to her publisher.

How are David, George, Sheila, the children, and of course your father? We're anxious to hear from you.

Love

David & Elizabeth

Feb-22-71

Dear David + Elizabeth:

Thank you for your letter + Prayers. I feel we are very fortunate. None of us (father, wife David, George + Sheila + Girls + myself) were hurt.

David was really miracle. He was working that nite Eleven PM to 7 AM on 5th Floor of Olive View Hospital as an attendent (He attends College Days) He was walking down the Hall when the quake hit it Knocked him flat. When the large Shock was over the nurses + Patients + Dave formed a hand to hand chain + made their Way down an inside stairway (the outside one fell off) to waiting Busses + ambulances. only one death in all the large Hospital. Of course the Bldg was quake (Built) specified safe. If it hadnt been on the Center of

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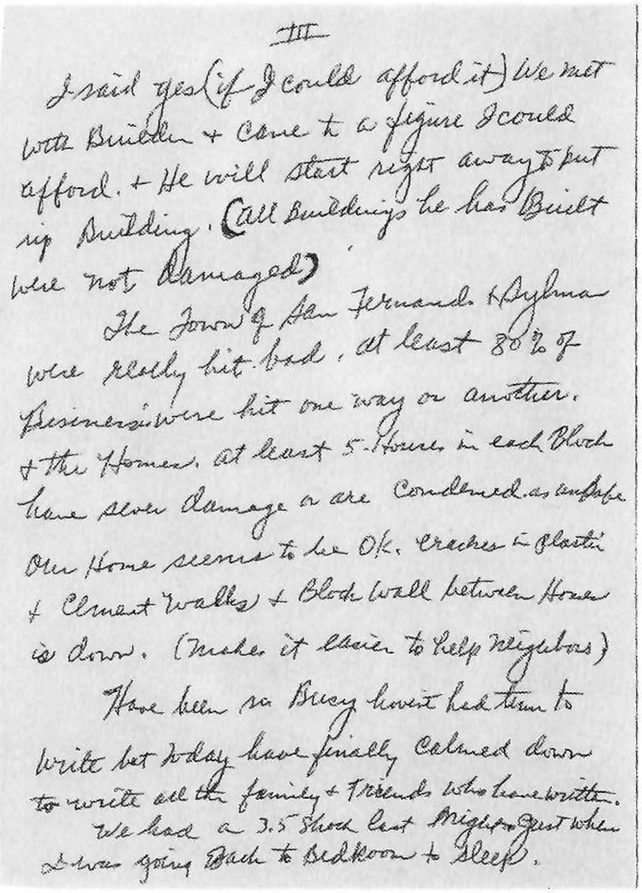
Large ~~Fault~~ I think it would have withstood the quake. As it is the Foundation + underpinning is all twisted beyond repair.

Dads' apt. Bldg is cracked but they claim safe. Our store Bldg was (unsafe) Condemned. We had 6 hours to move every thing out. to. 3 garages + a shed + the office to my Home. The work Room we were asked to use the Back of a Flower Shop in Panorama City. (a friend of mine)

When all seemed darkest + after a nite of Prayer I got a call the next day from our Family Doctor who wanted to Bld a Building for me for Flower Shop on his shopping area. (Ice Cream Store, Drug Store + Dr's offices) with Plenty of Parking area only 1/2 block from old location. Of course



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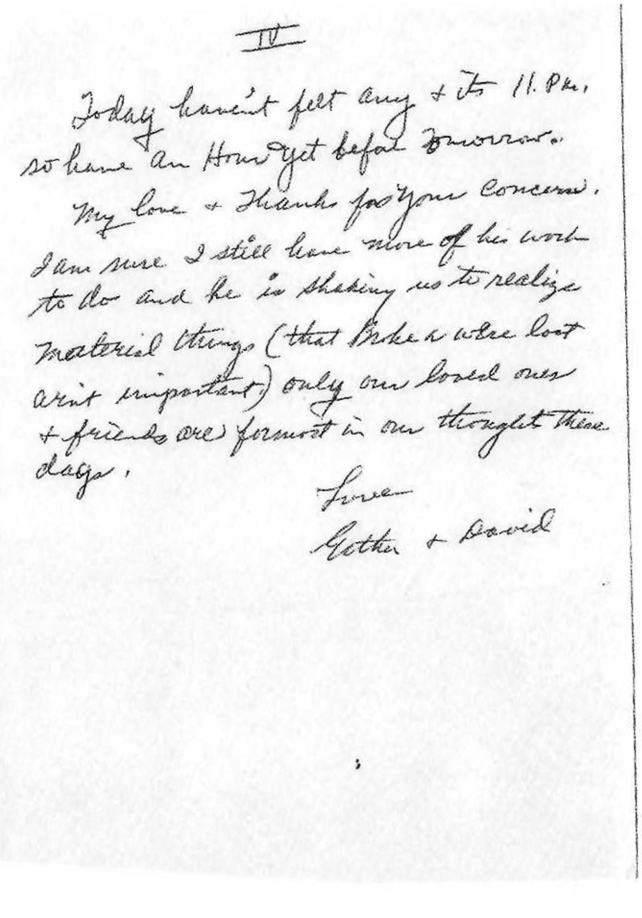
I said yes (if I could afford it) We met with Builder + Came to a figure I could afford. + He will start right away to put up Building. (All Buildings he has Built were not damaged)

The Town of San Fernando + Sylmar were really hit bad. at least 80% of Businesses were hit one way or another. + the Homes. at least 5 Houses in each Block have sever damage or are Condemned as unsafe. Our Home seems to be O.K. Cracks in plaster + Cement walks + Block wall between Houses is down. (make it easier to help Neighbors)

Have been so Busy haven't had time to write but today have finally Calmed down to write all the family + Friends who have written.

We had a 3.5 Shock last Night just when I was going Back to BedRoom to Sleep.



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Today haven't felt any + its 11. P.M. so have an Hour yet before tomorrow.

My love + Thanks for your Concern. I am sure I still have more of his work to do and he is shaking us to realize material things (that broken or were lost aren't important) only our loved ones + friends are formost in our thought these days.

Love
Esther + David

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2425 Irving Ave S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
March 16, 1971

Dear Esther,

We were glad to get your letter and to hear that no one in your family was hurt in the earthquake. Of course, we were sorry to hear about the damage to the flower shop, but with your good fortune in having a new one built in the doctor's shopping center, it sounds as though it will work out for the best. If I recall correctly, the store is in San Fernando, even though you live in Sylmar.

David's experience in the hospital the morning of the quake was something to remember! I'm reminded of some of the frightening experiences of our son Tom in the past year.

Since graduating from Oberlin College Tom has been working as a C.O. doing alternative service in Boston. He is a psychiatric aide at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, a teaching unit of Harvard Medical School. One day he heard a scream, ran down the hall and found a woman on the floor in flames from head to foot. He dashed into a room and grabbed some blankets and had the fire out in a minute or two. She had set herself afire.

Another time a fellow employee on his ward or section of the hospital "deteriorated" or had a mental breakdown practically before his eyes, and Tom got involved in locating him outside the hospital and getting him back in for treatment.

[I stayed another year at the hospital and ended up staying in mental health for the rest of my career. T.E.W.]

Tom has about five more months of duty, then he hopes to go to graduate school in the field of creative writing.

Our other son, Jim, is also a C.O. doing Alternative Service. He, too has several months left to do, but he's out of a job at the moment and is having a hard time in the present job market finding one that will satisfy the draft board. You have to find your own job; they don't find one for you. Jim dropped out of the University of Minnesota, so he still has his education ahead of him. Life has been very disruptive for young people during these last few years.

Please share this letter with your dad and his wife Florence. We enjoy getting Christmas cards from them, and we hope their health is good these days.

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3/16/71

Joan Shaw also wrote a reassuring letter about their situation after the earthquake. We were worried about them, of course, as we were about you. I suppose, even though you both live in Sylmar, you don't see each other often. That's the way it seems to be these days. Do you and Robert ever get together?

How is your little poodle, Suzie? We are dog lovers, too. Ours is a Norwegian Elkhound, which you may not be familiar with. It's a medium-sized dog, something like a Huskie, with pointed ears that stand up, a tail that curls, and a beautiful thick coat. Trygg is almost two years old and is very friendly and intelligent. He loves the snow, of which we have plenty! Trygg is our second Elkhound. The first one, Jarla, we had for fifteen years.

I think I told you Elizabeth was trying to finish her latest book. Well, last week she finally sent the manuscript off to her publisher, so she's breathing easier for awhile.

Under separate cover we're sending you one of Elizabeth's books we think Cristina and Cynthia, and maybe even Catherine, will find enjoyable. It's called _Never Younger, Jeannie_ and it's about the farm Elizabeth grew up on back in Saginaw. Of course, you were very young when you left Saginaw (about seven?) but perhaps you will find it interesting, too. I'm sure it will bring back pleasant memories of Uncle George.

Love from all of us.

David + Elizabeth

12/12/75

Dear Esther, Linda

Thank you for your card that arrived the other day. I would love to have a letter from you some day when you have time. I know you are very busy with the flower shop and all your other activities. Wouldn't it be fun if we could get together some time?

Next year for our study leave during the summer we hope to go to England. I'll be visiting the British Council of Churches and several local councils of churches, but we'll also have time to visit as many relatives as we can find.

We do hope you are progressing well after your operation. We hear your David drove you and Uncle George up to Aunt Christina's before Thanksgiving.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

Dec. 1977

Thank you so much for the card And pictures. George enjoyed his visit with you so Much, he keeps telling the girls about your family tree and explaining how you research. Will send a picture of the girls after the first of the year, they were supposed to be ready for Christmas but ———

Hope the holidays are wonderful for you (and Not too cold). Perhaps we Can Meet in the Coming year.

Most Sincerely,
George Sheila ← [Sheila, Esther's daughter-in-law, apparently wrote this note.]
Cristie Cindi
and Carrie

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Paul Freed
documents

[Mr. Freed reached out to DEW with a phone call in May 1996; these are his notes from that call.]

W,
Paul Freed called 5/23/96
14 Sidney Pl., S.E
Mpls 55414 331-5595

He had heard from relatives in North Dakota that there is to be a Witheridge get-together.

He is the ~~great~~ great-grandson of John + Miriam Witheridge, who died in the late 1920's in N. Dak.

Paul has been in Minneapolis since 1957. He taught music (piano) at the U. of Minn. and retired in 1992. He is not married.

He has a brother, Robert Bruce Freed, who lives in Embro, Ont., and teaches at a university in ~~Toronto,~~ London (Western Ontario Univ.)

Paul definitely will be coming to the luncheon. His brother will be here shortly, but he doesn't know if he will be staying long enough to be at the luncheon, but he will let us know.

Their sister, Marcia Freed Taylor, lives in England.

2425 Irving Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 5540
November 5, 1996

Dear Paul,

[Kim Cook]

Here is the Witheridge Society application. You can ignore the line about enclosing money or say it was sent with Kim. Please send it back to me in the enclosed envelope.

As a retired professor of music, I thought you'd be interested in the short article about my nephew James Mark, who teaches at Mount Allison University. He is the son of my sister, Louise Mark in California

Sincerely

David

[This chart was provided to DEW by Paul Freed.]

ENEALOGICAL CHART - No ______

Abbreviations:
b - born
m - married
d - died
pl - place

2 Palmer O. Freed
b 3 Jan. 1899
pl Parkers Prairie MN USA
m June 23, 1926
pl SARLES, ND. USA
d 23 August, 1949
pl Osnabrock ND USA

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3 Marjorie Maude Patty Oke
b 21 March 1903
pl Bowmanville ON Canada
d 23 April 1949
pl Devils Lake ND

4 Oscar Freed (Frid)
b 1868
pl Langesjo, Sweden
m.
pl
d. 1934
pl Hampden ND USA

5 Matilda Olson
b. 1872
pl Norway
d. 1957
pl. Winfield KS USA

6 Marwood Oke
b ~~Bo~~ 1866
pl Bradworthy, Devon
m. 1895
pl Bowmanville ON Canada
d. 1934
pl Everett WA USA

7 Ida Witheridge
b. ~~Bo~~ 1865 (OR 66?)
pl Darlington ON
d. 1962
pl Everett WA USA

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14 JOHN WITHERIDGE
b 1839
pl BRADWORTHY, DEVON
m 1862
pl DARLINGTON ON
d. 1929
pl. EDAM, SK CANADE

15 MIRIAM MOORE
b 1842
pl BRADWORTHY
d 1924
pl. EDAM SK CANADE

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# The Witheridge Society

Membership Application

Surname FREED Christian names PAUL WAYNE

Additional family members (if applicable)

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I wish to apply for (*delete items not applicable)

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| * Family membership (all at one UK address and sharing newsletter) | £10.00 pa |
| * Overseas membership | [✓ £12.00 pa] |

Pd. to K. Cook in cash ($18) at Mpls meeting

I enclose PO/cheque for £..... for one year's subscription

Signed Paul W. Freed Date 6 Nov. 1996

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if you are able to offer help to any

Dear David, Sorry to be so slow with this. I had to research some dates via photos and that took a long time.

Seems we may look forward to another miserable, icy winter. I've never believed in heading south but may decide to soon.

thank for your help with the Witheridge Society. Call on me if you need help sometime.

Paul

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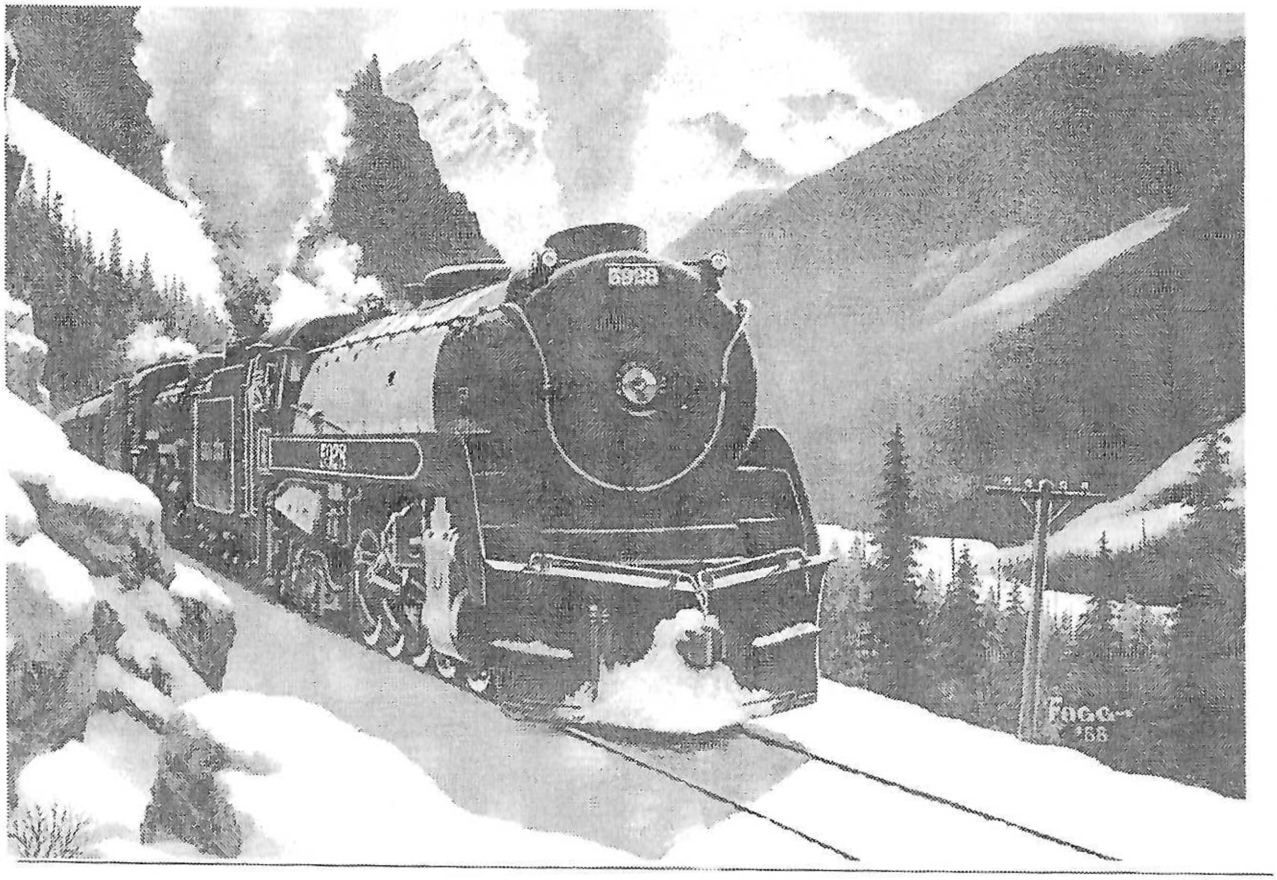

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For more:

hometown.aol.com/freed7727/my homepage/profile.html

## Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year

aren't you happy to be old enough to have experienced trains "as they were"? All the best to you and your family.

Paul

# The Freed Report!

December 8, 2001

For those of you who are interested, I want to let you know something about my current "condition," more appropriate than in a card.

In 1986 I had radical prostate surgery after traces of cancer were found. I was supposedly "clean," but several years ago, after the advent of PSA testing, it was determined that the cancer had metasasized and spread into the bones of the pelvic area. PSA readings continued to rise even after hormone injections and, more recently, chemo-therapy. The chemo was not of the really debilitating kind experienced with some conditions, and I was still in alot of pain and taking a barrel of meds every day.

Just two weeks ago, I began radiation therapy (all of this treatment has been at the U of M, a five-minute bus-ride from my house) and I still have two weeks of daily (M-F) treatment to go. This week-end I feel relatively good, although totally without energy or initiative, but I have had a good deal of pain. I hope for the best, of course.

Fortunately my sister could be here in November and we accomplished alot connected with leaving the house. She'll be back soon and will continue to "take charge" as I want her to do. My brother and his wife are coming down from Canada for Christmas.

Needless to say, I'd appreciate renewed contact with all of you from so many different points in my life.

All best wishes,

Paul

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5/2/02

# Longtime 'U' piano teacher Paul Freed; created a practical guide for educators

A memorial service for Paul Freed, who taught 35 years' worth of piano students at the University of Minnesota, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the lobby of the Ted Mann Auditorium at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

**Paul Freed, shown in 1958.**

Freed, 74, died April 16 after a long bout with cancer. He was buried April 22 in his birthplace, Hampden, N.D., after a funeral service in Devils Lake, N.D.

He was always "practical with his teaching," said Vern Sutton, retired chairman of the University of Minnesota Music Department.

"Very few of his students turned out to be concert pianists," he said, but many are "accompanists, coaches, chamber musicians, teachers," practical occupations in the music world.

Freed, a soloist and chamber musician himself as well as a professor of piano, taught piano at the university from 1957 until his retirement in 1992.

He was president of the Minnesota Music Teachers Association from 1969 to 1971 and founded the statewide syllabus program. It was a practical guideline for what piano teachers should do if they wanted their students to progress in pace with their peers, Sutton said.

Survivors include a sister, Marcia Freed Taylor of Essex, England, and brother, Bruce Freed of Embro, Ontario.

Pearline Argust (b. 1925)
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FROM Rev. David E. Witheridge
2426 Irving Ave S.
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TO Mrs. Sidney T. Fryer
71 High St.
NR Brierley Hill Staff. England

G.P.O.:1974—535-543

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
May 10, 1976

Mrs. Sidney T. Fryer
71 High Street
Pensnett
Nr Brierly Hill
Staffordshire
England

Dear Cousin Pearline:

Back in 1964 I wrote to your mother, and she wrote a very good letter giving me a great deal of information about our family background. I wrote to her again in 1970, but as far as I can determine, I never received an answer to that second letter.

Perhaps your mother discussed this correspondence with you. My father, William Allen Witheridge, was a first cousin of your mother. Her mother, Susanna Witheridge, was a sister of his father, William Witheridge. So you and I are second cousins.

Because it's so long since I've heard from your mother, and because I don't know how her health is, I decided to write to you. Since the old address may not be right, I'm registering this letter so I'll be sure you actually get it.

During the last twelve years I have been spending considerable time on genealogy--not only on the Witheridge line, but also on the Allen line (my grandmother's) and on all my wife's family lines. I have a lot of information from the parish register at Combe Martin and from other sources, but of course it is not complete.

Now I'm happy to say that after working as Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for 28 years, I've been granted a 12-week study leave this summer, and my wife Elizabeth and I are going to spend this time studying the ecumenical situation in Britain. In addition to studying in three universities for short periods and visiting several local councils of churches, we hope to visit some of the relatives we know about.

From June 16 to July 7 we'll be in the London area. From July 8 to August 7 we plan to rent a car and take a trip north through England to Scotland and then back through Wales to Devon. We're hoping we can visit with you and your mother and your family for a day or two in the period from July 8 to 10. Will you be home at that time? We are very excited about the opportunity of meeting second cousins and other close relatives in England we've never seen before.

I don't mean that we expect to stay in your home, as I know that is probably too difficult for you. But we hope you would be able to make a reservation for us to stay overnight in some nearby accommodations. Do you suppose you could do that?

I won't go into much detail about ourselves at this time, as we can more easily tell you about our background and family when we see you in person. I'll merely say that I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer, then became a Baptist minister, and for the last 25 years have been the head of the local council of churches. Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher before we were married, and is now the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons--Jim, 29, and Tom, 28--neither of whom is married.

We hope to meet as many relatives as possible, so we'd like you to let us know if the following addresses are correct:

Mrs. Clara E. Adams
100 Brynmair Road
Cwmaman
Aberdare
Glamorgan
U.K.

Albert Edgar Adams
14 Pleasant View
Godreaman
Aberdare
Glamorgan
U.K.

Mrs. Charles W. Cubb
66 North Street
Barrow-upon-Soar
Loughborough
Leicestershire
England

John Grenville Argust
78 Tryon Road
Oldhill
Staffordshire
England

I'd also appreciate having the addresses of your first cousins (my second cousins)--the children of your aunts and uncles, including those who have died. If we are staying or traveling near any of them, we'd like to look them up and try to have a visit.

Please give your mother our love and best wishes and tell her we are eagerly looking forward to seeing all of you in July.

Your cousin,

David E. Witheridge

103 High St.
Pensnett.
Nr Brierley Hill
West Midlands.
DY5 4RN.
England
Telephone Brierley Hill
77295

May 24th | 76.

Dear Cousin David

Thank you so very much for your letter it was a wonderful experience to hear from you, I did remember you wrote to my mother but I did not realize it was a far back as 1964. My mother is still alive her general health is quite good in spite of her age as she will be. 87. November this year.

I don't remember any of the Wetheridge family but from time to time my mother talked about them Susanah Wetheridge is the only one I know about as she was my grandmother. Our cousins are pretty wide spread over England and Wales I will try and give as many as I know about so you will have two Air mail Letters.

You wrote to my brother John August as well but unfortunately he died of a coronary in 1974 he was a wonderful person David and his passing was a very great loss to all of us, Of my mothers family there is only one brother and his wife that is Edgar and Nan Adams and a sister in law Gladys Adams.

A little about my family. Sidney and I have three girls, two are married and we have three lovely grand children, another is due in September. Susan 28 Elizabeth 22. Julia 18. but I hope you will be able to see them all when you come, One little snag we will be away until July 10th but perhaps we would be able to sort this out later. as my family would be very upset if this most golden opportunity was lost. as we would put our homes at your disposal my sister in law Jean and myself.

My mother is living in a home for the aged she is very happy there but Jean and myself have her at our homes every other week end now let me sort out relations as far as I know

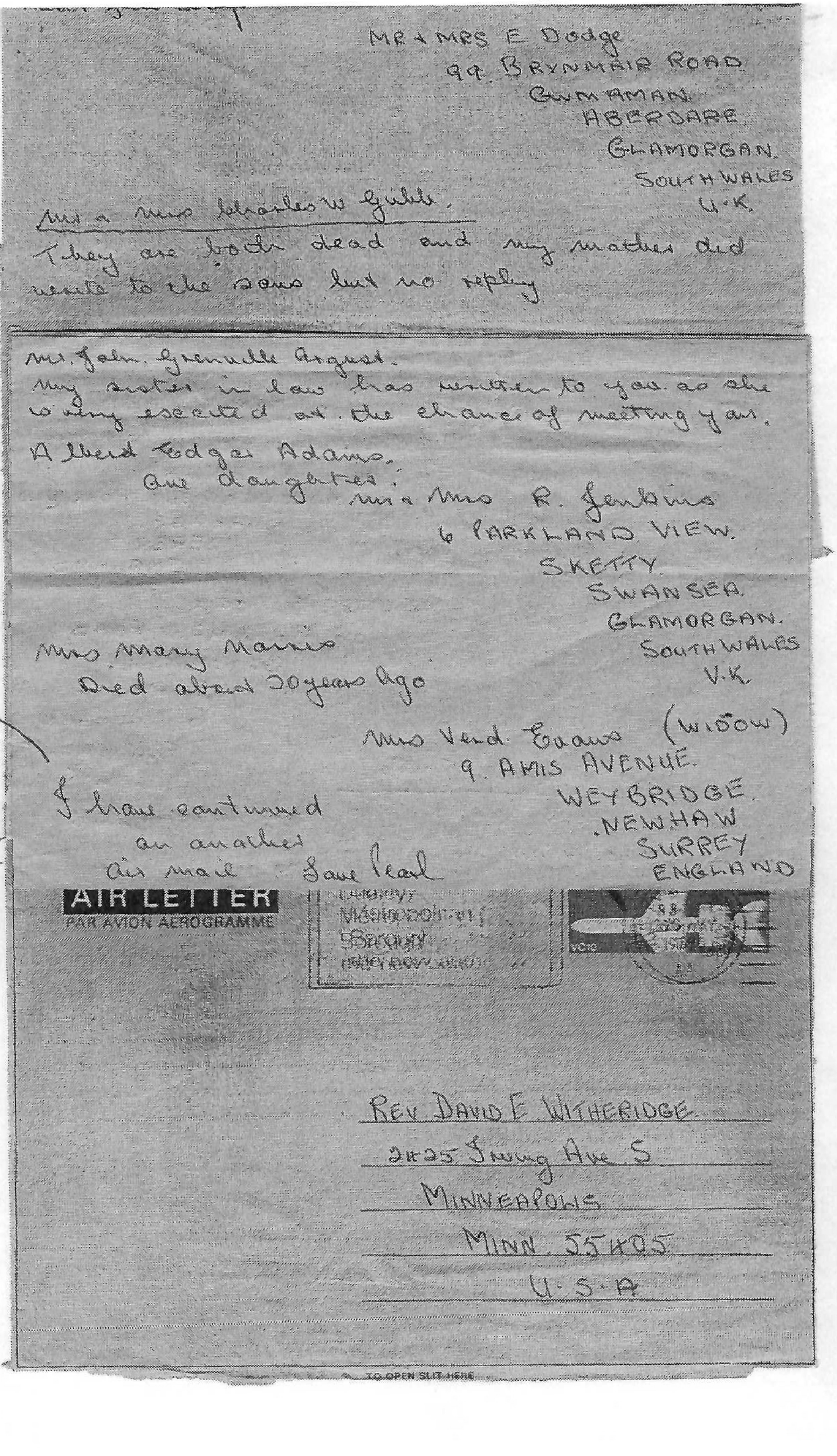
1st On List

Mrs Clara E. Adams

Aunt Clara died some years ago. three children two sons one daughter I only have the addresses of two if I should get to know the other sons address I will let you know in the next few days

Mr & Mrs W. Adams.
10 MACCLESFIELD ROAD (OLD
BURBAGE.
DERBY.
ENGLAND.

MR & MRS E Dodge.
99. BRYNMAIR ROAD.
CWMAMAN.
ABERDARE.
GLAMORGAN.



MR & MRS E Dodge
99. BRYNMAIR ROAD
CWMAMAN
ABERDARE
GLAMORGAN.
SOUTH WALES
U.K

Mr & Mrs Charles W Gibb.
They are both dead and my mother did write to the sons but no reply

Mr. John Grenville August.
My sister in law has written to you as she is very excited at the chance of meeting you.

Albert Edgar Adams.
Our daughter:
Mr & Mrs R. Jenkins
6 PARKLAND VIEW.
SKETTY
SWANSEA.
GLAMORGAN.
SOUTH WALES
U.K.

Mrs Mary Morris
Died about 20 years ago

Mrs Vera Evans (WIDOW)
9. AMIS AVENUE.
WEYBRIDGE.
NEWHAW
SURREY
ENGLAND

I have continued on another air mail Love Pearl

To be continued in another air letter (see next page)

AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

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REV DAVID E WITHERIDGE
2425 Irving Ave S
MINNEAPOLIS
MINN 55405
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TO OPEN SLIT HERE

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May 24th/76.

Auntie Mary Morris's Uncle Jack moved from Cwmaman to the London Area many years ago. there was a large family of I think ten they are both dead all including one son. they are a very nice family but we have lost touch with them now there is Mr & Mrs Neville Birdsall.

70 Shuttlock Lane
Moseley
Birmingham 13.

Neville is in the ministry but which branch I just don't know, as he spent 12 months in U.S.A a few years ago and I know he was very happy. If I remember right. he was compiling a new English Bible and he was given leave of absence from the University to finish his work

This is about all I can tell you for now but if I can let you have any more information I will let you have this in the next few days

Thank you so very much for your wonderful letter I do so hope it will be possible for us to arrange a meeting

My Best Wishes and Love to You and your family

Your Cousin
Pearline Joyce

I must not forget my mother sends you her very best wishes and she hopes you have a very safe journey as so we all do.

[Notes by DEW for a letter — this is much more legible than the letter!]

Pearline Fryer - Brierley Hill 77295

Sorry I haven't written since your letter in May.
Arranging trip has been complicated, but I know I should
have written. All I can say is I have re-arranged
schedule so we will now be in Birmingham
area from Sunday, July 25, to Wednesday, July 28.
I have to see the ~~executive~~ director of the Birmingham
Council of Churches on Monday, July 26, because that's
the only time he can see me.
Of course, we want to spend some time with you and
your family and with Jean August and her
sons and with your mother. We do hope you
will be at home.
Kenneth Dabb is supposed to have returned ~~home~~ already from
a holiday and we'd like to see them at Shelthorpe,
* Loughborough — perhaps July 24th on the way from Scotland.
I haven't even written to the Neville Birdsall, but do hope
to see them when we're in Birmingham.
We also want to see Coventry Cathedral some day.

Maybe at the same time we'll be near Clara Adams'
son at Burbage, Derby, though I haven't exactly
located that yet.

There are also Witheridges I'd like to contact at Market
Harborough and at Walsall.

John Summers, 031-667-6497

Inf from Pauline Fryer

John Granville August + Jean Westwood (b. Mar. 26, 1925 - Clows Top, Wyre Forest)

Noel - b. Dec. 24, 1951 - Old Hill, Staffs.; d. Dec. 26, 1951

Nigel - b. July 4, 1953 - Old Hill, Staffs.

Glyn - b. Mar. 23, 1955 ? - Old Hill, Staffs.

Pauline + Sidney Fryer - (b. Mar. 20, 1919 - Dudley, Worcestershire
f. Thomas Fryer
m. Gertrude Mary Lewis

(2) Susan : b. May 19, 1948 - Pensnett
m. Dennis Collins, June 25, 1973 - Dudley
(f. Joseph Collins; m. ? )
Michael - b. Aug. 15, 1968 - Wolverhampton
Patrick - b. Apr. 3, 1972 - Wordsley
Helen - b. Dec. 12, 1975 - Wordsley -

Elizabeth : b. Dec. 16, 1953 - Pensnett
m. Alan John Whitehouse - Mar. 9, 1974 - Dudley
[Baby due Sept. 1976] Born Sept. 25, 1976 (Inf. in Christmas note)
Mathew James Whitehouse

Julia. b. Nov. 12, 1957 - Pensnett

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77295.

July 20th 1976

Dear David

Thank you for your letter, Jean phoned to tell me you had been trying to get us on the phone. It was 10pm. Sunday night when we arrived home as Sid and myself have been helping Susan out as her husband is, in hospital, she was given two weeks leave from work. so Elizabeth and myself decided to help with the children as she could go back.

My mother will be with me this Sunday so it would very nice indeed if we could arrange a meeting and Jean would be very pleased. so If it would be possible for you to come here and spend allday Sunday with us maybe be we can sort that out at the end of the week.

I hope you have enjoyed your stay in England so far. our weather has been pretty good this year. and I hope it will be kind and still continue David if you should phone me in this week at all. Wednesday I will be at Susan's, with the children. Thursday & Friday Night we will be at home. I myself will be home after six o'clock, as I am a dispenser of medicine and I work. ten minutes from home my shop is in the High st. where we live, we are realy looking forward to seeing you back: but I just had to write and answer your letter as I was so very pleased to hear from you.

Yours Sincerely.
Pearline Sayer.

Go through Woolheath + Kingswinford
Pensnett is 2 mi from Kingswinford
on the Kingswinford - Dudley Road
Across from Midland Bank on High street
Lunch 1:30

[Death of Pearline's mother, Susannah Adams (b. 1980)]

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April 25th 1977.

My Dear David and Elizabeth.

It is with very deep sadness I have to tell you my dear mother passed to rest on March 25th after a fall, I just kept putting this letter off because I just could not believe it was so, because only two days before she was so marvelous and so full of life and was looking forwards to Easter, for a few months mother did not come out of the home as she had found it more dificulty to walk so we visited her three or four times a week, and she loved it so much when her great grandchildren visited her.

She was very much loved at the home and they miss her very much; I find it very hard at this time because I thought my mother would be with me for allways and since we lost our dear John we had grown so very very close. If she had passed away in her sleep I would have been much more reconciled but in a few had passed away in her sleep I would have been much more reconciled but in a few days her dear happy smiling face changed so much it broke my heart, she did not suffer she told me she was in no pain and she slipped very quietly away before the hospital could send for us

Janet you sent me a very lovely photo of my mother would it be any trouble to ask you if you would let me have the negative so I could have some photo's printed off my girls would like to have one of her as my mother is the only grandparent they know, Susan was only three when my father died in 1953 and she does not remember him

I hope you all are well and your boys Sidney has been ill since last September but he is hoping to be able to go back to work in the next few weeks he has been put on a disabled list and will only be able to do very light work in future, All my family send you their best wishes and they hope you are well. Sidney and myself talk about you quite a lot and we thank God you came when you did as you were able to meet my mother and talk with her a little

God Bless you All Love and best wishes to you.

Pearl & Sidney.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U. S. A.
May 19, 1977

Dear Pearline + Sidney:

We were greatly distressed to hear of your mother's death, Pearline, and our hearts are with you in this time of sorrow. We know how fond you were of her and how you must miss her.

It was very fortunate that we came to England last summer. We were so happy to meet her after knowing her only through her grand letters for a number of years.

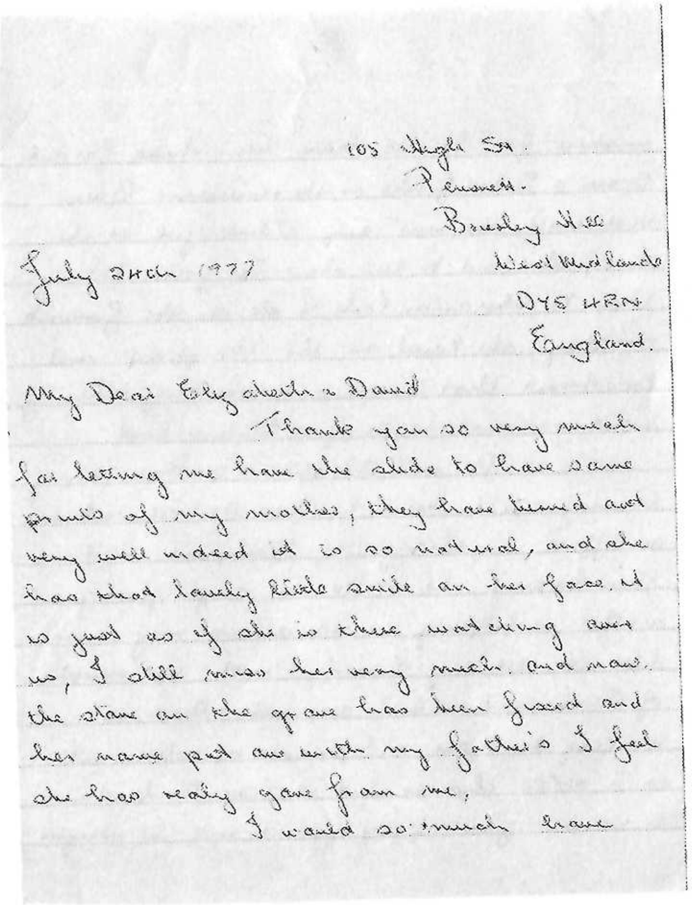
I was surprised when I checked and found that the print I sent you was from a slide and not from a negative. Usually they don't turn out so well, but this one certainly did. I'm sending you the slide, and I hope the prints you get will be as good as the others. After you get all the prints you want, I'd like the slide back some day.

We were also sorry to hear that Sidney hasn't been well, but we're glad he is improving. We have been quite well since returning home. I'll leave a little space for Elizabeth to add a note.

Love, David

I certainly share David's sadness at your dear mother's death. All the members of my immediate ~~family~~ family have been gone for many years and I know all too well how hard it is to let them go.

I'm enclosing this tiny cartoon that I found in our paper the other day and thought of you and your creatures. Pearline, could you possibly, without too much inconvenience, send me some more of the wonderful liquid rouge you bought me from your chemist shop? We bought more before we left England, but eventually I will be out of it and I can't bear to use anything else now. It is "cheeky russet," and I'd like to have as much as this money will buy. Love to all of you, Elizabeth



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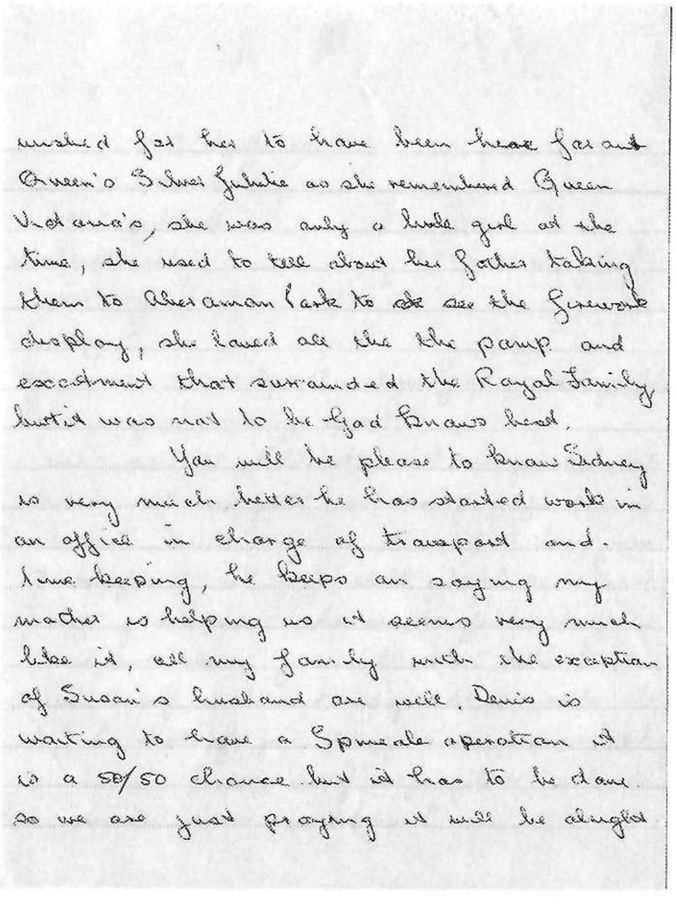
July 24th 1977

My Dear Elizabeth & David

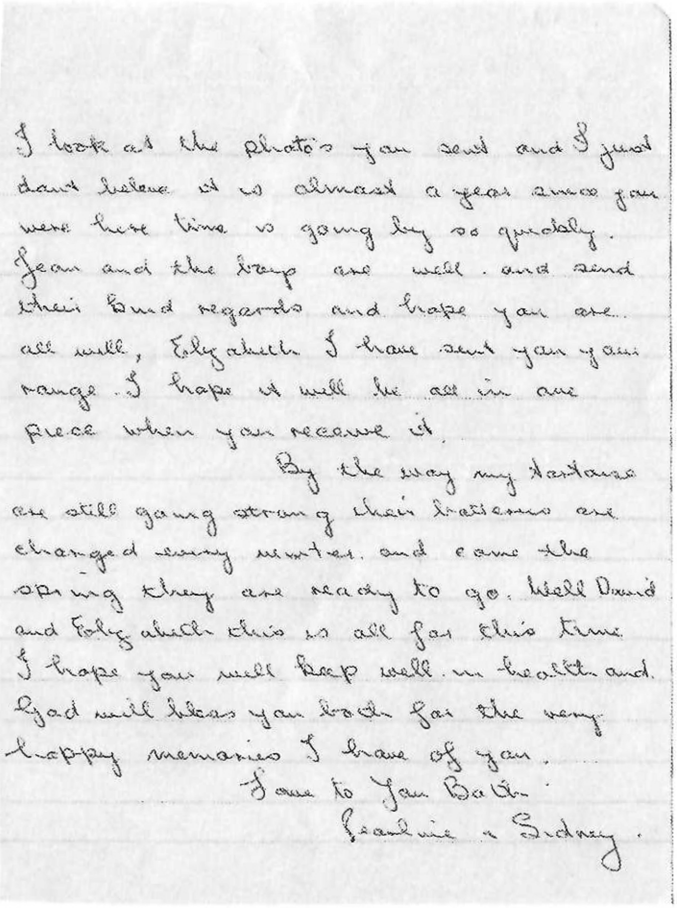
Thank you so very much for letting me have the slide to have some prints of my mother, they have turned out very well indeed it is so natural, and she has that lovely little smile on her face. it is just as if she is there watching over us, I still miss her very much. and now. the stone on the grave has been fixed and her name put on with my father's I feel she has really gone from me,

I would so much have



wished for her to have been here for our Queen's Silver Jubilee as she remembered Queen Victoria's, she was only a little girl at the time, she used to tell about her father taking them to Aberaman Park to ~~se~~ see the firework display, she loved all the the pomp and excitement that surrounded the Royal Family but it was not to be God knows best,

You will be please to know Sidney is very much better he has started work in an office in charge of transport and time keeping, he keeps on saying my mother is helping us it seems very much like it, all my family with the exception of Susan's husband are well. Denis is waiting to have a Spinal operation it is a 50/50 chance but it has to be done. so we are just praying it will be alright

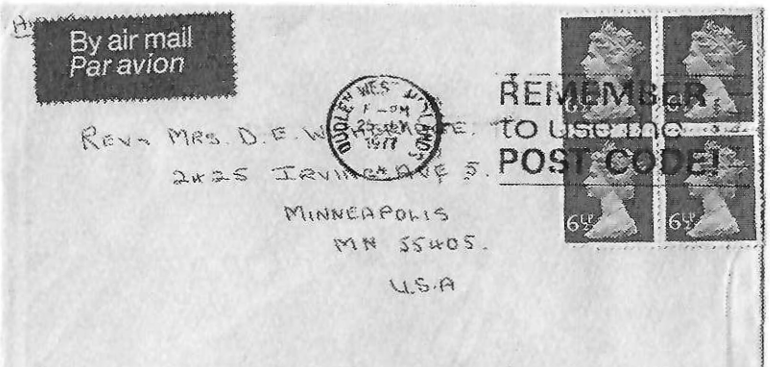


I look at the photo's you sent and I just don't believe it is almost a year since you were here time is going by so quickly. Jean and the boys are well. and send their kind regards and hope you are all well, Elyzabeth I have sent you your range. I hope it will be all in one piece when you receive it.

By the way my tortoise are still going strong their batteries are changed every winter. and come the spring they are ready to go. Well David and Elyzabeth this is all for this time. I hope you will keep well in health and God will bless you both for the very happy memories I have of you.

Love to You Both.

Caroline & Sidney.



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U.S.A

← [Stamps honoring Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee]

[1976] → 19

✓ Mathew James Whitehouse
Born Sept. 25th 1976.
To. Alan & Elizabeth

Sidney and myself still talk about you both and have very happy thought's at looking on the lovely pair you gave us

God Bless you.

As the Christmas
bells are ringing
And carols
fill the air,
May the joys of
this glad season
Be yours to know
and share.

Best Wishes to
David & Elizabeth
Tom & Jim
From. Pearl - Sidney - Julia

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6/12/77

Dear David & Elizabeth

God Bless you all at this Christmas time, I hope you are all well, I will write you a nice long letter in the New year every one is well Sid is not to bad our love to you and your boys.

Pearl Sidney & Julia

Christmas carols
sweetly sung
Bells within church
steeple rung,
Bring wishes for
Good Health and Cheer
Through Christmas
and the coming year.

[Plans for 1980 trip to Britain]

May 9, 1980

Dear Pearline and Sidney,

As you know from our Christmas letter, I retired from my position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches on January 1st, and now I am trying to get caught up on all the things I had neglected for so many years--like corresponding with relatives!

You also know that we are planning to come to Britain again late this summer. We are very fortunate that a retirement gift of money from our many colleagues in the council of churches is helping to make this possible.

Our plans are beginning to take shape, and now we have plane reservations to leave here on August 2nd and return on October 2nd. Just the other day I completed the first draft of a possible itinerary to accomplish the many things we want to do. This time there will be no ecumenical study, so we shall merely combine sight-seeing with genealogical research and visiting friends and relatives. We plan to hire a car for about seven weeks as we did in 1976.

We don't intend to repeat everything we did on our last trip to Britain, but we certainly want to have a visit with you and the others in the Birmingham area. Getting to know you--really and truly second cousins in England--was a joy and a highlight of our trip. What a pity we live so far apart!

The way it looks now, we would expect to arrive in Pensnett some time Tuesday afternoon, September 2nd, and leave Thursday afternoon, September 4th. Whether we would stay two nights with you or spend one night with Irene and Neville, we would leave up to you and them to decide.

Of course, we want to see Jean Argust and all the children of the three families who will be available. In addition, sometime during those days we'd like to see a Bessie Witheridge and her brother Dick, who live in Hertford Hill, near Warwick, which I think is only about 25 miles from Birmingham. We believe they are distant relatives, though we don't know yet exactly how we are related. Since they are both retired, a daytime visit with them would likely be possible.

Please let us know as soon as possible if the dates I've suggested will work out all right for you. If not, we'll make some adjustments in our itinerary to fit into other dates you might suggest. There is also a chance that we might have to propose a change of dates to accommodate others we want to see on our trip.

This is all I will say now, as I have a great many letters to write to people in Britain to see if our projected plans will fit into their schedules. We look forward to hearing from you after you confer with Jean and Irene.

All our love,

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(1980)

Elizabeth Whitehouse
now
Elizabeth Adams (Mrs. Paul)
– Gareth

22nd May 1980

Dear Elizabeth and David

Thank you very much for your letter, yes you did say in your letter you had retired after very many happy years in your position as an executive director of council of churches. And it seems as if your plans for Britain is well on the way, I have been in touch with Irene and Neville, Neville is going to Canada and Irene is going to see her daughter in New Zeland she will not be home until Aug 25th so her date would be from Aug 27 to Aug 29. as she is back at school Sept 2nd. so her times are very limited, as for Jean she would be available most dates but she also will be back at school Sept 2nd as well. If these dates fit in with your Schedules sleeping arrangement could be work out. Jean would be able to have you so would Irene at this time as working I would not be able to as Julia was married in march and we have let her have what, she wanted out of her own bed room So what she had the lot:

Irene Adams and
Prof. J. Neville Birdsall

we are hoping to replace things in the future but weddings take quite alot of money its just like starting off afresh so maybe we will have sorted something out by the time you are here, also we have not decided when to take our own holiday. It would be so very good to see you again quite a lot of things have changed. My mother died mathew was born and Uncle Edgar Adams in Wales has lost his wife Aunty Nan. it is so very sad we have to lose people we look on with such great pride and love so much, we are hoping so see Uncle Edgar in a few days. we were not able to go to the funeral as I have been very busy at work last few weeks

Well Elizabeth and David I hope things will work out and we will look forward to hearing from you again

Love from all of us
Pearline and Sidney
and Family

Sent note with £1 for phone call on 9/9/80

June 5, 1980

Dear Pearline and Sidney,

We were glad to get your letter with the proposed change of the dates of our visit to the Birmingham area. Fortunately, we are able to change our itinerary so we can visit you and the others from Wednesday afternoon, August 27, through Friday, August 29. With this change in dates it's possible we may want to stay in Birmingham Friday night, too; but we can't tell yet until we hear from some others. We'll write again when things are a little more definite.

Thank you for checking with Jean and with Irene and Neville. It sounds as though even the new dates will be hard for Irene, as she will just barely be back from New Zealand and will be rushing to get ready for the start of school. It may be best for all if we stay with Jean. We'll be happy to be with all of you, no matter how it is finally worked out. We hope the two of you can take your holidays at some other time!

You said that Neville was coming to Canada, but you didn't say where in Canada or for how long. We're hoping he might be getting in touch with us somehow while he is here in North America, especially if he will not be in Bermingham when we are there.

How wonderful that Julia was married in March! Please give her our congratulations and best wishes. Yes, we can imagine all that is involved in setting up a new household. We told Jim and Tom also that they could have their bedroom furniture when they moved into their own apartments, and they have now done this--Tom to Chicago and Jim to the lower floor of a "duplex" here in Minneapolis with four other young men.

We were certainly sorry to hear of your Aunt Nan Adams' death. We enjoyed meeting her and Edgar the last time we were there. We felt very much at home with them, even though we were there only a short time.

Our itinerary is still not settled in several respects, as we have not yet heard from a number we hope to visit. However, most of those who have replied have been able to give their approval to our suggested dates, so we should be in pretty good shape when all the replies are back.

I don't think I told you about our new puppy in my last letter. We got him when he was two months old, and he is now about 4½ months old. He's a Norwegian Elkhound, like our last two dogs, and Kokk is his name. He's really a most remarkable puppy--handsome, intelligent, and lovable. We'll show you his picture when we come.

As we may have told you in 1976, we have quite a rose garden--thirty bushes that are all doing very well and starting to bloom in profusion. This is really a little early for roses here, as we have to protect them very carefully in our severe winters. One reason we set our trip late in the summer was because it will be easier to be away from the roses at that time.

Thanks for writing so promptly.

All our love,

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
December 8, 1980

Dear Pearline and Sidney:

Our thoughts are still full of the memories of our trip to Britain. It hardly seems possible that two months have passed since we returned, but life has been very full since then.

We had hoped to write to you earlier, but we wanted to wait until we had these pictures made from our slides. First the slides had to be processed, titled, arranged for showing, and shown to several groups. We couldn't take out the slides for printing until we were sure we wouldn't need to show them to someone for about ten days.

Here they are now, and they are not as good as we had hoped they would be, but we're sure you'll enjoy having these copies. As you see, we're enclosing extra copies of their pictures for Elizabeth and Julia.

Our Norwegian Elkhound puppy, Bokk, was very glad to see us after our two-months' absence. He is now 10½ months old, and he is beautiful, loving, and intelligent.

Our son Tom, who lives 425 miles away in Chicago, came home for a few days at Thanksgiving (November 27) and brought his girl friend Virginia along. They both work at the same institution for chronic mental patients (Thresholds) and they are both working on their Ph.D.'s at Northwestern University. They enjoyed our slides and description of the trip very much.

The weather has been very mild here for November and early December. Only traces of snow so far and temperatures above normal. This has made it easier to do all the things necessary to prepare for winter, such as covering our 32 rose bushes, putting on storm windows, and raking leaves.

Again we want to thank you for a most wonderful time with you. Coming back to your home seemed so natural, and being with you was a great joy. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

March 5, 1981

Dear Pearline & [illegible]

Greetings to a[illegible] n your relatives across the sea! Even though we are far apart, we think of you fondly often. England doesn't seem as far away as it used to! Just the other day we had Mrs. Thatcher here to remind us of Great Britain, and the announcement of the forthcoming wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer has us all rejoicing. We wonder if you are all happy about the wedding, too.

The reason for this particular letter is to let you know that I am about to mail two automobile license plates to you by surface mail. Perhaps you remember that when we were there, Alain asked if there were any chance of his getting an American license plate, and I assured him that somehow I'd see that he got one.

A week or so ago our son Jim had to get new plates for his car, which is a Dodge Sports Van. It used to belong to our son Tom in Chicago, and when he bought a new Datsun, Jim bought the van from him. We have to get new plates every three years. In between we add a small sticker with the new date each year. Jim was about to throw the old plates away, but Elizabeth rescued them! By the way, the two letters at the left (Y on H) merely signify a truck, or I guess you call them lorries. Regular passenger cars in Minnesota have three full-sized letters at the left, followed by three numbers. Vans with removable back seats can be registered as trucks,

and the license plates are a little cheaper.

I decided to send the plates to your address because I thought you are less apt to have moved. In addition, I wasn't absolutely sure it was Alan who asked for the plate rather than Andrew. I think it was Alan, but I didn't write it down! If Andrew is interested in having one, and Alan is agreeable, perhaps they could each have one. I'll leave this up to you to negotiate.

We hope you are all well. We've had a very mild winter and no serious illness - just a few colds.

Love, as ever

David + Elizabeth

Mr & Mrs Sidney Fryer.
105, HIGH STREET
PENSNETT
BRIERLEY HILL
WEST MIDLANDS
DY5 4RN
ENGLAND.

[Written by Sidney, not Pearline]

MONDAY MAY 25th 81, 5 AM.
WEATHER TERRIBLE, POURING WITH RAIN.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Many thanks for the Vehicle Registration Plates which arrived here safe and well, as a matter of fact the whole family think they are great, they will remain a treasure always.

I now hope that you are all keeping well as we think about you quite often, I am writing this letter as Pearline has a surgical collar round her neck, she had awful pains between her shoulder blades, she went to the hospital etc, now she has to wear this collar for a time, but she says it is really helping to ease the pain, she sends her love to you and will write to you herself very soon.

David I forward this parcel to you, in it there are three neck ties, the two Maroon ones are Company ties whom I work for the knot printed on the ties is the "STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT" ENGLAND, and G.G. means G. GADD STEELS LTD, the other one is "ARNOLD FORGED STEELS" a member of our group. also the Pen gives you the names of other firms belonging to our "Group"

I do not remember telling you that between your first and second visit, I changed my employment, I left the job at the local Corporation, I now am employed in the Wages Office Staff of C. Gadd Steels and we are members of a large Group which is known as "GLYNWED STEELS LTD" thus the ties and pen are from our Group, I would like you to give your Sons a tie each, but I would like you and Elizabeth to keep the Pen and one tie.

We also forward photos of our visit to see NIGEL and hear him playing the organ at his school.

Myself and Pearline also my whole family here send our love to you and hope and pray that someday we shall see each other again, we all hope this letter finds you on top of the world.

Pearline has just said that she will write a letter in the near future, she is still talking to me now as I write, 'OH MY' don't these ladies go on, anyway "Best of Luck and God Bless You All"

Love and Best Wishes
PEARLINE + SIDNEY

P.S. PARCEL POSTED
TO YOU.

August 21, 1981

Dear Pauline & Sidney,

Your package arrived a while ago, and we all were very pleased with your gifts. The ties are lovely, as well as being "conversation pieces." We are always needing new pens, so that is very welcome. Thank you very much.

Jim already has his tie, but we won't be giving Tom his until he comes home for a visit on September 4th. As you may remember, he lives in Chicago, which is 425 miles away. We are delighted to report that Tom and his girl friend, Virginia Bullock, have just given us the good news that they plan to be married on June 5th. We are very fond of Virginia and have been hoping she would be our daughter-in-law. The wedding will be in Chicago, and I'll be conducting the service.

We were dreadfully sorry to hear about Pauline's shoulder or back pains and hope she is feeling much better. Our health continues to be good. We hope the same for Sidney.

Now I'll let Elizabeth add a little.

Love, David

Just think it was just about a year ago that we were all together in England. We do think of you often and wish we didn't live so far away. Please include our love and greetings to Jean and Nigel and theirs, too. We did enjoy our day with all of the family so much.

Pauline, we thought you would enjoy this topical picture. You can see by the date how long I have had it waiting to be sent out to you! I join David in hoping you're feeling much better by the time this reaches you. Virginia, who is to be our daughter at long last, has English ancestors, too. She's a darling girl - you would love her.

We loved watching the wedding of your Prince Charles and his lovely princess. It was as though we were back in England. Do write when you can. Love to you both,

Elizabeth

106 Commonside
Pensnett
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West Midlands
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[1981] → Dec 1st.

Dear David – Elizabeth.

How are you both hope you are well, as you can see by our new address we have moved to another house, it is not very far away from 105 High St. it was quite a wrench after 23 years but we find we like it very much as it is smaller and easier for both of us not quite so much garden just enough for me to handle. We have had rather a bad year this year and we hoped the change would help. Elizabeth and Alan have split up and will be divorced the early part of next year, that has upset us very much indeed; I have not been well with this neck problem I have there is a slight improvement but I have to wear a colar it was very uncomfortable at first but I have got used to it now. I have to see the specialist again on Jan 12th. Sid has not been well for a few months I think it was the upset of moving house he has been to see his specialist because he lost two stones in weight he has had blood test and exray's and he has to go back to hospital Jan 5th. so as you can see what with one thing and another we have had a very upseting year, but as for the rest of the family Julia and Andrew they are well. Andrew had been out of work for nearly a year but he has managed to get a job it is not what he wants but it is work and we have to be greatful for that it is very bad hear in the Midlands. Susan and her family are not to bad. her husband is no better. but the children are very well. they are waiting for Christmas. Elizabeth's, Matthew is allright. he will be going to the first school after Christmas. he is growing very tall, and now Kippy he is well getting old going deaf he did not like the new house at first but now he has settled and has to have a seat in the bedroom window as he can look through, I have to pin the net curtain up and he sits there for ages he's so funny he has a nice garden he can run around. and he is happy now.

And what about your family I hope they are all well, the time is creeping up on your wedding before you know it it will be hear, and what about your lovely dog I bet he is quite big now. Have you had any snow yet? our weather realy has been mild. a lot of rain no fog. there has been a forcast of a mild winter. I hope so. plenty of sun shine it makes us all feel

Sender's name and address

MRS P. FRYER.
106 COMMONSIDE.
PENSNETT.
BRIERLEY HILL WEST MIDLANDS
ENGLAND Postcode DY5 4AJ

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last letter I have some primulas which flower in the spring in flower in the garden now and there are some roses still in flower and they are beautiful and some of the shrubs that should have been finished are still going strong.

Well My Dear David & Elizabeth Christmas will soon be here I hope you have a lovely time I hope your boys will be able to join with you my children will come sometime over the Christmas period as Susan and Elizabeth are both on duty well this is all I have to say to you this time I hope when I write again I will have some glad tidings

God Bless You Both

Love From Pearline & Sidney

August 29, 1982

Dear Pearline + Sidney,

Not long ago Elizabeth and I returned from a 3½-week trip to the eastern part of the United States, and on our way back we came through Ontario, Canada. There in the town of Kincardine we met for the first time, Pearline, your first cousin (and my second cousin) John Adams and his family. Irene had given us his address several years ago, but we had never before had a convenient opportunity to drive near there. This time it was easy to do, and we enjoyed our overnight stay with them very much. Our visit with them brought to mind how long it has been since we have written to you.

It has been a hectic year, but nevertheless we should have written sooner. The highlight for us, of course, was Tom and Virginia's wedding, which we first had thought would be in April, but then got set for June 5th. It was a simple wedding, which I conducted, with about fifty at the ceremony, mostly relatives. Jim was his brother's best man. The service was held at 5:00 in the afternoon at the Woman's Club of Evanston, a suburb of Chicago. This was followed by a dinner right at the same place, and at 8:00 about 150 others came in for a reception. We were pleased with it all, and were so happy to have Virginia as part of our family.

My own activities during the spring were greatly curtailed by the fact that I had an operation on my hand. For about ten years I had had a slowly growing lipoma o the palm of my right hand right next to my thumb. (That a perfectly benign fatty tumor.) Finally, it got to be a nuisance, so I had it removed by a very skillful orthopedic surgeon. He discovered a nerve going through the lipoma, so he had to cut the nerve and sew it up with the aid of a magnifying glass! My hand was immobilized for several weeks, and even after the splint was removed, I couldn't write or do other things with my right hand for quite a while. Now I can do almost everything, though my thumb is not yet as strong as it should be. I had no idea it would take six months to return to normal.

We were surprised to hear that you had moved, and we know it must have been quite a project, though it sounds as though you will be happy there. It's good that you still have a garden, but one that is more manageable in size.

Of course, we were sorry to hear about Elizabeth and Alan separation. By now they are probably divorced. This is alwa a sad and difficult experience for all, especially for children, and we hope that Matthew is enjoying school and getting along well.

We have thought of you both so often and your health problems. Hopefully, by now you are greatly improve and feeling much more comfortable. Fortunately, except for my hand, we have had pretty good health this year.

Rokk, our Norwegian Elkhound, is lively and healthy and a joy to live with. We have a large fenced-in yard for him to run in, and once a day, in the late evening, I take him on the leash for a walk around the block. We chuckled when we read about Kippy sitting in the window looking out at everything going on. That's the way we remember him from our very first visit there, and we have a picture Elizabeth took of him looking out the windo Give him a pat for us!

Now we must close and send you all our best wishes. We hope that economic conditions improve in both America and Britain and that our governments will lead us closer to peace.

All our love,
David + Elizabeth

1983

To David & Elizabeth
Wishing you a very
happy Christmas and
all the very best for 1984.
Love from
Pearline Sidney &
All The Family

Will ~~[illegible]~~ write after Christmas and
send you a photo for you to
see Julie's baby son.
His name is David John

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SHARPE'S
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# The Three Kings

BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

December 15, 1985

Dear Pearline & Sidney,

Christmas time is upon us again, and we wish you all a happy and memorable celebration. We look forward to your card with recent news. Especially we hope your health has been better this year.

When we saw this article about tortoises, Pearline, we thought of you and your turtles and decided to send it to you. Perhaps you don't have room at your new place for a turtle, but you'll enjoy this article.

Winter came early here this year. We had 30 in. of snow in November and have now had a total of 33 in., which is a record for this early in the season. Our average is only 48 in. for a year. We have also had some bitterly cold weather. It hasn't been above freezing for about a month and we've had two spells where the temperature has gone below zero Fahrenheit for several days in a row. At least, we'll have a white Christmas!

Tom and Virginia will be home from Chicago for Christmas, and since Jim still lives in Minneapolis, we'll all be together.

Our biggest news is that, all going well, Tom and Virginia will be presenting us with our first grandchild in April. Virginia called the other day and said that the special test they give to pregnant women over 35 showed that the baby is doing very well and that it is a boy!

Elizabeth and I are gradually growing older, but we have been reasonably well this year. As always, we've been very active in our church. In addition, Elizabeth talks frequently in the schools about writing and publishing books, and I keep active with genealogy.

Somehow last year we heard that Irene and Neville had moved, so we delayed sending their Christmas card, hoping to get their new address on their card. But no card came.

A short time ago we received this year's card from them with no return address, so we concluded they hadn't moved or they would have sent a new address. We've sent them a card at their old address, and if that isn't right, would you please tell them what happened and ask them to send us their new address? Thanks!

Once again, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love to all,

David + Elizabeth

To Elizabeth & David and
all your family with Love
and best wishes for a "Happy
Christmas" we hope you are
all well just as we are hear in
England.

With best wishes
for your happiness
at Christmas
and throughout
the New Year.

God Bless You. and keep you safe.

Love From.

Pearline - Sidney.

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Dec. 10, 1987

ear Pearline & Sidney,

You probably know that Irene and Neville are planning a trip to the U.S. next spring and will be spending some time with us. They may have also told you that we are hoping to come to England next year as well. If all goes well, we hope to spend a month there - from May 15 to June 15.

Of course, we wouldn't come to England without trying to see you and the others in the Birmingham area. It will have to be a short visit, however, as we have many places to go in England, Wales, and Scotland. We'll let you know more as our plans develop.

When I saw the enclosed clipping in an August paper, I decided to send it to you, as I thought you might know about the choir, or at least the school.

Love,
David & Elizabeth

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Dec. 10th. 87.

Dear. David & Elizabeth.

Christmas is here with us once more, We hope you are both well also your family. All my girls are very well. Julia had a little boy on June 26th. "Philip." a day after Davids birthday. he was four years old. and Elizabeths Gareth was two years old on the 13 June so they will all have their party's together now we have six grandsons one granddaughter and one great grand son.

The best part of 1987 for Sid and myself was the fact we have been looking after Gareth all of the week. he is grand and he loves Sid so much it was so touching to see him and Sid playing just as tho they were two children together. But unfortunately Sid had a heart attack on Oct 8th it shattered the little ones world for quite a few weeks as he was not able to see him but things are gradualy getting back to normal The heart specialist is very please with Sids progress. he has a very extensive program of excercise three times a week we have a very fine Doctor at our hospital and one of the finest Physiograph Departments in the country

We all laughed at Sid and we told him he will be fitter at 68 than he was years ago he has taken to this form of excercise very well indeed it is very rigid. We are very lucky as we are only about a mile from the hospital when we lived ~~one~~ on the High Street it is on the same road.

We have been married for 40 years this year November 29th, Susan's grandson was 2 years old on that day. We had a lovely day with all the family and friends coming and going all day it was wonderfull we both think we are very lucky. as we have such a smashing family. And you David and Elizabeth we hope you are well and still enjoying life and your boys and your daughter in law we hope she is now well. and we hope you will all have a lovely Christmas. We are not great letter writers my dears but we never forget you. I have my Elizabeth and David here with us so I will just say to you God Bless You.

All Our Love to You.

Pearl. Sidney

[Plans for 1988 trip to Britain]

February 25, 1988

Dear Pauline + Sidney,

The plans for our trip to Britain are finally falling into place. We expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. After about a week in the London area, we'll be hiring a car for three weeks and driving through England, Wales, and Scotland.

First we'll go to Essex for about three days, where Elizabeth has her Plumb roots. Then we'll be in Devon about four days, making a few other stops on the way there. After that we'll spend about three days in Wales and in Birkenhead, near Liverpool.

That would bring us to Pensnett on Thursday, June 2, and we hope that would be a convenient time for you. I think we would arrive somewhere between noon and 1:00 p.m. We don't know what your present situation is, but if your health and your home arrangements are such that we could stay with you, we'd stay overnight and then go on to Irene and Neville's the next day, Friday, for lunch, ending up Friday evening with Philip and Carmen Hookway in Nuneaton. You may remember that they are distant Witheridge relatives.

Irene Adams and Prof. J. Neville Birdsall

Of course, we hope to see as many of your daughters and their families as possible, and also Jean August and her sons, if either or both are around. We know this is a very tight schedule, but we have many places to go and people to see in a very short time.

If this date of Thursday, June 2, will not work out for you, please let us know soon, and we'll see if we can rearrange our itinerary in some way. If it would be difficult for you to have us overnight, perhaps we could stay with the Birdsalls.

You may have heard that Irene and Neville are coming to America in March and April. Neville has scheduled several lectures and conferences, and Irene will be accompanying him. We are delighted that they will be able to spend some time here with us in Minneapolis.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Fryer
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England

We were sorry to hear about Sid's heart attack, but glad to know that he is progressing well and that he has such a good doctor and hospital. We hope he sticks with his exercises and continues to improve. We look forward to hearing whether or not June 2 will suit you all right.

Love and best wishes,
David & Elizabeth

P.S. Please give us directions on how to reach your house and perhaps a rough sketch or map.
D.E.W.

March 4, 1988

Dear Pearline & Sidney,

Since our letter of February 25 outlining the plans for our trip, we have already had some changes. I realize that this letter may cross with one from you, but I decided that we should get the word to you as soon as possible about the change of date. That will also get the word back to us earlier on whether the new date will be all right.

The problem is that our friends in Birkenhead will be out of town until June 1, so we have to delay our visit there until June 2. For this reason we'd like to go to the Horkways in Nuneaton when we come from South Wales on Wednesday, June 1. The next morning, June 2, we would visit the Birdsalls in Moseley and after lunch drive to Birkenhead to spend the night. That means that Friday, June 3, is the day we'd like to come to Pensnett, getting there hopefully between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. On Saturday morning we have to leave by 9:00 o'clock in order to get to Virginia Water, a little southwest of London, by early afternoon for a big Witheridge get-together.

Please let us know soon whether or not Friday, June 3, will work out for you and whether you would want us to stay with you that night. If not, we'll try again to readjust our itinerary, as we certainly want to see you and your family.

Just so I won't forget to tell you, Kim and Roy Cook will be picking us up at the airport and also returning us there as they did in 1976 and 1980. We'll be staying with them a couple of days at the beginning and at the end of our stay, and they will always know where we are in case you need to reach us while we're in Britain. Their address is 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF; Ph. 01-777 6072.

All our love,
David & Elizabeth

106. Commonside
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DY54AJ.
March. 10th.

Dear David & Elizabeth

Just a short note. in answer to your second letter the dates are still allright with us as I explained this is only a small house but we will manage to sleep you over night. and I will write a more detailed letter in the next few weeks, we are allright at the moment. we both have our ups and downs and we are looking forwards to meeting with you again

Love to you.
Pearl & Sidney

(Where is first reply?)

Dear David & Elizabeth. [April 19, 1988]

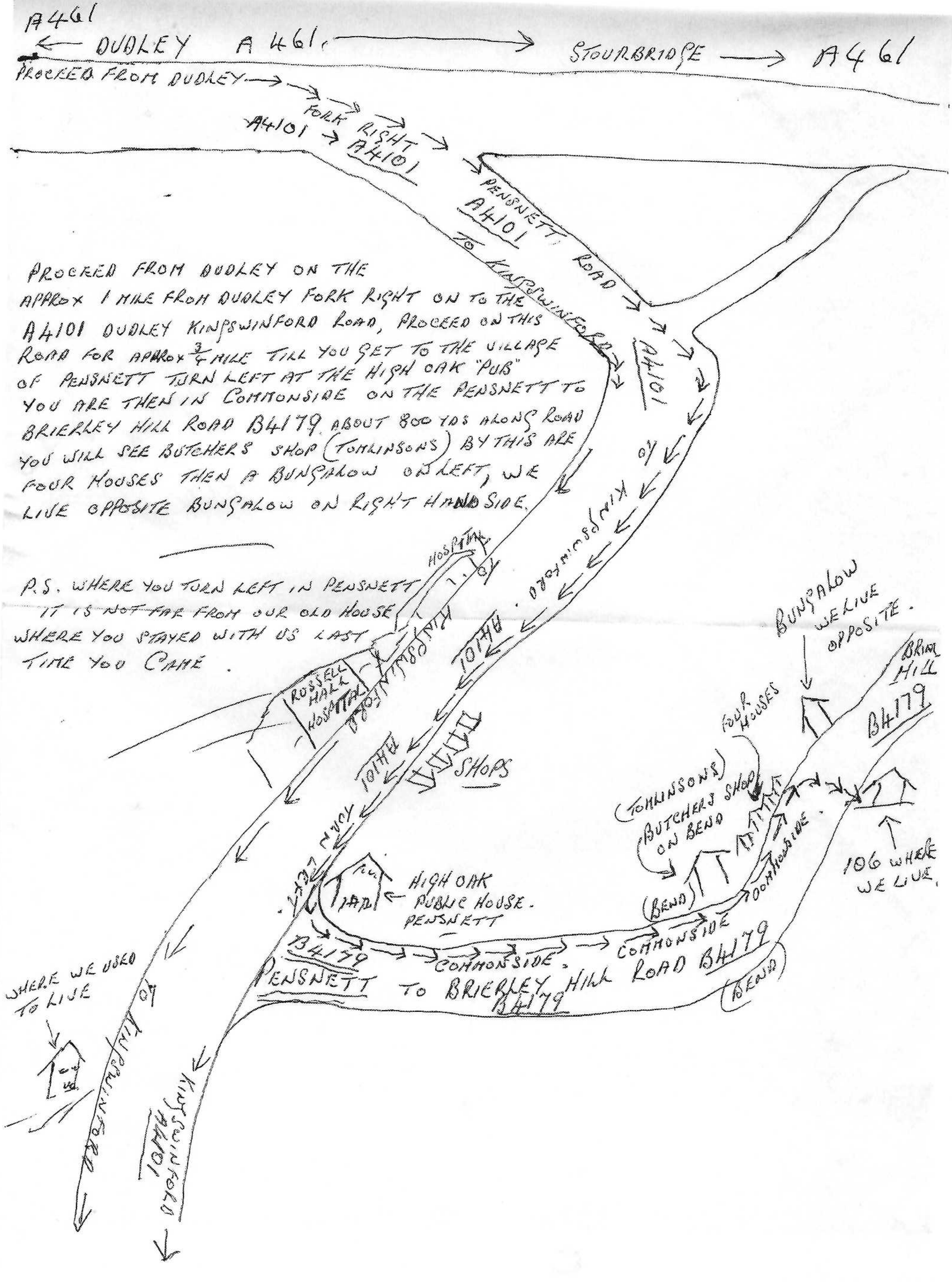
Just a few lines hoping
you are allright and to put you in the picture
a little, as I explained to you in my letter
this house is only a small one, but it is
quite large enough for Sidney and myself.
We have two bedrooms and we can manage
to sleep you for the night. The house is
quite easy to find it is not very far
from the old house on the Brierley Hill
road. Sid has drawn you a map I think
you will be able to follow it but we will be
on the look out for you. We met Irene's.
brother Frank and sister Beryl after years
it was so wonderful; they were just as I
remembered them they were a lovely family
or should I say they are a lovely family and
we hope to see more of them, as for Sid and
myself we are keeping well Sid still about
his exercises and he seems to be coping
well. he has a stress test on the 6th June.
If he is able to stay like this we will
be pleased. I still have the problem with my
neck. I have to go for traction twice a week
but unfortunately it is a condition that does
not improve but I am able to cope and that
is the main thing.

Looking forward very much to
seeing you once more the new date is no
problem.

God Bless You.

Love & Best Wishes

Pearl Sid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P.S. WHERE YOU TURN LEFT IN PENSNETT
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WHERE YOU STAYED WITH US LAST
TIME YOU CAME.

August 19, 1988

Dear Pearline & Sidney,

You have probably heard about the heat wave we've been having here. Finally, during the last few days it has begun to cool off. So far, we've had 43 days of temperatures above 90°F – the most we've ever had in Minneapolis. We've also had a severe drought, with the farmers in bad trouble and all our lawns turned brown. (We've had a sprinkling ban.)

We both came home from England with dreadful colds, probably from the cold, wet weather we were not used to in May and June. Our colds lasted several weeks, so our energy level was quite low from the heat and our colds together. This meant that we've never really finished all that needed doing after our trip, including writing many letters!

We had a wonderful time in Britain, and we accomplished almost everything we had planned. It was such fun seeing all the relatives and friends we had met before, as well as meeting new ones. We especially enjoyed being with you again, as you are some of the closest relatives we have in England.

As you see, we're sending some pictures we took while there, including two extra copies of the ones of Julia and Andrew and their lovely children, which you can give to them. Best wishes to all of you –

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

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My Dear David & Elizabeth.

Thank you so very much for your christmas card and the lovely news of your little granddaughter. We are so very very happy for you because we know how much this little child means to you, "Grandma and Grandad" it sounds great. It seems Virginia had rather a tough time thank god she and the little one is doing fine now. The picture is lovely I took a long look at her and at you and David and I was able to see a little of both of you there, and what a pretty name "Rebecca Elizabeth". I Mum and Dad are very proud parents. we are so happy for all of you, And now a little about us Sid and myself are quite well. Sid is still doing his excersises. And my girls and their families are well. at Christmas I will try to take some pictures of Susan and her family so as you can see what she looks like and send them to you.

Elizabeth no mention of snow this year on your card. are you having mild weather like we are it has been as warm here as it was in July. Roses wallflowers Chrysanths Primulas and geraniums are still in flower its lovely to see them it has realy been like our summer and you know what an awfull one it was, still never mind Well my dears this is all for now I will write to you after Christmas and send the pictures. God Bless you and your little girl.

All our Love,
Pearl & Sid

## Editor's Note

Pearline died much too early, after an unexpected, excruciatingly painful, and courageous battle with fast-moving cancer. My dad learned the details in a January 13, 1992, letter from her obviously grieving daughter, Elizabeth. I have decided not to share that letter, because it was bitterly critical in tone — not the sort of statement its writer would want to find displayed on the Internet three decades later.

Just when Pearl and Sid were consumed by her existential struggle, Dad was increasingly preoccupied with his role as the full-time caretaker for my mom, whose rapidly advancing Alzheimer's disease was changing not just her memory, but the wonderful personality everyone knew and loved, demanding Dad's constant attention. In a very real sense she was dying in front of him, and all of us.

At one point during this awful period she fell and badly hurt herself, and I rushed home from Chicago to help with the details of her ensuing hospitalization and rehabilitative follow-up. Christmas 1991 was not like anything we had experienced in our family, and it didn't get better for Mom or Dad. My small family moved with me to Minneapolis a short while later, where brother Jim was already busy reinforcing our father both instrumentally and emotionally, with help from his partner, David.

That's the back story to Dad's final brief letter to Sid, a rough draft of which follows as the last document in Pearline's section.

Tom Witheridge
March 6, 2022

2/26/92

Dear Sid,

You have been much in my thoughts and prayers since I heard of Pearline's (painful)(~~[illegible]~~) illness and death, and I want you to ~~know~~ I deeply regret that I ~~am~~ have been unable to write to you. I know how you have suffered ~~[illegible]~~ over many months, and I hope you are finding strength in your family and faith.

Pearline was a very special person, and ~~I~~ we shall always cherish the memory of our happy visits with you and her. May God be near to you and your loved ones in the difficult ~~coming~~ months ahead.

Love,

David and Elizabeth

Possible Genealogy Scam
documents

# Editor's Note

Genealogy-related marketing schemes — including some outright scams — are as old as people's fascination with their own family histories. You may already have seen the index entry on this topic ("Genealogy scams").

Decades ago both my dad and I received separate mailings at our respective home addresses, advertising a book called *Witheridges Across America* (q.v.) that resulted from a "nationwide household and family data search" and was offered for the low, low cost of only $29.85. Dad received the solicitation in 1988 at his house in Minneapolis; I received a very similar one in 1990 at my house in Chicago. (The mailings can be found directly following his letter to Kathy Witheridge [q.v.] discussing the subject, document W271 in folder 1.63h.)

Dad, who was no fool, actually ordered the book and put it to good use, despite his view that "it was apt to be a fraud in terms of tying all the Witheridges into a family tree." He used it for two specific purposes in the pre-Internet era: first, to make sure he wasn't inadvertently overlooking anyone with the rare name of Witheridge, and second, to see how the listed Witheridges clumped together geographically, based on the purveyor's "expensive and time consuming" search. As for the second purpose, the book helped him to formulate a working hypothesis about Witheridges in the United States. See the index listing for the book.

This section of folder 1.63q includes some additional marketing projects that, in my opinion, took advantage of unsophisticated buyers in an effort to make a buck. That's is my negative opinion; yours may be more charitable. Either way, it's still a free country, as of today.

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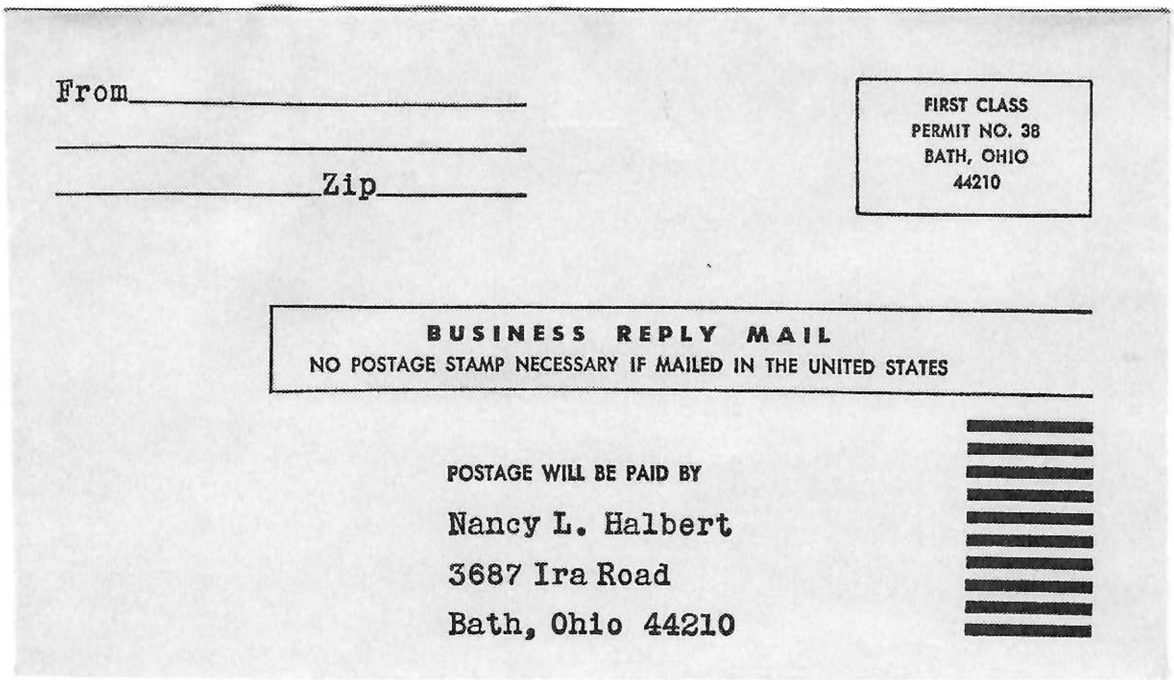

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And so, to distinguish one John from another a second name was needed. There were four primary sources for these second names. They were: a man's occupation, his location, his father's name or some peculiar characteristic of his. Here are some examples.

Occupation: The local house builder, food preparer, grain grinder and suit maker would be named respectively: John Carpenter, John Cook, John Miller, and John Taylor.

Location: The John who lived over the hill became known as John Overhill, the one who dwelled near a stream might be dubbed John Brook or perhaps John Atbrook.

Patronymical: (father's name): Many of these surnames can be recognized by the termination---son, such as Williamson, Jackson, etc. Some endings used by other countries to indicate "son" are: Armenian's---ian, Dane's and Norwegian's ---sen, Finn's---nen, Greek's---pulos, Spaniard's---ez, and Pole's---wiecz . Prefixes denoting "son" are the Welsh---Ap, the Scot's and Irish---Mac, and the Norman's---Fitz. The Irish O' incidentally denotes grandfather.

Characteristic: An unusually small person might be labeled Small, Short, Little or Lytle. A large man might be named Longfellow, Large, Lang, or Long. Many persons having characteristics of a certain animal would be given the animal's name. Examples: a sly person might be named Fox; a good swimmer, Fish; a quiet man, Dove; etc.

In addition to needing an extra name for identification, one occupational group found it necessary to go a step further. The fighting man: The fighting man of the Middle Ages wore a metal suit of armor for protection. Since this suit of armor included a helmet that completely covered the head, a knight in full battle dress was unrecognizable. To prevent friend from attacking friend during the heat of battle, it became necessary for each knight to somehow identify himself. Many knights accomplished this by painting colorful patterns on their battle shields. These patterns were also woven into cloth surcoats which were worn over a suit of armor. Thus was born the term, "Coat of Arms."

As this practice grew more popular, it became more and more likely that two knights unknown to each other might be using the same insignia. To prevent this, records were kept that granted the right to a particular pattern to a particular knight. His family also shared his right to display these arms. In some instances, these records have been preserved and/or compiled into book form. The records list the family name and an exact description of the "Coat of Arms" granted to that family.

Interest in heraldry is increasing daily. This is especially true among people who have a measure of family pride and who resent attempts of our society to reduce each individual to a series of numbers stored somewhere in a computer. In our matter-of-fact day and age, a "Coat of Arms"is one of the rare devices remaining that can provide an incentive to preserve our heritage. We hope you'll agree that it is much more than just a wall decoration.

If you are interested in a more in-depth study of the subject of this paper, may we suggest you contact the genealogical department of any fair-sized public library. We especially recommend the "Dictionary of American Family Names" published by Harper & Row and also "The Surnames of Scotland" available from the New York Public Library as excellent sources on the meaning of surnames.

Nancy L Halbert
Nancy L. Halbert

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This historiography was prepared individually for the Witheridge surname on May 16, 1974 at the request of

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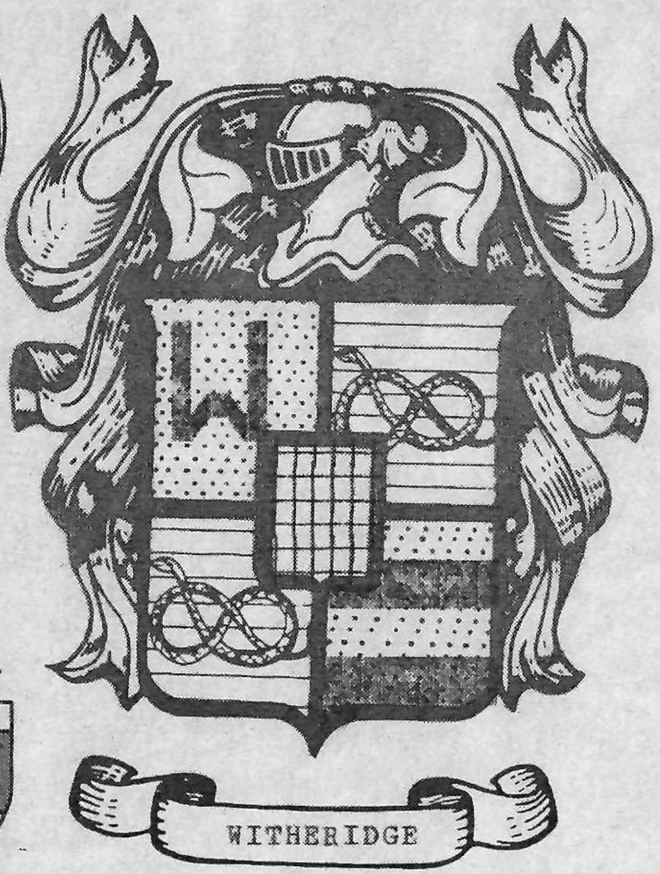
WITHERIDGE

The coat of arms illustrated left was drawn by a heraldic artist based upon information about the Witheridge surname and its association with heraldry. In the language of the ancient heralds, the arms are described as follows:

> "Quartered: 1st, or; the letter "W" sa.; 2nd and 3rd, az.; a serpent nowed vert.; 4th, barry of 4. or. sa. Charged with a small inner shield sa."

The Witheridge arms is translated:

> Divided into quarters: 1st quarter, gold background; a black initial "W", 2nd and 3rd quarters, blue background; a green serpent twisted in a knot; 4th quarter, divided: 4 horiz. bands, gold and black. A small black inner shield placed over all.

A serpent symbolizes universality, wisdom, healing. Seven vivid colors were chosen for use on shields of armor clad knights to easily identify them at a distance. The heraldic colors gold, silver, purple, blue, green, black, and red were preserved on colorless drawings by dot and line symbols. The Witheridge coat of arms incorporated black. The color black represents repentance or vengeance.

Information available indicates that in 1972 there were less than 99 households in the U. S. with the old and distinguished Witheridge name. In comparison, some family names represent over 400,000 households in the United States.

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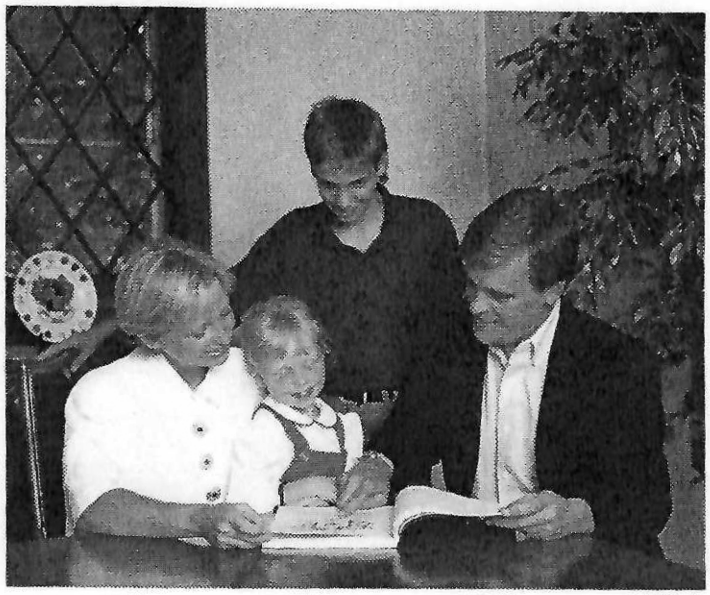

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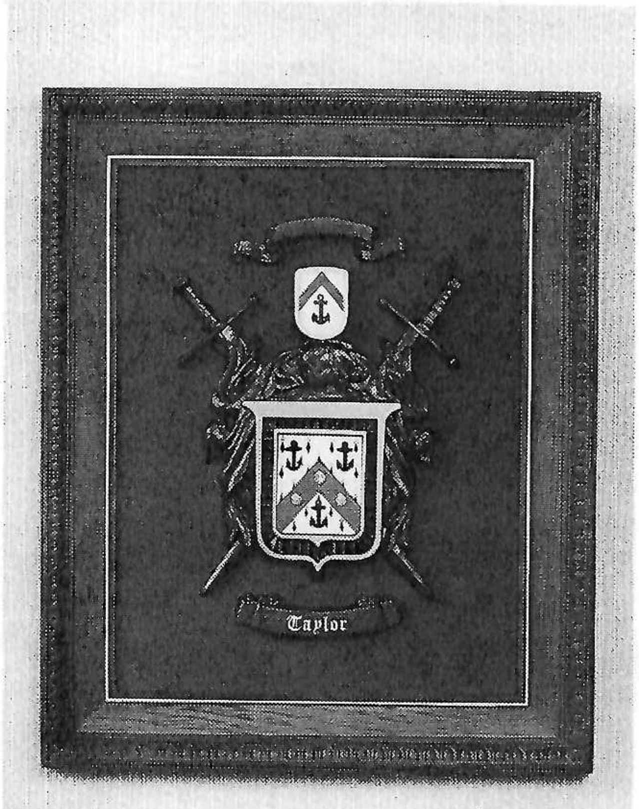

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I never tried digging into the background of the name — not to any appreciable extent.

Once upon a time, when I wanted a passport to go overseas, I decided it would be much easier to obtain an affidavit from my pa showing that I was born in Zvanetz-Podolsk, Russia. Easier than to try mail correspondence with authorities in that little community in quest of a certified copy of a birth record.

Altrowitz, as (I believe) mentioned here before, is an Anglicized version of the Russian Alterovitch.

**Alterovitch is made up of two units: Alter, of German origin, meaning man. The term Alter is a good Yiddish first name. Altrowitz, son of Alter, is the same as the Scandinavian pattern. Olson, son of Ole; Johnson, son of John, etc.**

I never had any great genealogical ambitions. I mean, I wasn't ever so interested in backgrounds antedating Zvanetz-Podolsk as to want to delve or have somebody delve for me.

Years ago, I knew a gal who used to earn money working out genealogies for people.

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Yes, she had. There was a wry smile as she added:

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**And that, in recollection, can provide considerable food for thought. The Altrowitz line touches where?**

Well, I'll settle for an acceptance of the point of origin — the start for all the ancestral sequence: Adam and Eve.

THOSE CALHOUN gremlins are apparently at it again.

There's been plenty of fishing during the past several weeks, and all good fun. But catching?

If I recall correctly, an aggregate of two crappies, two sunfish, one undersized perch, one baby bass and one baby northern.

Editor's note:

I can see the wry smile on Dad's face as he reads this column poking fun at a mail solicitation very much like the one he received four months earlier at his house a mile or so from Abe's.

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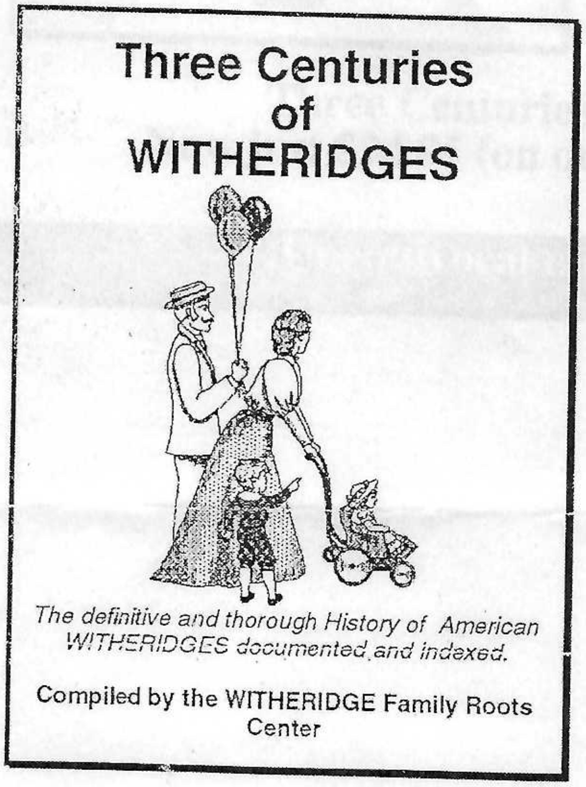

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Martha won't be home until next Sunday.

10/30/96 Reached Martha at Magnolia.
She hadn't talked to Janet, but she had talked to her mother and had found that I had talked to Janet & had told her about the May gathering. She also is interested in going if she can arrange for someone to take care of the inn for that period.
She had been in correspondence with Annette and also with a Witheridge family in England, whose names she couldn't remember, but will send me. [Also has a pen pal in England]
For many years she has used a perfume from Devon, which she now gets from a company in New York. She started using it long before she knew the Witheridges came from Devon.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
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November 1, 1996

Dear Martha,

I am very glad I was able to talk to you the other day. As you can see, I'm sending you the sheets that show your Witheridge family back to Andrew, who was the first of your ancestors in this country. I don't know yet who his parents were in England, but I'm sure I'll be able to track them down through the central records in London that were begun in 1837.

I developed these records mainly through the indexes of the New Jersey censuses from 1880 through 1920. I got them from the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City, which has an amazing amount of genealogical in microfilm. As you look this information over, I'm sure you will find corrections and additions that you can make--names, dates, and places. I hope you will be kind enough to send these to me when you get a chance.

Back in 1989 when I was beginning to work on this, I tried to call Allen Witheridge at 905 W. Lake Avenue in Rahway. He was not home, but I had a good conversation with his daughter Cathy. She didn't know much about their background, but she said that her father had a brother Robert and that their father's name was Robert. As you can see from the enclosed sheets, their father Robert was the first cousin of your father, so that makes you and Janet second cousins of Allen and his brother Robert.

When I mentioned Allen to Janet, she didn't remember ever hearing about him, so probably you were not aware of him either. A few days ago I tried to call Allen at the number I used in 1989, and the operator said he has an unlisted number. I wanted to send him these family sheets, so I was trying to be sure I had his current address. Now I'll have to write him at his 1989 address, but I won't send him this genealogical material until I get a reply from him. Unfortunately, he didn't reply to my 1989 letter] so maybe he won't reply this time, either. Since you are closer to him, maybe you can think of some way to track him down.

I'm also sending you two sheets about the Witheridge Society's Tenth Anniversary celebration next May in Devon. It would be great if you and Janet and others of your families could go. All Witheridge descendants and their spouses are urged to attend, whether or not they are members of the Witheridge Society. I'm getting very excited about going, and I'd love to meet you and Janet there.

The other two enclosures are material from "The Witheridge Times," the quarterly publication of the Witheridge Society. The first is a copy my son Tom made of the complete issue that contained a wonderful article about my wife Elizabeth by Kim Cook, the founder and honorary president of the Society. I thought this would tell you a lot our entire family.

Also in this issue is a short article I wrote about a 300-year-old house on one of the places called Witheridge Farm.

Finally, there is the article Kim wrote for the most recent issue of "The Witheridge Times," which tells abottthe gathering we had in Minneapolis in June. We had a great time, and I'm sure you would have enjoyed it. It was very impressive for me to be named honorary vice president of the Society. Now many of us are looking forward to an even bigger event next May.

I hope you enjoy looking over all this material, and I'll be glad to get your reaction and response.

Yours sincerely,

Call to Martha J Gilmore
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Also to Janet Sauter
12/14/97

A year ago called & also wrote about your Witheridge ancestry. I had traced your line back to Andrew Witheridge, the first in your line to come to America. But I didn't know his background in England.

I had to drop my search because I got so busy. I wrote to two of my relations in the Witheridge Society in England and they told me who they thought Andrew's parents and other ancestors were. But I wanted to wait to tell you until I was sure.

Just the other day I got the latest issue of the Witheridge Society quarterly journal, and there was an article that specifically dealt with your ancestors all the way back to 1700.

I was so thrilled, I decided to call you right away, even though I won't have time to send it all to you in writing until after the first of the year.

Your ancestors lived in the southern tip of Devon near Plymouth in the little towns of So. Milton, Thurlestone, & Kingsbridge. On my trips to England I've met some of your Witheridge relatives who also come from those same towns.

You remember I told you about the big Witheridge celebration last May in Devon. We had a great time, and I'm sorry you weren't able to go. There will be another meeting this May, and it would [redacted] be wonderful if you could go to England at that time - It's the first weekend of May.

Maybe Janet and some of your other relatives would like to go and see the places where your ancestors lived and meet some of your English relations.

Could I check with you and see if I have Janet's correct telephone number?

Is your address still [redacted]

Rev. David E. Witheridge
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January 12, 1998

Mrs. Thomas Gilmore
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Union, NJ 07083

Dear Martha,

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Yours sincerely,

David Witheridge

MG011297 (98)

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
October 30, 1996

Dear Janet,

It was so wonderful to talk to you on Sunday. I'm glad to know that you are interested in finding out more about your Witheridge background, and I'm pleased that we are finally in touch with each other.

As I said over the phone, not long after I wrote to you many years ago, my wife Elizabeth developed Alzheimer's and also broke her hip. She never fully regained mobility, so I was her caretaker until she died a little over a year ago. This meant I had to give up genealogy until just a little while ago.

One thing I wanted to do was to continue my wotk on finding the connection of the New Jersey Witheridges to the rest of us. I had thought you were related to the Pennsylvania family, but now I find that is not so, at least not in this country.

Through the Mormon Library (They are a vast genealogical resource) I got the indexes for the 1880 through 1920 Federal Censuses of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and I have been able to piece together these families. As you see, I'm enclosing copies of the records that take you back to Andrew Witheridge, your first ancestor who came to this country. Because I know he was born in March of 1844, I know I can eventually find his parents in England through their central records in London. As you look these sheets over, I'm sure you will find corrections and additions you can make, especially in the more recent generations, and I hope you will tell me about them--names, dates, and places.

I'll be sending the same material to Martha, too, for her input. I haven't talked to her yet, but she left a message on my answering machine after I tried to call her, and I'm still trying to find her in when I call. The second time I called, I talked to her daughter Rachael, and she gave me Martha's number at Beach Haven, as she won't be home in Union until next Sunday.

You will also find here two sheets about the Witheridge Society's Tbnth Anniversary celebration next May in Devon. I"m getting very excited about going, and I'm glad you are also intrigued by the idea. It would be great if you and Martha could go, and others oflyour families. I'm just dying to meet you, now that we have talked on the phone; and you would get to meetlmany of yourdistant relatives from many parts of the world. All Witheridge descendants and their spouses are urged to come, whether or not they are members of the Witheridge Society.

The other two enclosures are material from "The Witheridge Times," the quarterly publication of the Witheridge Society. The first is actually a copy my son Tom made of the complete issue that contained a wonderful article about Elizabeth by Kim Cook, the founder and honorary president of the Society. I thought this would tell you a lot about our entire family. I notice there is also in this issue a short article I wrote about a 300-year-old house on one of the places called Witheridge Farm. You will also enjoy reading the rest of the Witheridge material in this issue.

Finally, there is the article Kim wrote for the most recent issue of "The Witheridge Times," which tells about the gathering we had here in Minneapolis in June. I wish you could have been here! We had a great time, as you can see, and I was truly honored to be named the honorary vice president of the Society. It was a sort of preview in miniature of what we look forward to next May.

Well, that is about all for now. Again I say I'm glad we have finally made contact, and I hope to hear from you when you are able to write.

Yours sincerely,

1/12/98

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Mrs. Janet Sauter
2 Nell Court
Fairfield, NJ 07004

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Yours sincerely,

David Witheridge

JS011297(98)

(973) 575-9289

Janet Santer - phone call 3/27/98
(Also Martha Gilmore)

Hope this is a convenient time to call. If not, I can call back later.

Haven't been in touch with you for a while, and I decided to call. Since I haven't heard from you or Martha, I suppose that means you haven't been able to work out a trip to England in May.

I've been waiting until I got the information from England about the Witheridge Society meeting, and it just came today. It will be in Winchcombe, Glos. 5/4

What did you think about the information about your ancestry back into Devon?

Have you heard from Jill Pierson? Wasn't that fantastic to run into her on the internet? When I sent her the information I sent you, she was ecstatic. She wrote back and said she was making copies for her relatives, and she wants to join the Witheridge Society. (But can't go to England)

Another reason I called was so I could let your relatives, Philip Hockway and Winnie Witheridge know whether you were going to England in May. I don't know if they'll be going to the Witheridge meeting, but they might have made a special effort to go if you were.

I'm still looking forward to having you send me some information about your own family that I can add to the material I sent you.

I'm also going to try to call Martha this evening.

See
also
next
page

Janet Santer -
phone call 3/29/98

Been very busy - family
health problems

She won't be able to
go to England next
year. Her daughter is
getting married Sat,
May 1, 1999

Very eager to go some time

Hasn't heard from Jill
Pearson

Will send additions &
corrections to my records
when she can.

Dorothea Carol Witheridge
documents

(Mrs. Ronald Goins)

[This appears to be the document
described by DEW as W248 on
document calendar 140.]

Tel. call from [Dorothea Carol Goins] 6/30/89 See W248

Live in San Diego 92128 (619) 487-8829
Ronald Goins 12016 Versailles Court
Dorothea Carol Witheridge was in Eng. in May -
Northumberland, Shire moor
Bomber Castle
Gr. gr. gr.
Francis Witheridge
Ann Eastaway

John Witheridge (brother)
Elizabeth Harris —

She came to
America in 70's
to get married

Brother had sent for coat of arms
in England John Roberts Witheridge
Charles Roberts Witheridge was their father

Lives in
Northumberland
also mother

N.E.W. - from Mpls or Indianapolis

Pilot for U.P.S - pilot in Air Force Reserve

9/4/89

Tel. call from

Dorothea Carol Goins (nee Witheridge)

San Diego, Calif.

[See W248]

No new information

Her grandfather(?) had a brother who came to America + was lost track of.

She hasn't had a chance yet to visit Louise in Hemmet. [California]

[Louise Mark, DEW's sister]

She likes to telephone, but doesn't like to write.

Carol Goins 11/6/89 (was in Hawaii + England)

Wellington

New Zealand 1865

Velma Metcalf (about 40)
3rd cousin of Carol

Francis bro. John
(Eastway)

Husband journalist

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John Roberts W.
Chas. Roberts W.

Gr. uncle also
Chas Roberts W.
no descendants

Aunt who was knowledgeable
died

[send her Louise's
address + phone]

Telephone from Carol Goins in Calif. - 12/7/89

Called to wish us Merry Christmas before she leaves for England.

Had a letter from her third cousin in New Zealand:
Velma Metcalfe [49 Chester Road, Tawa, Wellington, NZ] (Kin)
Working on her Witheridge ancestry
Stuck about 1775
Corresponded with Carol's brother in England and with The Witheridge Society
Connected up with my information going back to 1500's
She has written a history of the Witheridges in New Zealand to be used in "The Witheridge Times," but it hasn't come out probably because Philip Witheridge's wife has Multiple Sclerosis

Carol's brother does a great deal on genealogy and has been to St. Catherine's house several times. He is not working, as he has degeneration of the spine, which he has had about 10 yrs. He is in his 50's

Carol's husband has French ancestry - both his father and his mother.

1989

May the love,
peace, and joy
of Christmas
be yours always.

'Merry Christmas'

Carol & Ron

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3/27/90

As you celebrate
the promise
of this holiest of days,
May the risen Savior
bless you
in the loveliest of ways.

God Bless,

Carol & Ron

"O LORD, THOU ART MY GOD;
I WILL EXALT THEE, I WILL PRAISE THY NAME;
FOR THOU HAST DONE WONDERFUL THINGS...."
ISAIAH 25:1

January 14, 1991

Dear Carol,

We just heard from Louise about your phone call. We were very sorry to hear that Ron had been called to active duty, and we want you to know we are thinking about you and praying that Ron will be safe. This whole Middle East crisis should be settled peacefully, but both Bush and Hussein are too stubborn and proud to negotiate.

We're also distressed to hear about your accident and hope your injuries will heal soon.

Love and best wishes,

David & Elizabeth

Norah Gregory
documents

# Norah Gregory Letters

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Received 12/15/81 - Doc. B11
Sent 12/16/81 - Doc. B12
Received 1/2/82 - Doc. B13
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Received 9/7/82 - Doc. DE 15(b)
Sent 12/10/82 - Doc. DE 52
Received 5/30/83 - Doc. L6
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Xmas card sent 12/15/84
Sent 8/23/85 - Doc. B75
received 9/5/85 - Doc. B76
Xmas letter received 11/28/85 - Doc. W152
Xmas letter sent 12/12/85

[December 1, 1980]

December 1, 1980

Dear Norah:

One of the joys of our trip to Britain last summer was meeting you and being with you several times. Although you are probably not a blood relative, both Elizabeth and I felt a close bond with you as soon as we met.

We feel indebted to you because of the work you did on Myrtle's Blackmore ancestry, which added, of course, to the information I already had on my own. Knowing that you are right there in Combe Martin and that you are so knowledgeable about local history there, is a great comfort to me. I know I'll be asking for your advice from time to time in the future.

The evening meeting at the St. John's Ambulance Hall with several of my possible relatives was a great success, and I want to express my warm appreciation for the part you played in setting it up. We've been very busy and haven't yet had time to do much follow-up, but I hope to begin some correspondence soon with those we met.

We are glad the enclosed picture came out so well and we hope you enjoy having a copy of it.

Yours sincerely,

David & Elizabeth

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1983

*With*

*Best Wishes for Christmas*

*and the New Year*

Sincerely,
Norah Gregory

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Christmas Greetings
FRED BURTON

1985

With All Good Wishes
for
Christmas and the New Year

Yvon Horach

[Dec. 12, 1985]

Dec. 12 1985

Dear Noel,

Your Christmas card was one of the first we received this year, and we were pleased to hear from you and to know things are going well. We were especially interested in the ecumenical activities in Combe Martin, and we hope they continue to grow.

Gubb family

We have been fascinated by the experiences of the Thomas Witheridge Gubb family in South Africa, and were glad to get the inscription on the tombstone in the Combe Martin Parish Church yard. We did have the information on the date of his death in Uitenhage, but were not aware of the tombstone in Combe Martin. He was the first of three Thomas Witheridge Gubbs. The interesting thing to see is that they have kept such close ties to Combe Martin through the years right down to now.

You won't believe it, but we have already had 33 in. of snow this season — 30 in. coming in November, which is just about a record for so early in the season. (Our yearly average snowfall is only 42 in.) In addition, we have also had some bitterly cold weather. Tonight we are starting several days of going below zero degrees Fahrenheit at night, and we already had such a spell a couple of weeks ago. But we know how to manage such weather here, and the streets are plowed out, and things are moving along normally again.

Have a very merry Christmas season!

[illegible] + Elizabeth

ans 12/1/86

"MAYFIELD",
BARTON GATE LANE,
COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON EX34 0AQ

Dec. 16th 1986

Dear David & Elizabeth

How are you? I hope you are both well and active and finding lots to interest you.

We have had a rather wet and chilly year, making everything in the garden late and giving us little opportunity to wear summer frocks. On the good side the country round about us has remained very green and fresh looking – usually by August the wild flowers and the hedgerows have gathered a layer of dust and look tired and faded.

Early in the year I undertook the re-typing and checking of the Parish Church burial records – a job I thought would take me a few weeks but in fact wasn't finished until late Summer. For this reason I've not made much progress in transcribing the Churchwarden accounts which are most interesting but are easier to read in good daylight rather than by artificial light of Autumn and Winter.

Last Sunday we had a United Service held for the first time in our Catholic Church. It's a smaller Church than the other three & was full to overflowing. For the traditional cup of tea afterwards they had to borrow cups & saucers from our Methodist Church which I feel added to the friendliness and unity.

With all good wishes to you both and your family for Christmas and the New Year from

Norah.

"MAYFIELD"
BARTON GATE LANE
COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON
EX 34 0AQ.

11/5/87

Dear David and Elizabeth,

How are you both? Enjoying good health and life in general, I hope.

Combe Martin is much as usual. There is some new building at the top of the village and some more at the sea side end, but apart from that it is as you remember it. There are times when I wish I knew something of archaeology — bits of pottery, roof tiles, coins — all kinds of interesting things could be unearthed by a bulldozer. Over the years I have found a number of clay pipe stems in my garden, but as yet not one with its bowl attached. Walking through a newly ploughed field at the back of my house I once picked up a number of fragments of china, many of them patterned in blue. I learned later they were probably 18th century.

Combe Martin entered the Britain in Bloom contest this year for the first time and was awarded a certificate of exceptional merit. Our long street does not really lend itself to that kind of thing but almost every house was adorned with a hanging basket, wall pot or window box. Those people with front gardens achieved colourful displays of flowers.

There was also a 'first time' event among our four Churches. The Roman Catholics held a Confirmation Service for six of their young people and at the request of the Bishop of Plymouth who was taking the service, the Anglicans, Baptists and Methodists were invited to attend.

The Church was packed and since we all had service sheets it was not difficult for us to take part. Afterwards there was a Reception at the Town Hall with a buffet supper and we were invited to that as well. That was extra generous since they are the smallest and I think least well off of the four Churches.

Guess that is enough of me for now. I wish You both a very happy Christmas with good health and good fortune in 1988.

Sincerely,

Norah.

Dear Norah, February 4, 1988

We enjoyed your Christmas note with all the news, and we hope you are in good health these days. We are now in the process of getting our plans set for our trip to Britain. We expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. We'll spend about a week in the London area, then hire a car for three weeks for our trip around England, Wales, and Scotland.

[1988 trip plans]

We'll start out with three days in Essex, where Elizabeth has her Plumb roots. Then, we'll visit some of my Witheridge relatives near Guildford. That will bring us to Exeter in the evening of Wednesday, May 25. We want to spend the next day there in order to visit the record office and the cathedral. On Friday we want to go to the North Devon Athenaeum in Barnstaple. We have heard that the North Devon records, or many of them, are being transferred from Exeter to a new building in Barnstaple. Do you know if that transfer has been completed?

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights we hope to stay at The Lodge in Berrynarbor. On Saturday morning we want to drive to the town of Witheridge for a short visit with the Vicar and then see my father's second cousin, Mrs. John Witheridge, who has a farm in West Buckland. By early afternoon we should be in Combe Martin. We also plan to be in Combe Martin on Sunday, May 29.

We'd like to have you and Una and Myrtle confer on how we should spend our time in Combe Martin in order to see all the people and do all the things we should do there. Since we attended the parish church the first time we were there, perhaps we should go to the Methodist or Baptist church this time.

On Monday, May 30, we're driving to Swindon, Wilts, where we hope to stay overnight with Marjorie and Ted Packer. She is a third cousin of Myrtle and me in the Blackmore line. On the way there we hope to visit a couple of other friends if they're going to be home on the Bank Holiday.

We hope these dates of May 28 + 29 will work out all right for all of you. If not, I'll have to make some changes in our schedule. It may not be necessary for all three of you to reply right now, but we do hope to hear soon about these dates.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

Athenaeum Tel. No. will, as far as they know, continue to be BARNSTAPLE 42174.

"MAYFIELD",
BARTON GATE LANE,
COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.

FEB. 14TH 1988

Dear Elizabeth & David.

Many thanks for your letter and your Christmas card. It will be good to see you both again when you visit this Country in early Summer. Mona will be writing to you but I thought I should perhaps put you in the picture about the new whereabouts of the Record Offices. I telephoned the North Devon Athenaeum yesterday morning for the latest information and they are expecting to close on February 26th and re-open at the new building on April 11th. These newly built premises are on the other side of Barnstaple near to the Combe Martin and Ilfracombe main roads. It is a red brick monstrosity which cannot easily be missed – hopefully the interior will be more attractive. This building will house the staff, books, records & documents of the Athenaeum in one department, the Record Office, with all material relating to North Devon formerly held at Exeter will be a separate department and the County Library with its Reference Section will be a third department. They are under the same roof to facilitate the co-operation between the three sections. It will be a complicated and difficult removal for each and I am not too happy to learn that outside contractors are transporting the contents of the Athenaeum. At Exeter there are documents which relate only to North Devon such as Parish Registers but there are also bundles of documents relating to the whole County – Diocesan records for example – and I imagine they will remain at the Devon Record Office. I am telling you all this, David, so that you can sort out which documents you may want to see and if necessary telephone Exeter or Barnstaple beforehand so that you don't waste the little time at your disposal when you come to Devon. The telephone number of the D.R.O. at Exeter is – Exeter 273509.

Aerogramme: a 'Royal Mail' product

Mrs. Barrow will ring me from the Athenaeum tomorrow to tell me if they have their new number yet. It occurred to me while I was speaking to Mrs. Barrow & she confirmed it, that the three departments will be closed for the Bank Holiday — obviously the Monday, probably also the previous Saturday & could also possibly include a half day closing on the Friday. If you have serious work to do with the records it may not be the best week end so do check the building will be open when you want to visit it. Sorry if this sounds off-putting but you don't want to be baulked at the last minute through lack of knowledge of local conditions.

No more room!! Love Norah.

To open slit here

To open slit here

Name and address of sender

Miss N.E. GREGORY,
BARTON GATE LANE,
COMBE MARTIN DEVON, U.K.
Postcode EX34 0AQ

An aerogramme should not contain any enclosure

February 29, 1988

Dear Norah,

I was very grateful to get your letter with all the information about the dates and process of moving the materials from the D.R.O. and the Athenaeum into the new building. I'm sure it is a difficult operation with many chances for problems to develop, but at least it will mainly be accomplished before we arrive.

I've been so busy working out plans for our trip and writing dozens of letters that I haven't had time to determine what I want to do at the various record offices. It will be a short stay at each place, because we'll only have five days in London and three weeks driving around the country. But I scheduled stops at various record offices to take advantage of our being so close to them. I'll try to list a few of the important matters to be done at each place and make reservations when I'm sure of our schedule. Thank you for the telephone numbers.

I seem to recall that you did a major project of recording gravestone inscriptions at the Combe Martin churchyard. It's possible that I may want to refer to that while we're there. It also seems to me that you transcribed some other parish records that would be of interest to me.

If we have a get-together of possible relatives of mine on Thursday evening, May 26, in which case we would spend that day in Barnstaple, the Bank Holiday weekend wouldn't bother us there. But wherever we are on Friday, either Exeter or Barnstaple, would be greatly restricted if they close in the afternoon. That's one of the problems on a tight schedule like this, and I guess we'll have to adjust to whatever arises.

We're looking forward to seeing you, and hope all goes well for all of you there in the meantime.

Love,

David & Elizabeth

July 9, 1988

Dear Norah,

We thought you would like to have a copy of each of these pictures that I took at our Thursday evening gathering in Combe Martin. It was a most interesting time, and we were quite impressed that we had 22 people there from Combe Martin. Of course, with that many I wasn't able to spend as much time talking with each person as I would have liked, and I was sorry that I missed a few people in my picture taking.

I was glad to hear that there is now a Combe Martin Historical Society. This should encourage many more people to delve into the past records and work together to make them available to others. I know that for a long time you were one of a very few who worked on this sort of thing.

Elizabeth and I spent one afternoon at the new North Devon Record Office and found a few things in the North Devon Journal, the Berrynarbor Parish Register, and the Visitations of Devon. Although its not especially attractive, it's really an excellent new building, and it will be a great help in research. We also had a chance to have morning coffee with Lyn Prust, who lives in Barnstaple and had looked up some items for me at the Athenaeum a few years ago.

We had planned to spend a day in Exeter and visit the Cathedral as well as the Record Office, but we were so tired that we just dropped that out of our schedule completely. It's amazing, however, that we did accomplish almost everything on our trip we had planned. We had a wonderful time and saw some beautiful scenery and historical places, as well as many friends and relatives.

Because of the cold and rainy weather while we were there, we both came down with bad colds and have just now gotten over them. In addition, we came home to a drought and very hot weather — over 90°F for 22 days, so we haven't had much energy since we got home.

It was wonderful to see you again. We think of you often and hope your health is all right. We know you were tired the day we were there, but we hope you are feeling better now.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

"MAYFIELD",
BARTON GATE LANE,
COMBE MARTIN, N DEVON.
EX 34 0AQ.

Dec. 9th 1986.

Dear Elizabeth & David,

Thank you for sending the snap which I received yesterday – it was kind of you to do so.

I am so glad you enjoyed the evening "get together" at the St. John Hall. I did too. It reminded me a little of the unsophisticated events we used to enjoy in the Village before the war. There were always Concerts & entertainments during the winter which relied on the surprisingly good local talent. In the days before television any meeting, religious, political, recruiting or parish was sure of a good attendance, not only for the Speaker or the appeal but also for the excellence of the refreshments. A 'cup of tea & a biscuit' was unheard of. Well filled meat sandwiches, cut rounds with jam & cream, home made cakes & pies, loaded a trestle table. And the only language spoken was Devonshire. A person from another part of Britain would not have understood a word!!

May I take this opportunity of wishing you both a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours Sincerely,

Norah.

Andrew Gubb
documents

[These notes by DEW show the many steps he made to locate Andrew Gubb.]

So. African Consulate
~~[illegible] Wash. D.C.~~
Chicago
(312) 939-7929

Library, Johannesburg
Market Square, Johannesburg
Call 8:00 a.m. [011-27-11-836-3787]
+8 hrs. 10/

Directory Inquiries

Dept. of Agric. in North Western Cape
011-27-021-45-7225 ([illegible] at 8:25)

Gold Coast Corp.

Where are they Now? - Find people
SABC
Station SAFM
Private Bag X1
Auckland Park
~~Auckland Pk~~ 2006
South Africa

See also next page →

Research Station 011-27-21-808-5111

call Jean

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THE GUBBS@ADEPT.CO.ZA

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11-14-97

Dear Mr. Gubb,

I'm glad that I have finally located you. I am the eighth cousin of your grandfather, Joseph Gauntlett Gubb. About a dozen years ago I was in correspondence with your mother Margaret. Then when she died, I lost contact with your familly.

Last May when I was in Combe Martin in Devon, I got an address for your sister, Jennifer Kruger, from Gerald Walters. I wanted to write to her and tell her about my interesting trip to England, but I wanted to be sure I had the right address, so I tried to telephone her first. But Directory Service couldn't give me her telephone number. The address I have is:

Mrs. S. Kruger
55 St. Leger Rd.
Newlands
Capetown 7700

Would you please give me her correct address and telephone number?

Your mother had told me you were a botanist located in Kimberley, so I decided you would be easier to find than Jennifer. Someone at the Department of Agriculture Research Station gave me the telephone number of the South African Association of Botanists, and they were able to give me your number at the Wild Life Society. I'd also like to have your telephone number and address at home, so I could actually talk to you and send you some things, including pictures I took in Devon.

I went to England to attend a meeting of the Witheridge Society. There were descendants of the Witheridge family not only from Britain, but also from Canada, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

In addition, I visited the graveyard at the Combe Martin church, because I knew the first Thomas Witheridge Gubb was buried there. After much searching, I was able to find the tombstone with his name at the bottom hidden behind overgrown grass. I copied the inscription showing many of your Gubb ancestors, and I also took a picture of the tombstone.

I want to send this information both to you and to Jennifer and to tell you more about the gathering of the Witheridge Society, so I hope to hear from you soon. I am using my son James' computer and E-mail address, as he lives not too far from me in Minneapolis. His E-mail address is: witherjim@aol.com

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S,A.

Phone: 612-377-4810

Subj: Reply
Date: 97-11-25 00:30:27 EST
From: thegubbs@adept.co.za (Gail Gubb)
To: witherjim@AOL.COM ('witherjim@aol.com')

Dear Jim and David

My apologies for not replying sooner to your messages. Our computer has been in for repairs and I am busy going through the e-mail that has accumulated.

My sister, Jenny, has moved from her previous address and now lives at:
2 Manatoka Avenue
Pinelands
Cape Town
South Africa
7405

Her telephone number is: (international code) 021 5312577.

We have lived in Cape Town for the past seven years. As you found out, I work for the Wildlife and Environment Society, which is an environmental organisation something along the lines of, but not quite the same as, Green Peace. Unfortunately, my work requires me to be out of the office most of the time and thus it is virtually impossible to get hold of me by telephone there. I am not able to guarantee that I will be in the office at any particular time.

Our home address is:
7 Ketch Street
Sun Valley
Fish Hoek
South Africa
7975.

I will pass on your message to Jenny. I am going on leave in December and will have the opportunity to reply to you more fully then.

Andy Gubb

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Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
December 4, 1997

Mr. Andrew Gubb
7 Ketch Street
Sun Valley
Fish Hoek
South Africa 7975

Dear Andy,

Thank you for your E-mail reply. I have a great sense of accomplishment in actually hearing from someone in South Africa! I tried to contact Jenny in 1987, but I probably had the wrong address, because I never heard from her at that time.

This has been an exciting year, because May marked the tenth anniversary of the Witheridge Society, which is composed of Witheridge descendants and their spouses who are interested in family history and enjoy knowing about other Witheridge descendants.

The society publishes a quarterly journal, but it only meets once a year on the first Monday in May (a Bank Holiday in England). Witheridge is not a very common name, so the group is relatively small. Since this was the tenth anniversary, the meeting was a two-day event, and an attempt was made to get people to come from all over the world. We were pleased, because there were fifty present, including ten from the United States, four from Canada, three from Australia, and one from New Zealand.

We had wanted to meet in the town of Witheridge in Devon, from which presumably all Witheridges get their name, but they didn't have large enough accommodations, so we met about ten miles away in Tiverton. On the second day we took a bus tour through northern Devon, stopping at Witheridge and at several towns where Witheridges had lived, including Combe Martin. A large percentage of society members stem back into Combe Martin and are thus definitely related to you and me.

My wife Elizabeth and I had been to Combe Martin three times before on our trips to England and had met several Witheridge relatives there. So we had a good reunion, and the whole busload was warmly welcomed. The one thing I wanted to do more than anything else this time was to locate the grave of the first Thomas Witheridge Gubb in the churchyard. After much searching Kim Cook and I found the large Gubb tombstone with Thomas Witheridge Gubb's name at the bottom, practically covered with weeds and grass. What a thrill! (Kim Cook is the founder and honorary president of the Witheridge Society, and I am the honorary vice-president.)

You will see that I have enclosed two pictures of the Gubb tombstone and my transcription of the text, which required the help of a magnifying glass. Your mother told me that she and your father had traveled to England many times and that your father's ashes had been deposited in the Combe Martin churchyard. No doubt they had seen this Gubb tombstone. Unfortunately, Kim and I didn't have enough time to look up Noel's grave.

I have a feeling that Jenny has been to Combe Martin and maybe you, too, Andy. Perhaps you or she have seen both of the graves. If either of you has been thinking of going to England, I hope you will try to go at a time when you can attend one of the annual Witheridge weekends. Next year this will be on the weekend of May 2-4. I know the society would be very pleased if you could attend, and I'm sure you would enjoy meeting relatives from all over the world.

The place has not yet been determined. If the meeting is in Devon, it will include another bus tour, including stops at both Witheridge and Combe Martin. The 1998 Session may be in Gloucestershire. Most of the annual meetings have been held in Alderton in Gloucestershire until this year's Tenth Anniversary celebration. However, Alderton doesn't have accommodations for an overnight stay, so it would probably be held in a larger place, like Cheltenham. If it is held in Gloucestershire, those who want to visit Witheridge, Combe Martin, and other Devon towns where their ancestors lived will have to make their own arrangements, which I'm sure you would want to do anyway. If the 1998 meeting is held in Gloucestershire, the 1999 meeting will probably go back to Devon.

If you are unable to plan a trip to England in the next year or so;, perhaps there are some other descendants of Thomas Witheridge Gubb who like to travel and are interested in England and in family history. I know from the information your mother gave me that there are a great many Witheridge descendants in South Africa, and I hope someone will be intrigued with the idea of returning to England for a Witheridge get-together.

I'm also sending two other pictures of our Witheridge celebration. One was taken during a break in our meeting in the Tiverton hotel. The other was at the town sign at the edge of Witheridge. When our bus arrived at the center of Witheridge, the town crier boarded the bus and read a proclamation welcoming us to the town of our ancestors. (The Witheridges had left before the start of the parish register in the early 1500s, and no Witheridge baptisms, marriages, or burials are recorded there. Of course, they wouldn't have been called "from Witheridge" until they had actually left there.)

Before I close, I'll just say a word about myself. I'm 83 years old, and I'm a retired minister. At first, I was a mechanical engineer (heating, ventilating, and air conditioning), but then I decided to become a minister and went to a theological seminary. I was a Baptist pastor in Illinois for about nine years and then came to Minneapolis to be the executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for twenty-eight years before retiring at the end of 1979. My wife Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher and later an author of seven books for children and young people. She died two yeaars ago after suffering from Alzheimer's disease several years. We have two sons, Jim and Tom, both of whom fortunately live in Minneapolis.

I look forward to hearing from you and learning a little more about you and your family. Your mother said you have a sister Margaret, who is married to Andre, but she didn't give Andre's last name. Do they also live in Capetown?

Yours most sincerely,

David

Subj: **Happy New Year**
Date: 1/14/00 5:01:26 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: thegubbs@adept.co.za

Dear Andy,

I haven't heard from you for quite a while, and I wonder if all is well with you and your family and with Jenny and her family. As you see, I now have my own e-mail address, so I don't have to use Jim's.

My own health is reasonably good, but I do everything more slowly now. Because of my age, I have given up travel, so I haven't been back to Combe Martin since 1997. Have you or Jenny been there recently? I know that at one point your parents went there almost every year.

Happy New Year to all of you, or I should say Happy New Millennium!

Sincerely, David

Philip Edgar Hookway
documents

Mrs. Lily Hookway
54, Redhouse Crescent
Ely, Cardiff
United Kingdom

May 11, 1980

Dear Mrs. Hookway:

I received your name from your cousin, Lt. Col. George Witheridge, whom we got in touch with years ago through the telephone directory. He may have mentioned to you my interest in genealogy.

My wife Elizabeth and I visited George and Mary at their home in Kilgetty when we came to Great Britain in 1976. We had a most delightful time with them, and we had a little subsequent correspondence with them, though not recently.

In December we sent them a Christmas letter, and only a few days ago the letter was returned to us with a notation on the outside, "Gone away." We want very much to know where they have moved to, because we are coming to Britain again this year in August and September. We'd like to visit them again if they are anywhere near where we'll be traveling in the car we plan to hire. We'd be very grateful if you would send us their present address.

Since we have a number of relatives in South Wales, we'll be spending a couple of nights in Pontypridd about August 30th. We might be able to telephone you at that time, or perhaps even see you briefly.

One reason I'd like to talk with you is that I have an idea you may have a few more clues that would help carry your Witheridge ancestry a little further back than George has been able to do. He said, for example, that your mother (Dorcas) was a sister of his father (Henry Beauchamp Witheridge).

Do you happen to know anything about your grandfather, George Witheridge? The reason I ask is that I have the record of a George Witheridge whose wife's name was Dorcas, and they had a daughter, Henrietta, who was baptized in Kingsbridge, Devon, on Feb. 5, 1862. Since Dorcas is not a common name, I wondered if your grandfather was a brother of that Henrietta Witheridge (an thus a son of that George and Dorcas in Kingsbridge).

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But more of that later! What I really want to know now is where George and Mary have moved to. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Near Birmingham

87 CHETWYND DRIVE, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE
Telephone 327766

2nd June 1980

Dear David,

I am sorry not to have replied more promptly to your letter, passed on to me by my mother Lilian Hookway. She thought I could deal with it as it is 'in my line of country', so to speak, since I am also an amateur researcher in a small way. I am in correspondence with two American Hookways who have made extensive enquiries regarding their family connections — so far I have not identified any link between them and us. I have found that my grandfather Arthur William Hookway was born at Wear Gifford near Barnstaple in North Devon and his father was William Henry ... thats about as far as I've got. It was of great interest to read your letter since only recently I was quizzing Mam about her mother and father and trying to make some notes. One item which Mam loaned to me was her parents' marriage certificate and I made a photocopy intending to return the original to her. I think what I will do is give you this copy and you can then note for yourself the reference to George Witheridge.

You will see he is given as "Sailmaker". My Grandmother lived at 2 Richmond Walk Devonport at the time of her marriage and I presume this was my great grandfather's home. I believe there was some relationship with the witness F.P. Luckhurst though I'm uncertain what the link was.

What you tell me agrees with mothers recent brief note, though from her recollection is — quote

"My mother's eldest sister was called Hetty (short for Henrietta) who never married and went to London and made her home with people who employed her all her life in their shop."

Mother is uncertain about her grandparents, being so long separated from them. She remembers

Aunt Lil Paradice 1 Ocean St. Devonport
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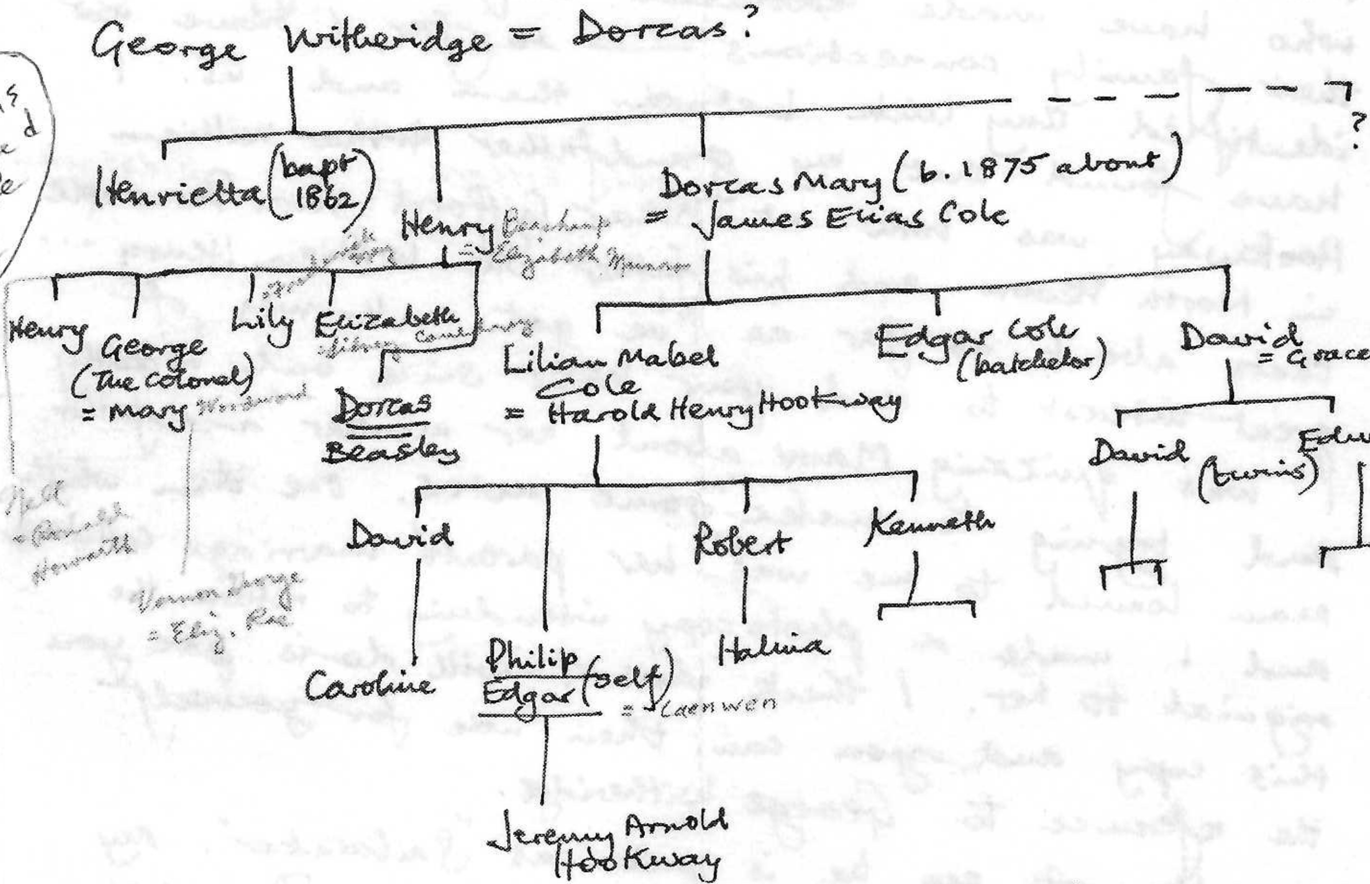
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I am sorry to say that George Witheridge died a year or so ago, and mother thinks his wife Mary is not too well. Her address last known is 11 Brewery Street, Pembroke Dock, Dyfed. Do have a happy trip when you come in the Summer and if you are near ring us or call. Sincere good wishes Phil and Caenwen Hookway.

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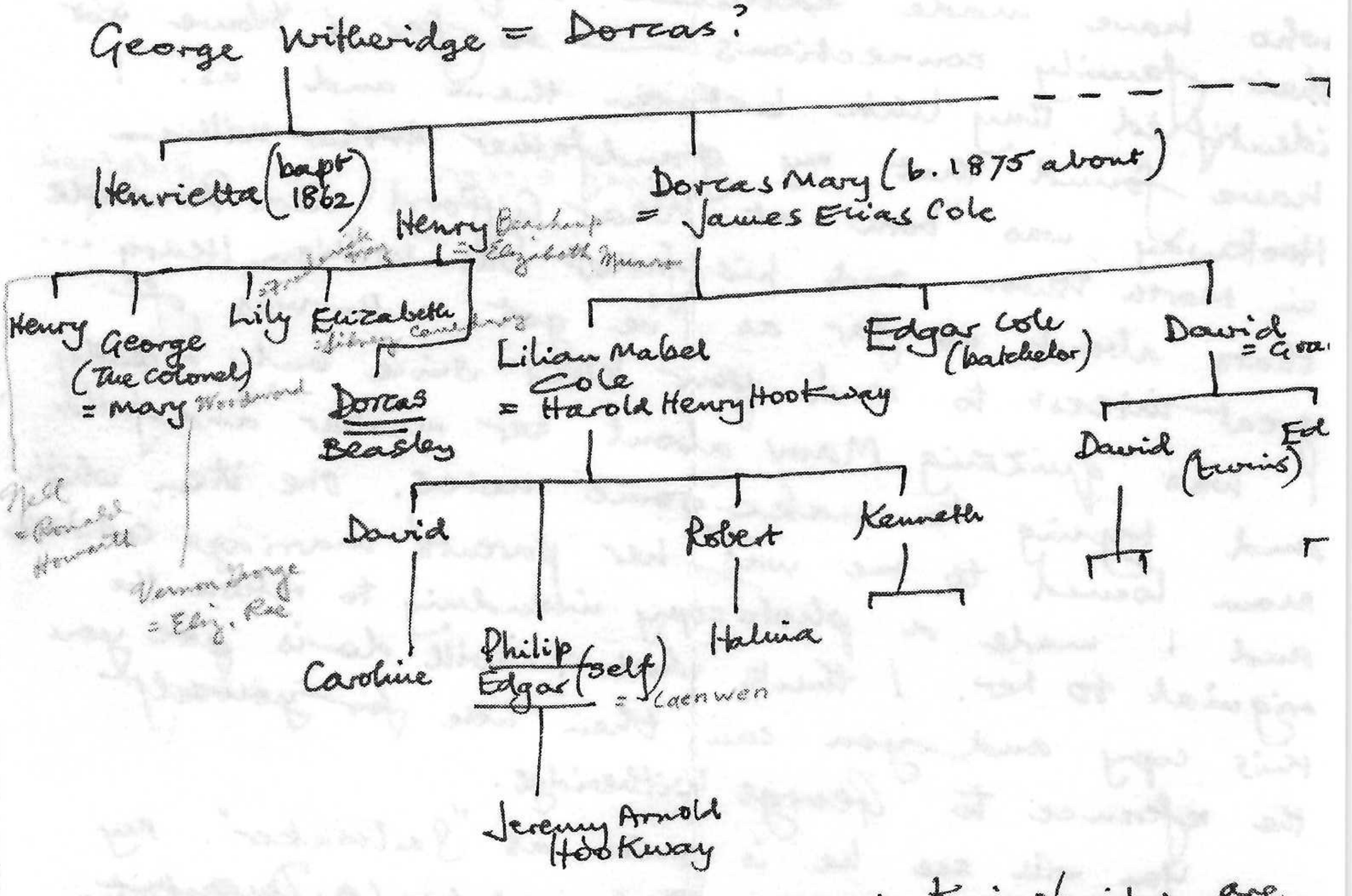
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87 CHETWYND DRIVE, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE CV11 4TJ

Telephone 327766

10th June 1980.

Dear David,

My enquiries have not been encouraging regarding the Witheridges and I have had no reply from Henry's widow Mary in Pembroke Dock.

By coincidence, almost at the time I wrote last week, my mother's cousin Dorcas Beasley died in Llanelly. My brother seems to think Mary is in a nursing home at present, though I believe there is a son Vernon.

The only link with your side of the family has been via Dorcas and I only have her address

2 Lon Ceiriog
Cefn Caeau
Llanelly, Dyfed.

Her son Alan and his wife Doreen live somewhere near Swansea and we are without their address, though I have the name of Dorcas' neighbour whose phone number I'm hoping to find out.

Dorcas and her husband were our Second cousins but during earlier years were quite close to us, more like Aunt and Uncle. My mother was fond of them and they spent many holidays in our home.

I believe I mentioned my correspondence with Hookways in Columbus, Ohio and in Seattle. We are also in touch with freinds of 1st Baptist Church, Dallas, and also have a contact between our Manor Court Baptist Church and Baptists at Birmingham, Alabama. Our minister & his wife were recently guests at Dallas, having in an earlier year spent time as associate minister with that fellowship.

We are not certain of our timetable for the summer vacation but hope you will phone us when you arrive.

With our sincere good wishes,

Phil and Caenwen Hookway

[Plans for 1980 trip]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
June 27, 1980

Dear Philip:

Thank you very much for your two letters in response to my letter to your mother. Elizabeth and I are very sorry to hear that George Witheridge has died. We had a most enjoyable time with him and Mary in 1976. It seemed to us that Mary was in more precarious health than he was. At the same time I wrote to your mother, I wrote to their son Vernon. I have not heard from him, so perhaps the address I used is no longer correct.

I appreciate all the family information you passed on from your mother and some you had dug out yourself. Enclosed is a sheet that ties together what you and George have given me. You will note that the major addition is the listing of five brothers of your grandmother. George had no other information, except that they had gone to America after service in the British Navy.

I'm encouraged to know that you are interested in research, and I'm hoping that you will help in the process of tracing your Witheridge ancestry further back, so that some day we might discover how we are related.

The plans for out trip to Britain are moving along, though some of the details are still a little uncertain. It would be a great pleasure if we could meet you while we are in your part of the country. We have other Witheridge relatives in the Birmingham area, whom we are going to be visiting August 27-29, but I'm not sure yet whether we could arrange to come to Nuneaton during those days. Another possibility might be during the first three days of September, which are unscheduled at this point. We might be spending them mostly in Wales, or we might be returning to the Birmingham area. Perhaps you will know soon what your vacation plans are, and that might have some bearing on what we do.

As soon as we have anything more definite, I'll write to you again. This may not be until we get to England on August 3rd. When we arrive, we'll be staying several days with another distant Witheridge relative. Her address is Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA (Phone: 01-641-2994). That will be a sort of permanent address for us in Britain, as she will always know how to reach us or forward our mail.

I should tell you a little about myself and our family. I just retired (January 1st) from my position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, which position I held for nearly 29 years. I came here from a Baptist pastorate in Illinois, and before that I was assistant minister of a Baptist church in Chicago while I was attending the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. I started my career as a heating and ventilating engineer, with a degree from the University of Michigan.

Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. More recently she has been the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two grown sons: James lives and works in Minneapolis, and Thomas is in Chicago where he works full time and also studies toward a Ph.D. at Northwestern University.

From your letters it sounds as though you are members of a Baptist church. Perhaps you are aware that there is considerable difference here between Baptist churches in the north and those in the south, such as those in Dallas and Birmingham. One difference is that southern churches are not as apt to be ecumenical or members of councils of churches, like the one I served so long.

Hoping to see you this summer. Sincerely,

87 CHETWYND DRIVE, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE CV11 4TJ

Telephone 327766

Card 8/24/80

30th July 1980.

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Thankyou for your letter, and this is just to confirm we shall be looking forward to having you to stay overnight on 2nd September and to having a long chat.

We are just going down to Cardiff to bring my mother to stay with us at home here for a while. We have arranged a Pembrokeshire holiday 16th – 23rd August, and when we see you we shall be just beginning the new term. Have a safe journey and an enjoyable tour.

Yours Sincerely,

Phil.

July 12th - 30th: Jeremy has a French boy staying with us during this period
and part of the time (21st - 25th) we shall be away with
him in North of England. Caenwen is at home at this time.

P.S: I am not sure whether I refered in my letter to the recent death of mothers Cousin
Dorcas Beasley — she died suddenly about a month ago. Have not got her
Son's address but I am hoping to keep contact with him.

87 Chetwynd Drive: Nuneaton CV11 4TJ.
Nuneaton 327766

Tuesday 15th July 1980.

Dear David,

I have been trying to sort out our holiday plans. There is some
uncertainty regarding our whereabouts as we have not fixed a
reservation anywhere: Thought I would leave a large space at the
top to fill it in as I think of something! My mother's health
is not of the best recently and we have been rather anxious
about her. She lives in Cardiff and has been convalescing with
my elder brother and Sister-in-law at Barry. We shall certainly
be spending a few days there, possibly to help in caring for
Mam through the family holiday. Somewhere during the
August weeks we are to be away for a few days as a
family — Jeremy has not spread his wings yet but
at fifteen years old he is almost ready to flee the nest,
So these jaunts will become rarer in the future.

We have a visit to the Potteries planned for 27th August
and if you ring us we can make an arrangement
around the days you have planned for Birmingham,
27th - 29th August
or alternatively you may like to see us over the
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stay with us if you would like to. We have
to be back in school on Monday 1st September but if it
suited you to make our house your base for a day
or so it would be our pleasure. We are not certain
what you have in mind; presumably you will want
to use some of the time on family researches. My own
enquiries have been extended by your reference to five
brothers of my mother's mother — Certainly Mam herself
knows very little about her mother's people. I was speaking
to a friend who is just retiring from teaching who is Secretary of
a Birmingham Genealogy Society, and incidentally, a descendant
of Mary Ann Evans, celebrated as "George Eliot" the famous
Victorian authoress. Do let me know your programme. I may
spend a day or so in London myself if I have the chance.

Best wishes to you all. Phil Caenwen +
Jeremy.

July 22, 1980 ← [July 22, 1980]

Dear Philip and Caenwen:

Your interesting letter arrived yesterday, and I want to answer promptly to let you know how our plans are coming. It now looks as though the evening of Tuesday, September 2, would be the best time to be with you, and we would be very glad to stay with you that night, if that would not inconvenience you too much. You said "we" have to be back in school on September 1. Are you a teacher, Phil, and perhaps also Caenwen?

As I told you, we'll be in the Birmingham area with some of my Witheridge relatives (second cousins, but not with the Witheridge name) August 27 to 29. Then we'll be two days in Wales, spending the nights in Cardiff. We had thought we would be able to phone your mother while there, but perhaps she won't be there at that time. We're very sorry her health has not been good.

On Monday, September 1, we'll be seeing George Witheridge's brother and two sisters and their families in Llanelli, after which we'll drive up further north in Wales to spend Monday night.

On Tuesday, September 2, we'll drive over toward Nuneaton, possibly stopping on the way in Walsall, where Sidney Witheridge and his son Tom live. (They are relatives of Bessie Witheridge, whom I'll tell you about in a moment.) Since Sidney is retired and Tom is not working at present, I hope we can do this during daytime hours.

That should bring us to your place in the latter part of the afternoon, when presumably someone would be home from school or work. (I'm not sure if Caenwen works during the day.) What we mainly want to do is get acquainted and also spend some time going over genealogical matters. Let us know if this date or time is difficult for you, and we'll try to work something else out. You'll also have to give us directions for finding your home.

On Wednesday, September 3, we expect to be with Bessie and Dick Witheridge in Hertford Hill, near Warwick. Bessie is unmarried and retired, and she lives with her unmarried brother Dick, who hasn't been very well lately. They have been in touch with George Witheridge for many years and thought they might be related, but have never figured it out. Now we're beginning to take up the search again.

Yesterday I got a letter from the wife of Henry Witheridge, George's brother in Llanelli. Henry was on his way to a hospital in London, so she wrote and said they'd be glad to see us on the date proposed. Then today I got a letter from one of George's sisters, Elizabeth Cauldrey, with the same information. We're looking forward to seeing them.

Mrs. Cauldrey said that Mary is in poor health and in a nursing home in Doncaster. She moved there because she has three sisters and nieces there who can be with her occasionally. Her address:

10 Downtmoor Avenue
Doncaster
South Yorkshire Phone: (0302) 60922

For Vernon she gave me the same address I wrote to, but as yet I've received no answer:

6 Darescroft
Middleton
Market Harborough
Leicestershire Phone: (0536) 771337

This has become a longer letter than I had expected. I must close for now, as we have so much to do in preparation for our trip. When you write again, do so in care of Mrs. Cook in Sutton (81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA).

Yours sincerely,

87 Chetwynd Drive : Nuneaton CV11 4TJ. Warwickshire : Britain.

Saturday 6th December 1980.

Dear David and Elizabeth,

This evening I have been to the Christmas Concert at our College of Art and Technology, one of a series for different sections of the Music Centre. Jeremy is in the Intermediate Wind Band but this evening supporting the Junior Section. I enjoyed their music making very much, all the more charming for it's occasional wrong notes. Yes we are in the middle of Christmas practices etc. at School and most other things go by the board at this time. There are so many pleasing aspects of these preparations, chiefly in the spontaneous joy of children. Tonight we had that in great measure. I just wished I'd had a longfocus candid camera and I would have had some great shots.

This enclosure is our Xmas card to you and we hope you like the Christmas stamps this time. Included is the traditional wreath, a custom borrowed from America and now becoming very popular here. At School my contribution to the decorations has been to enlarge up the 1978 Christmas stamps to a massive two metres across — they look super. These designs are of the Christmas "waits" — carollers — from different historical periods.

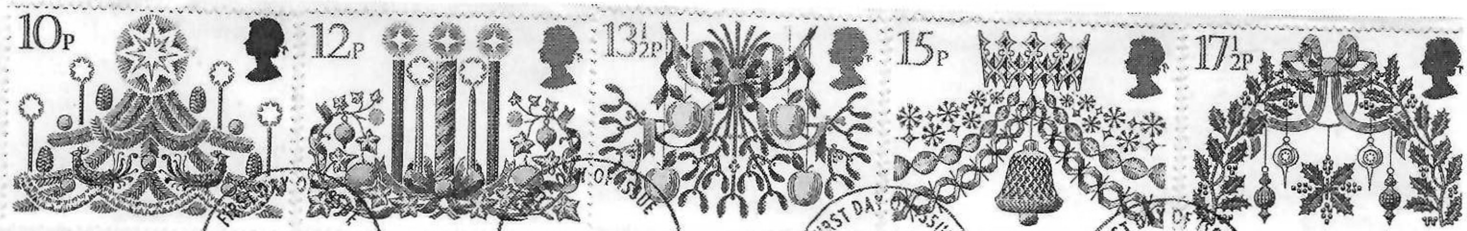
There is normally a free-spending spree in these days before Christmas but this year it looks like the shops are feeling the draught from the trade recession. The Midlands car industry is so predominant that its present lack of health is casting some long shadows. Many of our people make their living in Coventry in motor-related industry and there is currently a lot of short-time working and people being laid off work. The government of Mrs Thatcher has been grimly hacking at public services and there's not much love lost between teachers and our present administrators. Education is undergoing a great squeeze at the moment and schools are going short on materials and there are moves afoot to cut the teaching force. The troubling thing is a serious decline in morale just now. Employment prospects for youngsters leaving school are very restricted and youth training programmes are being boosted to keep young people occupied. The County Council Elections in May will see some testing of the Conservatives' popularity, or lack of it. I hope you may be reassured in America about the Labour Party; celebrated for its infighting and just sorting itself out after the leadership struggle, nevertheless I'm sure it is going to provide the next government. The presumptions about nuclear arms are being given a great shake and I imagine this development is being closely watched in America. Certainly across the political spectrum views have become increasingly polarised of late on all issues.

Our family looks forward to the blessedness of a quiet holiday now. We plan to see Caenwen's mother next weekend then come 19th December we will have some blissful quiet days at home. Lucy is supposed to be expecting kittens but so far she has been a disappointment. She ought to bring them next Tuesday or Wednesday but she still looks rather slim to me.

We hope you have a really happy Christmas, whatever style or in whatever company. I'm sure we have made it all too complex. Why not something simple this time? May your celebrations be a blessed time in every way.

With our good wishes,

Phil Caenwen + Jeremy.



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# Christmas 1980

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Christmastide is essentially a festival of hope. It is the time when Christians celebrate the birth of a Saviour and a new faith, and it marks the time of year when the sun again gains strength. It is a time of family gatherings; the season of entertainments and parties; feasts of turkey, Christmas pudding and mince pies; a fir tree festooned with the baubles, tinsel, novelties and fairy lights that have evolved from gilded fruits and nuts, sweetmeats, and candles.

In the days preceding the festive season familiar old Christmas decorations are unpacked and new ones added, and so begins the pleasant task of putting up the decorations.

Before the 'German' Christmas tree became popular in England in the 1840s, mistletoe, in some arrangement like the kissing bunch or 'bough', was the centrepiece of Christmas decorations. This was an elaborate hanging structure of hoops set to make a sphere and decorated with evergreens, candles and ribbon. Apples and oranges were suspended from it and the mistletoe tied beneath. Today, many people still hang a bunch of berried mistletoe, and perpetuate the custom of kissing beneath it.

The luxuriance and variety of evergreen in Christmas decorations gradually diminished during the Victorian era. Rosemary, myrtle, bay, laurel, yew and box are seldom seen these days, but the red-berried holly, linked to the ivy in lore and carol, is still a great favourite. A growing custom is that of hanging a be-ribboned holly wreath on the front door of the home.

Paper chains, — which have taken the place of the evergreen garlands — coloured paper bells, crackers and paper hats add to the festivity.

Decking the house, the place of work, the church and the school, the town centre and the street, not only creates a festive atmosphere but also extends good will, proclaiming to all the seasonal greeting: 'Happy Christmas!'.

*Charity Boxall*

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May 5, 1979

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**Vote for all THREE on the GREY BALLOT PAPER**

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Dear David and Elizabeth, Watkins 9/16/81 [Postmarked June 15, 1981]

I am writing briefly to mention we were recently in the West Country on holiday and on the way back to Nuneaton we went into Plymouth and on impulse I drove around the streets of Stonehouse. It was sometime since I had looked at my genealogy papers and, though I bought a street map, I failed to recognise two streets whi still survive from 1898 and mentioned on Dorcas Mary Witheridge's marriage certificate. These were Richmond Walk (No 2) and 57 St. Vincent Street — the homes of Gran and Grandad on the 6th. February 1898. We were standing on a quay right opposite had I but realised, and presumably my grandfather worked on the Great Western Dock as a crane driver. Our Sailmaking George Witheri would perhaps have worked as a civilian in Royal Naval Dockyard and here we were, right where he laboured. Jeremy was very interested in the Quay at the Barbican where commemorative plaques mark the Sailing of the Mayflower and "historic sailings to Jamestown and to settle New Zealand. We had a very interesting few hours there and I felt particularly that I was getting close to my roots. As I have a photo of grandma holding my elder uncle — perhaps age two years — taken in Devonport it may be that they lived there some while before going to Cardiff. I am unable to report any further progress on these researches due to pressure on my time for other things, though I am promising myself another London visit to follow the records in London. The economic scene is not cheerful here with much despondency about prospects. In education staff are being cut back with sharply declining rolls in all schools. We have watched international affairs with great concern, not least the constan eruptions in the Middle East. The Israeli bombing raid this week will lose them a lot of sympathy here. We hope pressure on the US government will continue to be exerted to pacify the El Salvador situation, where it seems to us that the supply of weapons to the government is condoning murder of the innocent. You probably realise that the British Council of Churches is among the many pressing President Reagan on this. The violence of Ireland is probably well advertised in the States in view of the hunger striking IRA. When can this all be resolved? The Labour party is moving significantly to a new attitude on Ireland, and I think personally a union of Ulster with Ireland must come soon. All signs that the Royal wedding will provide the junketting beloved of the British to divert attention from many more serious issues. Do hope this letter finds you all well and in good spirits. God bless you. Phil Caenwen + Jeremy.

ans 9/16/81

Llwyncolfacoed : TREGARON : Dyfed.
Saturday 15th August 1981.

Dear Friends,

We have just spent a week on holiday in Pembrokeshire, the quiet South Western corner of Wales, sharing a caravan holiday with Caenwen's mother. Now we are en route for home and stopping overnight with Caenwen's older sister's family in this rural retreat. Llwyncolfacoed is a typical small-holding of Cardiganshire supporting just the family without employed labour. We have all been helping to unload a lorry and trailer of nine tons of straw just brought from Shropshire by my other brother in law, Kendrick. He is on his way back home now driving the quiet road at night. We were sharing in sweaty hard-labour, unpaid and on a good neighbour basis, following the normal tradition in rural Wales. Jeremy and I were not too clever in following the conversation which was largely in Welsh. I am the perpetual student in what should be my native tongue and I just manage the odd phrase: "Prynhawn da — sut ydych chwi?"
Da iawn, diolch... [Good afternoon — how are you? Very well thank you ...]
As we realise, only a generation or two separates me from my Devonshire roots so my Celtic pretentions are a bit hollow. Caenwen is rather rusty too though her early childhood was Welsh in rural Montgomeryshire. Nain (granny) Jones is a real joy and source of fun to us, and all this week she has surprised us with her energy and agility. Jeremy loves both his grannies very dearly. He inherits great riches from the Welsh language and traditions which are so evident here. And of course whenever Nain (pronounced Nine) is with us we are regaled with many a tale of the characters and events of her village home at Llansantffraid.

we heard of the sudden death today of Aunt Dorothy, the elder sister of Caenwen's father. She was a great character and always a source of loving concern and support. Dear Nain was much distressed, always having treasured Dorothy's friendship. In writing now I must mention my mother's poor health. She has been frail for more than a year past and now is being treated in hospital near Cardiff for a precarious heart condition. We are thankful that she is receiving expert care in one of our National Health Service hospitals; I am not sure that you Americans look on State medicine in quite the same way as we do, but under-financed as it is and creaking at the joints as undoubtedly it regularly does, nevertheless the NHS is a valuable benefit to British citizens.

The present unpopular government of Mrs. T. is doing a lot of damage in so many fields of public service. I am of a radical mould as you know and an active Socialist, driven into politics by the activities of the Conservatives. The service we work in, Education, has been particularly singled out for cuts and our daily toil is beset by the restrictions which these negative policies inflict. Staying cheerful under adverse circumstances is part of the challenge of being a Christian in an imperfect world — and I must confess showing a cheerful countenance under present conditions is not easy. A young Christian in our fellowship suggested that the government was sent as a scourge for the nation's sin! That man Reagan must be the latest of plagues — what was it you did or said to deserve him!!

In recent days I have been outraged by the response to the Air Traffic Controllers' Strike — a display by Mr. Reagan of crude agression and insensitivity. This week's papers have been full of the proposals to stockpile neutron bombs in the United States, a decision taken in flat contradiction of the opinions of European nations and taken without any discussion with them. The press here has been accepting this with a shrug of the shoulders and has continued to give coverage to the growing Disarmament Movement. From within the British Labour movement, the unions and the Labour party, thee is widespread disenchantment with military alliances. I am not sure this is understood in America, and can only report my feeling, and hope that you share it, that peace will not be secured by matching threats with threats but by building bridges. It is of course Labour Party policy to take Britain out of the nuclear club altogether.

There will be an enclosure with this letter as a small reminder of my regard for you — I am the world's worse royalist, but thought you would like to have a first day cover commemorating the recent wedding. How is it these royal junkets go down so well with Americans? I refused to watch the ceremony on T.V., spending the time in isolation working on some project in my garage. I found most people went quite silly over it and my coolness on egalitarian grounds brought no responsive chord. That being said, the first day cover may in time become a valuable historical artefact — that much more valuable if they follow my advice and put the Royals into pickle!

How lovely the week has been with unaccustomed high temperatures and almost unbroken sunshine. The Lord has blessed us with a restful week and we find ourselves much refreshed. Holidays are nice, and nice and long if you happen to teach. We have had a young French lad with us for three weeks on an exchange, Jeremy having had his three weeks at Easter at Roanne in central France. That has committed a sizeable part of our holiday and we are now savouring the remaining fortnight. As we return Nain Jones to her home we will drop Jeremy off in Oswestry to stay a while with the family of Caenwen's younger sister Audrey. The holidays are often largely taken up with visits to all these relatives of ours and it is one of our complaints that nobody ever comes on a visit to us.

Perhaps many families will have to carefully consider any long distance travel after yet another increase in the cost of petrol, bringing it over £1-70 per gallon. The oil companies blame the "Strong dollar". A few months ago I bought a Renault 14 to replace the Chrysler Alpine I had had for three years. It is supposed to be easy on the fuel. Our British car firms are pressing us all to "buy British" but when it came down to it we were persuaded by the favourable credit percentage.

It is now Sunday and I am indoors sheltering from the heat; it is probably quite bearable compared to the extremes in the US, probably about 75° F. Since writing previously I have not made any further enquiries regarding the family tree. I am unsure whether the 1881 census is now available, but if it is then I must make tracks to do a little checking on the Cardiff details. There is a Birmingham Society of Genealogists which I have a mind to join up with. The major deterrent is lack of time but obviously I must apply myself to this as there is nothing much to show yet.

Our antique collections are almost denying us living space in our small house, in recent months Caenwen has run up half a dozen more dolls. In a time of economic recession the prices are steady but the scarcity value is there so no doubt there will be a steep climb up in future buying prices. The demand in America must be a big influence and continental and even

Japanese buyers seem always ready to step in. Meanwhile back home we buy selectively within a tight budget and use a little cautious art and craft on the defects. Mercifully this holiday we have not found anything to tempt us, though I have bought some iron. Caenwen bought me a doorstop featuring the Aesop's Fable of the Stork and the pitcher. In this line I must have about thirty different items so I am wondering now whether to produce the definitive study on domestic decorative ironwork! No such book exists to my knowledge, so maybe its for me to sit down + write it.

Jeremy is now coming up to seventeen years of age and about to enter what we call the Junior College, two years preparation for examinations to University entry. If this is for him we are pushing him on to some useful qualification, though as yet he has not decided on any particular vocation. Part of government strategy is to trim the spending of the Universities and the intention seems to be to cut down on student entry. The quality of courses are threatened and many departments are threatened with redundancy and closure. (this is supposed to be the nasty medicine which will enhance our future trading position in the world.) I hope that Jeremy's examination results (Ordinary Level) will be encouraging. They should be lying on the mat at home, so let us hope they give him the green light. He should be studying German, French, and Economics or English.

During these days past we have been privileged to view some glorious countryside through our native Wales. We have journeyed around Pembrokeshire, quiet and unspoilt very largely, and with so many little interesting corners. If you half close your eyes you can almost see the map outline of Britain as an old lady driving a pig westwards towards America! Our journey took us to the piggy's snout, and quite often I go to my old home under piggy's chin at Cardiff. There have been some glorious and rare days when the view has been crystal clear even in the hills, and perhaps the hills are nowhere more beautiful than around my wife's old home near Oswestry on the Shropshire borders. At present the streets are still festooned with bunting after the royal wedding. Llansantffraid had a visit from the Prince of Wales about a week before his wedding when he opened some extensions to a mill trading in agricultural stuffs. Nain's home backs onto this place and from her account of the occasion it was quite a success. The British have a penchant for these things and they get very excited. I found that my mother-in-law was as bad as any of them! There are commercial interests of course in selling some frightful souvenirs, and these continue to sell in vast quantities. Women seem to be 100% Royalist, my wife being very keen. Mayor Daly of New York got some coverage over awkward questions to Prince Charles on Northern Ireland and it was very revealing that Daly seemed to think HRH could make some political decisions. We all feel very sober about Ulster of course, but in general there is a determination to give no encouragement to the IRA. Within the Labour Party there is a feeling towards a United Ireland, but how this is to be achieved is still very unclear. The Rev. Ian Paisley is an embarassingly devoted flag-waver and patriot, and if only his type of bigotry would disappear we might be nearer a solution. The mileage out of the hunger-strikes in the Maze must be limited though it seems there is a lot of support for them in the USA: the crimes they are in jail for, the deaths they have caused, do not seem to occupy the headlines for long.

I am going to bring this rambling review to a close now. In this untidy world the Lord can still show us things to marvel at. The patient good humour of ordinary folk is still an encouragement. There are so many gratuitous kindnesses which come from unexpected quarters and many signs of growth and renewal in the churches, even against the sombre social backdrop of the times.

In a fortnight I'm back at school, so there may be an awesome gap in this correspondence before I surface again. Look after yourselves.

Best wishes from Phil, Caenwen + Jeremy Hookway.

September 16, 1981

Dear Phil, Caenwen, and Jeremy:

Thank you for your two wonderful letters, Phil. They brought us close to all of you again. Our minds often stray to England, Scotland, and Wales and to all those we have met on our two trips. We're glad that as teachers you had a good long holiday, that you were able to spend part of it traveling to your places of origin in Devon and Wales, and that you had time to write to us.

We know how you felt in Plymouth. Though we have only been there part of a day on two separate occasions, we found it to be one of our favorite places--especially out at the harbor. Plymouth has such a historical significance for America, and we were intensely aware of the devastation wrought there during all the wars, up to and including World War II.

My Witheridge ancestors stem from North Devon back at least to 1525, but Kim Cook's and yours are from the Plymouth area. We seem to feel that much earlier they all came from the vicinity of Witheridge, but we may never be able to reconstruct the connection. We'll never stop the search, however!

One of Elizabeth's lines is Gilbert, and her family always insisted that they were related in some way to Sir Humphry Gilbert's family. We haven't established the relationship, but Elizabeth always has a feeling that Devon is one of her ancestral homes, too. We greatly enjoyed our visit to Compton Castle and to the parish church at Marldon where the Gilberts attended long ago.

As to Pembrokeshire, we also enjoyed our visit there in 1976, while we were with George and Mary at Kilgetty. He insisted that we should go to Pembroke Castle, and we've always been glad we took his advice. We also went out to St. David's Cathedral and enjoyed the ride along the seashore on the way. Of course, it was just a brief taste of what you are able to dxperience when you spend a week or more at a time in Pembrokeshire. We're not sure, but we might have driven through Tregaron last summer as we went from Llanelli up to Northern Wales to spend the night at Ty'n-y-Wern, a delightful little hotel near Llangollen, which Caenwen perhaps knows well. The next day we drove past Oswestry (through Whittington) on our way to the Wedgwood Potteries at Barlaston. We've just looked at the map of Wales and are fascinated by the old lady driving a pig westwards to America, as you described them.

Now, about all these genealogical sheets I've enclosed. I may have sent some of these before, but not with as much information as I now have. You may wonder how I got the family numbers on each sheet. You will see that they tie into the numbers on the ancestral chart. I number all our family sheets in this way, starting from our older son Jim as No. 1. Since I don't know how your family is tied in with mine, I've numbered your sheets from Jeremy, using his initials at the beginning of each of the numbers.

For other descendants of a particular ancestor I put a hyphen followed by the number of the child in chronological order. Each additional digit after the hyphen indicates the number of the child in the next generation down. There's much more to this, but this is probably all you need for now. If you want a complete description of the system, let me know, and I'll send it to you.

I've ordered the birth certificate of your great grandfather, George Witheridge, from St. Catherine's House, Phil, but I don't have it yet. When it comes, we'll have another generation back, and from there I hope we can tie into the parish registers (or perhaps the Methodist records). When I get a chance I also plan to order a copy of the 1881 Census Record of Morice Town on loan from the Mormon microfilm library in Salt Lake City. That should give us information on the other children in that family.

You will notice that I am lacking a lot of information that you could give me, and I am hoping you will send me additions and corrections when you can. You never gave me Caenwen's maiden name (Is it Jones?) or anything about her family background. I should at least have the information about her parents.

We keep worrying about your mother's health, Phil. Is she getting along any better now? As far as the National Health Service is concerned, we think it is an amazing resource that contributes immeasurably to the physical health of your people. Medical costs here are sky high and seem to be going even higher.

Next, we want to thank you for the Royal Wedding first day cover and the interesting description from the Post Office. We have it on the "coffee table" in our living room to show to visitors. Yes, we followed the wedding preparations and the events of the day with great interest. You won't believe it, but we actually got up at 3:30 in the morning to watchit all on TV, and we loved it. I suppose you could say that we wouldn't want a royal family of our own, but we enjoy yours at a distance. It's no threat to us, of course, because our ancestors escaped from it long ago.

Last Sunday we attended the largest Congregational church in Minneapolis. They have a new minister from Wales whom we like very much--the Rev. Mr. Vivian Jones. His wife and daughter are still in Wales, because the daughter is attending a Welsh-speaking school there. He said to me one day, "That would be hard to find here!"

The service on Sunday was very special because the anthem was the premier performance in America of the anthem composed especially for the Royal Wedding by William Mathias. The organ prelude and postlude and the choral introit were also the ones used at the wedding. In referring to the wedding Mr. Jones called it "the wedding of the son of the Queen of England." And then he chuckled as he said, "My daughter would never forgive me if I said it in any other way."

You will be glad to know that we heartily approve of your political and international views. Politically we are very liberal, and we are disgusted with President Reagan in practically all of his positions. Events of the last few days giveuus hope that perhaps his luck is beginning to run out. He seems to have no compassion or understanding of the plight of ordinary people, and his wife Nancy seems to want to behave like royalty (or even outdo the Queen of England!).

His militarism drives us to distraction. His projected military build-up and arms race will not only threaten the peace of the world but will adversely affect our domestic economy. He cuts taxes and then greatly increases the military budget, wondering all the time why interest rates, inflation, and the national budget deficit all remain high. We're glad that people in Europe are protesting against neuclear war and the neutron bomb.

I don't know if we ever told you that both of our sons, Jim and Tom, were conscientious objectors in the Vietman War. They both served in alternative service, Tom as a psychiatric aide in Boston and Jim as a hospital orderly here in Minneapolis.

After his two required years, Tom stayed on voluntarily for another year. He said, "Everybody can't do this, but I find that I can, so I must." It changed his choice of a career, and he is now a psychiatric social worker in Chicago working on a Ph.D. in counseling psychology at Northwestern University. He also works full time at a rehabilitation center for former mental patients. He directs a section of the program dealing with the most severe patients who keep going in and out of the hospital.

By the way, we are pleased to report that Tom and his girl friend Virginia plan to be married next June. She also works at the same rehabilitation center and is working on the same Ph.D. program at Northwestern. We love her very much and are delighted with their plans. I'll be performing the ceremony, which will be in Chicago.

All of this reminds me of Jeremy's educational plans and progress. We hope the examinations went well, and we look forward to hearing more in the future. Cutting down on educational loans and grants is another one of Reagan's brilliant ideas.

We've taken one two-week trip to our home state of Michigan this summer, visiting friends and relatives. While there we attended the 50-year reunion of my high school graduating class. In a couple of weeks we'll be taking a short trip up north in Minnesota to see the beautiful fall colors. We'll take along our 20-month old Norwegian Elkhound, Rokk, who is one of the joys of our lives right now.

This has turned into quite an epistle, but maybe it will make up for our long silence. Best wishes and good health to you all.

Sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

~~[illegible]~~ Ans. 10/12/81

Saturday 26th Sept. 1981.

Dear David, Elizabeth and family,

Thankyou for your interesting letter which I am going to reply more adequately to later on. The additions to my knowledge were significant as I see you have obtained a birth certificate for my grandmother Dorcas Mary W. and the marriage certificate of her mother and father, plus the name of her grandfather Henry Hammett. If you are able to let me have copies of these certificates it would save a deal of effort on my part.

I have been reading over the papers you sent and realise my own knowledge is inadequate at present to reply fully to your enquiry. Perhaps you will allow me a brief space to fill in some of the details from my own family's knowledge and when I have had their replies I will complete the forms you sent. What you have discovered will be a spur to me now to make enquiries in London once again to extend my knowledge of my great-grandparents. Time is a problem, especially in term-time with so much to do, but I want to take an early opportunity to get to St. Catherines House in London to make more progress.

I have looked with complete and admiring amazement at your orderly system of numbering and realising my own system is really no-system-at-all by comparison. As I am about to reorganise the whole thing I had better have some more details from you if you can spare the time.

Jeremy has settled on French, German and Economics as his subjects for study, leading we hope to a University place. His exam results were excellent so he appears set to be a promising student.

Thankyou for the most interesting family news of your two sons and their future plans. Please give them our good wishes. My mother is at home again and a little better, though forgetful and sometimes confused.

May God bless you from day to day and continue to use you in His service. Phil Caenwen + Jeremy.

October 13, 1981

Dear Phil, Caenwen, & Jeremy,

This is just a brief note to send along with these genealogical materials. I Xeroxed my numbering system from my pencil original, which I have never taken the time to type, but I think you'll be able to read it.

I have recently added another feature. I have developed a plan for numbering persons who are not blood-relatives, but are merely related by marriage. I can't send this to you yet, because I have never written it down. → I'll try to remember to send you a copy some day.

I'm sorry I didn't think to send you copies of the enclosed birth and marriage certificates sooner. You will probably discover here a few interesting items I have failed to mention.

Don't worry about getting the information back to me about your family. I know it's a tremendous job, and I'm not in any hurry. In fact, it will never be entirely complete, so send what you can after a modest amount of effort.

Yours sincerely,

Dave & Elizabeth

87 Chetwynd Drive : Nuneaton : Warwickshire CV11 4TJ. England.

23rd December 1981.

Dear Friends,

This is a brief line to keep in touch with everyone. All of the country is in the icy grip of winter with all-time record low temperatures about -20°C — I was out this afternoon with my camera taking prize winning shots in the low sunshine. They will be better than the last 40 I took because the film failed to wind on properly! This is usually a time of bliss for us with a long school term behind us and a brief holiday for us all. Jeremy has got himself a part-time job at the fishing shop, fulfilling his boyhood dreams because he is a compulsive fisherman and water-sports buff. He plans to enter for his "Duke of Edinburgh" Gold Award in the coming year and has an expedition in Snowdonia National Park at Easter. Tomorrow is his birthday and an important one as he has a driving licence all ready to use when he is 17. We spent a day and overnighted on Monday with Caenwen's mother in her home at Llansantffraid near Oswestry. It is our usual custom to meet up there, seeing our relatives for a few brief hours. I am pleased to say all are well. My brother-in-law Roy Jones is a postman and he has had a hard time delivering the Christmas mail on frozen country roads. He gets up at 4.0 am and has been working until 6.0 pm.

I had a brief time to check out the family tree on Monday, with my mother in law Elsie Jones, and her sister Nesta Powell enjoying reminiscencing. We were soon away into the usual country memories of stern parents and hardwork, running after the sheep when they were young, and so on. We still find the atmosphere around the village very different from the town life we have become used to. Our antiquarian interests have continued during the year and my cast-iron collection is bursting all reasonable bounds. Caenwen has bought herself a boy doll, and had a flirty-eyed one from me for her Christmas gift. Jeremy has one or two things appropriate to his interests for birthday and Christmas — a wet-suit and a guitar being the main ones. The public scene in the economy continues fairly grim with stringency applied to all services including education. We continue to have to slim down our School staffs with declining numbers though this will stabilise in a few years. My own political aspirations have hit an extremely low level and like many others I have to consider carefully whether I can continue with the present Labour Party. I still write frequently to our M.P. who knows me as NUT Parliamentary correspondent, though more recently we have been lobbying through the Baptist Churches on the El Salvador situation. Within the church fellowship I have been re-elected deacon for another term of 3 years, this at a time when we are actively seeking to replace our minister, who has gone to another church at Berkhampstead. There have been efforts to meet the Polish crisis and we were able to send an immediate gift to relieve want there.

Friends Althea and Hugh Hookway from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, recently sent a photostat of a transcript from the Red Book of the Exchequer, 1250 — a medieval record of lands held in Devonshire. We find Ricardus de Hokeweye owed a rather lowly 1/16th of a knight's service to the Bishop of Exeter :— not exactly a mighty man in the Land. I apologise for such an inadequate letter and hope to hear again from you all when you have a moment to write.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year! Phil, Caenwen, and Jeremy Hookway.

Dear Phil, Caenwen, + Jeremy, November 19, 1982

Don't you think it's about time I wrote to you? I've intended
to do so for quite some time, but I knew I would have
to look some things up, so I just kept putting it off.

We hope you are all well and having an enjoyable year
in your personal, school, and church affairs. We try to
keep up on the British news in the various media here, but w
know it's just the bare minimum and not with the same
emphasis you would get over there.

It's amazing how busy we can be in spite of my retireme
but that probably helps to keep us physically and mentally
healthy.

Early in the year my activities were somewhat impaired
because I had to have a lipoma removed from the palm of
my hand at the base of the thumb. That's a perfectly benign
fatty tumor that had slowly enlarged over a period of abou
ten years and finally got to be a nuisance. The operation
was early in April, and my right hand was immobilized
several weeks in a splint or cast and later for some tim
in an elastic bandage. For several months now I have
been doing everything with it, but my thumb is still weake
than it should be, and there is a tingling sensation up
the side of the thumb, which the doctor thinks will eventually
disappear. Before the operation the doctor gave me a complete
physical and pronounced me in excellent health, so that's
reassuring.

Elizabeth is in good health, except for troublesome sciat
in one hip, which she feels is improving, but she does
have to be careful. Her chronic asthma is kept under contr
by a very simple remedy — potassium iodide.

In June, as you know, we had a very happy time in
Chicago at the wedding of our son Tom and Virginia Seller
Now they have bought an old house in the inner city and a
busily engaged in restoring it. I don't know how they can
find time to devote to it, as they are both working on Ph. D.
in counseling psychology at Northwestern University, in additi
to their full-time jobs.

Later in the summer we took a 4,500 mile trip east as far

New England and had a wonderful time visiting friends and relatives. As always, we amassed an amazing amount of genealogical information from libraries, cemeteries, and relatives. In Maryland and Vermont we met some newly-discovered relatives of Elizabeth, and on the way back we came through Canada to meet a second cousin of mine on the Witheridge side at Kincardine, Ontario, on the eastern shore of Lake Huron. We had met his sister in Birmingham when we were in Britain, and she had given us his address; but we had never before had a good chance to drive near Kincardine. Like his sister, he was born in Wales.

John A. Adams

Irene Adams (b. 1925)

Now, about your family background, Phil, I have one thing to add which I don't think I've told you before. Back in 1980 while we were in London at St. Catherine's House, I ordered the birth certificate of your great grandfather, George Witheridge, born in the Kingsbridge Registration District in 1840. Since we were leaving England, I couldn't go in the next day to pick it up, so I had them mail it and several others to Kim Cook. She put them aside in order to copy the information into her own Witheridge records and then mislaid them in the process of moving to a new house in Kent. Not until May of this year did I finally get the certificate, and this is what it says in essence:

In the Registration District of Kingsbridge and Sub-district of West Alvington, born the 16th of April, 1840, at Bantham, Parish of Thurlestone, George, son of William Witheridge and Mary Witheridge formerly Rolph. Occupation of father: mariner.

So now we have the mother, as well as the birthplace and date for George. We'll have to pursue this further in Thurlestone but I haven't had time to do this yet.

I did try to find the 1881 Census record of George Witheridge and his family in Morice Town, Tamar, but was sent the wrong microfilm reel from Salt Lake City, and I haven't taken the time to reorder. That should give us more information about the children and the birthplace of Dorcas.

Thank you for your interesting letter of last December and for the picture of the Mayflower plaque at Plymouth. Somehow we missed that on our two stops in Plymouth.

Love and best wishes to all.

David + Elizabeth

Dec. 1984

Dear Caerwen, Phil, + Jeremy,

Wish we could find time to write oftener, but our lives are too busy, and I'm always writing so many genealogical letters regarding so many lines!

Our son Tom and his wife Virginia were here from Chicago for Thanksgiving (Nov. 22) and our son Jim was too, as he lives in Minneapolis. In addition, we had a special treat, Our friend, Rev. Eric Allen from England, was with us for a few days over Thanksgiving. He used to have a U.R.C. church in Leeds, but has recently moved to an interracial area of London. He was in the U.S.A. presenting a paper at a conference on religious pluralism at Harvard University.

Earlier in the fall we had another house guest from England — Colin R. Chapman, a genealogical expert. He was on a tour of U.S.A. and Canadian cities and was able to fit Minneapolis in. He prefers to stay in homes rather than hotels, and we were glad to have him.

I may have told you that I was on the Pastoral Search Committee for our church, which worked for 15 months and finally selected a candidate whom the church accepted. He came to Minneapolis in August, and everybody is pleased with our choice.

Elizabeth, as usual, has been doing a great deal of volunteer speaking in schools on the writing and publishing of books.

Jim is planning a two-week vacation in Mexico starting the 15th of January.

Our health has been good, and we hope the same for you.

Love,
David + Elizabeth

87 Chetwynd Drive: Nuneaton
Warwickshire: England
CV11 4TJ.

4th January 1986.

Dear Friends, Once again a brief greeting and sincere good wishes at the start of another New Year. May it bring you joy!

We had good intentions at the start of the Christmas holiday but somehow we didn't get organised to send Christmas cards as we should — belated greetings and we trust the season has been a blessing to you all. For Caenwen and I, it has been a quiet holiday and a much needed rest. Jeremy has been at home with us most of the time and that was good. The next few weeks are quite important for him as he is in his final and 4th year of his University course at Lancaster. He will have major examinations in May in French and German. At present he is spending a week in the French Alps skiing — what energy! We can neither of us understand where he gets this interest from. My cheerful advice and such comments about using broken skis as splints in emergencies are disregarded. Our son seems well equipped to deal with life and we are pleas he is so resourceful.

Caenwen has rather untypically ha a severe cold and she may be off school tomorrow at the start of the new term. I am going bac with a regretful look back at all the things I ought to have done, but haven't, in the too-brief holiday. The scene is a shade more cheerful in educat with the beginnings of an en to our pay and conditions dispu I continue to take a part in th Union's work at a mundane level mostly. I went up to Parlia recently to lobby our Member of Parliament — though it didn't have a lot of effect. This year may prove interesting politicall when many of us pray for a change of government. There seem to be a consumer boom while at the same time many are living without a job or prospects and many in poverty. Our colleague Anita Willars spent her Xmas

with "Crisis at Christmas" — a welfare group in London + Leicester which offered a Christmas meal and shelter to the many homeless and derelict people for whom the season is more than a little poignant.

Caenwen and her nursery children and staff has a lovely time in the week before Xmas, going to a local farm for a Christmas tableau — followed by baked potatoes, no doubt with all the trimmings! Ivy Davies, now retired, and less busy than formerly, goes to the nursery to play the piano, and this is a source of great pleasure to them all, including Ivy herself.

At Chetwynd Middle School we had a 'production' this time, a mixture of Victorian bits and pieces which carried on the theme adopted by the Town at an earlier 'Victorian Evening' at the market-place. Many of the staff and parents joined in by dressing up in appropriate ways and our colleague Dave Dipple was marvelous as master of ceremonies! They were all called up on the stage to twirl round and show off their finery. We had "Christmas Carol" play and "can-can" girls, in all quite

a programme!

I am still fighting a losing battle with the new technology; the two compu in school are a challenge to me and would like to feel we were making us of their amazing potential. The tim is so short, like life itself… howeve the way our 9 year olds have applied some of the simpler notions has q amazed and gratified me.

We were saddened only a month a when Kendrick, Caenwen's brother wa involved in a tragic road accident. He was not hurt but two people in car he was in collision with we fatally injured. He is now recovered but it was a very great shock natu

Caenwen's mother has been in hospit for a week for investigation into ba pain and arthritis. She was confus under sedation and we do not kno yet how she will be. We trust all w be well. I'm glad to say my mothe seems quite well, though still livi very quietly and more or less house-bo

News of Manor Court is that our new hall building is now progressing wel and we have in mind an opening the Spring. We need vision and dedi to see it well used and the costs m

To all friends our best wishes for th year ahead and love to you all

Sincerely
Phil and Caenwen Hook

Post Script: 10th January 1987.

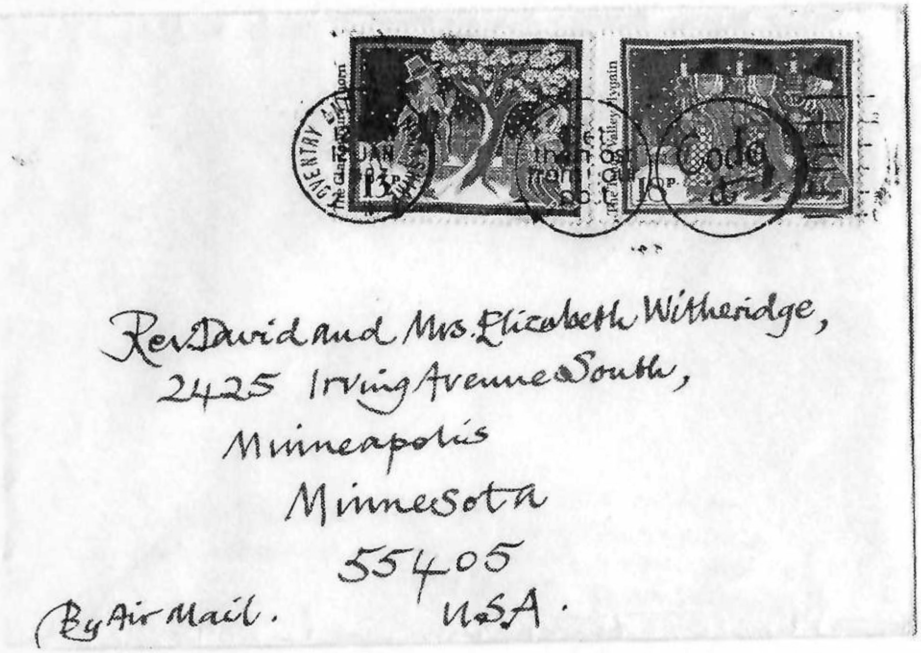
Dear David and Elizabeth,

I am putting an extra few lines on the back — with a fervent apology for long silence. Do please forgive me but already it is more than a week into the New Year and I am only just getting around to sending a copyletter to distant friends. The Christmas holiday is already too late to send Christmas greetings! Now even that is gone and we are into a Spring Term. Much of our news is on the other side — sorry about the haze down the side. Elizabeth can use it as a specimen manuscript of 'how not to communicate'. We are fine here except for occasional colds, and I have a stiff shoulder which seems to continue, even despite the best scientific intervention. That is an indication of being generally bone idle, and indulging in very occasional acts of bravado around the garden which a little thought might have avoided. Caenwen is usually fine, working at Nursery School. I am doing much the same, pleasing myself and teaching all the nice bits — the despair of my colleagues I'm sure.

Jeremy has recently parted from his sweetheart of three years and he was quite cast down but not saying too much. He is on his home-straight in his studies so a devotion to the philosophers and muses may be really what he needs. He is just returning from a week in France skiing, hopefully in one piece.

There may be a chance soon for me to retire early. I'm waiting a lead on this, and will have to carefully weigh up all the implications. I am 55, so could soldier on for a while; otherwise in a time of considerable change I might look for a new opportunity of service elsewhere.

I am chiefly preoccupied with Union work, unpaid of course. And I still give occasional Handwriting Lectures, though the present scribble ought not to be taken as a sample! We have new premises at Church and this may open up opportunities of service in the community, which is quite needy in many respects. We are fascinated here by the Irangate developments, myself especially, trying to influence events in a small way. Give our greetings to your folks. Certainly like to hear from you on any family research & discoveries: my own investigations will have to wait awhile. Will send you some photos sometime. The Lord bless you and keep you. Our love Phil + Caenwen.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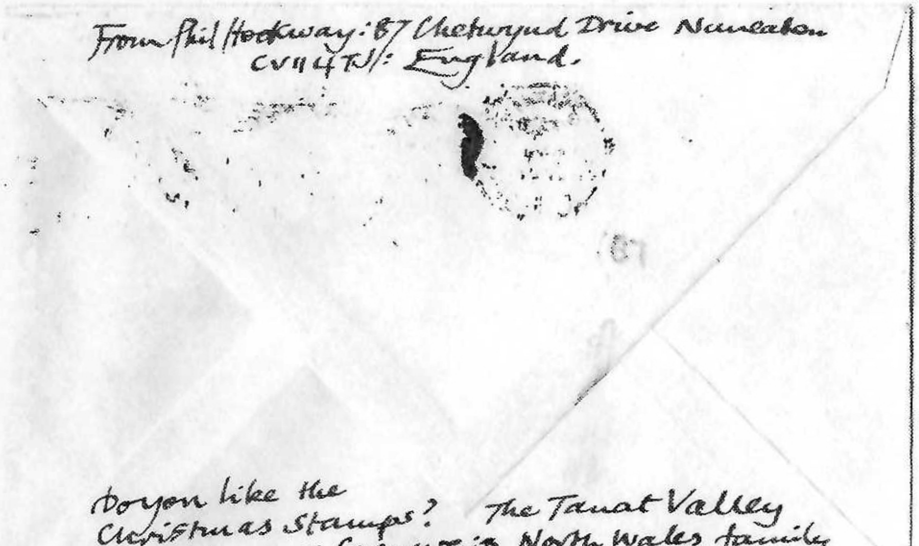

From Phil Hockway: 87 Chetwynd Drive Nuneaton
CV11 4TJ: England.

Do you like the
Christmas stamps? The Tanat Valley
is just near Caenwen's North Wales family
home near OSWESTRY.

Dear David and Elizabeth, January 7th 1988.

Thank you for your card and news.
We are going on well here — a little rushed at times, but we have an occupation and most of our worries turn out to be little ones. Your children are a great joy and pride to you and their success in their studies is wonderful to hear. Our greetings to all your family, and we wish you a year of peace and prosperity. Our Son Jeremy and his friend Judy were with us for a few days and we enjoyed their young company. They are in the French Alps at the moment, awaiting the first snow! It has been so very mild here with temperatures more like Spring. Caenwen is turning to Millinery, working on a pattern for a dolls hat. Its original inspiration is an American one, but I see she is now onto prototype N°. 3! Most of this brief holiday I have been cramming names into the computer,

pursuing my responsibilities as Union membership officer. We are not in very happy times in that respect, and teachers here are beleagered and embattled! There are big changes coming, and not all to our liking. My colleagues are lovely people and many make a Christian profession. They constantly amaze me by their industry and resourcefulness. Caenwen too has good colleagues and they are a great team, working with children who are very deprived. They all had a great party at school at Camp Hill; each one had a large toy from Santa! At home here I was commissioned to do the wrapping — and as that amounted to about 60 items you can imagine I don't want to see any more Christmas wrap, not even next Christmas.

During this year our church fellowship at Manor Court Baptist opened a new hall to give an attractive modern facility to advance our witness and work. We are all pleased with this development and the people are supporting a steady reduction of the loans we took out. The service on Christmas morning found our church full and there was a wonderful spirit.

Will this year find a peaceful settlement in Central America? We are encouraged and discouraged by turns, but pray the initiatives for peace will be rewarded. There are so many regional conflicts which the meeting of Reagan and Gorbachef may do something to resolve.

Kim Cook was on the phone hoping to arrange a get-together this weekend to compare notes on family history. She was very pressing hoping we would travel down, though I'm not sure we will have much energy after first week back of the Spring Term. We will note down your prospective dates for your visit to Britain and will hope to be able to see you again. Keep us posted on your plans.

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I am sorry to report no progress on the family tree, being rather tied to the realities of my work at school. The only diversion in that direction has been to read the issues of the journals of the Devon Family History Society which always prove most interesting. There seems to be unlimited mileage in nostalgia! There were crowds at the Antique Fair on new years' day at our nearby Leicestershire town of Hinckley. One stall had some needlework work boxes from the 20's and I spent ages turning over their contents. There were some minute crochet hooks and three huge sail needles! I was taken back to my childhood days when I remember my childhood fascination with mother's button box and tailoress' tools. It also made me think of my sailmaker and sailor ancestors not to mention all the tailors. I must finish now with all our good wishes. Bless you in all you do.

Phil + Caenwen.

February 25, 1988

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Dear Philip + Caenwen,

The plans for our trip to Britain are finally falling into place. We expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. After about a week in the London area, we'll be hiring a car for three weeks and driving through England, Wales, and Scotland.

First, we'll go to Essex for about three days, where Elizabeth has her Plumb roots. Then we'll be in Devon about four days, making a few other stops on the way there. After that we'll spend about three days in Wales and in Birkenhead, near Liverpool.

From there we'll come to the Birmingham area, stopping first at Pensnett, near Brierley Hill, where my second cousin, Pearline Fryer, and her husband Sidney live. That will be on Thursday, June 2. On Friday we expect to have lunch with another second cousin, Irene Birdsall, and her husband Neville in Moseley on the south side of Birmingham. That evening we'd like to come to Nuneaton to spend the night with you, if that would be possible. We could probably arrive by 5:30, but if neither of you is apt to be home from school by then, we could delay our arrival somewhat.

The next morning, Saturday, we'd have to leave by about 9:00 a.m., as we have to drive to Virginia Water, a little southwest of London, for a Witheridge family gathering. We know this is a very tight schedule, but we have many places to go and people to see in a very short time.

If this date of Friday, June 3, is not a good one for you, please let us know soon, and we'll try to rearrange our itinerary in some way. As you can guess, it is taking a little skill to fit everything together.

We loved your letter of January 7 and all the family news. I can't take time to comment now, but we look forward to a pleasant conversation when we see you. By the way, you will have to send us directions again for getting to your house, and perhaps a rough sketch or map.

Love and best wishes,

David + Elizabeth

[More trip details — draft letter]

March 4, 1988

Dear Philip & Cenwen,

Since our letter of February 25 outlining ~~our~~ the plans for our trip, we have already had some changes. I realize that this letter may cross with ~~a letter~~ one from you, but I decided that this would get the word to you earlier about the change of date than if we waited for your reply, and it would also get your answer back to us earlier on whether the new date will work.

The problem is that our friends in Birkenhead will be out of town until June 1, so we have to delay our visit there until June 2. For this reason we'd like to come to your house from South Wales on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 1, between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Then the next morning we'd go to Moseley on the south side of Birmingham to be with the Birdsalls ~~through~~ lunch time ~~and~~ then drive to ~~Birmingham~~ Birkenhead and stay ~~with~~ the Thursday night. Then we'd come back to Pownett to be with the Frys during the afternoon and overnight on June 3.

We realize, of course, that both of you will have to ~~get away~~ leave early for school on Thursday morning, and we can also leave at the same time and go to the Birdsalls, as they are retired and will be home during the ~~middle of the day~~ morning and early afternoon.

Please let us know soon whether or not Wednesday, June 1, will work out for you. If it won't, we'll try again to readjust our itinerary. We certainly want to see you somehow.

Just so I won't forget to tell you, Jim and Roy Cook will be picking us up at the airport and also returning us there as they did in 1976 and 1980. We'll be staying with them a couple of days at the beginning and at the end of our stay, and they will always know where we are in case you need to reach us while we're in Britain. ~~Their address~~ You probably have it, but if you don't, their address is 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PE; Ph. 01-777 6072.

Love,

David & Elizabeth

[More trip details]

March 16, 1988

Dear Phil + Carwen,

We have received your letter and have studied our itinerary and your holiday schedule. We believe we have found a solution.

Did we ever tell you about Bessie Witheridge (Miss) who lives in Warwick? Actually, she now lives in Hampton Magna near Warwick. We're probably distant cousins, but we haven't got the connection worked out yet.

From June 5 to 8 we plan to be in Scotland. On the way back to London on Thursday, June 9, we had planned to stop in Hampton Magna and stay with Bessie overnight. Since she is retired and not apt to be traveling away from home, we have just written and asked her if she could switch with you. In other words, could we visit her on Wednesday, June 1, and visit you on Thursday, June 9, on our way back from Scotland?

We expect to be stopping in Mickleover, near Derby, on that Thursday afternoon to visit our friends, Dr. + Mrs. Bill McCabe. He was the director of the Sheffield Council of Churches when we first visited Britain in 1976. I thought we'd arrive in Nuneaton about 5:30 p.m., but I'd like you to tell us frankly what would be the best hour for you to have us arrive. Then, as I said in our last letter, we can leave as early as you do the next morning, as we'll have a long drive to London, including a stop at one of Elizabeth's ancestral homes in Buckinghamshire.

This switch in dates, of course, will also depend on Bessie's schedule, so I'll have to give you the final word after I hear from both of you again. Let's hope it works out this time. Please drop us another note as soon as you can.

Love,

Dave + Elizabeth

87 Chetwynd Drive : Nuneaton CV11 4TJ. UK.

28th March 1988.

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Yes. The 9th June is clear and we will look forward very much to seeing you again.

Forgive me. I seem to have been chasing my tail ever since your letter came! Hope this arrangement works out all right.

Have a beautiful holiday. Trust everything goes well for you including our temperamental weather.

Arrive at 5.30 or whenever you find it convenient. We are in about 4.15pm.

Love and best wishes, Phil + Caenwen.

August 22, 1988

Dear Caenwen & Phil,

You probably wonder why you haven't heard from us since our trip to England. The fact is, we're way behind in everything. We arrived home with very bad colds, which I think we had when we were with you, and they lasted several weeks. Then we found that they were in the midst of a severe drought and heat wave here, and that went on until quite recently. So with our colds and the excessive heat our energy level has been very low. As a result we still haven't finished everything needing to be done after our trip, including a great many letters!

We had a most wonderful time in Britain and accomplished almost everything we had planned. We drove 3,000 miles through England, Wales, and Scotland without a bit of ~~our~~ trouble. Above all, we enjoyed seeing our many relatives and friends.

Thank you again for being so kind to us as your guests. We think of you often and enjoy your letters, but it was so much better to see you again and have a good chance to talk. We only wish we could have stayed a bit longer. Here are a couple of pictures we took. We hope they will be a pleasant reminder of our visit.

I'm glad you have joined The Witheridge Society, Phil, even though it may be hard for you to go to any of the meetings. Through the society Lin is building up a much greater supply of information about all the Witheridge branches, and some day may discover an important link in your ancestry. I was pleased to find when we got back to their home that Lin had connected Bessie Witheridge to a family tree that goes back to 1585 in Ermington.

That's all for now. Best wishes to both of you.

Love,

David & Elizabeth

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3 Caenwen ______
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4 Harold Henry HOOKWAY
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5 Lilian Mabel COLE
b. Aug. 26, 1905
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8 Arthur William HOOKWAY
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10 James Elias COLE
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m. Feb. 6, 1898
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11 Dorcas Mary WITHERIDGE
b. Sept. 30, 1875
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22 George WITHERIDGE
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m. Aug. 18, 1861 d. June 4, 1913 – Devonport, [Plymouth]

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PHIL AND CAENWEN HOOKWAY
87 CHETWYND DRIVE, NUNEATON CV11 4TJ, UK

Dear Friends, 2nd January 1991

This is a letter at last to all our friends in distant places to let you know what we are doing here. May we wish you all health and happiness in this New Year, in which we pray there may be progress toward peace in the Middle East, in Central America and in so many places in Africa.

There has been a change in our circumstances as I begin my retirement from the full-time teaching profession. I had been at Chetwynd Middle School since 1972 and they gave me a very pleasant party held in the familiar surroundings at Manor Court Baptist Church. The cake was quite something, decorated with a red flowerpot with fuchsias, and a very appropriate caption... Have a flourishing retirement! They know me as the flower expert at school and each Spring in recent years I have taken young plants in to fill out the gardens of colleagues. This interest was also reflected in their choice of a retirement gift which was a cordless phone. This will allow me to keep in touch with the outside world without interrupting the cultivation process at the greenhouse.

We are all well here, except that I am rather out of condition, needing a bigger waistband on my trousers. I hope to indulge in a few light exercises to remedy that, and maybe take up my swimming once again. Caenwen continues as Head of Camphill Nursery School, where she has been quite a few years. We have a For Sale board outside our home and await a buyer preparatory to moving out to the hills of Wales. There has been a fall in house sales here due to high interest rates but now some talk of a recovery later this year. Our plans largely rest on this and we will continue looking for a suitable property in Powys.

The items awaiting attention for so long will now get attended to, and no doubt Caenwen will be measuring up the rooms for decoration and pushing the brushes into my hand. There are a number of hobbies which will occupy me, and I am looking forward to my calligraphy, photography and collecting as well as taking my family history studies a bit further. Caenwen has just returned to her doll collection as she enjoys a dolls' dressmaking book I got her for a Christmas gift. What I have always wanted to do but lacked the time is to make 1/12 scale model furniture and such things relating to the doll collection. Recently I have joined a few societies with local history connections and maybe I shall attend once in a while.

When retirement approaches they keep saying, "Only a month now." "Only a week..." The other thing they seem to say is, "What will you do?" I am relishing just doing nothing for a very long time, then when I am suitably refreshed I ought to find some paid employment. Though exactly what my skills as a teacher fit me for I am not at all sure. And all these uncomfortable political things like being a Union officer and a Labour party member might give an employer second thoughts.

It may be that some of my winnings of new leisure may be spent in church office, but I am resisting any pressing invitations to be anything official. I am secretly planning to spend some money on a Personal computer which would cope with Desktop Publishing and use this expertise in some way. I suspect there may be some openings in minor publishing which might be exploited, as perhaps developing the church magazine to a good standard. This letter is being done on a borrowed school machine and I have to hurry to get it back in time.

Our son Jeremy was 28 on Christmas Eve, and for once in a very long while he was at home with us. His work is now in Manchester with a textile company making the fabric which carries the pulp through the paper mill, and he represents the firm in frequent trips to France and Germany. His languages degree has been put to good use. He is hoping to become a house owner soon but for the time being has settled in a batchelor flat in Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Just before Christmas we had blizzard conditions in the Midlands and we were temporarily snowed in. The school had a group of children and staff returning from a week in North Wales on the Saturday morning. Until then they had had a beautiful time with blue skies and ideal conditions, but as they came down the motorway they were into snow and were making about two miles' progress in six hours. I was called out to school where the parents waited anxiously for news. At the time there were power and telephone failures and it was difficult to find out what was happening, and we listened to our local radio for news of them. They got some assistance from kindly folk and got back to school at 5am on the Sunday. We had two more days off school because of water being cut off and continuing power failures. The question asked was, "Why weren't we ready for such weather?" Perhaps we need such events on occasion to remember nice things like neighbourliness and mutual help.

One of the consequences of the snows was the damage to trees across the area. It reminded us of the storm damage of a year ago when many ancient trees came down. This time the damage was caused by the wet and clinging nature of the fall, which went on accumulating until something had to give.

There has been quite a large response here to the needs of friends in Eastern Europe and lorries have been carrying relief to Poland and Rumania. We have been specially affected by the conditions we have seen in orphanages in Rumania. There is an organisation known as TERTIUS which supports Christian and medical help to those countries, and one of our local doctors coordinates this.

I am actively supporting David and Rachel Quinney Mee in El Salvador still, and shortly two more friends James and Susan Grote will join them. They are serving the El Salvador Baptist Association under very difficult conditions and I ask for your informed prayer on their behalf and for the embattled people of Central America. From time to time we are able to intervene with letters and telexes through our telephone network.

Well, friends, this is a long enough epistle to chew on in one go and I will wish you all well once again and hope to see some of you one of these days. Look after yourselves and God bless you.

Love from Phil and Caenwen.

Now my chance comes to stir up the family roots!
During the Summer we were in Devon and I visited Bantham
birthplace of George Witheridge the Sailmaker. It is a charming little
corner and I was pleased to motor around the tight little lanes.
We also went to the area around Bideford and took photos of
all the graves we could see with possible links with HOOKWAY/PARR
Do hope all is well with you and family. P.

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December 21st 1996

Dear Friends,
Hullo once again to all you friends of ours out there! What happened to the last fortnight and more I'm not quite sure, but most of it seems to have been taken up in shopping and packing up gifts for the family and friends. Most of our normal activities are on stop in the winter cold and wet, so the Lord has given us something else to fill the time. I'm hoping to be forgiven if the Christmas card didn't reach you, but this is by way of making up; A very Happy Christmas to you all and may the New Year bring you Joy and Peace.

Since our retirements Caenwen and I have had reasonable health though there have been several brief alarms when each of us has had hospital treatment. We are fortunate in being in a group practice where hospital admission is easy and still free under the National Health Service. Prescription charges have just gone up again, an additional cost to friends on a tight budget. I have recently become eligible for the state retirement pension and Caenwen will also get the same when she is 60 in a few months time.

A recent celebration at our home marked the 86th birthday of Caenwen's mother Elsie Mary Jones. She is in a wheel chair and in need of a good deal of help now, and we are pleased to be quite close by to share in that with the rest of the family.

Sisters Gloria and Audrey and brother Kendrick are local to us and we regularly see Olive from West Wales. My brothers David, Bob and Ken are well, all living in South Wales.

We share with those of you who have not heard already our very great sorrow that the marriage of our son Jeremy broke up irretrievably a year ago. Helen had a daughter Katie in July, our first and perhaps only grandchild. We are at a distance from Helen and Katie in Sheffield but there are strong ties of love which bind us together and we pray that the deep hurt which is still with us may be comforted. Also that our son will still feel he is loved within the family. Jeremy is presently on a teaching exchange in Germany.

Caenwen is wanting to do something more important in the community as I am myself and it may be that the garden will now be less of a task than it has been. The Women's Institute came in the summer to admire the doll collection and to walk in the garden. We are taking occasional services in the local country churches, now at a low ebb. We have been in Baptist churches all our married lives but are now Methodists and enjoying new perspectives.

The Labour Party takes up more of my time now and we are looking forward to a scrap shortly which we hope will change the government. Friends still in teaching will not like having early retirement snatched from them as a way out; any future retirements like ours have to be funded by local employers from their slim budgets, which is a spiteful way of rewarding faithful but weary service. Our sincere sympathies to all who haven't yet jumped ship.

During the year we have had visits from a number of old friends, from Nuneaton in particular. As Mavis Addison was nursing her mother through a long illness we were happy to entertain her friend from Australia, Dorothy Taylor, on her behalf. Sharing in that week was our old friend and colleague Ivy Davis. Dorothy tells us she still has a round of golf and plays tennis most afternoons; she is the same age as Caenwen's mother. Sadly Mavis' mother has since died and we were sorry to lose an old friend.

The countryside is suffering the loss of many wild habitats and we continue to follow the Barn Owl populations. Our support network was encouraged to report as many as 33 young raised in the Montgomery area this season. While in West Wales we were able to get a close up view of two red kites, a bird which has responded in a spectacular way to conservation efforts. I am having a pair of binoculars for Christmas as my really-useful-present.

For 36 years past the Hookways have kept Abbysinian cavies, Netherland Dwarf rabbits, tortoises, rather a lot of colour-point cats, and the occasional hedgehog. Until now we have neglected to include man's (and woman's) best friend. So now enter Blanche, West Highland terrier, six years old, finished breeding, pathetic and servile, retired to a good home from Olive's kennels. She follows Caenwen, well, doggedly everywhere, so I wanted to call her Gumshoe. This is only marginally easier to say than Blanche; but be honest, have you ever heard a dog answer to Blanche?

I know that you realise this letter is my really-useful way of contacting a lot of folk across the world and a really-handy way of avoiding writing more often! Forgive us, and remember us in your prayers.

Love from Phil & Caenwen

Dear David,

Greetings from us for the New Year which we hope will be bright for you. Do hope you are keeping well and are keeping busy, as we are.
I am still writing to family history buffs on the Hookway side, though have lost touch with Kim Cooke + the W. Society.

All the best from
Phil & Caenwen.

[This draft holiday letter to Phil and Caenwen must have been dated about January 1997. DEW makes reference to the forthcoming tenth anniversary celebration of the Witheridge Society on Witheridge Day in Devon in May 1997.]

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My spirits are better this year, and my health is good. I'll have the family all here on Christmas Eve (they cook the meal), and on Christmas day I'll be with Tom's family.

Dear Phil & Caenwen,

I just re-read your January letter, and I got the most pleasant feeling as I thought of your lovely, peaceful setting and your closeness now to nature. What a wonderful way to retire! I wish both of you a very happy Christmas season and a fruitful New Year.

I'm not sure whether or not you received the enclosed sheets describing the Witheridge celebration in May, but I wanted to be sure you did. A year ago I thought my traveling days were over, but I've decided I can't pass up this chance to see many of the "Witheridges" I met on our three trips to Britain and many I haven't met. So I'm coming, and I hope you will both make a special effort to attend, because I want so much to see you again. ~~[illegible]~~.

At my age (82) I can't hire a car and drive all over Britain, so I'm urging all my relatives to come to Devon on May 3, 4, and 5. You probably have other reasons to drive to the South of England from time to time, so I hope you will start planning now to include a trip to Devon in May.

If you just can't work it out, maybe Jeremy or some others of your relatives who are closer to Devon or younger and like to travel could represent your branch of the family. There are a great many descendants of Beauchamp Henry Witheridge whom I have never met, and I hope a number will come to our gathering. Maybe you could photocopy these sheets and send them to any you think might be interested. All Witheridge descendants and their spouses are invited to attend one or more days.

Well, that's all for now, and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Love,

David

I'm excited because. . .

Dec. 18, 1997

Dear Phil & Caenwen,

I'm glad to report that I have recently found two Witheridge descendants in New Jersey who are part of your branch of the Witheridge family. Like yours their line goes back to about 1700 in South Milton near Plymouth in South Devon. Joyce Browne had a good article about this branch of the family in the last issue of the Witheridge Times.

These newly-found relatives are Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore, and they are sisters. I've been urging them to go to England next May for the annual Witheridge gathering, so they can meet some of their Witheridge relatives and also go out to Devon to see where their ancestors came from. They both would like very much to go, if they can work it out.

The meeting this year will be in Gloucestershire, which will be a little closer to you than Devon, so I'm hoping that you two will make a special effort to go and meet these American cousins and welcome them to Britain. They will no doubt want to go to Devon, too, and those who want to will have to make a special trip there.

When I get more information about the meeting, I'll send it to you. It will be on the Bank Holiday weekend, May 2-4.

I hope you have had a good year, and I look forward to your annual letter. My health remains good, and I keep very busy. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Love,
David

Catherine Witheridge
documents

KENNETH HOUTZ
101 BIG OAKS RD
BARTLETT IL 60103

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UNITED 10 STATES

Rev David E Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue
S Minneapolis
Minnesota 55405

May you have
a very happy
and joyous Christmas

Catherine Houtz
(nee Witheridge)

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
January 5, 1975

Mrs. Kenneth Houtz
101 Big Oaks Road
Bartlett, Illinois 60103

Dear Mrs. Houtz:

We were delighted to get your card at Christmas time, but were certainly surprised to hear from you so many years after Fenwick told us about your living in Illinois. As a matter of fact, we haven't heard from him since 1968.

He probably told you that he gave me your address incorrectly as 101 Big Oaks Road, Springfield, Illinois. I tried to contact you in the fall of 1968 when we were in Springfield at a meeting, but there was no such address there. So we thought it might be a Springfield in another state. But now we have your correct address, and we hope to keep in touch with you from now on.

The only other one of your relatives from whom we have heard is Ada, the widow of your brother, L. B. Witheridge. I wrote to him in 1970, and Ada wrote and told me about his death and gave me some other information about the family. I kept thinking I would hear again from Fenwick, but I never did; and then Ada's letter got mislaid, and I got busy with other things.

Now I have put together the information I have about your parents and their children, and I'm hoping you will go over the enclosed sheet and correct or add everything you can and send it back. I'd like full names and dates and places wherever possible. I'm also enclosing a similar sheet I'd like you to return about you and your husband and your children.

I should also like to have the names and addresses of as many others of your relatives as you can give me, such as brothers and sisters, uncles, aunts, neices, nephews, cousins, and your own children if they are not living at home. I certainly don't expect to write to all of them, but I do like to have a complete and accurate record, and sometimes I do need to write for additional information.

Fenwick indicated that your great grandfather was born in Combe Martin in Devon, which is where my own Witheridge ancestors lived for several generations. For this reason I am sure you are related to me as a distant cousin. Do you know anything about your grandparents and great grandparents? Do you have any uncles or aunts who might remember some things or have some old records or letters?

I really should tell you a little about myself. I was born in Bay City, Michigan, and grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, not far from there. I began my career as a heating and ventilating engineer with my father, after graduating from the University of Michigan. Four years later I decided to be a minister, and I went to Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N. Y. Then I spent six years in Chicago as assistant minister of the Hyde Park Baptist Church, while studying for a master's degree at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

Then for 2½ years I was minister of the Marengo Baptist Church in Marengo, Illinois, which, as you may know, is half way between Elgin and Rockford. I came to Minneapolis about 24 years ago to be executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife Elizabeth also grew up in Saginaw and was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. Now she is the author of books for children and young people, having written and published seven. We have two sons: Jim, 28, is studying at the University of Minnesota; Tom, 27, is doing psychological research at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago.

Thank you for sending the Christmas card. I do look forward with great anticipation to hearing from you and receiving the information you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
June 1, 1975

Mrs. Kenneth Houtz
101 Big Oaks Road
Bartlett, Illinois 60103

Dear Mrs. Houtz:

In about three weeks Mrs. Witheridge and I will be starting a trip east to a conference, followed by a few weeks' vacation. We shall be starting out by visiting our son Tom in Chicago for a day or so.

Since we'll be going right by Elgin on the way, we thought we'd try to see you in Bartlett, if you expect to be home. We'll probably start on Friday afternoon, June 20, and drive a few hours before stopping overnight. We could probably arrive in Bartlett early Saturday afternoon, June 21, say about 2:00 p.m. We could only stay a few hours, as we want to have dinner with Tom that evening.

We do hope to get acquainted with you some time, and this seems to be a good chance. Please drop us a line and let us know if you could see us on the 21st.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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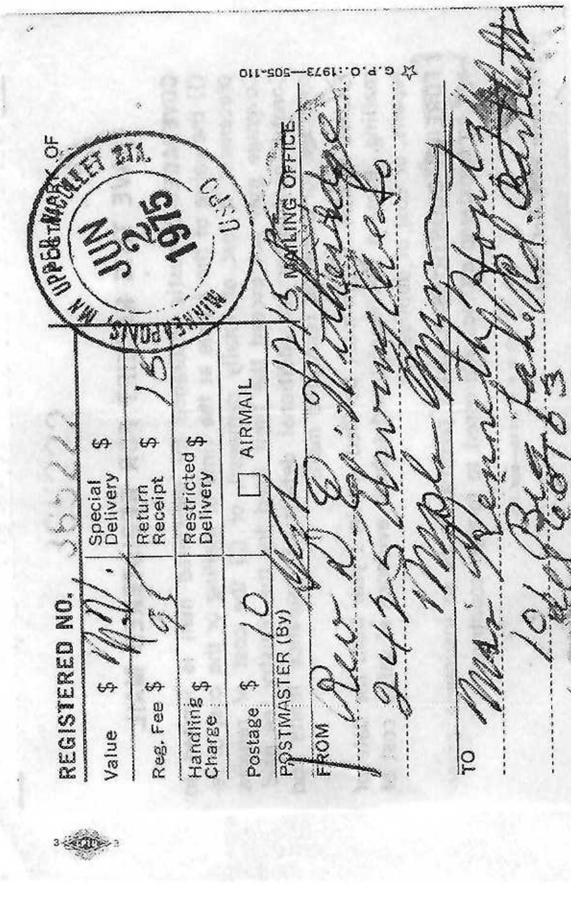

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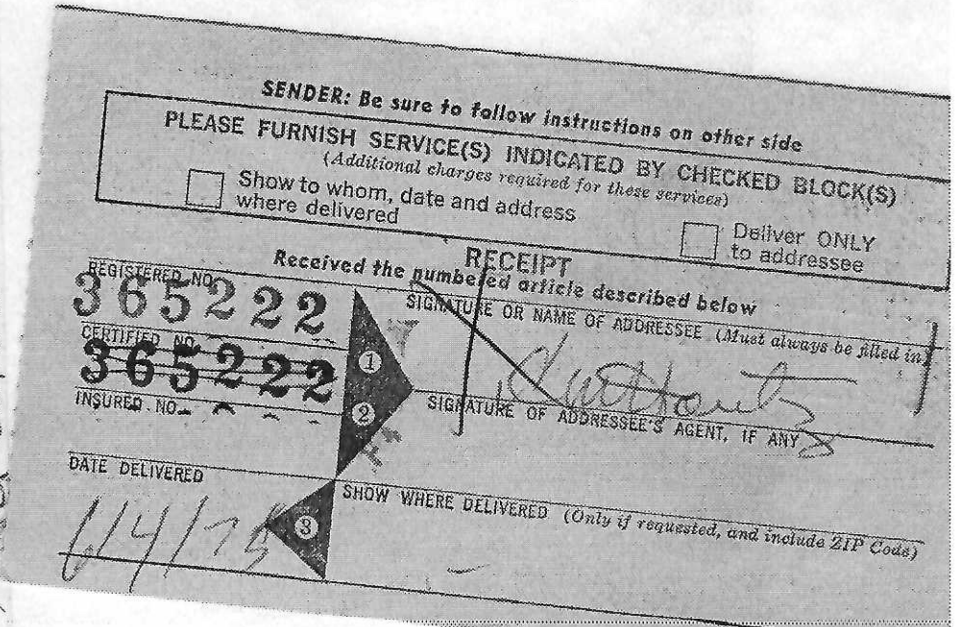

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Mrs. Kenneth E. Houtz
101 Big Oaks Road
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June 5, 1975

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

Thank you for your letters. I'm very sorry I did not acknowledge the first one. I will try to explain why when I see you.

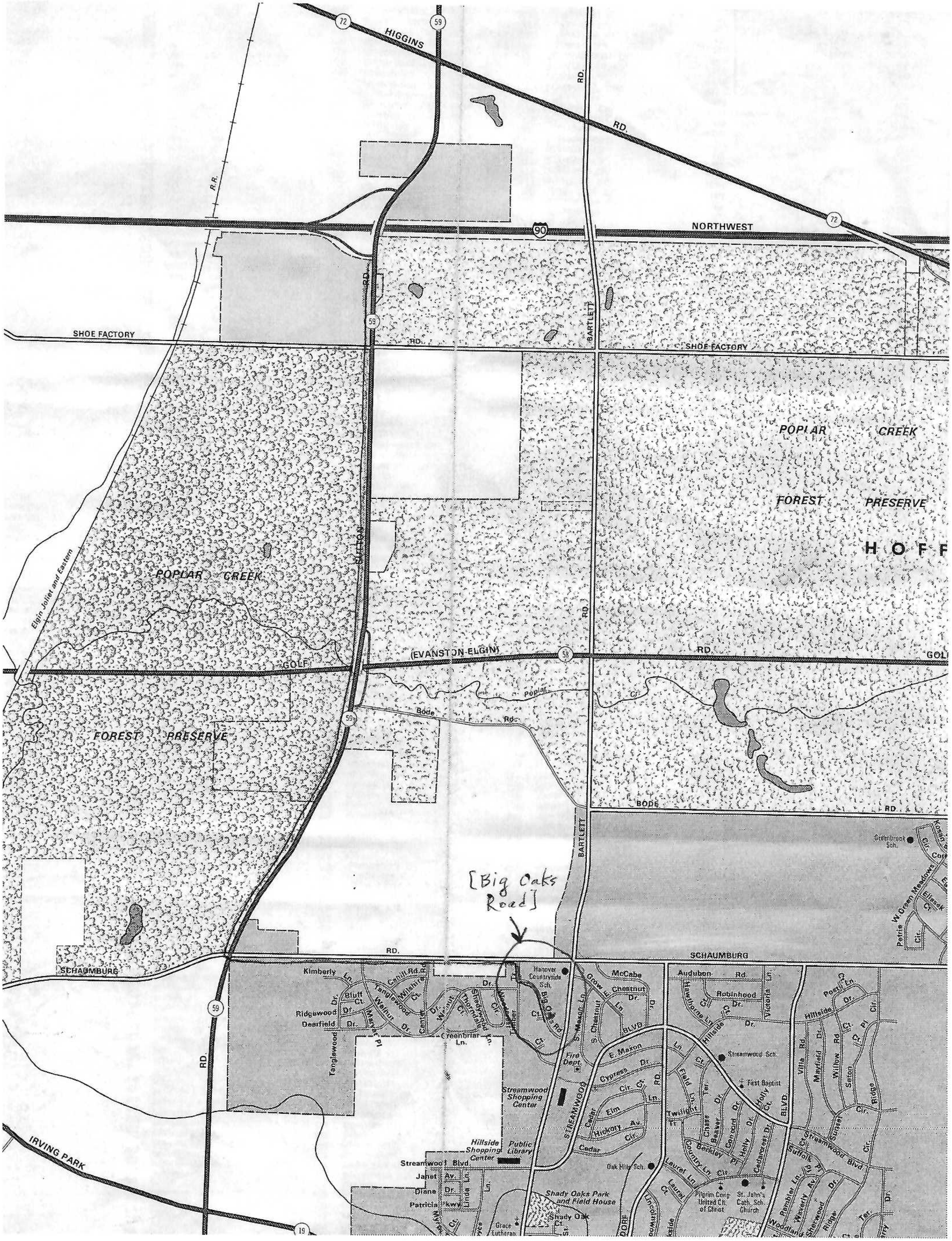
We will be home June 21st and look forward to meeting you & your wife.

I'm enclosing a rather tattered map to help you find your way. I assume you will be taking interstate 90 (Northwest Tollway) If you get off at 59 turn south to Schaumburg Rd. You will find a flashing yellow light at the intersection. Turn east on Schaumburg & go down to Timber Trail. As you will see by the map Big Oaks Rd. branches off left from Timber The house is on the left hand side of the street directly opposite the court. If you miss the Timber Road entrance, you will find the Bartlett Rd. intersection. Turn right & go up to Big Oaks Rd. Need I say we will now be on the right hand side of the Road but still opposite the court!

Have a safe trip.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Houtz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Catherine Witheridge's very
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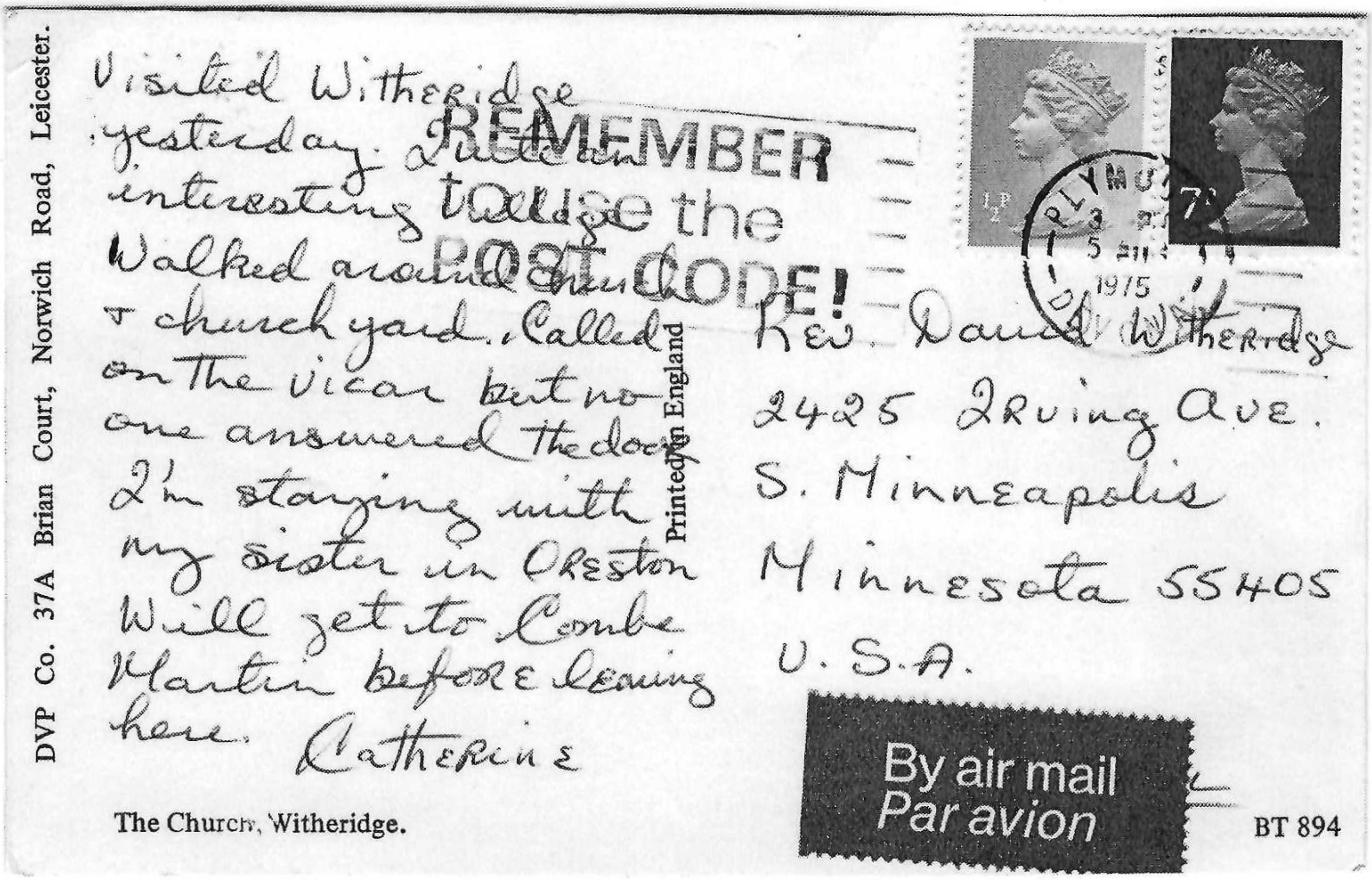

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Visited Witheridge
yesterday. Quite an
interesting village
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& church yard. Called
on the vicar but no
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Irwin Martin
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# Editor's Note

The document on the next page (CM42) — the only one in Irwin Martin's section of this folder — discusses DEW's ancestry in the North Devon seaside village of Combe Martin. He wrote this letter to Irwin and his wife, Pamela, who were invited guests at a gathering organized by Una Parsons (q,v.) and others during my parents' final trip (of three) to Britain in 1988. Apparently Irwin never replied.

Even so, the letter is useful because it briefly summarizes more than 250 years of several of Dad's ancestral lines: Davis, possibly Gear, Ley, Pine, and Witheridge. See also documents B46 and B47 in folder 1.12c.

Tom Witheridge
March 12, 2022

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
March 27, 1989

Mr. + Mrs. Martin Irwin
"Silver Creek"
Moory Meadow
Combe Martin
North Devon
England

Dear Martin + Pamela,

It hardly seems possible that it's almost a year since our very enjoyable trip to Britain. Our lives have been very full since then, and we never seem to finish all our responsibilities or the activities that seem to crop up. I have wanted to write to you many times, but couldn't seem to get at it.

Our evening in Combe Martin was one of the highlights of our trip. I'm enclosing one of the pictures I took, and I hope it will serve as a pleasant reminder of our get-together. It's too bad I didn't get a picture of Pamela, but I wasn't very well organized that evening.

Now I want to talk a little about our relationship. I understand, Martin, that you are a second cousin to Una Stock. Would that be through Archie Irwin, the brother of her grandmother, Rachael Irwin? If so, that would mean that you, like Una, are a fifth cousin of mine. Perhaps Una passed this information along to you.

Your 3-gr.-grandparents would then be John Irwin and Mary Ley Witheridge. She was the sister of my 3-gr.-grandfather, George Witheridge. Their grandparents were William Witheridge and Rebecca Ley, who were married in Combe Martin on July 20, 1723.

You indicated on the attendance list at that gathering in Combe Martin last May that you are descended from the Ley family. Is that through this Rebecca Ley, or do you also have another Ley connection?

You also listed Gear as one of your ancestral lines. Would you please tell me your Gear ancestry as far back as you have it? My Gear ancestry is as follows: My great grandfather, John Witheridge, was the son of Edward Witheridge and Mary Gear. Mary was the daughter of William Gear and Ann Davis. William was the son of Nicholas Gear and Mary Pine. Nicholas (baptized April 17, 1743, in Combe Martin) was the son of John and Emiline Gear [Gare]. Do you find any connection between your Gear family and mine? So far, I haven't found any Gear relatives in that area.

One other thing: I have Una Stock's address as 9 Oakwood Road, Shefford, Beds, but we haven't corresponded for several years. We saw her in Combe Martin last year, but I didn't mention anything about her current address. Do you know if it is the one I have?

That's all for now, but I look forward to hearing from you when you have a chance to write.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

John James
documents

Dear David & Elizabeth.

May the blessings of this Season be yours.

I do a little calligraphy which we have duplicated and hand out with the Bulletin at our monthly communion. I enjoy the reading necessary to find suitable quotations.

It's a very rewarding task.

The one I've enclosed speaks well for this lovely Season

1982

PEACE * PAIX * PAZ * МИР * 和平 *

Wishing you every blessing of the Holiday Season

John & Pat

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恭 Season's Greetings
賀 Meilleurs Voeux
新 Felices Fiestas
禧 Поздравляю

With Warm Best Wishes for a Blessed Holiday Season

John & Pat.

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Hope your research progresses satisfactorily.

Do drop a line when you have a minute.

John.

1983

Hello.

1985

Hope you are both keeping well

It has been a busy year for us the highlight of which was a trip to Germany, Swiz and England. Visited Cornwall and found a book on history of Porthleven. Later while out walking with a friend she introduced me to the author. I mentioned family interest re Wilhridge and he said there was a reference to the Wilhridges in his book. Sure enough the reference was to my g-g-grandfather & mother. He had died at sea while fishing and she had hard difficult time raising family (12) Weslyan Chapel took collection to help and she was "on the parish" Curator in Helston has given me the newspaper reference. I hope your research is going well.

At the Kirk I am now busy with Organ Com. We have ordered a new Chapel Organ from England and exploring Sanctuary Organ needs. Placement of organ is great concern as it effects style of worship. ie do we move organ and choir to rear gallery. It may involve re-ordering of chancel area.

Life is never dull!

Best wishes

John

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With warm wishes for every Joy of Christmas. John + Pat..

1986

Greetings from Vancouver.

Hope you are keeping well and your genealogical interests are a success.

It has been a red banner year for Pat & I. Went to Europe as part of an Organ Search Committee for the church. A wonderful experience. An Organ Consultant, and our organist were along too. 8 organ builders and over 20 organs visited and played. A grace-full experience. Holland, France, Switz. Germany visited. It clarified our minds in many areas of concern. Covering a large stained glass window was Pat & my main concern in discussions. Just now back from Hawaii so feeling very rested. Good health is an added blessing

John

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Best Wishes for a Happy
Holiday Season and

Send to

John James

[It isn't clear
whether he
did or didn't]

Star Tribune
8Ds Monday, January 1/1990

# Vancouver man gives away 23 buildings to start charity

**Toronto Globe and Mail**

**Vancouver, British Columbia**
A Vancouver businessman is giving away 23 apartment buildings valued at $86 million to create a charitable foundation to help the sick, homeless and aged in underdeveloped countries.

"I've seen a lot of poverty and I've seen a lot of suffering and how much money does a person need?" said Stephen Sander, 55.

The donation by Sander and his family will create a charity that will be tied with the Charles R. Bronfman Foundation as the third-richest foundation in Canada.

The charity, named the Consciousness International Foundation, will be the largest holder of prime Vancouver residential real estate. The rents collected from luxury apartments will finance such projects as hospitals, orphanages and old-age

homes in
the Third
World.

Sander said the high-rises repres
virtually all the riches he has
quired since arriving in Canada ne
ly 30 years ago. "We are turn
everything over to the charity,"
said. "I will have to work for a livi
that's all."

Sander's lawyer, Douglas Scarl
confirmed that Sander is hand
over the bulk of his fortune with
personal financial benefit.

Asked why he would do it, Sander
Sikh, referred to the Bible: "There'
saying about what good would it d
you were to acquire the world a
lose your soul."

Sander arrived in Canada in 1960
work as a schoolteacher in Bridgew
ter, Nova Scotia. He said that in
early years in Canada he was son
times stopped on the street by peo
amazed because they had never se
a person from India. His family f
Moslem-ruled Pakistan in 1947
the refugee camps of India, eventu
ly traveling to England before he w
sponsored as an immigrant to Ca
da.

Sander said the properties have
total value of about $137 millio
offset by about $43 million in mo
gages and other liabilities. He es
mated they will generate abo
$860,000 in income next year alone

3/15/89

Dear John, (James)

Having recently written to you that I don't know anything about Philemon Witheridge, I now find that you listed him as one of your great-great-uncles on the family charts you sent earlier. That just shows (1) that I can't remember everything in my records and (2) that I don't have a complete alphabetical index of all the names in my records. You probably had a good chuckle over it. Apparently you have many relatives in Australia who are descended from Philemon Witheridge. Have you made any contact with them?

Speaking of indexes, I also got to wondering if I ever before mentioned Kim Cook to you in my letters. If not, you must have wondered why I sent the picture of her family. Kim is the one in England who knows the most about Witheridge genealogy. (Her mother was a Witheridge.) She has a very complete card file index of all the Witheridges she has ever come across. I have been corresponding with her since the 1960's. She and some others have started The Witheridge Society for the benefit of all who are working on Witheridge genealogy, and I hope you will become a member of it. I don't think they have made a complete mailing yet to all the overseas Witheridge descendants, but I hope they will in the near future (when they can afford it!). I'll send you some information if you want to know more.

Must close now. Best wishes,

David

6/21/89

Dear John, James

This is just a short note to send the enclosed items. I was quite intrigued by the book announcement and sent in a subscription. Perhaps you will also be interested in it.

The article on the Witheridge Manor was sent to me by Harry Witheridge of Virginia Water, I think. It would be fun if someone in the Witheridge Society or any Witheridge descendant could afford to purchase the Manor. I never heard what happened at the auction on March 7th.

All is well here. We spent the Memorial Day weekend (May 26-29) in Chicago and enjoyed being Grandma and Grandpa to Rebecca. We're driving to Maryland and Connecticut starting July 14 and will stop in Chicago both going and coming, of course!

The best of everything to you both.

Sincerely,

David

Ans. 11/27/96
Xmas card

17, 5221 Oakmount Cresc.
Burnaby, B.C.
V5H 4R4
October 21, 1996

Dear David,
What wonderful news in the Witheridge Magazine that you had been honoured by the Society. My hat is off to you and I send my sincere congratulations. I will never forget the day I recieved your letter regarding the Witheridge connection and you took me back generation after generation. What a red letter day that was!
Are you going to be at the Witheridge Celebration next year I wonder. I have sent my reservation in and hopefully will be able to attend.

[Private information redacted]

After the Witheridge Event I will visit my cousins in Porthleven and attend the Helston Flora Day celebrations. My cousin (also with Witheridge connections) has danced the event many times and it is on May 7 so the timing is perfect.
Pat won't be able to be with me for the first part of the holidlay as she is chair of the Division of Financial Resources of the B.C. Conference of the United Church of Canada. She has to attend the Conference and present the budget etc. She will come over a week or so later and then we will enjoy a lovely holidlay together.
I hope you are keeping well. I am so looking forward to meeting you in person. Your letters have such charm and friendliness which is a wonderful Witheridge characteristic I like to think. Meeting you in person would give such pleasure. I hope that you will be able to attend.
I must close now. By the way, I have just recieved from the Cornish Studies Library in Redruth, Corn. a news clipping from the West Briton of the death of Robert Witheridge, my great grandfather. I will enclose a copy. What a time poor Elizabeth must have had bringing up a larger family.
Once again... Congratulations!!!

With Warm Best Wishes.

John

Subj: **2000 Greetings**
Date: 1/9/00 12:24:20 AM Central Standard Time
From: jpjames@telus.net (John James)
Reply-to: jpjames@telus.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

> Hello David.

My E-mail "Holiday Greetings"was returned and I now see that I had typed
lower case letters for DW and included an e in Witheridge I am trying
again. Your E-mail address is given in two ways. One in the Journal and
when I asked kathy Witheridge she gave me another. If at first you don't
suceed........In any case here I am again. Hope everything is well with
you.
John

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> Subject: Holiday Greetings
> Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 11:28:23 -0800
> From: John James <jpjames@telus.net>
> To: dwitheridge@aol.com
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> Hello David,
> I am so pleased to see that you have e-mail. What an ideal vehicle for
> communication.
> I hope you are keeping well and active. No doubt you will be enjoyng the
> Christmas with your family. What a blessing they are!
> Ours will all descent on us Christmas day after a visit to my brother in
> the AM. Then on Boxing Day they return to pick the turkey clean so to
> speak. Great fun and the children add so much to the festivities.
> I can.t help wondering what toys I will be allowed to play with this
> year. I hope they are at table height as I find the floor is getting
> further down each year!
> I expect you have our Christmas Greeting (snail-mail) so there is little
> to add. This note is just a short "check in".
> I am sorry that your travelling days are over as you mentioned in your
> Card. Pat and I are off again in Jan and hope that we will be able to
> continue. We both keep well and are determined to continue travelling as
> long as we are able and as long as the bank account can stand it.
> We had thought of attending the Witheridge Reunion but with the January
> trip and then again Obergamergau in October it seems wise to say no. I
> hope it is a success. I don.t know how many plan to attend.
> Kathy Witheridge in Sarnia has been very helpful and sent me some
> interesting material. Perhaps she sent it to you also. I was able to
> send her a Dairy of my uncle Edwin Keeling covering his trip across
> Canada when he emigrated. What a dreadful experience it must have been.
> He worked his way across and of course was taken advantage of many
> times.... no money and it seems little to eat at times. We always used
> to think of him as "cheap" or to put it more politely, very very
> careful.Reading his dairy one can see that he was a product of his youth
> and the difficult times they had. For years we all casually judged him
> and reading his dairy puts a new light on his character.
> Is there a bit of a lesson (sermon) in this?
> KAthy is writing something of my family but I don't know where she
> obtained her material aside from the articles in the Witheridge Times
> which isn't too contemporary. She even seems to know the name of the
> ship which my people came to Canada on which surprises me. I filled her

> in on some info and am looking forward to reading her material.
> Don't know why she took it on.
> Do you find that much of the Witheridge material is scattered around the
> globe with no central repository? I know there is someone who is
> supposed to be guiding such research but the material seems so
> scattered. I have suggested to Joyce Browne that perhaps some attention
> should be given to this. Did I mention previously that the Laity family
> (Mothers family connection.Bawden ) has been working on this for some
> time and I have the complete print out of of the family world wide. It
> is hundreds and hundreds of pages long and so well arranged. I wish the
> Witheridge Soc would undertake such a programme. It would be good if we
> could share the costs and put all the material is some tangible,
> conprehensive form. I sent some of the Laity pages to Joyce and she
> seemed interested but I don't know if anything will come of it. It is
> something that two or three would have to take on. Preferably those with
> some computer skills. (and time)
> This was to have been just a short note but again I got carried away.
> I could write of some of my other research areas which you might find
> interesting but more of that anon now that we have e-mail contact.
> With Kind Regards and Best Wishes for every Blessing this Holiday
> Season/
> John
> NB I have just heard from John and Mayda. He has owed me a letter for
> years and had never replied to three letters. It was good to hear from
> him and now I will have to digest his reply and search out my letters in
> which I posed some questions. A New Years task!

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Subj: **Re: 2000 Greetings**
Date: 1/10/00 7:33:10 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: jpjames@telus.net

Hi, John,

Thanks for your Holiday Greeting. I wish for you, too, a Happy New Millennium!

This new e-mail communication is a great advance over the old snail mail. I don't think the small or large dw would make any difference in my address, but it was the e at the end that did.

Best wishes to you and Pat.

David

Subj: **Congratulations!!!**
Date: 8/16/00 8:06:05 PM Central Daylight Time
From: jpjames@telus.net (John James)
Reply-to: jpjames@telus.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

Hello David,
Just a quick note to congratulate you and your wonderful article in the Witheridge Times. My, you set such a high example in research! Would that we all were as skilled.
I, too, have had success in South African research with respect to my mothers family. I kept a note regarding my grandnothers sister who married and emigrated to South AFrica and had a distiguished career in connection the the Reservoir on Table Mountain. I wrote the Library in Capetown and they replied that there had just been a Celebration regarding the building of the Reservoir and many of the families involved had attended. She gave me a name in addition to material published in connection with the Celebration. I have had a wonderful correspondence with one of the gr grandaughters How we enjoy those RED LETTER DAYS!!!
I feel quite sad about the disappointing attendance at the recent ge together in Devon. What a sad thing and those who managed the event must have been so disappointed. It seems to me though that they should have known much before the event of the lack of interest..... not necessarily lack of interest but maybe lack of funds etc... It is very costly to travel in England now with the pound being so high in value.
I was pleased to see that my suggestion regarding a central depository for research material was discussed. The Laity material I have is several hundred pages long and covers the name World wide. Both the Witheridge family and my James family have a connection. I have sent them updated material and it will be added to the next edition. I hope that some person or persons will volunteer and get the matter running.
I hope that you are keeping well and active.
I will close now and get back to you.... Pat has just called me for dinner!!! There are several other matters which I would like to cover.
Most Kind Regards
The Lord Be With You
John

Subj: **Jottings from John**
Date: 8/17/00 12:24:42 AM Central Daylight Time
From: jpjames@telus.net (John James)
Reply-to: jpjames@telus.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (David Witheridge)

Hello David
Here I am again.
It is quite an undertaking for Kathy to try to arrange a Witheridge Meeting in eastern Canada next year. I was pleased to see that you had indicated an interest. I too have passed on my interest. Hopefully it will be in Sept. Pat and I had planned to visit Eastern Canada then so that we might enjoy the Fall colouring. I am looking forward to it and wish Kath every success.
I have just checked out the Witheridge Web Site and find that there is nothing new on it. The material is something like a year old. I hope information about the last Annual meeting appears soon. It would be nice to see some current pictures.
I don't know if I mentioned that I am writing my history. What a j0b!!!
I am just up to age 30 and have indicated to Pat that 30 plus is her responsibility(said I with a wink) I must say, I have enjoyed doing it.
I have passed a book dealing with the task to two of my cousins trying to encourage them to begin. I won't hold my breath though.They weren't very receptive. However, my brother Robert has taken the bull by the horns and completed his. I have yet to read it but I am so pleased that he undertook it.
Have you ever Journaled? I should think your family would enjoy your writing. What a gift.
We have just had a Minister friend, Rev. Shank, drop by for a visit and I have been encouraging him to start. He still preaches often and prepares his sermons on the computer. I suggested that he end his sermons with a Journal section for his own use. He passes on the Sermon to his church for publication. He looked at me somewhat shocked.
Journally is becoming very popular though and there are magazines dealing with the task. You should think about it if you haven't already.
We are off tomorrow to Naramata, a small United Church Educational Facility in the Okanagan. Our whole family is attending this week and we usually visit for the music concert given at the end of the week. It is a Music Camp and they practice every day in preparation for the Saturday concert. It is a wonderful event which we enjoy very much. Wonderful what they accomplish.There will be eleven of us there come Saturday.
Here I am rattling on and on and this was to be a short note. Nice to write with a reference to church matters to someone synpathetic.
Nice to hear from you if you have a minute.
Best Regards.John

My Salutation at the end of my last E-mail has taken on more meaning recently. The beauty of those five words and their significance is heartfelt. Sometimes we are inclined to use them very casually and the deeper meaning of them is lost. The Lord Be With You.
John

Subj: **Response**
Date: 8/23/00 3:42:26 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: jpjames@telus.net

Hi, John,

Thank you for your warm congratulations on my article in the Witheridge Times. Unfortunately, at my age (I just turned 86) I'm slowing down and can't do as many things or do them as fast as I used to.

I'm glad you had such good luck in your South African project. Yes, it's quite a thrill to make such discoveries.

I, too, am sorry about the lack of interest in the Witheridge Day event in England. They don't have the excuse of distance, as we do in North America. I think Kathy will get a good turnout at next year's Canadian reunion. However, I won't be going, because I've given up all travel. My general health is good, but at my age travel is too stressful.

I looked at the Witheridge web site some time ago, but not recently. I seem to be so busy at other things that I don't spend much time on the Internet.

As for writing down my own history and that of my family, I've made a start and that's about all. I feel a great sense of urgency about this, since my time is rapidly getting shorter, but I let myself get distracted too easily by other things. Thanks for the reminder.

Right now I'm spending more time on my mother's German ancestry than I am on the Witheridge line. This is complicated by the fact that my Nemitz grandparents came from Pomerania, a part of Germany that is now mostly in Poland. Fortunately, I did discover a second cousin once removed who lives in the part of Pomerania that is still in Germany, and he has been a great help.

It was good to hear from you and to know that you and Pat are doing well.

"And the Lord be with you, also."

Best regards, David

Clara Mae Witheridge (b. 1894)
documents

# Editor's Note

Clara Mae Witheridge (b. 1894) was my dad's aunt. Her memories and current knowledge provided him with much of the foundation he needed in order to commence serious research on his Witheridge, Allen, and allied lines, particularly with regard to those still living in Britain. Her July 16, 1961, letter starting on the next page was the first document in her file. I think the typed portion is Dad's transcript of the initial pages (but I'm not absolutely sure, because he doesn't claim credit, and I haven't seen Clara Mae's handwritten versions of the first two pages, if they exist); another good possibility is that Louise (see the first bullet below) did the typing before turning the letter over to Dad. Pages 3-4 are by Clara Mae's own hand. Despite having read Dad's Witheridge- and Allen-related documents at least once, I may have to make educated guesses about some of the people she mentions here. My best attempt at a "decoder" for Clara Mae's letter is as follows:

On the first two pages (typed):

- "Louise": This is DEW's sister, my Aunt Louise (born Witheridge, married surname Mark).
- "Jennifer": This is Jennifer Mark, my first cousin Jenni (now using her married surname, Burke), Louise's daughter and DEW's niece, who was about to start Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. She started out by living with our family for a while across the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.
- "James III" (James Frederick Mark III, also known as Jaimie): This is Louise's son, my first cousin, who had studied at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY (concentrating on clarinet performance), and was beginning advanced work at the Royal College of Music in London.
- "Kathleen": This is Kathleen June Monnelly (b. 1936), a younger cousin of Dad's in the Allen line. For her and other Allen-related people mentioned here, see Dad's Allen family circle, the first document in folder 1.2b.
- "Grand Mother" (4th paragraph of page 1) is probably Clara Mae's grandmother, Christiana Richards (bapt. 1820) — unless, for some reason, she's referring to Louise's grandmother, Mary Jane Allen (b. 1857).
- "My brother" in paragraph 5 of page 1: Sorry, I can't figure out which brother this would be.
- "Allen" in paragraph 6: Ditto.
- "Milicent Roberts" near the bottom of page 1: Clara Mae probably means Eva Mildred Allen (b. 1896), generally known as Milly, whose married name was Roberts (Eva married William John Roberts).
- "Monnelly" near the bottom of page 1: Clara Mae is referring to the Monnelly family in Wales (see Kathleen Monnelly above).
- "Geo. Chiver's aunt" near the bottom of page 1: This probably refers to Susanna Witheridge (b. 1866). George Chivers's parents were Alfred William Chivers (b. ca. 1858, m. 1880) and Elizabeth (Betsy) Witheridge (b. 1858); Betsy and Susanna were sisters.
- "Aunt Susie Witheridge" at the bottom of page 1: See Susanna in the previous bullet; Susannah in the next bullet was Susanna's daughter.
- "Susannah Adams Argust" at the bottom of page 1: Susannah (b. 1890) became a major source for Dad.
- "Geo. Adams" at the top of page 2: George was Dad's first cousin once removed; his mother was the Susanna (b. 1866) above.
- "Milicent Allen": See the bullet for Milicent Roberts above.
- "Will Roberts": See the index listing for William (Bill) Tudor Roberts (b. 1921).
- Sorry, but I can't figure out any of the remaining names on the two typed pages (pp. 1-2).

On the two handwritten pages (pp. 3-4):

- "This young man — Father's first name — He a doctor": She's referring to William Monnelly, who married Mattie Eileen Allen (b. 1904).
- "Martin": This is Kathleen Monnelly's (see above) younger brother, Martin Clive Monnelly (b. 1946).
- "Cousin Eileen Allen": This is Mattie Eileen Allen (b. 1904).

Tom Witheridge
March 16, 2022

[See the preceding editor's note]

July 16, 1961

1 Dear Louise & family,

We are so happy to hear about your children, and they really going places. Will be nice for Jennifer and also David and family - because we know ~~who~~ she a lovely girl and would be a welcome in anyone home. Best of everything for her you did not say what she plans to take up at College.

2 It just wonderfull to know James III will be able to continue his music in London England what a wonderfull thing for him.

You will sure miss the children and it would be nice if he could meet some of his second cousins. I believe Martins sister name Katheleen, and she is well educated and also had 18 Mo - government service - she wrote me while there in service and seemed quite nice - returned home Jan. 1, 1961.

3 I am glad to know Jennifer and you like what I sent of Grand Mothers and some day - when I think I won't need some other pieces of china I won't forget you both. I treasure my mothers old pieces of China and a few pieces of silver and copper wear that I have and it nice to know some of her younger generation would also enjoy them.

Nice to hear my brother is able to get out and go place with his family. Give him my love and a big kiss.

Allen's close vision hasn't clear up.

P.M. July 15

4 Florence Whitney my girl friend of younger year was here and she left today for her home East Lansing, Michigan

I hope you can make out the address and just how related to family.

Write again. I enjoy your letter.

With love
Aunt Clara Mae

When Jaimie is settled in London, send me his address and I will write to Milicent Roberts and Monnelly.

V Geo. Chiver's aunt also he may be able to help here.

This is Aunt Susie Witheridges (Grandfather Witheridge's sister's) daughter
Wm.
address: Susannah Adams Argust
Ilford -
Tansey Green
P Gensnett
Nr. Brierley Hill — near Dudley
~~S. Aaffi (Caffi)~~ near Birmingham
England Staffordshire

Clara's [illegible]

(father's first cousin)

and son: Geo. Adams
4 Mountain Road
Cumomon (Cumaman) Cwmaman
Aberdare —— a mining area (Muirhead)
South Wales

There people may not even live here now, haven't hear in years from them

I

Milicent Allen Josiah?
Uncle Joe Allen daughter - your grandmothers brother

Mr. & Mrs. Will Roberts
48 Thompson St.
Y/Ynysybwl about 65 plus
Nr. Pontypridd
Glam. South Wales
They have a son who teaches art in school - single man.

Grandmothers two neices - from the same mother (Eliz. was grand sister) grandmother's

Mrs. Christina Morris
34 Pentreporth Furnace
Lanelly - Carmarthenshire
South Wales
in late 80

II

Mrs. Sally Allen
in late 80

new 1961
Address-

20 Hedley Terrace
Llanelly - Carmarthenshire
South Wales

Louise

Pontypridd, S. Wales
Llanelly, Carmarthen,
Merthyr - Tydfil, Glam
Ilford - near London
Aberdare, S. Wales
S. Aaffi, England

now I just can't recall
This young man - Father's first
Name - He a doctor -
Martin about 16 - and
a sister about 23 - (Kathleen?)
His mother is cousin
Eileen Allen - Uncle Joe Allen's
youngest daughter - (Josiah?)

address - (Jamie heard from him)

Martin Monnelly -
Alexandra Rd -
Merthyr. Tydfil
Glam
South Wales -

Thorneycroft
↑
This must be the
name of their house

I am sure if Jaimie knew
a young man from there, he
certainly would know
just about where
these places are -
I could be a little off on
the spelling - some time
hard to make out their
address - but I write
Milicent, Sal, & Chris
3 or 4 time a yr - &
they do the same.

We had a letter from
Martin Monnello this
Spring -

Aug. 4. 1963

2245 Grove Ave-
No. Sacramento 95815-
Calif

Dear Elizabeth & Davis:

I am sure you be shocked and surprised to hear from me-

We sorry to hear of your Dad's passing and my Bro- but we also feel it was for the best and he must have suffered so much- one wonder some time why such a good man has to suffer so much at the end when person of low caliber seem to go right now-

Allen seem quite well and get around good- but fine otherways- he has difficult with his sight. that big stroke he had in 61 & then another nov. 62 - injured the brain in regard to sight.

I am quite well & we are enjoying our later lives to-gether - I do the the driving now -

Well One reason I am writing is because after all these yrs - I have been & attended Baptist Churches -

3 Sunday ago the New Minister at the Church had no "Lord Pray" so I said him on the way out & he said come the next Sunday & I'll tell you why.

First he think it is just a ritual -

~~[illegible]~~ How can any person come here on Sunday morning & said the Lord Pray if during the wk. he bowls out his neighbor if his dog or cat tear up his flowers love thy neighbor + so on thru the play - some incident he would have for all phrases of prayer to ~~be~~ me it just ridiculed our Lord Pray.

To me it very sacred it what I learned has a very small child + when I said the Lord Pray Sunday in Church I meant every word I say - it give me a lift for the rest of week.

What our small children going to - do - if not allowed to repeated the Lord Pray Sun. A.M.

What you teach a child in infancy they dont

depart from it, regardless what
come by later in life -
Are you or have you taken
it from your Church
Service -
I have been giving it quite
a bit of thought since it
happend 3 wks. ago -
Is this the trend to
ward world church unity -
where the Christian Church
will have to give up to
such has Jew - Catholic -
I attend a Christian
Church this A.M. with
some friend - I was telling
her about Our Lord Pary
taken from Church - & she
said we have it every
Sunday - & Believe me or
not - they didnt have it
so now they are going

3 [Note that this is the second p. 3]

see why this happend.
So I just wonderd if this
the new treand to do
away with our fundamental
of real old Baptist Church.

I guess I am a little to old
fashion this rapidly moving
world
And the Pray & Bible from
our Schools.
Now ~~said~~ say Dear Ones.
I would have written my Bro.
if he was a live & I mean
if he ~~was in~~ had been in good health
to try & tell me what it
all about.
We hope you both are
just fine & your family
It wont be long before
Jennifer will be back
with your vacation over

4 [This is the second p.4]

Allen & I really just fell
in love with her — 1958
Wish we could have the
pleasure of enjoying her
company!

With Love
Sincerely
Your Aunt Clara Mae
Uncle Allen
Marquis

Next Sunday I am going to
try + visit
Rev. Wilbur C. Christians
of First Baptist Church
in Sacramento
He came here a number of years
ago in or near Chicago —
see if he has Lord Prayer

2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 18, 1965

Dear Aunt Clara Mae:

We were very happy to have your letter when we returned from our recent trip. We were in Saginaw for about a week and spent a few days in Chicago on the way there. We also stopped off to see Louise and Jim in Grand Rapids.

[Death of DEW's father (her brother)]

Thank you for your expression of sympathy. Father was failing fast, and it was certainly for the best that he did not linger any longer. He lived a full and wonderful life, and we gained a great deal from him.

Regarding your question about the Lord's Prayer, I have not noticed any trend toward dropping it from church services, at least in our part of the country. I preached in a Baptist church this morning where it is used every Sunday, and the Baptist church to which our family belongs also used it every week. I know there are some churches where it is said only occasionally instead of every week, but I think this is mainly because that is the tradition in their denomination.

I agree with you that we would lose something if we dropped the Lord's Prayer from our services. Even though some people say it without thinking, the proper remedy would be to try harder to give it meaning, rather than to drop it altogether.

I was very much interested in your plans to visit the church where Rev. Wilbur C. Christians is the minister. I knew him well in Chicago, and I hope you introduced yourself and told him you were my aunt. I know he would remember me. Did they use the Lord's Prayer in their service?

Now I have some help I would like from you. In recent months I have been trying to compile the information on our family history, and the facts are hard to find. Louise said you sent some information about relatives over in England for Jaimie to look up, so I'm hoping you have some of the data I need. I got some information from Margaret Mushlow and from George Chivers when I was in Saginaw.

[Asks for basic facts about her/his family]

The enclosed sheet shows what I know about your father and mother and their children. As you can see, it is incomplete. Would you please check this information, fill in what else you know, and send this back to me? Is there a family that contains this and perhaps other information?

I no longer have the addresses of any of Uncle Elijah Allen's children or grandchildren. Please send me any of these addresses you may have.

Yours sincerely,

[This page and the three following it were Clara Mae's response to DEW's Aug. 18, 1963, request.]

8/25/63

✓ Mary Jane Allen { born Jan 13-1856 Swansea - So. Wales.

death

✓ William Wetheridge Sr. - Aug - 9 - 1935 -

✓ Mary Jane Wetheridge Buried Inglewood -

✓ Mary Jane Allen born Jan. 13. 1856 -

✓ Have no date of Elizabeth marriages

✓ Clara May - May 25 - 1883 - Porth - Eng

✓ John Allen. April 23 - 1885 - Porth S. Wales "

✓ Geo. Allen Mar. 4 - 1887 - ~~[illegible]~~ glomorganshire Eng

✓ Christina Aug - 16 - 1888 Sherrodsville Ohio - ~~S. Wales~~

✓ Edward Allen Sept. 6 - 1891 - Sherrodsville

✓ Clara Mae May 18 - 1894 - Sherrodsville Ohio

✓ Allen R. Marquis Feb 7 - 1890 - Roscoe mo

✓ Geo. Married Almeada Mary Merrill Sept 11 - 1908 ~~Sept 11 - 1908~~

✓ (we had a daughter Born Dec. 25 - 1916 Clara Ruth Wallace lived 5 days

✓ (Clara Mae Wetheridge, Oliver S. Wallace Dec. 5 - 1915 (nov - 1921

No date or place of death -

✓ ✓ First Clara Mae lived about 6 mo - have no record

✓ Don't know date of Elizabeth married

✓ Clara Mae & Allen R. Marquis June 1 - 1925

Dora born Oct. 30 - 1876 canada

✓ John & Dora Henry - Married Oct 28 - 1919 -

✓ Dora passed away July 25. 1958 - Inglewood Cal

✓ Have no record of Verd & John - marriages.

dont remember her given name

The family Bible was turned
over to Edward last fall
by my Bro. John -

so what is not complete
it may be in old Bible -

Ed. address 206 Reed St.
Port Townsend Wash -

Mrs E. B. Smally
Carmel New York
She is Cousin May Allens only
daughter - May has passed away -

Rev
Arthur Allen is still living & last
oct 21 1962
nov - celebrated his 50th year in
ministry -
And I believe ~~Aunt~~ Cousin Lizzie ~~Uncle~~ cousin Will
Allen wife still living -
You write Esther F Smally

and I sure she can tell you
about Uncle Elijah Allen's Children_
But the last I heard ~~Fred~~ Arthur Allen
& ~~B~~ Will's wife the only ones left_
You know Uncle Elijah sons_
all were minister_ John
the oldest passed away years
& years ago_ Joe_ Fred, Will,
Arthur & one daughter May_
This is not in the order of
their ages_

This is quite a mess that is
why I perfer you write
it down on record.

Sun. Aug. 25-1963

Dear Elizabeth & David.
I attended, Rev. Christian's Church
this A.M. & introduced my self
want to know all about you
but all could said connected with Greater
Minn Council of Church_

He has large Church to morning services —

& Had the Lords Pray —

Rev. Christian is a good speaker & can deliver one good sermond. Enjoyed him very much.

Sending the Bulletin for you to read.

Next Month if all goes well I am looking forward to a visit from my sister Christina. Edward expect to try another operation on his ear — for hearing the last not successful will go to Seattle Oct. 5 —

Hope you can read this —

love
Aunt Claramae

[The date for this document is ambiguous. Most of the information is from Clara Mae, with additional material by DEW and his sister-in-law, Janice Witheridge.]

JPW8-8

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name in Full Clara Mae Witheridge (Maiden Name, if a Woman)

Date and Place of Birth May 18-1894 - Sherrodsville Ohio

Date and Place of Death

Address, if Living 2245 grove Ave. Sacramento Date Jan-29-66

Father's Name in Full William Witheridge

Mother's Maiden Name in Full Mary Jane Allen

Married to (1st) Oliver Wallace (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage Saginaw mich Dec 5-1914

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death Rex l Wallace Dec. 21-1915 Dec. 25-1915

Marriage Ended by D. N. 1922 - Date

See below

Married to (2nd) Allen R Marquis [b. 26. 7, 1890 Roscoe, Mo.] (b) (Full Name)

Date and Place of Marriage Los Angeles Cal - June 1-1925

Children, with Dates of Birth and Death None

Marriage Ended by Death of Allen Date Mar. 27, 1966, Sacramento, Calif.

Education, with Places and Dates: St. Charles Mich - 1902

1902 - 1912 Saginaw mich

Occupation, with Places and Dates:

nurse - Saginaw County Hospital - 1920 1922

Other Places of Residence, with Dates:

Los Angeles. Cal. 1922 - 1932.

Montana 1932 - 1936

Wash - 1936 - 1940

Sacramento 1940 - 1966

Religious Affiliations:

Baptist

Other Experiences or Activities:

This was written on the back side by DEW

(b) Inf from Janice Witheridge

Wife of DEW's brother, John

Recognition or Honors Received:

(Use reverse side and other sheets for additional information) 6/64

[Memories of her parents, DEW's grandparents] 1/31/66

Dear Elizabeth & David

You asked about your Grand parents of Witheridge side.

I always felt bad that my oldest Brother Children never enjoy the pleasure, companionship of two wonder person.

They lived for their Children also wanted to accept their sons - & daughter in law - But your mother alway held her self sort of ~~att~~ aloof from the family - therefor our oldest brother didnt mingle with us & we missed him

We had a most wonderfull dad. He was a great pal - I have so many grand memories - Just sorry Allen & I had no Children to tell it to -

He was a good Christian man - & alway could see some good in ever one.

He brought up 14 good boys & 3 girls.

Mother was sweet & kind, gracious She wasnt to strong never weight much over 100 lbs. She was a wonderfull dress maker, & cook.

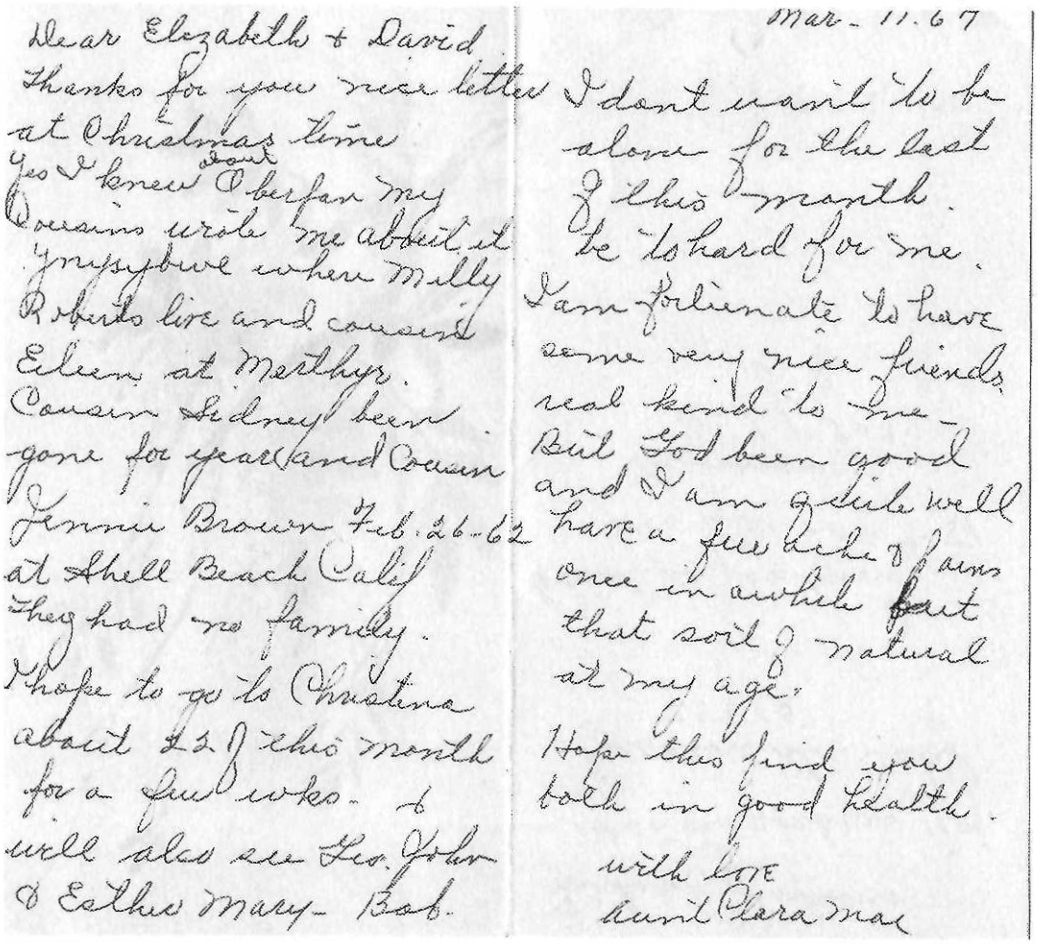
we had such wondufull family
get to gether and How Robert
Richard, Esther Mary- love to go to
Grandma & stay with her- She
love to sit & rock them & tell
them story or read to them-

Dad died at 79 yrs. and
Mother nearly 86- but after Dad
passing Mother didnt want to
live she was ready to go to her
maker- & when her time came
she went to sleep- so ~~pte~~ peacefull-

We are quite well-
I would like to go to L.A this yrs-
but so hard to travel any way but
by Car. ~~He~~ Allen just dont get around
Normally on account of his eye are
off blance by stroke-
I dont care to drive 400 miles
just Allen & I. Allen will be 76- 7-6
Edward was here for 5 das. 6 72
in Jan. & we enjoy him so much.
a good man so kind to Allen.
We miss Mable also.

love Aunt Clara Mae

[Mar. 11, 1967]



Mar - 11. 67

Dear Elizabeth + David
Thanks for you nice letter
at Christmas time
Yes I knew about before my
Cousins wrote me about it
Ynysybwl where Milly
Roberts live and cousin
Eileen at Merthyr.
Cousin Sidney been
gone for year and Cousin
Jennie Brown Feb. 26-62
at Shell Beach Calif
They had no family.
I hope to go to Christina
about 22 of this month
for a few wks. &
will also see Geo. John
& Esther Mary - Bob.

I dont want to be
alone for the last
of this month
be to hard for me.
I am fortunate to have
some very nice friends
real kind to me -
But God been good
and I am quite well
have a few ache & pains
once in awhile but
that sort of natural
at my age.

Hope this find you
both in good health.

with love
Aunt Clara Mae

[Her husband, Allen Marquis had died in 1966.]

Richard Jenkins ✓
1405 Lockbrae Rd.
Sacramento. Calif
95815

Christina Jenkins ✓
4454 - W - 104th St
Lennox
Calif 90304

May 18-1970

Dear Elizabeth & David.

You will see by the Enclosed card your Uncle passed away.

I went to Esther Mary and on April 23 - we helped him celebrate his 85 yrs. And he seems quite well & happy. On 26 he called Sis. & I & said I call again 28

John went to Healafoat he was in a rest home & had a real nice room & bath & his own T.V. & bed & some pieces of furniture.

& he said to lady sat next to him if I dont come down to lunch tell the lady at desk. So they found him 12.15 sitting in a chair, passed away. So they really dont know just when it happened.

Edward son Robert was at Edward at time he been called up there because Edward was quite ~~sick~~ ill - but did come back for services & Edward is much better - Ed had Flu then a heart attack, & his eye operation which not a success.

I hope this find you & Elizabeth & family O.K.

love Aunt Clara Mae

[Death of DEW's uncle, John Allen Witheridge (b. 1885)]

May 31, 1970

Dear Aunt Clara Mae,

Thank you for your letter and the folder you enclosed about Uncle John's memorial service. Of course, we were sorry to hear about this, and we know that all of you out West will miss him very much.

Uncle John was the only one of the family I never knew. He told me in a letter in 1966 that he had left Saginaw in 1908, and I wasn't born until 1914. I don't remember that he ever returned to Saginaw for a visit.

I'm glad he just passed away peacefully in his chair, so he didn't have to suffer long.

I'm trying to remember about his second wife, Vera. It seems to me she died about a year ago, and I assume that is why Uncle John moved into the rest home.

As I said, I don't really know much about Uncle John's life. Maybe you'd tell me more about him the next time you write. For example, what did he do for a living?

Apparently he preceded all of you out to California. He said he left Saginaw in 1908 and arrived in California in 1910. Where was he in between? It's too bad he never had any children.

Somewhere I got the notion that Uncle John was a singer in his earlier years - Is that right? Did he have any other hobbies or interests?

You didn't mention your own health at the moment, so I hope that means you are in good health. I'm glad you are able to travel around, and I am sure all the relatives are delighted to see you from time to time.

Jim has returned home from San Francisco and is now working in St. Paul. Tom is still in Boston, which seems like a long way away. We did have a long telephone conversation with him a few weeks ago.

Hope to hear from you again soon -

Love,

David - Elizabeth

Aug 7-1970.

Dear Elizabeth & David

I am now at your Aunt Christina for 10 days. She wasnt feeling so well so I came down- We are hoping to go to Edward in Sept. if we both keep well. Edward has been having so much trouble with is eyes. and other old age aches & pain- Our Geo. is just fine and goes to Flower Shop every day but Monday- his day off. He has given the shop to his daughter Esther Mary- but Geo loves to work with flowers. and it sure keep him young.

yes John did return to Saginaw
Nov - 1918 - His number was up for
induction in 1 War. so he came
from L.A to said so long - but
the morning he was to report
for induction Nov. 11 - the War was
over - so John didnt go.

Vera passed away april. 69.
and after that he moved to a
vet home at Van. Nys. Cal. nearer
Geo, Esther, Bob.

John work for yrs. with Owl
Drug Co. his last job was floor
manger at 7 & Broadway & he
retired from that store -
He lived in L.A all this time
till after Vera & he married & he
sold his home & moved to Long Beach
where Vera died - in nursing home
Cancer of Brain.

John had a beautifull voice was
chair directors & sang solo most
of his life in the Church.
in early day he was with the
Orphum circit & travel with
a quarter till he said life was
to hard moving from place to
place.

And he loved to grow flowers.
he sure had a green thumb.
at John birthday party he said
the sadden things was he couldnt
sing an more

I will be going home
after his Birthday Aug. 16.
love Clara Mae

Editor's note: At the time when this was written, DEW had traced his Witheridge line to George Witheridge (bapt. 1766); he ultimately reached Nicholas Witheridge (m. 1553). See folder 1.1a, pages 17 and 26. TFW, Mar. 17, 2022.

12/12/75

Dear Aunt Clara Mae,

It was good to get your Christmas card and note the other day. We know you must have had a good time when all of you were together, We would have enjoyed it, too.

It's fortunate that you are able to get around and take Aunt Christina to the doctor's.

Next summer when I get a few months off as a study leave we hope to go to England. We'll visit the British Council of Churches and some local councils of churches, but we'll also have time to visit as many relatives as we can find.

I have traced our Witheridge ancestry back → as far as George Witheridge (baptized May 11, 1766 and died April 27, 1808, in Combe Martin). I have a great deal of other information about Witheridges in England, but I haven't figured out yet how we are related to them!

Love,

David & Elizabeth

Sun. Feb. 22. 76 ← [Feb. 22, 1976]

Dear Elizabeth & David.

I enjoyed your Christmas letter thank you. I have some letters from John Curtis about Great Great Witheridge - They are getting a little yellow. I dont remember when written May '62 or more.

Your Uncle Geo called me and asked me to dro' you a note that is wife Florence passed away Feb 11- buried 17 at Inglewood Cal. She was in nursing home for 3 yrs.

Geo is making it fair but he want to come up here Mar. 4 to be with me for his birthday if he can Make it Christina will also come with him She quit well just a little forgit full but their not young any more but to see them you think they on 70 yrs old. in action.

I am keeping well.
Cal. Have Flue Bug Bad.
Hope we dont get it.

with love
Aunt
Claramae

[apparently Esther ~~Mary~~ Mary
Duda (b. 1915)]

1976

Dear David & Elizabeth:-

Your cousin Esther Mae passed away on Thanksgiving Day and was buried Nov. 30".

The day before the service I fell on the sidewalk in front of Esthers' home & broke my wrist

I am back home now and with the kindness of my friends I am making it O.K.

Dr hopes to remove the caste on Dec. 29 - I hope no more cast!

Hope this finds you and your family O.K

I'd love to hear all about your trip to England and our cousins -

Lovingly your aunt,
Clara Mae.

GREETINGS
and
all good wishes
for
CHRISTMAS
and the
NEW YEAR

Sept. 8, 1977

Dear Aunt Clara Mae:

Louise wrote and told me the sad news that Aunt Christina died on July 14. I know that was a great shock and loss to you and to all who were close to her.

Elizabeth and I want you to know we have been thinking especially of you and Uncle George since you lost your sister. Enclosed is a check we'd like to have you add to whatever memorial has been set up in her memory.

As far as I can remember, I have never been in direct contact with Richard Jenkins, but it seems to me he has been living in Sacramento, so you probably see him often. Would you please let him know about our sending this memorial? Please tell me what his address is. I'd like to write to him. What does he do? Doesn't he have a son who is married? I'd appreciate a little information about Richard and his family the next time you write.

Earlier this summer we had the great pleasure of being with Earl Allen (cousin Joe's son) and his lovely wife Marian. Earl is a Baptist minister, and he is now the executive director of the Greater Reading Council of Churches in Pennsylvania. The four of us were together at the annual conference of councils of churches staff members, which was held in Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia. I had met him only once about 36 years ago.

Again let me express our sadness over Christina's death. May God be with you all in these lonely days.

Love,
David + Elizabeth

Dec 1977 ← [Dec. 1977]

I came home Dec 5 - from
San Fernando - Your Uncle
is a ~~sick~~ sick person.
He just seem to brake
all at once.

I did all I could for him.
I hated to leave him.
He has a wonderfull
grand son Geo. Dud. ← [George Duda]

Our city is all fog in.
Hope it clear soon.

I am trying to relax now.

it was to much for him I
thinks Florence, Esther Mary
& than our Sister Christina.
Your Aunt
Claramae

Ans 12/22/77

Oct. 1978

[A duplicate of this letter is in the Curtis Family section of folder 1, 63p.]

Dear David & Elizabeth
Did I mail you a picture
of white House or Hotel
I think it was the Ham
if I didnt sent it to you
I may have sent it to
John as I did mail
him some picture & etc
They had the most delicious
apple white in side &
red skin - I guess call
sheep noses.
We didnt spend time
in Cleveland with them
because Christina was the
baby & Ed & I were born
yet

yes I know what happend to Grand mother block of house or row of house-

So I know why Aunt Susie Husband was mad-

This is not gossip by truth- my Dad sister Elizabeth Chivers Got her self in dutch- & Grand da died- She sold the houses by the Court caught up with her because at that time all property was left to oldest son & that was my father the Lawyer wrote Dad & said He sister would have to go to jail or pay Dad all the money back- so he said if she give it to him he let her off & she promised & also signed paper to that effect. So she promisid my Dad if he let her use money to Come to America she return it to him. Dad said I dont want it for my self but it to be Clara Mae Her Mother name sake –

Dad lived up to his agreement they Came to St Charles & she gave him about $900 – & said when her husband got work would pay rest – She never did – bought a house with it in St. Charles & She & my Dad never spoke to one an other for years – He never like dishonest – & when I was married to Olivier my dad turned over the money to me for a nest

a just keg of I never touch it
till I had to divorce
Alvin. He was so untrue
Me. It was your Dad my
Bro. Well who helped me
to get a lawyer & was
my witness. So that the
way thing go some time.
But I in end sure had
a wonderfull Christian
Man & good habit. &
we were so happy to
gether for 42 years

I have no date add of
John Curtis 1951 in July had
their 50 Wedding & Christina &
Allen & I attented was on Sun.
He & his wife Both passed
away

at that time Albany. Cal. & all
I can tell you, they had 2
daughter one son.
The oldest lived in East -
Veliot in Berkily - Have no
idea were they lived was.
Married But son was I Q
& to bright & had killed
himself before 1951
John sister Laura & Clara
were both come out but
again don't know Married
Name or where in Ohio they
lived
I am enclosing the last
letter from John Curtis would
you or Elizabeth Please
type a copy of letter &
return to me

I do not type, I want a
copy of it because to me
I like to keep one & long has
I live

Our weather getting
cool. I had a new
roof put on a few wks
ago. Now I ready for rain
I will never forget my
Grandparent nice home &
Grand pa wonderful garden
& flower bed.

He was a very good looking man
He had white hair & beard
He was what call life saving
boat before he retired _

I called Gas man to come
& turn on Wall furnaces &
I have a phone put in my bed
room    love you Aunt Claramae

[As of Mar. 17, 2022, these pictures have not been found.]

Oct. 22, 1978

Dear Aunt Clara Mae:

This is just a brief note to let you know how delighted I was to receive the pictures you sent. I haven't time right now to write a long letter, but I do want you to know they arrived safely.

Except for the few pictures that Uncle Ed took when he was in England, these were all new to us. We loved seeing the pictures of your house, with the beautiful flowers — and the family pictures out in California, especially the one of the four brothers together.

Elizabeth and I had fun trying to identify members of the old Philathea Class. I think we could pick out only four, besides the ones you had marked.

But the prize was the family picture of Grandmother and Grandfather and all their children. It's such an excellent picture of everyone. I had never seen this picture before, or any picture of any of these people when they were that young. We think you were a darling little girl.

[DEW's sister, Louise]

Thank you more than I can say for the pictures, church bulletins, and clippings.

These things reminded me of something Louise mentioned in a letter a year or two ago. She said you had come across a letter [redacted] from John Curtis telling quite a lot about the family. She also said you had some old addresses.

Even though the addresses would obviously be no good now, they would be of great help to me in tracking down the movements of various people.

Could you possibly find those addresses and send them to me, with dates from the envelopes or letters? I'd be especially pleased to have the last address you have for [John Curtis]→ John Curtis.

We are all well, and hope you are, too.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

November 24, 1978

Dear Aunt Clara Mae:

Here at last is the letter from John Curtis you so kindly sent to us. I have made a Xerox copy for us, so I am returning the original to you. I have also typed a copy of it for easier reading, and I am sending you a copy of that, too. It is a most fascinating letter, and it includes a number of items that I can follow up in my genealogical work, such as the farms that Grandmother Clara Witheridge owned in Combe Martin. No, you did not send us the picture of the white house or the hotel. Perhaps it went to John.

When I talked with Uncle Ed a few years ago in Port Townsend, he said that George Curtis and Alfred Curtis were half brothers of William Witheridge (your father). However, the record I have says there were two twin brothers, George and John, though John may have died early. Maybe Ed was confusing his name with Alfred Chivers. Did you ever hear of an Alfred Curtis? Ed said they were both in the steel business.

Susannah Argust said that John Curtis had a brother William and two sisters, Laura and Clara. Did you know about a William Curtis? Come to think of it, I believe George Chivers also mentioned William as a brother of John Curtis.

Ned Witheridge seems to be a hard person to track down. Did you ever know him or hear much about him? John Curtis seemed to think he was probably dead by 1943. He also implied that Ned was a ne'er-do-well and possibly drank too much. I had heard from Susannah Argust that Ned had never married, as far as she knew. On the other hand, I also have a notation that he had a wife named Elizabeth. Can you tell me anything further about him?

At the close of John Curtis' letter he says, "Love from Lou and John." Were they his wife and son, or daughter and son, or did he say "Love for Lou and John"? I'd appreciate your telling me when he meant.

The story about the money from Grandmother Witheridge's estate is very interesting. Families do seem to get into all sorts of trouble over such things. You speak of "Grandmother's block of houses or row of houses." I imagine you are talking about the long row of stone houses all attached to each other up on the top of the hill in Cwmaman in Wales. Elizabeth and I were there two years ago and saw the very unit they lived in (13 Bedwlwyn Row) just two months before they were scheduled to be torn down because a high slag pile threatened to slide down on them. (George Chivers said his family lived in another one of those houses--7 Bedwlwyn Row.) Do you mean that Grandmother Clara Witheridge owned one or more of those stone houses? We had thought the mining company owned them and they just rented their house. Did you visit them there? Is that where you saw your Grandfather's garden and flower bed?

I must close now. We have about six inches of snow here now, but I'm hoping it won't stay right through until spring. It's nice to have at Christmas, but not this early! We're all well and hope you are, too.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

# Folder

# 1.63t

Clara Mae Witheridge (b. 1894)
documents

(continued)

# Editor's Note

The letter on the following pages from Clara Mae, Dad's aunt, is her response to his November 24, 1978, letter, the last document in folder 1.63s. Clara Mae touches on the questions he raised in that letter.

She starts, however, with a paragraph about her brother, Dad's uncle, George Witheridge (b. 1887). She had written a brief note in December of 1977 (located near the end of her section of folder 1.63s) with a worried update of his deteriorating state. He died two months later, in mid-February 1978, and she starts this letter with a description of the touching way he had been honored by dignitaries in San Fernando, California, where he operated a popular flower shop for many decades.

Unfortunately, the last part of her letter was written on two different unnumbered two-sided half sheets, and I may not have them in the right page order here. Apologies and good luck!

Tom Witheridge
March 18, 2022

[Dec. 1, 1978]

Raining all for now love Aunt Clara Mae

Dec-1.1978

Dear Elizabeth & David -

I do the best I can in ans. your question I may not be of much help.

First befor I forgit it Geo. Duda called me the other eve - and said the Lion's Club planted a elm tree I think he said elm - on Pico st - in San Fernando I don't know where that St. is also put up a plack in his honor - said - city Judge - Baptist Minister & Chamber of Commerce gave a wonder talk & so many people ~~gave~~ came for it. He had been a 50 member in all 3 things. It show up your Uncle was very well thought of -

Thank you for the copy of John letter & also returning the old one - now I must have sent that hotel picture to John you ask him some time because I don't have it now.

now I don't remember my Dad speaking
of Geo or Alfred Curtis - it could be
& also half brother of my Dad so I
guess what ever Edward told you
would be the truth. has Edward
had a wonderfull Memory -
all Curtis ~~was~~ did work in steel
mill or foundry - that was the
big industry in those year and
I know Johnnie Curtis did -
I don't know a William Curtis
But I did know Laura & Clara
they were John sisters.
now I saw them both the last
time at Albany Cal. when John
& Lou had their 50 wedding
anniversary in 1951 or 2 I just not
sure of year.
I never met Uncle Ned - but I have
hear my Dad said he was sort
of a wonder lust & he leave & no
one would know he were about -
Uncle till he run of Money & need

som thing to eat & he would also way go back to Cleveland to Laura & Clara & they take care of him till he leave again - I know nothing about his drinking I never heard my Dad said Ned was married or had a daughter ~~or~~ now Lou is John wife and they had 2 daughter & 1 son -

Yes my Grand Mother owned those block of house or sow what every they called them stone all built right close to gether no space between & a big hill or my be a mts right back Grand Mother house -

& in front across the cobalestone St when Grand father had such a wonderful flower & Veg garden.

now while we were there Yes Chivers folks never lived in one of the house we cause we went to they have home & stayed a few

a few weeks with them.
Geo Chivers had a brother John ~~how~~ came to Mich for a visit —
Sister Elizabeth & broth Edgar — & all lived in their last yrs at Auburn. Edgar is still alive.
Your (great Grand) Mother Wilkindg was said to be a very well to do person.
I will give you Geo. Chivers ~~[illegible]~~ daughter address & maybe she can tell you something if her Dad ever talked about family affairs

Mrs. J. Elmer Schmidt — (Gladys)
115 Macomber Ave.
Auburn. Mich — 48611

Glayd & I write ever Christmas to each other about a yr ago she said her Aunt Elizabeth Chivers Reburn passed away —

Now I had just graduated from 11 grade
& John & Lou came to Saginaw &
we lived on ~~[illegible]~~ Pleasant St - they
had 2 small daughter & 1 yr. old son.
Anyway I wasn't very well and Dr.
said I had to drink beef iron & wine
& what terrible tasting stuff so
John suggestion I go back with
them they lived in West Virginia
a small place & John drove to
~~stel~~ steel foundry.
I never saw ~~such~~ such a beautifull
home & ground it was Lou, she
was well to do in her own right
now her parent may have given her
home at time of her marriage
She had man who lived in apt -
about garage & also took care
ground & veg garden. Now Lou
never drove car. But if want to go
anywere rang for this fellow & I
give him instruction & when he
came back He dressed up and

& drove car taken her when ever
she wanted to go & I stayed home
& baby sit - Lou was a lovely person
she never said you do this or that
she would like to go & said do ~~so~~ go & so while
I go Church meeting & shopping
never bossy.
And on Sat - John would take the 2
little girl & also ask a neighbor girl
About my age to go along. & he
would take us to amusement park
with a pack lunch. or on boat
trip up or down river - we alway
look forward for Sat.
When Lou went shopping to a city
not far away she come home with
yard material call in a seamstress to sew
to Lou, girls & I alway ended up with
a new dress.
And did I drink beef iron & wine 3 times
a day - John got it by case & I guess
I need it be cause I was new person
when ready to go home.

1

This sure a messed up letter -
I just can't remember who lived
in that hotel we stayed with -
I do remember eating all those
apple we wanted called snow apple
red on out side white inside
and how my Mother used the
devonshire cream - she just spoon
it on every thing -
We attend church in that church
that had grave yard on side & my
be back of Church.

2

the pew of Church wasn't no like our here
sort of box affair open a gate ~~I c~~all
its Had the family Name on it -
no one else sat in there -
We were Told before church don't
talk or whisper that hard - they
had prayer bench went up & down & this
boy he knew when to kneel & so did
my parents - Not me I ~~stat~~ sat there just
froze afraid to move - did they still
have them in that church ?

Dear David: Can you please tell me just who son is William John Witheridge and what what is he to me a second or 3 Cousin or what and about what is his age. His wife write me once a yrs at Christmas time & I have a air mail letter here to write on and send to them —

And also write to Milly & Bill Roberts —

Boy it sure raining so be a good day to get this letter written

I am quite well could feel better I go to Allen grand nephew who live here for Christmas they come & get me & bring me home. I go for the day —

Love Aunt Claramae

*From the desk of*

REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

12/7/78

Dear Aunt Clara Mae,

Thank you for your good letter with all the family information. I'll get around to answering it later. Right now we're getting ready to drive to Chicago tomorrow to be with Tom for his birthday on Saturday.

I did want to let you know how you are related to William John Witheridge in Devon. (He is 66 years old.) His father was also named William John Witheridge, and so was his grandfather.

So, you see, there were three William John Witheridges in a row. The first was a brother of your grandfather, John Witheridge. Therefore, your father would have been a first cousin of the second William John, and you are a *second cousin* of the one whose wife you now correspond with in Devon.

I hope this is all clear to you now. If not, let me know, and I'll try again!

Love, & Merry Christmas,

David

[Dec. 1978]

Dear David & Elizabeth -
I guess our winter is a
round us - Snow in Mts -
How we could use RAIN.
I glad you enjoy the picture
& clippings I guess you
~~got~~ John Curtis letter -
I so old & fade are to
make out a lot -
Mama Daddie & I stayed
at that inn - What apples
& mamma sure had her
full of devon cream she
used it like butter so thick

Faith is so kind to write
to me often It sure helps.
I so I dread Christmas
this yr Charlotte came up
ever Xmas after Will passed
away & Geo & Florence came
a lot - it was fun to cook
them but not so good
at it now
My picture tube T.V. gone
so will get me a portable
19 in one I so lost with
out it T.V. man come
Monday
Hope both are well
my back seem to hurt me.

Love
aunt Claramae

Yuletide Greetings Collection

CLEO
MADE IN U.S.A.
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At
this happy season
and all through
the year
may the best
of everything
be yours

Aunt Claramae

Dec. 1978

Dec 1979

Dear David & Elizabeth.
1979 has gone by so fast
and I havent been out
of Sacramento -
Since Bro Geo & Sister passed
away I dont go to southern
Calif - I sure miss them
so much. and Geo Duda
is so busy his work and
the flower shop & they both
work during the day and
now their 2 old girls have
gotten their own apts -
so that leave the youngest
home. but she in school
all day. So I be alone
all day and I might just
has well stay home &
be alone.

George Witheridge (1887)

Christina Witheridge (b. 1888)

George Stuart Duda (b. 1937)

Becky Adams, Allen's grand
neice came Thurs and took
me shopping ~~shall~~ she be off
work now till after new
yrs _ But she has 2 smale
daughter and they take
up a lot of her time.
After school so many
activity to attend.
one belong girl scout the
other Blue birds & they
Both take pino lesson.
It a busy family.
But Dale is kind also
& come ~~to~~ after work and
take me to their home
for dinner & bring me
home.

Louise Witheridge
Mark

James F. Mark,
Jr.

Look like Louise & Jim
will have a wonderfull
Holdiday with their
family all comming home.
I hope to cook dinner
Christmas for Hale & Becky
2 girls & her mother.
I dont mind the cooking
it getting the grocery
I dont drive to far &
if fog I wont drive car.
So I am handycap in
some way - I walk
nearly every day - but cant
carry many grocerys
My walnut was a small
crop - and I do ~~hope~~ have quit
a few oranges & then
not quit ripe yet
but some one seem

to get in yard after dust
& pick lower one off -
So Christmas day I ask
Dale to get ladder &
pick them all off tree -
I just rec'd a picture
from Louise & it had

John Meredith Witheridge

Janice Wertman Witheridge

John & Janie picture
in it - I havent seen
John picture in ages.
Excuse mistake -
I still have a few old
girl friends left in Saginaw
& we at least get around
to write at Christmas time.
Do know is Della or
Margaret & Lee are still
living - I hear also from
Geo Chivers daughter at
Holiday season she lives
in auburn

[Reporting on DEW + EPW's 1980 trip to Britain]

December 2, 1980

Dear Aunt Clara Mae:

We have been back from England a couple of months now, and they have truly been very busy months. There are always so many things to do to get ready for winter, and so many things had been left undone during the two months we were in Britain.

One big job after our trip was getting the 300 slides ready to show people. Then we had to decide which ones we wanted to have prints made from, and how many. Finally, we have all the prints made, and I'm sending you some I know you'll be interested in.

Ynysybwl, Glamorgan, Wales

The first one is a picture of me with the Roberts family in Ynysybwl. We spent a very happy day with them. The nights before and after being with them we stayed in a lovely hotel in Cardiff, about 20 miles from their town. Milly is reasonably well, but has to take it easy because of her age. Will has had a heart attack and has a pacemaker that keeps him going, though he just sits quietly quite a bit of the time. Bill, of course, is in good health and is going strong as an art teacher in a high school in Cardiff.

Eva Mildred Allen (b. 1896)

William John Roberts

William (Bill) Tudor Roberts (b. 1921)

Mattie Eileen Monnelly (b. 1904)

In the afternoon Bill took us over to see his mother's sister, Eileen Monnelly, who lives in Merthyr Tydfil, about 15 miles away. She had a severe stroke several years ago, and then her husband, the doctor, died of a heart attack. Eileen now lives with her daughter Kathleen, whom you probably met when she was living in California. Kathleen is married now, and she is taking care of her mother with the help of a close friend in the neighborhood. Eileen can't walk now, and she is hardly able to speak, but she can understand what others are saying, and she enjoyed seeing us very much.

William Monnelly

Over in Devon, Combe Martin is a busy, crowded place in the resort season, but we greatly enjoyed being there in the town our ancestors lived in for hundreds of years. It rained most of the time we were there, but fortunately it cleared up enough for us to take this picture of the lovely bay and bathing beach.

What a delight it was to find that the King's Arms Hotel, "Pack o' Cards," you told us about is still being used as a hotel and looks very much like the picture you sent us! And then to find that the Blackmore farm, "Ham," had recently been made over into a lovely garden! It is a very pleasant place, as you can see. We're sure it's the property you told us about, because we were talking to the gardener, and before we mentioned anything about an orchard, he pointed to a spot where they had removed an old apple orchard to make room for the new arrangement.

Myrtle Blackmore

Did we tell you we met a new relative there on the Blackmore side? Her name is Myrtle Blackmore, and her great grandfather, John Blackmore, was a brother of your grandmother, Clara, who married John Witheridge. So her father was a second cousin of yours, and she is my third cousin. We fell in love with her immediately.

Myrtle is unmarried and is the last of the Blackmore family still living in Combe Martin. She works in Barnstaple, about 10 miles from Combe Martin, and drives back and forth every day. She is Director of the Unemployment Benefit Office in Barnstaple. This summer she received a tremendous honor. She went to Buckingham Palace on the Queen's Birthday and was given an award of M.B.E. (Member of the British Empire) by Queen Elizabeth herself. She showed us the beautiful medallion.

You will also notice the tablet which is on the back wall of Exeter Cathedral in Devon to the memory of R. D. Blackmore, author of the very famous novel, "Lorna Doone." I have an idea he is distantly related to us, but I haven't discovered the connection yet. He was born and his family had lived for several generations in Parracombe, a town only 7 miles from Combe Martin. His grandfather at one time was rector of the parish church in Combe Martin.

While we were in Combe Martin, we also met another person who is probably related to us, though we haven't yet determined just how. She is Una Parsons, who is also unmarried and is Divisional Director of Social Services for an area of Devon with headquarters in Bideford, about 20 miles from Combe Martin. Her father's mother was a Witheridge, and her mother was a Ley, which is another of our ancestral lines. So we may be related to her in two ways. She is a dear, and we also enjoyed meeting her mother and father. They live in a lovely old house not far from the beach.

← Una Parsons

So you can see that we had a most interesting time in Devon, not only admiring the scenery, but also meeting relatives and other wonderful people. By the way, we did see Hilda and John Witheridge on their farm at West Buckland, but very briefly one morning on our way from Exeter to Combe Martin. They were in good health, but were very busy trying to salvage their crops that had been damaged by the worst rains in many years.

We hope you are well this fall and that all is going well with you.

Love and best wishes,

David + Elizabeth

[Her reply to this is document
W46 in folder 1.63a] Oct. 13, 1981

Dear Aunt Clara Mae,

I'm sorry to hear that you never received the copy of Lorna Doone I sent you about the first of the year. I'm sure I mailed it to you, and Elizabeth remembers my sending it, too. All I can think is that it must have been lost in the mail. I suppose I should have insured it, but I never dreamed that would be necessary.

If I ever find a copy in a second-hand bookstore, I'll buy it and send it to you. In the mean time, no doubt someone could get it for you at the public library, because it is such a famous book.

Fall is here now, and the colors everywhere are beautiful. A couple of weeks ago we took a short trip up north in Minnesota, and the colors were at their peak. We took along our dog, Rokk, a handsome and intelligent 20-month old Norwegian Elkhound. It was his first trip with us, and he loved it.

The next time you write, I hope you will tell us what you know about the religious background of your family. I know your father's family was Anglican (Episcopal), but I have discovered that your mother's father, William Allen, was baptized not in the (Anglican) Parish Church, but in a Methodist Chapel. Although William Allen and Christiana Richards were married in the Parish Church, their first child, William (your mother's oldest brother), was baptized in a Methodist Chapel in Cornwall.

When they moved to Wales, however, they appear to have been active in the Anglican Church again. Elijah Allen in his autobiographical sketch says that his parents were Episcopalians and seems to imply that he was brought up in the Anglican Church until his conversion in a Baptist Church in the Rhonda Valley. Presumably, your mother likewise began as an Anglican in Wales.

When your mother and father first came to Ohio, were they Episcopalians? Were they Methodists or Baptists in St. Charles? Did they become Baptists because of Uncle Elijah? Please tell me what you can about all of this.

We hope that your health is better this fall and that you are enjoying pleasant weather.

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

ans. 12/12/81

[Dec. 3, 1981]

Dec 3 – 81

Dear Elizabeth & David.

I hope this find you both well. I see by T.V you are having some Cold weather.

We have had rain and Wind – and predicting more this week end.

Have plenty of snow about 140 miles away at Reno.

I am looking foward to Louise & Jim visit. She said Cliff & Doris may also come. Cliff would drive them up –

Louise and Jim Mark visiting

I know it will be a lot warmer at Hemet than here –

I walk to Market this A M 4 block each way and by the time I got home my legs were sure tired – but I try to walk every day when

not raining-
I am feeling perty good
again but I ~~st~~ sure
have lot weight, I am
down 138- ~~[illegible]~~ but I
sure have to take in my
pants & dresses- ~~or~~ get new
ones- but that also a job
when you have to expect
other people to take you
shopping
I am a person who hate
to ask favors, I have-
alway been able to do for
my self & it sure hurt.
But I alway pay them
ether by money for gas or
lunch.
Allen has 3 sister living & ← Allen Marquis
I must get my letters off
to them one in Mont &
1 in Denver-
With love
Aunt Clara Mae

April 19, 1984 ← [April 19, 1984]

Dear Aunt Clara Mae,

We are about to set forth on a trip east, but I wanted to get a note off to you before we left.

We heard from Louise a few weeks ago that you are back home now and are able to get around the house using a walker. It's good that you have a couple of girls to help with meals and other work. You must be very happy to be home, even though your legs are weak and you can't do everything you'd like to.

Spring has finally come to Minnesota, and the early bulbs have begun to bloom. Our rose bushes came through

← Louise Mark

← Clara Mae now using walker

the winter very well because we
had such a heavy covering of
snow. We'll miss some of the
tulips and other spring flowers
because of our trip, but we
hope to see some beautiful
flowering trees and shrubs in
the south.

On Easter we'll be in Chicago
with our son Tom and his wife
Virginia, and we'll attend the
Easter service at Hyde Park
Baptist church where we spent
six happy years. Then on through
Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland,
North and South Carolina, and back
home through the Great Smoky
Mountains.

We hope you will have a
good spring and summer.

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

1985

Hope your Holidays
are happy days —
filled with warmth and joy!

1985

Dear Anes.
Happy a happy Holiday
when you come to see
Louie came to see me
love
Aunt Claramae

The Sacramento Bee Thursday, October 16, 1986

# Obituaries

## Ben Ogata

Services for restaurant owner Ben Ogata will be at 8 p.m. Friday in Sacramento Betsuin Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. He died Tuesday in a local hospital at age 64.

Mr. Ogata and his wife, Shizuko, owned the Suzies Teriyaki restaurant in Lunai Shopping Center on Freeport Boulevard for 23 years and then on 24th Street near Broadway the past eight years.

A West Sacramento native and lifelong Sacramento-area resident, he served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the Hokka Kumamoto Kenjin Kai.

Besides his wife, Mr. Ogata is survived by children, Taniya, Ben Jr. and Michael Ogata, all of Sacramento; sisters, Haruye Okamoto and Sue Okubo, both of Sacramento; brothers, Nobuo Ogata of Santa Barbara and Mitsuo Ogata of Fresno; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were made through Andrews & Greilich Chapel.

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## Clara M. Marquis

Services for 50-year North Sacramento resident Clara Mae Marquis will be at 2 p.m. today in the North Sacramento Funeral Home, 725 El Camino Ave. Burial will be at the East Lawn Cemetery.

She died Monday in a local hospital at age 92.

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Marquis was a homemaker and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 698 and World War I Auxiliary Barracks No. 216.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen, and is survived by a niece and two nephews.

## Frances J. Hull

A rosary for longtime Sacramentan Frances J. Hull will be recited at 7 p.m. today in the Nicoletti Funeral Chapel, 54th Street and Folsom Boulevard. She died Monday at her home at age 87.

Mrs. Hull was born and raised in Nevada City. She made Sacramento her home more than 70 years ago.

She was a member of the St. Mary's Church Altar Society and Margaret E. Crocker No. 180 Ladies Railroad Engineers.

Mrs. Hull is survived by children, Calvin Hull and Evelyn Shermer, both of Sacramento; sister, Genevieve Painter of Yuba City; brother, Melvin Cary of Millbrae; two granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, also in the Nicoletti Chapel. Burial will be at East Lawn Cemetery.

## Yataro Sakamoto

Services for Yataro "Frank" Sakamoto, a retired Sacramento-area butcher, will be at 7 p.m. today in the Sacramento Betsuin Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. He died Monday in a

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# Funeral Notices

**MARQUIS, CLARA MAE**

In Sacramento, October 13, 1986. Aunt of Louise Marks, David Whitheridge and John Whitheridge. A native of Ohio. Age 92 years. Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service, Thursday, October 16 at 2 p.m. in the NORTH SACRAMENTO FUNERAL HOME, 725 El Camino Ave. Interment East Lawn Cemetery.

← [Note the misspellings of Mark and Witheridge]

[DEW's notes]

[Funeral notice on previous page gives date as October 13, 1986.]

Aunt Clara Mae
died
Monday, 10/11/86
Funeral today
10/16/86

Names + addresses
of relatives for
[illegible]

Box with
grandfather W.

(Becky) (Clara's nephew)
Mrs. Dale Adams
3041 Stanton Circle
Carmichael, CA 95608

Martin Haley
Sacramento

✓ Robert W.
✓ John Jenkins (Richard deceased)
Robert Duda (?)
(916) 922-4884

Robert E. Witheridge
12401 Fillmore St, #302
Sylmar, CA 91342

Mrs. Ronald Shaw
12619 Gladstone Ave.
Sylmar, CA 91342

George S. Duda
2525 S. Raitt St.
Santa Ana, CA 92714
(714) 557-7638

John (?)

David A. Duda

Richard Jenkins
4454 W. 104th St.
Inglewood, CA 90304

John Jenkins (?)

Married Pearl Greenfield
(possibly of Port Townsend, Wash.)

(Robert A. Witheridge may still
live at 206 Reed St.,
Port Townsend.)

(Mrs. Margaret Opstad (L.A.)
112 F. St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368)

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name and Address): TELEPHONE NO.

MARTIN J. HALEY (916) 922-4884
Attorney at Law
797 University Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95825

ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Executor

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OCT 20 1986
JOYCE RUSSELL SMITH, CLERK
By S. MORITA, Deputy

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
STREET ADDRESS: 720 9th St.
MAILING ADDRESS:
CITY AND ZIP CODE: Sacramento, CA 95814
BRANCH NAME:

ESTATE OF
CLARA MAE MARQUIS
DECEDENT

NOTICE OF DEATH AND OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

CASE NUMBER: 01916

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of *(specify all names by which decedent was known)*:
CLARA MAE MARQUIS

2. A petition has been filed by *(name of petitioner)*: H. KAY BROLYER in the Superior Court of SACRAMENTO County requesting that *(name)*: H. KAY BROLYER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

3. ☒ The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

4. ☐ A petition for community property determination pursuant to section 650 of the Probate Code is joined with the petition to administer the estate.

5. A hearing on the petition will be held

on *(date)*: NOV 5 - 1986 at *(time)*: 9:00 a.m in ☒ Dept.: 18 ☐ Div.: ☐ Room:

located at *(address of court)*: 720 9th St., Sacramento, CA 95814

6. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should either appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

7. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court or present it to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 700 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire prior to four months from the date of the hearing noticed above.

8. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may serve upon the executor or administrator, or upon the attorney for the executor or administrator, and file with the court with proof of service, a written request stating that you desire special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisement of estate assets or of the petitions or accounts mentioned in sections 1200 and 1200.5 of the California Probate Code.

9. REFERENCE is hereby made to the petition on file herein, entitled: PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER UNDER THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES ACT for further particulars.

10. ☐ Petitioner ☒ Attorney for petitioner (name) MARTIN J. HALEY
(address): 797 UNIVERSITY AVE.
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

Martin J. Haley
(signature of ☐ petitioner ☒ attorney for petitioner)

(Continued on reverse)

11. NOTE: If this notice is published, print the caption, beginning with the words NOTICE OF DEATH, and do not print the information from the form above the caption. The caption and decedent's name must be printed in at least 8-point type and the text in at least 7-point type. Print the case number as part of the caption. Print items preceded by a box only if the box is checked. Do not print the instructions in parentheses, the paragraph numbers, the mailing information or the material on the reverse.

NOTICE OF DEATH AND OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

ESTATE OF CLARA MAE MARQUIS
Notice of Death and of Petition
to Administer Estate

**Attachment**

| Name and Relationship | Age | Residence |
|---|---|---|
| H. KAY DROLYER<br>Stranger | Adult | 6212 Samoa Way<br>Carmichael, CA 95801 |
| REBECCA J. ADAMS<br>Stranger | Adult | 3041 Stanton Circle<br>Carmichael, CA 95608 |
| LOUISE A. MARK<br>Niece | Adult | 32600 Hwy 74, 24<br>Hemet, CA 92343 |
| ANNE B. LIEB<br>Stranger | Adult | 1611 Cambridge Court<br>Roseville, CA 95678 |
| FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH | Charity | 321 N. Jefferson<br>Saginaw, Michigan 48607 |
| DAVID WITHERIDGE<br>Nephew | Adult | 2425 Irving<br>S. Minneapolis, MN 55405 |
| JOHN WITHERIDGE<br>Nephew | Adult | P. O. Box 1807<br>Saginaw, Michigan 48602 |
| ROBERT E. WITHERIDGE<br>Nephew | Adult | 12401 Fillmore St. #302<br>Sylmar, CA 91342 |
| GEORGE DUDA<br>Grand Nephew | Adult | 2525 S. Raitt St.<br>Santa Ana, CA 92704 |
| DAVID A. DUDA<br>Grand Nephew | Adult | Address Unknown |
| JOHN JENKINS<br>Grand Nephew | Adult | Address Unknown |

ATTACHMENT

October 27, 1986

Mr. Martin J. Haley
797 University Ave.
Sacramdnto, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Haley:

Thank you for the copy of the Petition for Probate of the estate of my aunt, Clara Mae Marquis. In looking over the list attached, I notice the omission of her grand niece, Virginia Anne Sorenson, and her grand nephew, William Allen Witheridge. They are the children of Clara Mae's deceased nephew, William H. Witheridge (my brother). They can both be reached at 532 Bennaville St., Birmingham, MI 48009.

I wasn't sure whether their omission was intentional or inadvertent, so I thought I should give you this information.

Yours truly,

David E. Witheridge

**Martin J. Haley** Attorney at Law

797 University Avenue, Sacramento, California 95825, Phone (916) 922-4884

November 4, 1986

David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

RE: ESTATE OF CLARA MAE MARQUIS

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

Thank you for your letter of October 27, 1986. I was not aware of the existence of Virginia Anne Sorenson and William Allen Witheridge prior to October 27, 1986. However, on October 27th I learned of the existence of Virginia Anne Sorenson and William Allen Witheridge and mailed copies of the Notice of Death to them by addresses provided by Louise A. Mark.

The mailing of notice to you and the other heirs at law of Clara Mae Marquis is a legal requirement. However, Clara Mae Marquis left a Will which appears, on its face, to be valid and the Will makes provision only for her friend, H. Kay Brolyer and her friend Rebecca Adams.

Yours very truly,

Martin J. Haley

MARTIN J. HALEY

MJH:bew

CC: H. Kay Brolyer

[There was no response
to this in the file.]

11/19/86

Mrs. Dale Adams
3041 Stanton Circle
Carmichael, CA 95608

Dear Mrs. Adams,

My sister, Louise Mark, has mentioned from time to time the thoughtful and helpful things you have done for our Aunt Clara Mae over the years. We who are so far away appreciate your kind attention to her needs and your careful handling of details since her death.

Louise tells me you have a box of Clara Mae's old papers, letters, and records that you would be willing to send me via UPS if I could make use of them. Because of my interest in genealogy and family history, I would be very happy to receive them all and would certainly reimburse you for the shipping costs.

Thank you very much for taking the time to do this. I'll be looking forward to receiving this material.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

These pictures of Clara Mae and others are from the 1950s. The photographers are unknown. The captions are copied from the backs of the photos.

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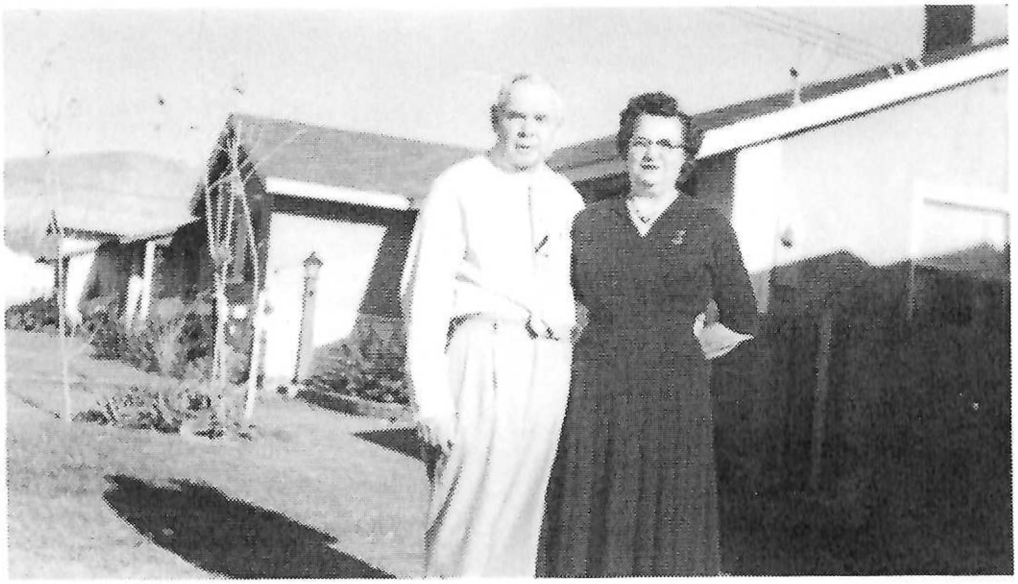

Allen and Clara Mae Marquis, 1956

[Note by EPW]

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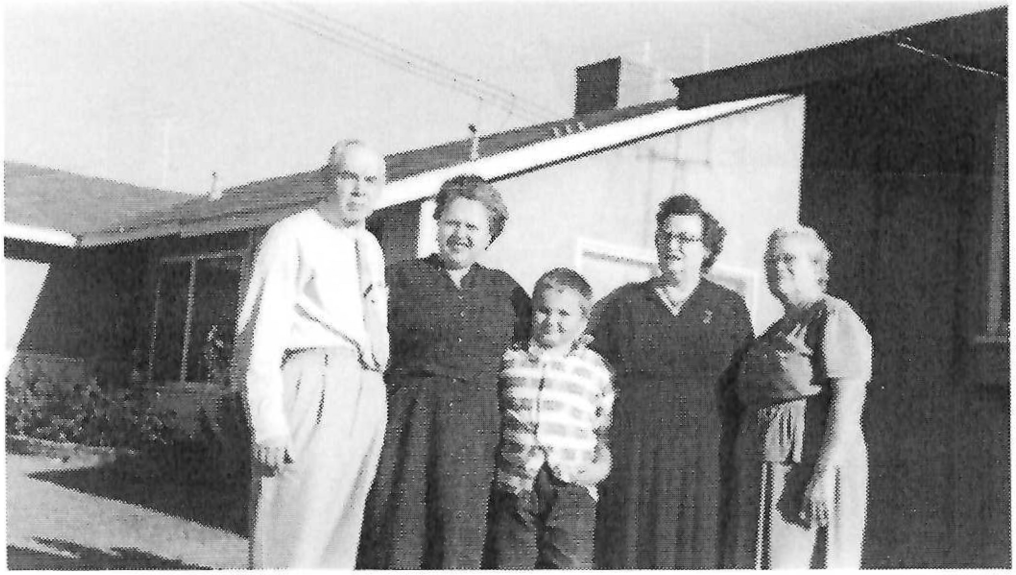
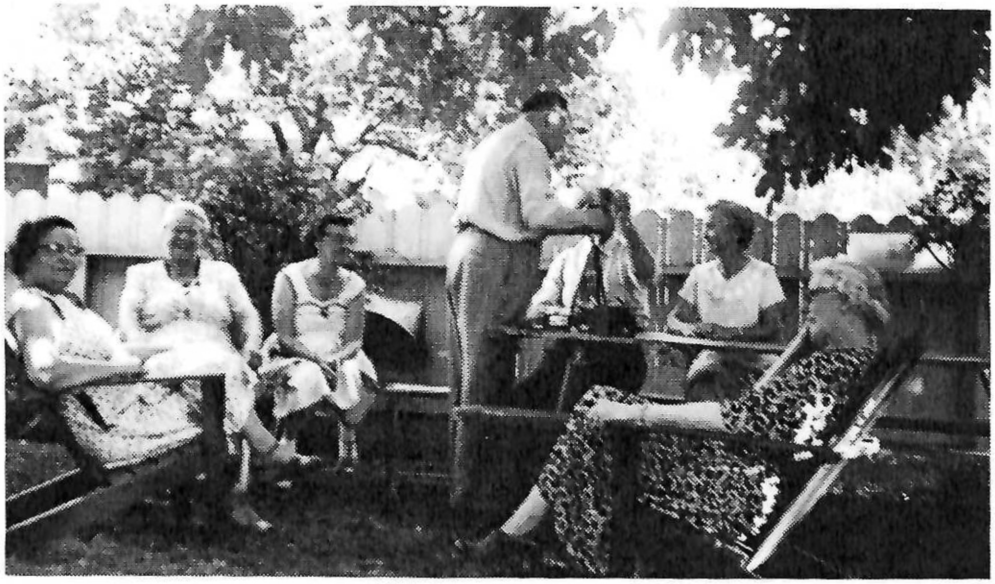


Allen, Esther Mary, son (?), Clara Mae, Esther Mary's mother? 1957

[Note by EPW]



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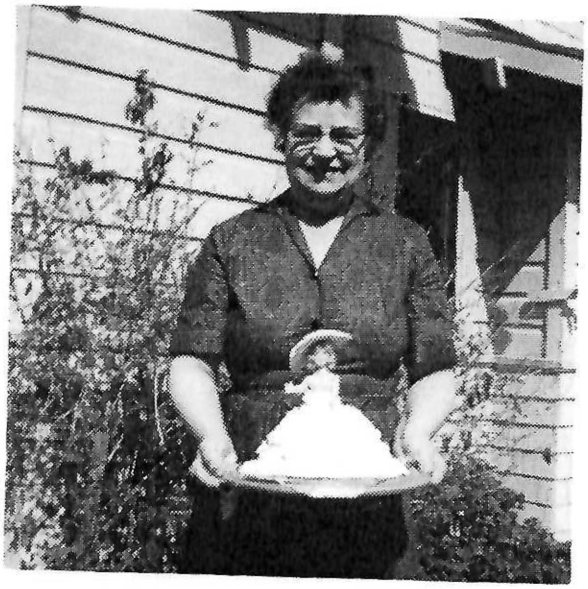
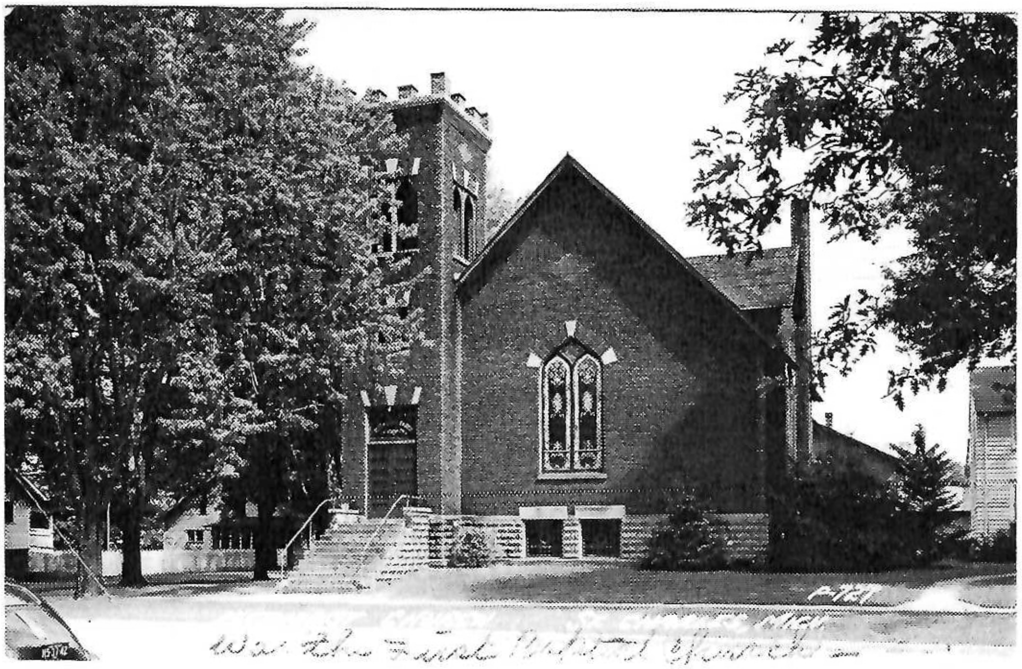
Mable, Mary,
George, Chris,
Allie, Clara
Mae, Ed
standing.
1957, my bac
yard
[note by
Clara Mae]



Clara Mae was
famous for
her cakes.
1958
[note by EPW]

Allen and I
visited
St. Charles,
Mich.
Sept. 15, '58

[note by
Clara Mae]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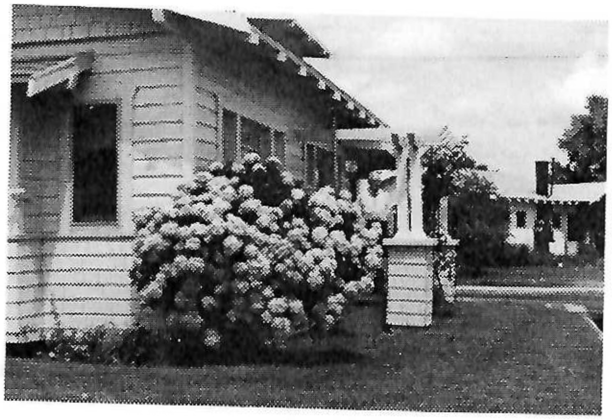
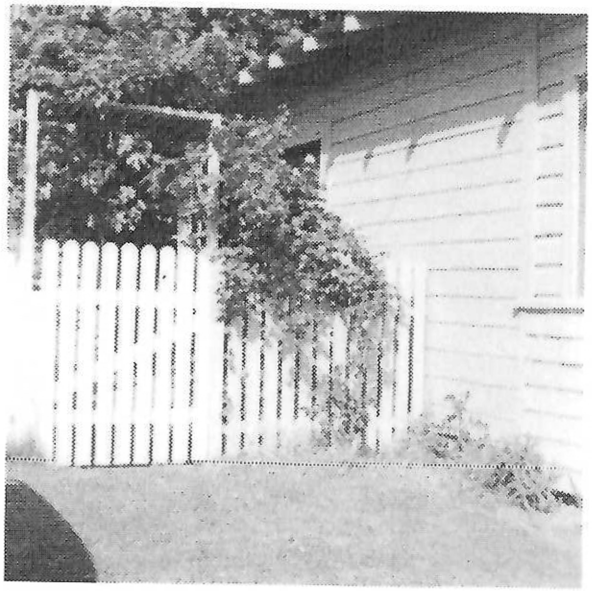
St. Charles, Mich.
Was the First United Church

Allen Marquis
June 1957
[note by EPW]



Clara Mae's home

[note by Clara Mae]



My back gate,
Clara Mae's home

[note by Clara Mae]

George Allen Witheridge (b. 1881)
documents

## **Editor's note:**

Dad's uncle, George Allen Witheridge (b. 1887), and his first wife, Almeada Mary Merrill (b. 1890), were surprise guests on a 1958 episode of the NBC network TV show, *It Could Be You*. There's no record of who arranged their appearance, but I'm betting it was their daughter, Esther Mary Duda (b. 1915), possibly in cahoots with her husband, Anthony Francis Duda (b. 1907). The occasion was George and Almeada's 50th wedding anniversary celebration, which would be taking place the following day. Based on their marriage date, the day on which the episode aired must have been around September 11, 1958. Dad and Mom found out about it in a note from Mom's aunt, "Alber" (Alberta E. Plumb [b. 1887]), who happened to be watching NBC that evening in Saginaw, Michigan, and practically fell over when she heard the emcee introducing "Mr. and Mrs. George Witheridge." She knew George (I'm not sure about Almeada), because he was from Saginaw, he was Alber's age, her niece (EPW) went on to marry George's nephew (DEW), and, I think, they all went to the same Baptist church.

Here's a link to the episode, which is in the public domain and was available today at *Internet Archive* (you can skip to 6:56, where George and Almeada's segment begins). This 1958 episode is literally the only one preserved at *Internet Archive.* (How's that for double serendipity? Not only did Alber [Alberta] have her TV on the right channel at just the right time, but the only saved episode is the one featuring our George and Almeada!) I hope this link keeps working in perpetuity, because it's absolutely charming (not to mention being a trip down memory lane to the late '50s TV world). The link:

https://archive.org/details/ItCouldBeYou

Alber's note to Mom and Dad, telling them about the TV show, is on the next page. It's followed by computer screen shots I made at several points in the episode. Notable among them is a photo taken at George and Almeada's September 11, 1908, wedding in Saginaw, Michigan (where George worked as a lowly coal miner and, consequently, couldn't afford their dream honeymoon in Hawaii) before moving west to California, where he owned a locally popular flower shop). Another good shot is a later one of four generations of the family, including Anthony Duda on the right in a wheel chair (from a serious spine accident years earlier).

Enjoy! And by all means go to the episode on Internet Archive, if it's still there. It'll make you smile!

Tom Witheridge
March 23, 2022

[To EPW
and DEW
from
"Alber"
(Alberta E.
Plumb [b.
1887])]

Thursday – Sept. 11 – 58 [1958]

Dear folks –

Did you folks see the night program of "It Could Be You" last night? All of a sudden I came to to the fact he had said, "Mr. & Mrs. George Witheridge" and I pricked up my ears. Program comes from California. It's their 50th anniversary and after telling of their marriage in Saginaw and a little of their history they secured a big wedding cake with bride and groom on top, each holding ribbons – The groom's ribbon ended at a package containing a lovely watch for her, which they said she had always wanted, and the bride's ribbon had an envelope with a check

for $250 and a paper
stating They were to have
an expense free trip to
Hawaii - Hope you saw it.

Tom and all of you
Thanks, so much for
the cards - That big picture
is certainly lovely - It must
have been a wonderful
place for a weeks vacation

These pictures - ~~some
of them~~ taken way last
spring aren't very wonderful
but I wanted you to see
Kittens - Hope to get better
ones soon -

Saginaw Fair is on,
Elizabeth - You wouldn't
know it - it has grown so.

No time for more now.

Love,
Albee -

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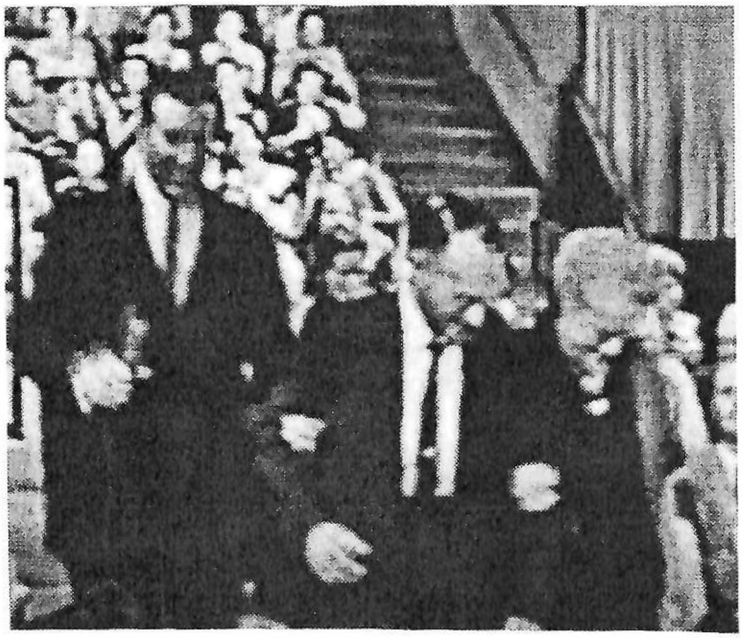

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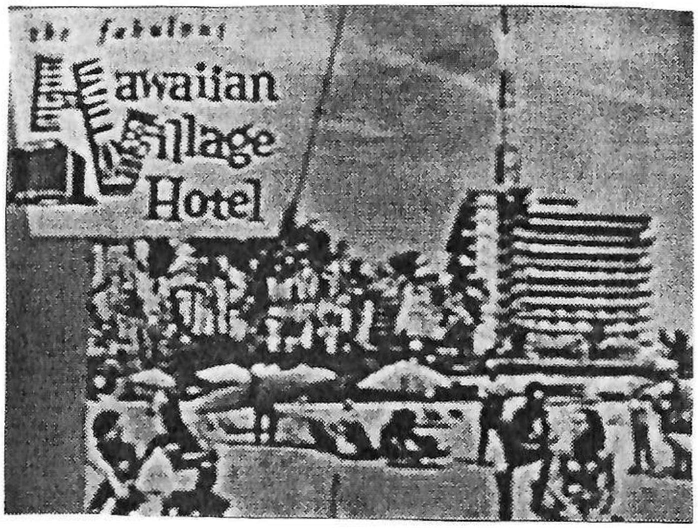
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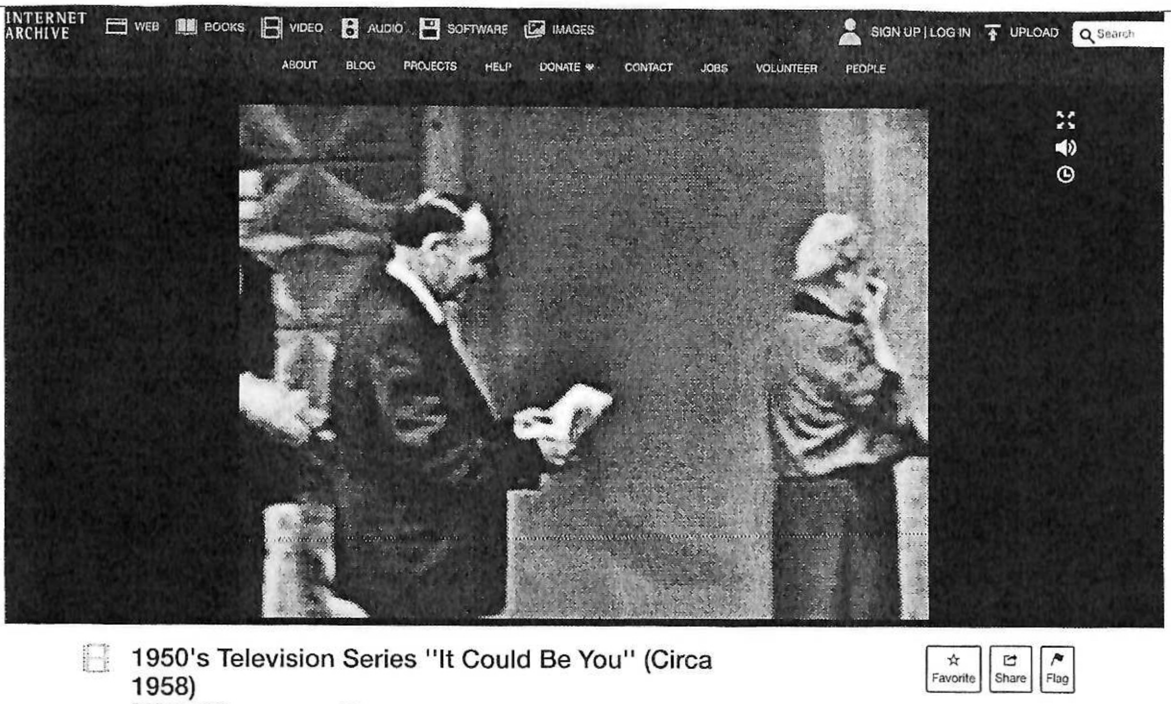
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1950's Television Series "It Could Be You" (Circa 1958)

Publication date 1958

Mattie Eileen Allen (b. 1904)
documents

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
October 22, 1966

Mrs. William Monnelly
19 Pendarren Park
Merthyr, Glamorgan
England

Dear Mrs. Monnelly:

I guess I really could call you Cousin Eileen, because Milly Roberts speaks of you as Eileen, and you are a [redacted] first [first] cousin of my father, William Allen Witheridge. I have been wanting to write to you for some time, but never could seem to get at it.

Now I have a special reason for writing at once. We have all been shaken by the tragic news of the tip slide in Aberfan and the death of all those children and older people. Although there is nothing directly we can, we want you to know we are thinking of all those stricken families.

As soon as the news came, I looked up Aberfan in my map of England and saw it was half way between Merthyr Tydfil and Pontypridd. So I knew it was close to you and Milly, and I suppose you must know some of the families involved. It is even possible that your husband, as a doctor, was called to the scene to help. It must have been horrible. I thought you would be interested in the news story in our paper. Last night we had a short television newscast direct from Wales via satellite.

I believe Milly has told you of my interest in family history. When Father and Mother both died a few years ago, I suddenly realised how little I knew about their families. As I began to investigate, I found that very few people knew much of their ancestors and relatives. So it has been a long and arduous process, but a lot of fun.

In case you don't remember from my letters to Milly, I should tell you that I graduated from the University of Michigan in engineering and worked with Father in Saginaw as a heating and ventilating engineer for four years. Then I decided to be a minister and went to Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Cousin Frederick Allen was on the Board of Trustees. After graduation I was an assistant minister in a Baptist church in Chicago while I was taking graduate work at the University of Chicago. After three years in a pastorate of my own in Illinois, I came here fifteen years ago.

The enclosed picture shows our family. Elizabeth also grew up in Saginaw, where she was a kindergarten teacher. More recently she is a tutor of remedial reading and the author of several books for children. Jim is 19 and attends the University of Minnesota. Tom is 18 and attends Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio.

I would be very grateful if you would complete the information on the enclosed genealogical sheet and return it to me. Please add any names, dates, or places I don't have.

I understand that Kathleen is staying with Robert Witheridge in Granada, California. I hope she is still there, as I am going to try to get in touch with her. I'm sorry to say that I have never been in correspondence with Robert, nor have I ever met him since we were both too young to remember.

Now I must close. Perhaps some day you could send me a picture of you and your family.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with the people of your area.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

19 Pendarren Park.
Merthyr Tydfil
Glam
S. Wales.
29th/Oct
1966

Dear Cousin David

It was a real pleasure to have your letter. I always think now, its a pity we did not keep some letters & snaps that past between my parents & your father. I can remember the high lights of having the letters from Bill Witheridge etc America seemed so far away then. & my eldest brother Sydney, which at that time lived in 1222 Saginaw Michigan, how my mother looked forward to those, thats life I suppose always full of regrets -

Its strange now that my daughter Kathleen is there - & quite enjoying life, I do hope you will meet her one day -

It was so wonderful to have

had the visit from Cousin Edward & Mabel - He is a most interesting individual chap -

Such an lively interest in everything I believe he has now a most charming partner -

Kathleen went to their wedding.

I will send you some snaps later of my little brood -

Re the Aberfan tragedy - we are absolutely stunned with it.

The children had just finished prayers, the start of the school day & seconds later were caught in this black sludge - covering them where they sat & stood. children sitting at their desks, the teacher at the blackboard - & the deputy head David Beynon, was found clutching five little children in his arms - I knew quite a few of the teachers -

Aberfan is about fifteen minutes away from Merthyr -

The clergy were wonderful too
I feel so sorry for their chapels
which were used as the
mortuaries - you can imagine what
the state of them could be..
one pastor lost his child too..
I am sure a letter or help to the
chapel or pastors would be so
gratefully appreciated - maybe
your church could help -
There is a big fund going to help
the village, but individual help
to them would be wonderful -

I will send you a local
paper, give you some idea of it.

The Queen is expected on the
site today - I think our Royalty
are wonderful folk -

will write later on to you & return
you the family sheet - am afraid
good bit of it will be vague.
Again thanking you for your
prayers & thoughts -
Affy best wishes to you & the family.

Eileen.

19 Pendarren Park.
Merthyr Tydfil
Glam.
S. Wales.

1966

Dear Cousin David

Here are a few snaps of the family - if you can sort us out - my son Alan graduated this year in Dublin Uni as a Ba-Engineer - & now has a job in Southampton.

Martin is in a local factory, nothing very special -

I had a letter from Kathleen this week, I must say, Lois & Bob are very very kind to her, & she is enjoying herself in America.

It is a great comfort to me to know she has folk really interested in her - This is a short letter wishing yourself & all the family the very best.

Love Eileen.

P.S. Best I can do with enclosed form.

Please return to David Wetherilge

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Monnelly Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
William - ~~[illegible]~~ - Monnelly
Father's Name: Peter
Mother's Maiden Name: Mary

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Marriage | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence: Kilfain Nr Ballina Co Mayo. EIRE.
Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Mattie Eileen Allen
Father's Name: Josiah Richards Allen
Mother's Maiden Name: Sarah Jones

| | Date | Place |
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| Birth | Dec. 14th 1904 - | Gilfach Goch. |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:
Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kathleen Jean | Birth | ~~Jan. 10~~, 1936 - June 10th | Cardiff - Glam. Wales |
| | Married to | Marriage | | Nursing home - Gordon Rd Cardiff |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | William Alan | Birth | Aug. 13, 1942 - | Merthyr Tydfil - Glam. S. Wales |
| | Married to | Marriage | | Nursing home - Gwaelfarren |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | Martin Clive | Birth | Apr. 9, 1946 - | Fochriw - 1 Guest St. Nr Bargoed |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
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8/63

[1970]

Dear David + Elizabeth —

May Elizabeth's book be a great success — it is a dreadful way how the Indians have been treated, by the so called, rulers of justice — just verbal service they pay — after all, it was their country + home.

The cruelty is dreadful in every country, man seems intent on distroying + killing all over the world

The greatest evil is communism its like cancer, I say, its the devil's own invention — the poor Polish people are suffering, even worse treatment than with the natzis —

I wonder if there is any hope for mankind —

The Vietnam war, is such a useless waste of young americans, + its so difficult to get the correct angle on whats it all for.

If only the heads, the top brass themselves, had to fight, leave the masses out, they would soon be around a conference table, wether it was a long, oval or round table to talk from —

We leave inquiries too late, too find out about our relations

I remember my mother + father having letters from Uncle Bill Wetheridge, they all seem so remote to me then + thats how it is with our own children now, they know little about their grandparents, + so it goes on —

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and all Good Wishes for your

happiness throughout the NEW YEAR

Well hope you will all have a happy Xmas + good year —

Eileen + Bill

1970

Dec. 1973

Dear Eileen, Bill & Family,

Just a note to add that we're planning a trip to Britain next summer. I've been granted a 12-week study leave. We are looking forward to seeing you and our other relatives, as well as traveling in England, Wales, and Scotland.

I want to study the ecumenical situation there, so I'll be visiting various local councils of churches. I think we'll be spending a few weeks doing independent study at some university library, probably the University of Exeter.

When our plans are more definite, we'll let you know.

Love,

David & Elizabeth

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
May 23, 1976

Dear Eileen and Bill:

Well, our plans for this summer are coming along very well, and in less than a month we'll be on our way to England. We are looking forward to being there with great anticipation.

We'll be coming on a charter flight non-stop from Minneapolis to London, leaving here June 15 and arriving there June 16. We'll be in the London area until July 7.

For the first few days we'll be with a distant relative on the Witheridge side, Mrs. Roy Cook. Then from June 21 to 24 there is a Conference of Ecumenical Officers from all over Great Britain at a conference center called High Leigh, near the town of Hoddesdon. This will give us a chance to meet many people who do the same kind of work we do.

Then, we'll be spending a week and a half in London at the University of London and the British Council of Churches. We'll stay at a place called Lee Abbey International Students' Club, 27 Courtfield Gardens, London SW5 OPQ.

From July 8 to August 7 we'll be driving a rented car through England, Scotland, and Wales visiting local councils of churches and talking over how they do things in comparison with what we do in Minneapolis. We'll be arriving in Wales about July 29, and we'll have until August 3 to do the many things we have planned.

Besides a few church contacts, we mainly want to visit relatives in Wales. In addition to you and the Roberts on the Allen side, we have a number of relatives on the Witheridge side we want to contact in Pembroke, Swansea, Aberdare, and Newport.

It looks as though Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1, would be the best time to be in Ynysybwl and Merthyr Tydfil. How does that sound to you? If you don't have room for us to stay overnight with you, I'm sure there are places in town where we can stay. We do so want to meet you and get acquainted.

We hope to hear from you before we leave for Britain, but in case we don't, I'll give you the address of the Cooks. They will know where we are staying and where we can be reached throughout the summer: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA.

Love to all,

David + Elizabeth

Ans 12/12/76

Monday – Aug. 1976

Dear Elizabeth –

Many thanks for the picture, that was quick to have them printed -- We lokk fairly well I think –

I have been very busy this last week – my son Alan + friend has been here staying, thats the boy in Dublin; we seem to be squashed up in this house, its too small

Hobe you are enjoying your visit You must be tired, with so much travelling, we dont move around much here so it amazes us, the speed you folk do –

You will have seen a selection of relations by now; hope you find them fairly satisfactory –

Cheerio love
Eileen

(On back of Christmas letter)

Dec. 1974

Dear Eileen, Bill, Kathleen, Alan, + Martin:

We hope you'll all be able to be together at Christmas. We think our Tom will be home from Chicago, so we'll all be together.

How much we would love to meet all of you! I can't remember if Jennifer said whether she and Dick were with you last year, but I imagine they were.

Alan and Martin are not far in age from our two sons, Jim and Tom. At the moment they are both 27, but the day after Christmas Jim will become 28.

Last summer we were finally able to visit Ed and Margaret out in Port Townsend, Washington (about 2,000 miles from here). We also were delighted that Ed's son Robert and Robert's wife Lois were there at the same time we were, and we all had a grand time.

Some years ago I had the following address for your brother Roy, Eileen. I don't think I ever wrote to him, but I'd like to. If this isn't the right address, please let me know: Roydon C. Allen, 55 Crowland Ave., Hayes, Middlesex.

Love + best wishes,

Dave + Elizabeth

[Royden Claude
Christopher Allen (b. 1906)]

Marjorie Packer
document

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Dear Davis and Elizabeth,

Our holiday in Durham is up to all expectations – College accommodation and food good, and the arranged coach trips excellently organised. One of my lifetime's ambitions was to visit Iona, off Western Scotland, which we did several years ago, and Holy Island, off N.E. England coast. We went to Holy Island on Tuesday and were greatly impressed. We have also visited a famous museum commenced by an ancestor of the Queen Mother, castles (of which there are dozens in this region, built to withstand invaders) the Roman wall across England and the Yorkshire Dales.

Roads up here are very quiet and tourists few, and the weather averaging 65° is much better than the 85° heatwave we've had at home for a fortnight. I don't like heat. We've even looked at Census reels in the Reference Library trying to find g.g. grandfather of one of Ruth's colleagues!! Unsuccessfully.

All for now, hope you like these pictures. Love, Ted, Marjorie & Ruth.

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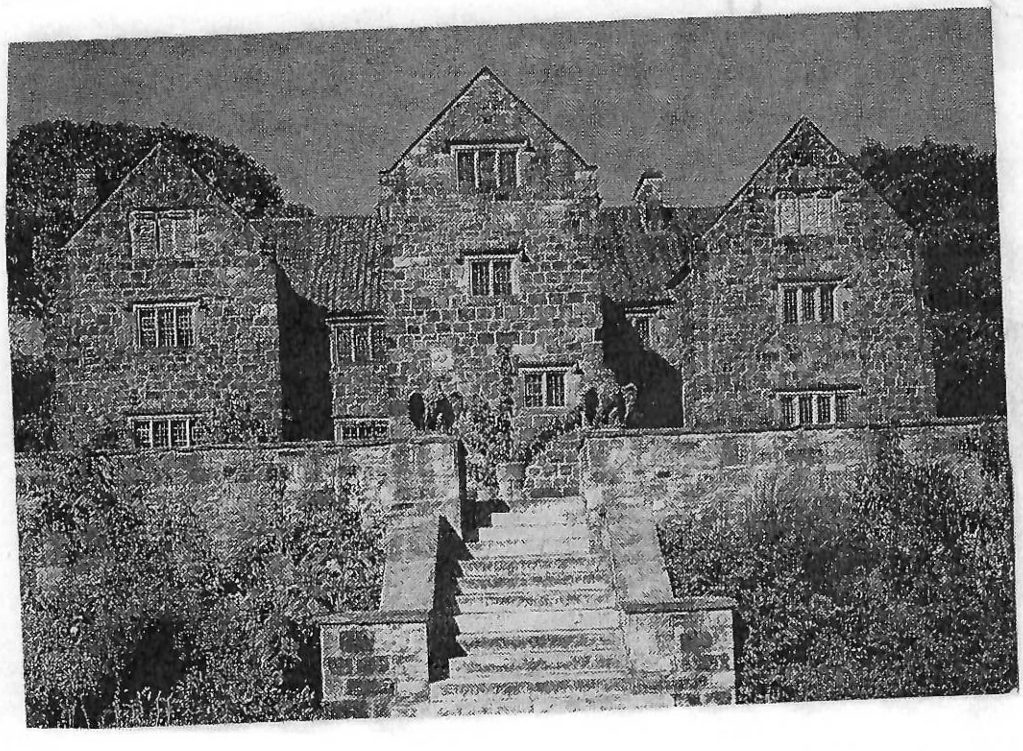

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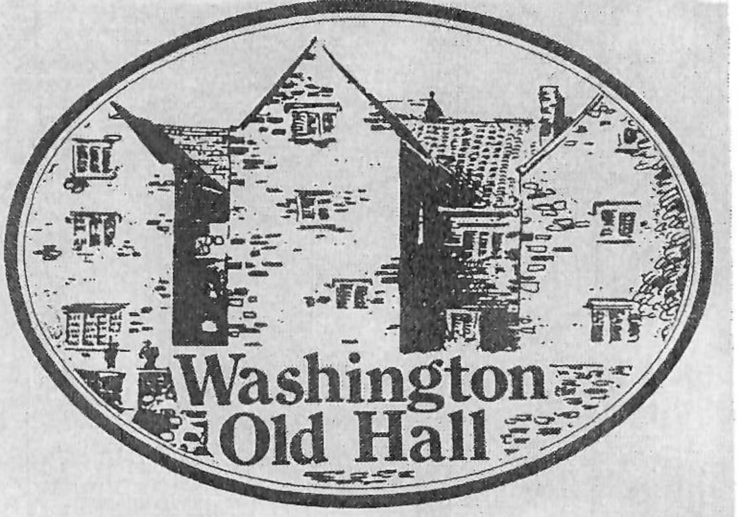

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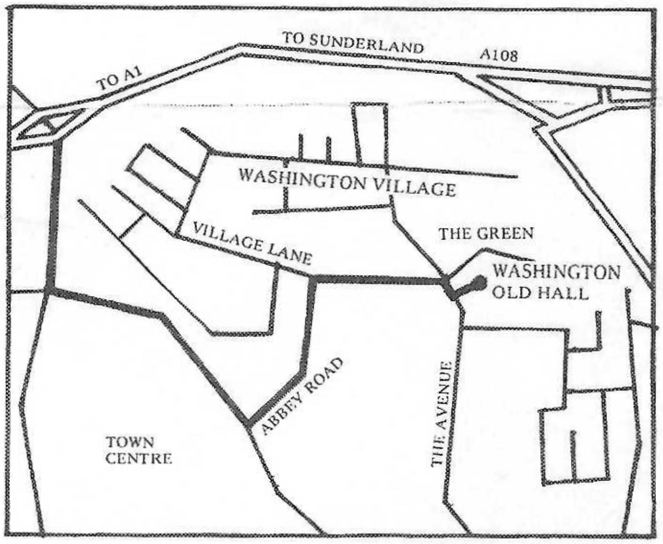

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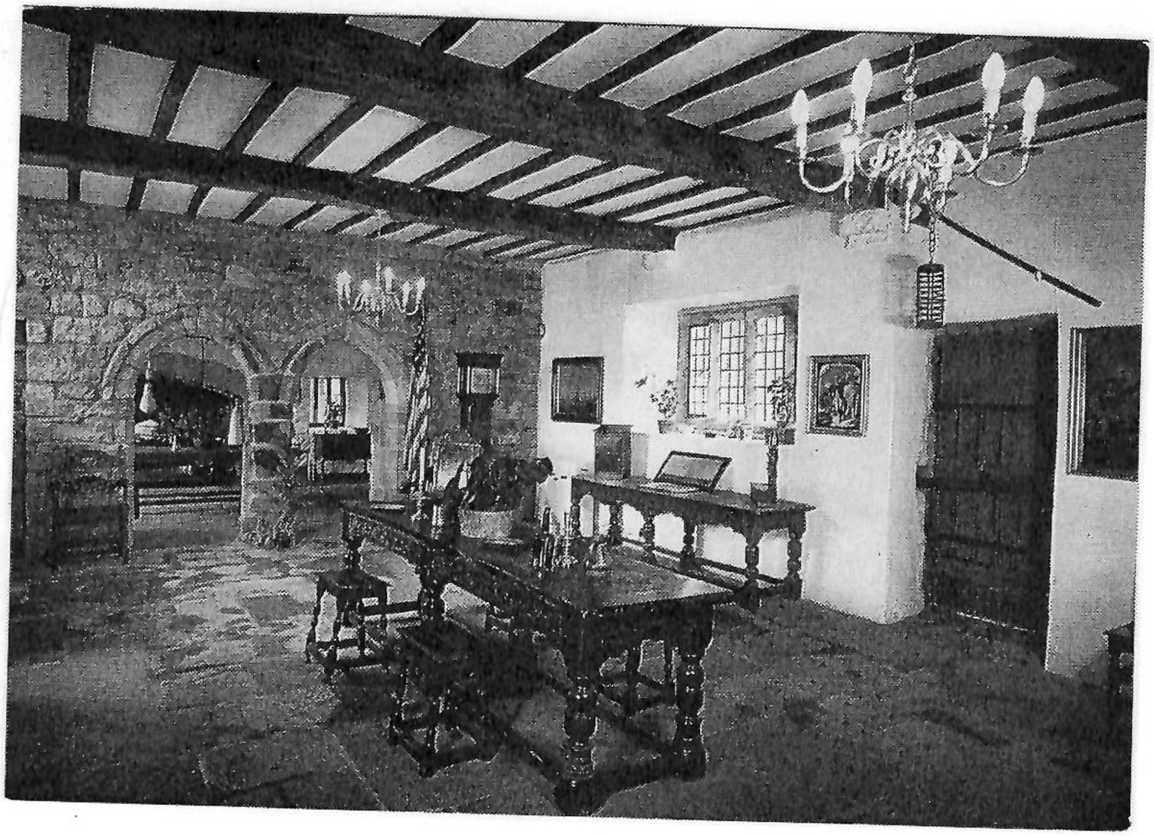

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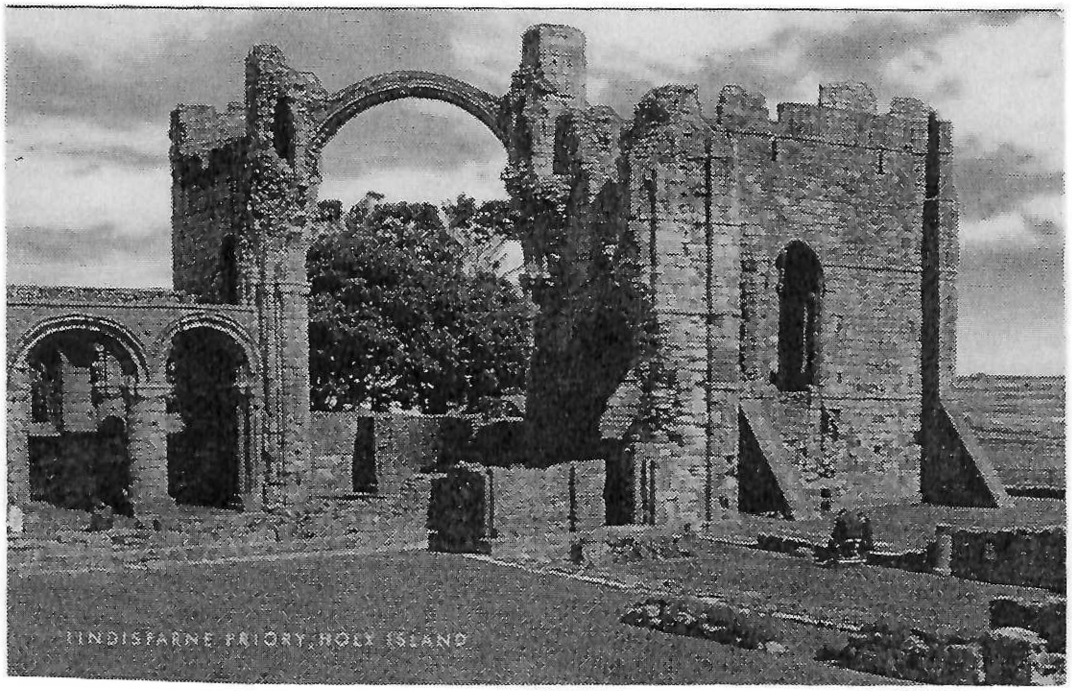
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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U. S. A.

March 29, 1989

Mr. William A. Passmore
3 Southern Gardens
Combe Martin
North Devon EX34 OHE
England

Dear William,

As Elizabeth and I look back on our evening get-together in Combe Martin last May, we have many fond memories. After three visits to Britain we have come to love that part of Devon. As you perhaps are aware, my ancestors lived in Berrynarbor and Combe Martin over 300 years that I know about, and no doubt much longer than that.

Many things have prevented my writing to you, but here I am at last. As you see, I am enclosing two of the pictures I took at our gathering, and I hope they will be a pleasant reminder of that occasion.

I don't have enough information about your ancestry to know if or how we might be related. If some of your ancestors also lived in Combe Martin over a long period of time, I have an idea that we are somehow related. I have twenty family lines going back into that area.

My notes from our trip there in 1980 indicate that two of your family lines are Burgess and Willis. These familie are not part of my ancestry, but several of my relatives married into them, so I have relatives from these lines.

When Una Stock was giving me the information abou her ancestry, she sent me an abbreviated Burgess chart that showed Eliza Jane Burgess who married James Passmore, Is that the Passmore from which you are descended? I'd appreciate receiving some information about your Burgess and Passmore connections.

The only Willis connection I have is the Robert Willis who married Wilmot Witheridge, a distant relative of mine, about 1730. I understand that they are ancestors of Michael Beaumont. Is that Robert Willis an ancestor or relative of yours?

I see by my 1980 notes that you have a cousin who teaches at Northwestern University. Our son Tom and his wife Virginia, who live in Chicago, both received their Ph.D.'s from Northwestern about a year ago. They are psychiatric social workers, and they both work for a psycho-social rehabilitation center called Thresholds.

[Private information redacted]

Now I must close, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

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George Allen Witheridge (b. 1887)
documents
(continued)

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
October 24, 1965

Dear Uncle George:

For many months I have wanted to write to you, but this has been a very busy time. Now, with these pictures, I have an urgent reason to do so.

[The pictures were not in the file.]

When Father died two years ago, I suddenly became aware of how little I know about either his family or Mother's. I decided to compile all I could in the nature of family history and have adopted this genealogical project as a kind of hobby. This is a slow process, but I have learned a lot in the last two years.

In working on the Allen line, I have been corresponding with Arthur Allen. In September, when we were out East, we were able to stop at his house and have a good conversation with him and his second wife. He gave me some of these pictures, and recently he sent me the others.

I have to send most of the originals back to him, but I have made copy negatives and additional prints. The trouble is, he and I do not know who all the people are in the pictures. Here is where we should like some help from you!

As indicated, some of these pictures I have to send back to Arthur Allen, some are for you to keep, and some I want back with the names of those pictured. I hope you will be able to identify everyone.

I am also enclosing a picture of our family taken about a year ago. Jim is now studying at the University of Minnesota, and Tom is at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

Since I don't recall ever having written to you, I probably should tell you that I have been the Executive Secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for the last 14½ years. Perhaps you have heard this from Father or from Uncle Ed. My wife was Elizabeth Plumb, who also grew up in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. You may have known her, or at least her aunt, Alberta Plumb, who still lives in Saginaw.

[See George's section in folder 1.63t]

One day some years ago we got a letter from Alberta saying she had been watching TV and suddenly found they were featuring a George Witheridge on a "This is your life" kind of program. She was sure it was you, because he was a florist. I certainly wish we had seen it!

[Esther Duda, George's daughter]

I hope we have the proper address for you. Please give me Esther's address, as I'd like to get in touch with her, too. I hope your health is good. If you have a snapshot, I'd be delighted to receive one.

Yours sincerely,

A little light on the subject.

Nov 14-1965

Dear. David

Got your letter
Regarding names on
Picture, I will be glad
to give you all information
I can. you'll hear from me
Soon as possible. I am sure
I can Help you out
uncle George

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George A Witheridge

**San Fernando Florist**
221 North Maclay
San Fernando, California

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Rev. David E Witheridge
2425 Irving av S
Minneapolis
Minn
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Nov 18 1965 [Nov. 18, 1965]

Rev. Doris E Withridge

Dear Doris
I Am Enclosing Some of
The Picture Back,
I have Marked by Number
& Names. on Front of Picture
on Seperate Paper Fasten on
With Tape, I Hope this will
give you information, I Know most of them.
The Picture Taken in Saginaw
Maybe Taken in 1918 or 1919.
My Daughter Esther Was born in January
1915. I left for Los Angeles
in 1921.
I will Send that Picture
back as soon as Completed
My Brother Edward in
Port Townsend Washington is
Help my out.
I Am Waiting for him
To let me Know How
many he Know
Good Wishes from Me, Soon.

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This is Esther Mary Duda
Address 13974 Hubbard St
Sylmar, Sylmar ← Sylmar
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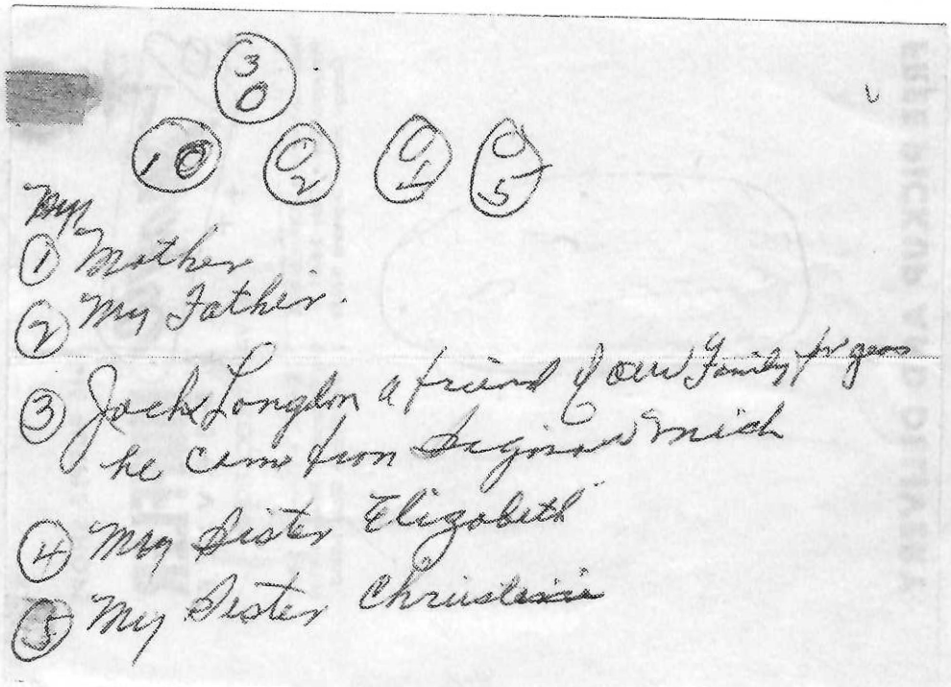
Enclosing Picture of Esther Installed
as President of Grandmothers Club ← See Esther Mary Duda's section of documents near end of folder 1.63p

With Love to all
your Family

George A Withridge

Editor's note: I am including these lists of people in photographs, even though the photos were not in the file. — Tom Witheridge, March 27, 2022



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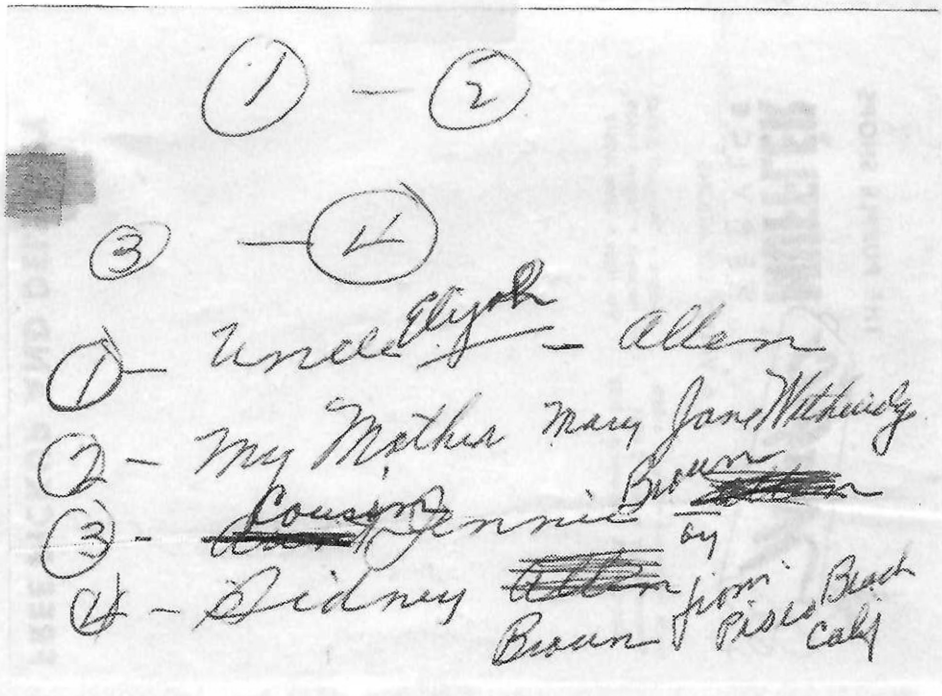
My
① Mother
② My Father.
③ Jack Longlin a friend of our family for years
he came from Saginaw Mich
④ My Sister Elizabeth
⑤ My Sister Christine



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① — Uncle ~~J~~ Elijah — Allen
② — My Mother Mary Jane Witheridge
③ — ~~Aunt~~ Cousin Jennie Brown ~~[illegible]~~
by
④ — Sidney ~~Allen~~ Brown from Pismo Beach Calif

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① Esther Mary Witheridge
② I think is Arthur Allen Wife =
③ Richard Jenkins =
④ Mrs Geo Witheridge
⑤ John A Witheridge
⑥ Elizabeth = Witheridge Ralph
⑦ Christina Jenkins
⑧ Mrs Dora Witheridge John Wife
⑨ - ~~Arthur~~ Joseph J. Allen
⑩ Mother Witheridge
⑪ Father Witheridge

⑫ Mrs Doty
⑬ Harry Ralph
⑭ George A Witheridge
15 Jack Langdon ?

↑
[Jack Langdon?]

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1 Richard Jenkins Son
2 - John Witheridge Brother
3 William Jenkins Father
4 Edward A Witheridge Brother
5 Mother Jane Witheridge
6 - George A Witheridge -
7 - Christina Jenkins my Sist. -

8 Esther Mary Witheridge - My Daughter
9 - Robert Witheridge nephew
10 Harry Ralph Brother in Law
11 Elizabeth Ralph - My Sister
12 Clemida Witheridge - My Wife
13 Mable Witheridge Eds Wife
14 William Witheridge - My Father

[Dec. 16, 1965]

Ed took one Picture
other took the other

Dec 16th

Dear David

I hope this gives you good
Idea. what they are

We do not have Snow
but were getting a lot of rain
We getting Ready for X mas Business
at Store Our store is sure Pretty
With all Plant & Flowers.
If I can get my Grand Son to take
a Picture of it in Color Will
send you some. If good
he ~~take~~ good Picture he is going to
Pierce Collage is he growing Whiskers
he will be 19 May in 66
like some of the other Boys
he help use at X mas Week.

Uncle George

I send the other Picture address
from My Business
Both addre are ok

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Will Allen Son of Mr & Mrs George Allen # & # 10 11
Oliver Wallace Husband of Clora Mae Witheridge ④
Wm Jenkins is the Husband of my Sister Christine ⑨
Clora Mae — my sister
One of the Allen boys wife Maybe Arthur Wife his # 20
Alexander Witheridge this is my Wife I am # 17
Edith Witheridge
Mable Witheridge My Brother Ed. Wife he is ~~the~~ that took Picture not on here —

Christine = Witheridge Jenkins of # 3
Auncle George Allen
Aunt Mary Allens
Uncle Elizah Allens
Aunt Esther Allen
4 - My ~~Father~~ Witheridge Jane
5 My ~~F~~ mother — Father Witheridge William —
6 Mrs Doty : My Wife Mother
7 George Witheridge
8 I believe this Joel Allen Arthur Brother (Sidney Allen)

19 - William Witheridge your Father
20 Arthur Allens his Wife ⑤
21 Bettie Witheridge Ed Witheridge Son
22 that my Daughter Esther
23 that my ~~[illegible]~~ Sister Son Richard Jenkins

1967

We havent Heard
from you
in Long. Time
Well are Well
Working every Day
Your
Cousin
George

Hello Folks

Joyous Greetings
at Christmas
and Best Wishes
for the
New Year

Georg + Florence

Dear Daniel 1969
+ Family

We had Thanksgiving
at Esther Home
My sister Clara + Christian
+ Brother John.
he has in the Hospital
in + out. not to good
But the Doctor give
him B 1st + to come
to Dinner we Had a
Nice Time
Esther went + got Him
8 miles from S. Fernando

Wishing you
the special joy
that only
Christmas
brings

Georg + Florence Wittig

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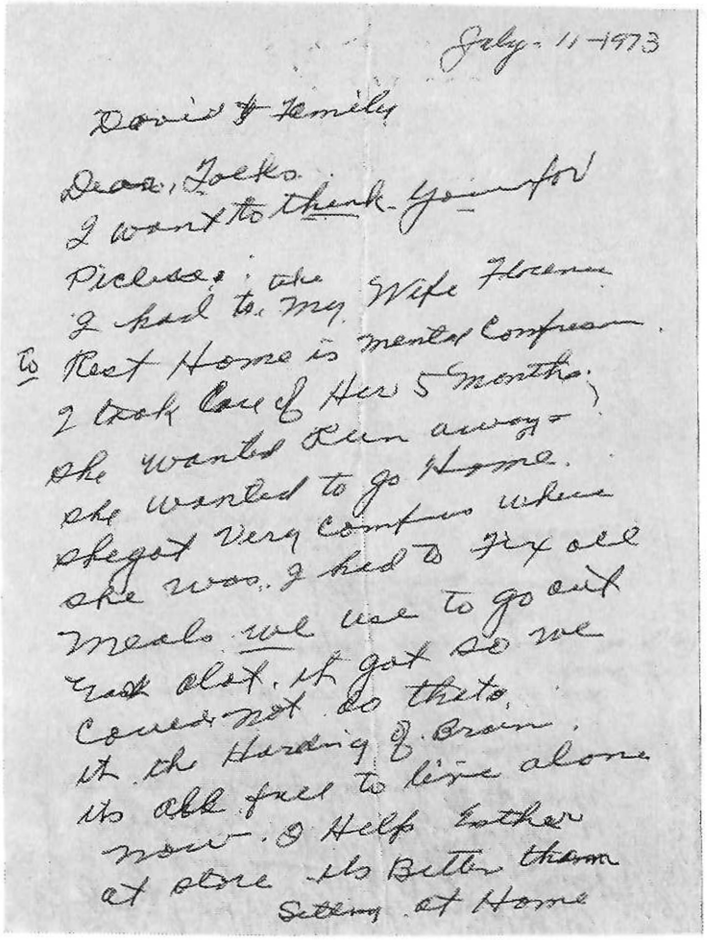
1971

Dear Cousin
+ all

Yr another as passed.
We are in our new
Flower Shop + Going Pretty
Good. after Earthquake
last Feby 9 —
Our old Store Building
Was Damaged, had
to move.
We are all Pretty
Good,
George + Florence

With all
Good Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

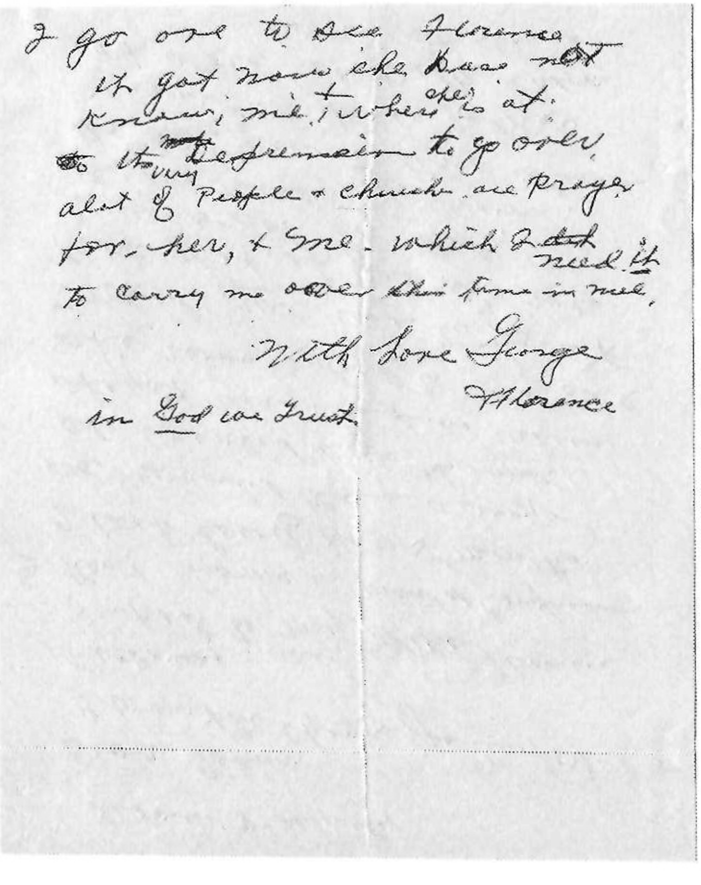
from us
All



July - 11 - 1973

David & Family

Dear, Folks.
I want to thank - You - for
Pictures: the
I had to my Wife Florence
to Rest Home is mental confusion.
I took Care of Her 5 months;
she wanted Run away -
she wanted to go Home.
she got very confuse where
she was. I had to fix all
Meals we use to go out
Eat alot. it got so we
Could not do that.
it the Harding of Brain.
its abl feel to live alone
now. I Help Esther
at store its Better than
Setting at Home



I go one to see Florence
it got now she knows not
know me, & where she is at.
~~to~~ its ~~more~~ very depression to go over.
alot of People & church are praye
for her, & me - which I ~~dont~~ need it
to carry me over this time in need.

With Love George
Florence

in God we Trust.

1973

Dear: Folks

Its- is not to be Joyfull
X mas- for me with, My Florence is
in a Rest Home since
January 22- of the year. Its
very lonesome to live alone.
I fix my own Breakfast
Rest of meal I eat out
with Esther some time
she as lot of actives
she go to few clubs. Pray for me
Florence- Love to All
Georg. + Florence

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1974

Dear Folks.-
My Wife Florence
is in the still in
Rest Home.

12-17-76

Dear David & Elizabeth

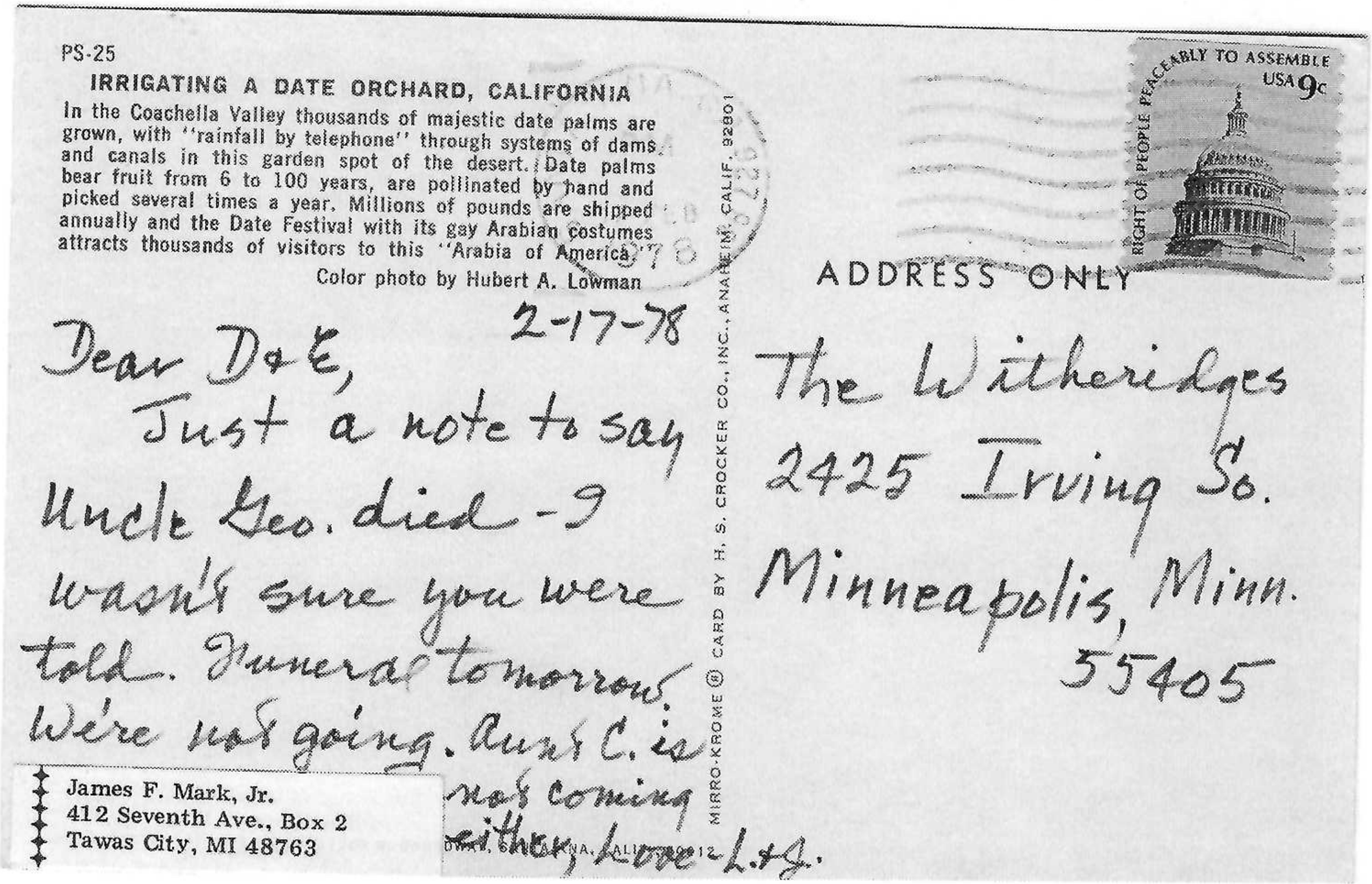
Thank you for the check to add to Memorial for Esther - David wants to make the marker so we may give it to him

George & David are keeping the shop so I may work and they are getting an apt closer on the ground floor so I'm real lucky - they still want me to work - I'm happy to be able to work

You may mail anything to the San Fernando Florist
311 N. Maclay S.F. 91340

George A Witheridge

written by
Grace (Secretary)



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2-17-78

Dear D&E,
Just a note to say Uncle Geo. died - I wasn't sure you were told. Funeral tomorrow. We're not going. Aunt C. is not coming either, Love L+J.

James F. Mark, Jr.
412 Seventh Ave., Box 2
Tawas City, MI 48763

RIGHT OF PEOPLE PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE
USA 9c

ADDRESS ONLY

The Witheridges
2425 Irving So.
Minneapolis, Minn.
55405

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Louise and
Jim Mark

Una Parsons
documents

[June 12, 1980]

From (Miss) Una Parsons

MARINE COTTAGE
CROSS STREET
COMBE MARTIN
NORTH DEVON
EX34 0DH

12-VI-80

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

We were most interested to read of your connections with Combe Martin, in a recent Parish Magazine, and hope you will hear from several local people who bear the family names you mention.

P. Ralph Page
2927 Harris Ave
Key West Fla
33040
– is my mother's cousin on the Ley side of the family. He is 86 and knows it
Combe Martin well.
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We have not thus far researched our family tree (though it would probably be relatively easy to do so) but my immediate background is through my paternal grandmother, who was born Emma Witheridge, and my mother, who was born Esther Daisy Ley. We believe the Witheridges may have come to Combe Martin to work in the old Silver Mine; the Leys may have been here pre Domesday. There will probably be many other people who share at least two of the family names you mention among their ancestry; for instance, my 2nd cousin Kenneth Norman, will have the same connection with the Witheridges (my great aunt) & his father was William Norman.

We thought you might be interested in this sketch of Witheridge Parish Church; we understand no-one of that name lives there now, but that a Mr. Witheridge from Scotland called there enquiring about his antecedents last year. (Witheridge, as you probably know, lies inland, approximately 30 miles away; the population is 700 – 800, and it is now really a "dormitory" village for Tiverton.) The centre of the village has a large square, and appears to have changed little over the past 80-90 years — but perhaps you have already visited Devon & seen Combe Martin, Berrynarbor & Witheridge?

The Leys were an Anglican (Church of England) family, and down through the centuries,

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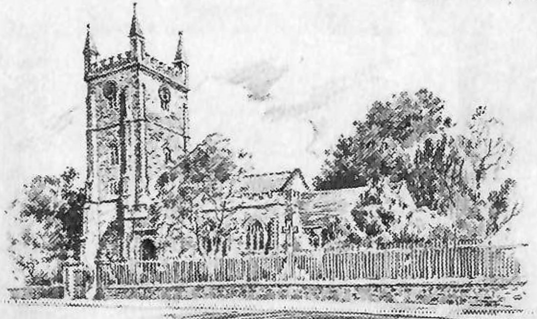
various male members of the family appear in the list of church wardens. My grandmother was a Methodist, and was probably brought up in the former Wesleyan church here. To the best of our knowledge, my grandmother & her sister (Mrs. Parsons & Mrs. Bray) were the last Witheridges to live in Combe Martin, and sadly, my mother is the last member of the Ley family in Combe Martin, bearing that name at birth. With best wishes, Yours sincerely,

Una Parsons



The CHURCH of S. JOHN the BAPTIST
— WITHERIDGE —

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
June 26, 1980

Miss Una Parsons
Marine Cottage
Cross Street
Combe Martin
North Devon EX34 ODH
England

Dear Miss Parsons:

You cannot imagine how happy I was to receive your letter in response to my request in the Combe Martin parish magazine. Yours is the first and only letter I have received so far, though I am hoping to receive some more.

Now my wife Elizabeth and I are planning a two-month trip to Britain beginning August 2nd. We'll be hiring a car for seven weeks and driving through England, Scotland, and Wales. During that time we'll be staying at the University of Exeter for two weeks (August 13-27) and in the Combe Martin vicinity about three days (August 10-13). We do hope to meet you then.

About fifteen years ago after my mother and father had died, I realized that I knew nothing about my ancestry beyond my grandparents. (Now I find that is the situation for most people.) Thus began my interest in genealogy that has continued to the present time.

Over the years I have traced my ancestry back to 1670 in Combe Martin (William Ley) and to 1555 in Berrynarbor (Thomas Witheridge). I am also descended from the other family lines listed in my note in the Parish Magazine. It has gradually dawned upon me that over the centuries my ancestral families frequently intermarried and that I must be in some way related to dozens of people still living in that vicinity. This also means that my relatives have been intimately involved in the history of Combe Martin and Berrynarbor since 1555 and earlier.

I'll tell you briefly about myself and my family. Just recently (January 1st) I retired from my position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, which position I had held nearly 29 years. I was ordained as a Baptist minister, and before coming to my last position, I had been a pastor in an Illinois town and before that an assistant minister in Chicago, while studying at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. I had started my professional career as a heating and ventilating engineer before deciding to enter the ministry.

Elizabeth was a kindergarten teacher before we were married, but more recently has been the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. Jim lives and works here in Minneapolis, and Tom is in Chicago. Neither one is married.

My father (William) was born in Wales and came to America as a young boy with his family. His father (William) and grandfather both were born in Combe Martin, his grandfather having gone to Wales about 1871 to look for employment. My great grandmother, Clara Blackmore (Mrs. John Witheridge), was also born in Combe Martin.

John Witheridge (my great grandfather) had two brothers who appear to have remained in Combe Martin: Edwin and William John. I have been in contact with the descendants of William John, who now live further south in Devon at West Buckland.

In fact, we visited England four years ago and met these Witheridge relatives when we came to Devon. We also briefly visited Combe Martin, Berrynarbor, and Witheridge. (We loved your note paper with the picture of the Witheridge church and want to get some when we're there.) We did considerable research at the Devon Record Office in Exeter that summer.

This time we are making arrangements to spend some time with the parish registers of Combe Martin and Berrynarbor. We already have an appointment, through Mrs. Betty Davis, to use the Berrynarbor registers on Monday, August 11, and we hope to see the Combe Martin registers on Tuesday or Wednesday of that week. We have written to Mr. L. M. Crang about this, at the suggestion of the Rev. James N. Johnson, but we haven't heard from him yet.

When my grandparents returned to England and Wales for a visit about 1910, they were told that the King's Arms Hotel (Pack of Cards) was in some way connected with, or belonged to, relatives of our family. I have a picture of the hotel they brought home at that time. I've been trying to find out if that hotel is still operating, and now the Head Librarian at the North Devon Athenaeum in Barnstaple tells me that it is. It would be fun to stay there at least a night if it is a comfortable and respectable place, but we need some advice on that. Is it a place you would recommend for an overnight stay or meals? We have also been asking for suggestions on small bed and breakfast places in that vicinity.

Now, you are no doubt wondering, as we are, how you and we are related. I'm sure we must be, perhaps through both the Witheridge and Ley families, and I believe we'll eventually figure it out. For the present I suppose we can just say we're distant cousins.

I hope you will now be encouraged to begin your own genealogical search that will finally lead to the connection between us. I'm enclosing the type of sheet I use for tracing family connections, and I'd suggest that you fill in as much of these as you can for a beginning. Then perhaps you will want to get similar information for further generations back, and we can compare notes when we come.

In your letter you use "we," but you do not say who else is in your family. Do you live with your mother, and are there other living relatives? Elizabeth and I are looking forward very much to meeting you and your family. Would there be a convenient time between Sunday evening, August 10, and Wednesday noon August 13? If not, perhaps we could drive over from Exeter some day while we're there.

Does Kenneth Norman live in Combe Martin? Perhaps we'll be able to meet him, too, when we're there and talk about our Norman ancestry. All I really know about that so far is that one of my ancestors, Jane Norman, married John Witheridge about 1620. She was born in Berrynarbor in 1589 and was the daughter of George and Thomasin Norman.

This has turned into quite an epistle, and I hope it will be the beginning of some interesting relationships. Thank you very much for responding to my note in the Parish Magazine.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

P.S. When we arrive in England on August 3rd, we'll be staying several days in Surrey with a distant Witheridge relative. She is Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA. That will be a sort of permanent address for us in England, as she will always know how to reach us or forward mail.

D.E.W.

[July 7, 1980]

PS Most of the old C.M. families had relatives in Wales – we had several, but the connection is dying out now.)

As from Marine Cottage,
Seaside, Combe Martin
North Devon, EX34 0DH.
7. VII. 80

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

Thank you for your letter which was waiting for me at home at the weekend. In fact, I spend the weekends with my elderly parents at C. Martin, and all being well, will return to live with them there when I retire – probably/possibly in about a year's time.

I'm in social work (Divisional Director of Social Services for the Torridge-side Division) and have a rented flat in Bideford. Bideford is a lovely old town on the Torridge estuary or perhaps you have been here on your previous visit?

Our immediate family consists of my father, Herbert Parsons (son of Emma, née Witheridge) and he will be 88 in Sept; my mother Esther Daisy, daughter of Walter John Ley, and she will be 86 in Sept;

I come next –

Son Max(well), born in 1922 – in the N. Devon Ambulance control Barnstaple
His wife Marjorie, née Hamish
1) Ian Electronic Engineer married to Ann (expecting first baby in Oct.) lives near Plymouth
2) Howard – Engineer –
3) Christopher – Apprentice Engineer } still at home

Son Terence Roy, born in 1926 –
Captain – Mercantile Marine
Wife Gay (from N. Zealand, but her grandfather emigrated from Plymouth)
– their home is now at Exeter.
Roy's family:–
1) Lorraine, married to Stephen Marks. they live at Thorpe le Soken, in north-east Essex, and have 2 sons – Geoffrey ~~Travis~~ Stephen Ley (8yrs)
Simon Kenneth Roy (6yrs)
2) Robyn, married to Andrew Connett – lives at Exeter. Daughter Nicola (5yrs) son Richard – 3 in Oct.

3) Son Geoffrey Travis Ley, aged 20 – training in Radiography at the East Birmingham Hospital.

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You'll notice the Ley connection has been continued — were very sad none of the name actually lives in C. Martin now.

The Leys were a seafaring family, and my great aunt Henrietta who lived in Marine Cottage until her death, told me as a child that the family had lived there for 400 years, so it must be getting on towards 500 yrs now. Unfortunately, the deeds were lost by an old family solicitor.

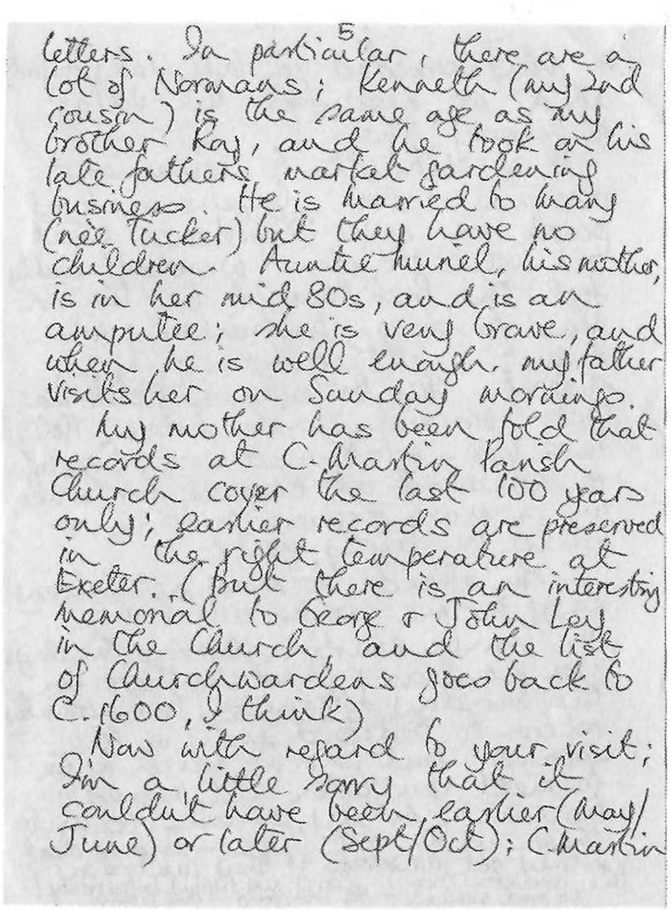
My great grandparents on the Ley side were Captain John Cutcliffe Ley, and Mary Ley (née Burgess); on the Parsons/Witheridge side they were John Witheridge and Mary Ann Witheridge (née Burgess) — so the Burgess connection is prominent.

The Pack of Cards was built by George Ley (c. 1715 I think), to celebrate

a large win at cards! — but he (or another George) endowed a charitable fund for the education of poor children, so his reputation was not wholly disreputable! — I've never actually checked whether we are directly descended from him, but must try to do so sometime (perhaps when I retire!)

My great aunt had in her possession a little booklet, written by the scholarly wife of a one-time Rector, & entitled "Notes on Combe Martin"; my mother now treasures this, and we will be pleased to show it to you. Incidentally, an article based on my mothers reminiscences of growing up in C-Martin was published in the Devon Historian, Oct 79 — and I expect you would find that interesting, too.

As you say, there must be many people living in the area, who are related to you. I do hope you will receive some more



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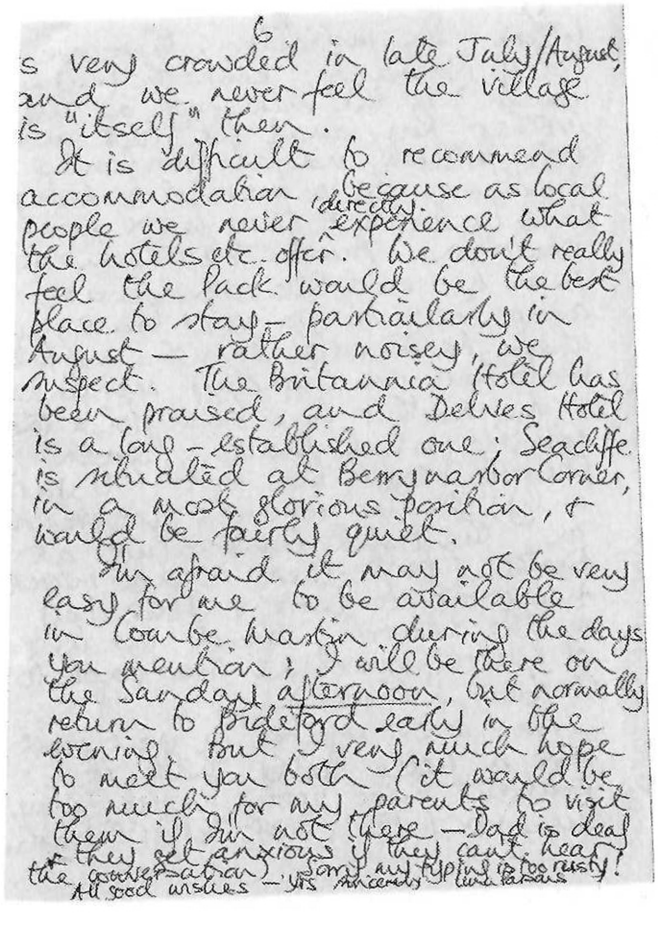
letters. In particular, there are a lot of Normans; Kenneth (my 2nd cousin) is the same age as my brother Ray, and he took on his late father's market gardening business. He is married to Mary (née Tucker) but they have no children. Auntie Muriel, his mother, is in her mid 80s, and is an amputee; she is very brave, and when he is well enough, my father visits her on Sunday mornings.

My mother has been told that records at C-Martin Parish Church cover the last 100 years only; earlier records are preserved in the right temperature at Exeter. (But there is an interesting memorial to George & John Ley in the Church, and the list of Churchwardens goes back to C.1600, I think)

Now with regard to your visit; I'm a little sorry that it couldn't have been earlier (May/June) or later (Sept/Oct); C.Martin



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is very crowded in late July/August, and we never feel the village is "itself" then.

It is difficult to recommend accommodation because as local people we never (directly) experience what the hotels etc. offer. We don't really feel the Pack would be the best place to stay — particularly in August — rather noisey, we suspect. The Britannia Hotel has been praised, and Delves Hotel is a long-established one; Seacliffe is situated at Berrynarbor Corner, in a most glorious position, & would be fairly quiet.

I'm afraid it may not be very easy for me to be available in Combe Martin during the days you mention; I will be there on the Sunday afternoon, but normally return to Bideford early in the evening. But I very much hope to meet you both (it would be too much for my parents to visit them if I'm not there — Dad is deaf & they get anxious if they can't hear the conversation). Sorry my typing is too rusty!

All good wishes — Yrs sincerely

[Filled out by DEW]

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Ley Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Walter John Ley (a)
Father's Name:
[Capt.] John Cutcliffe Ley (a)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Mary Burgess (a)

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Marriage | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) (others?)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Esther Daisy (a) Birth Sept. ___, 1894 (a)
Married to Marriage
Herbert Parsons (a) Death [dau. Una Parsons]

2 Birth
Married to Marriage
Death

3 Birth
Married to Marriage
Death

4 Birth
Married to Marriage
Death

(a) Inf. from Una Parsons ← From reverse side

5 Birth
Married to Marriage
Death

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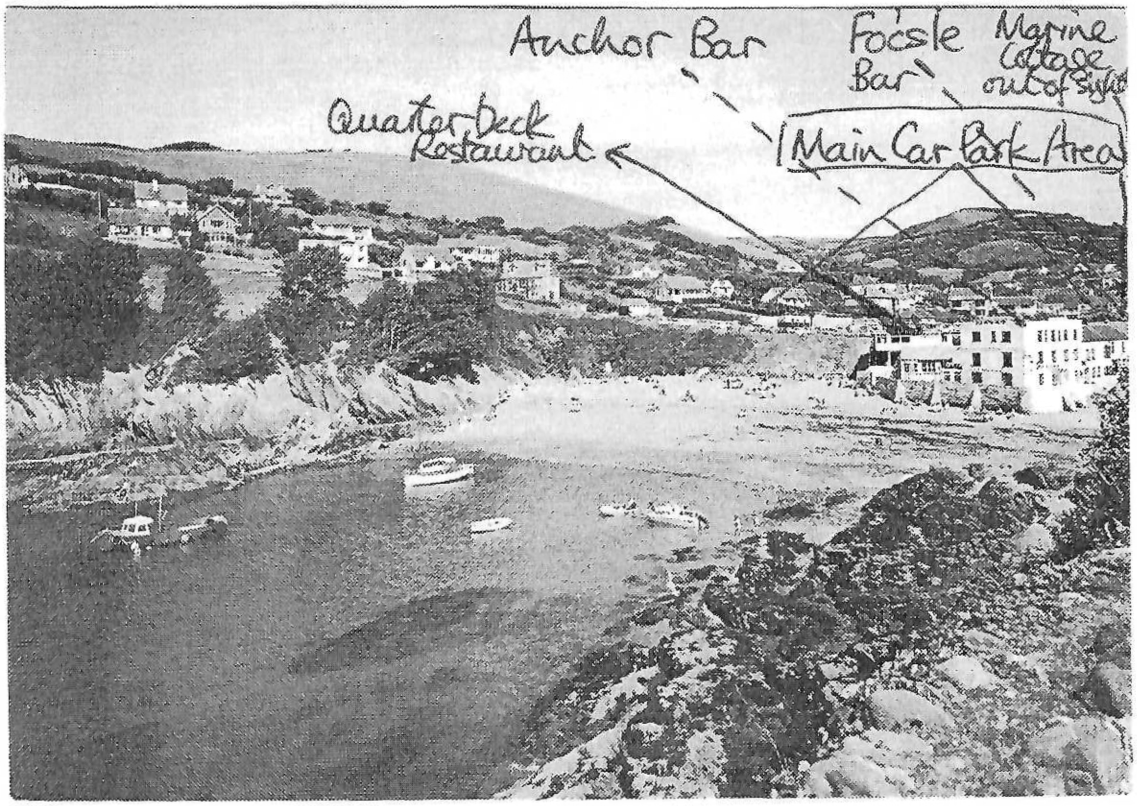
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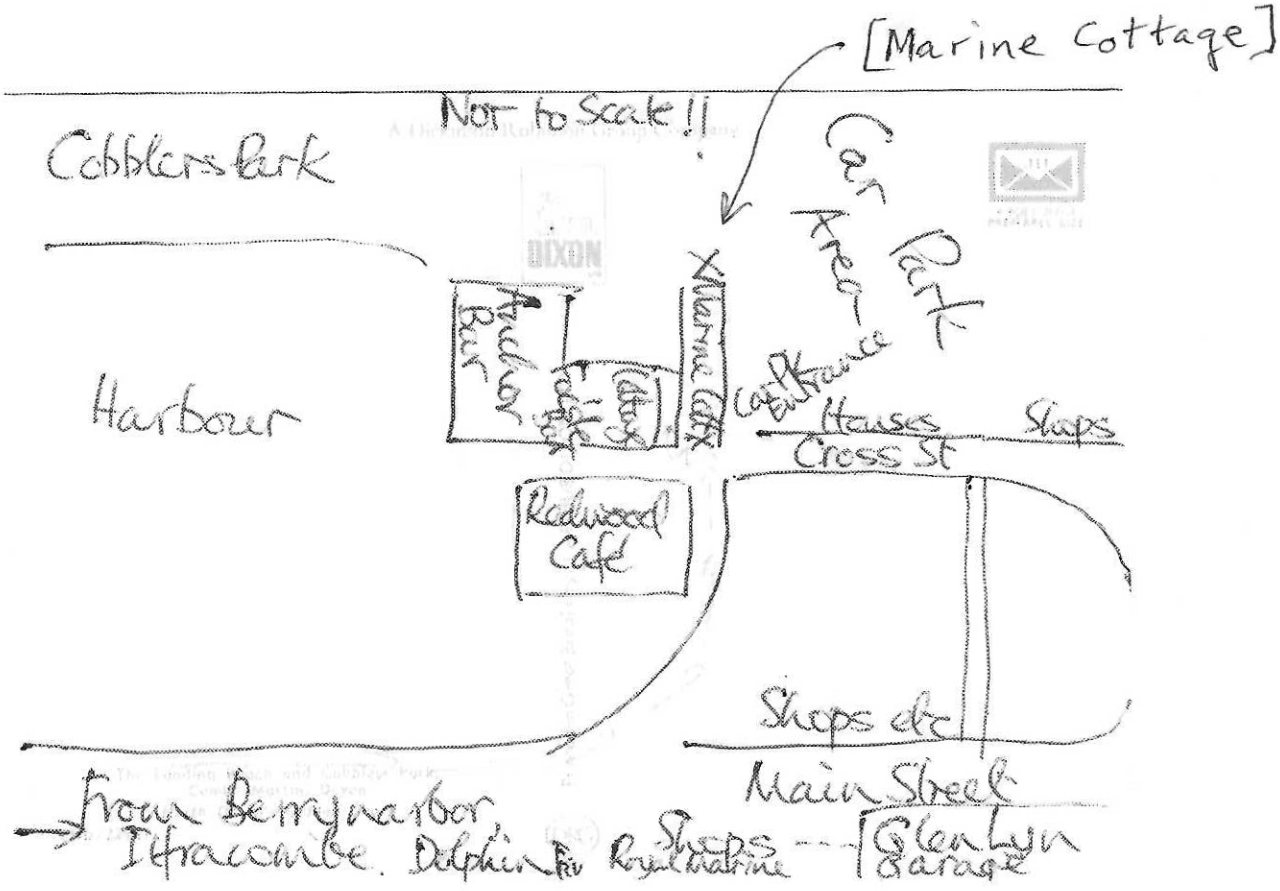
Main Car Park Area

Combe
Martin,
Devon


[Marine Cottage]
Not to Scale !!
Cobblers Park
Car Park Area
Harbour
Anchor Bar
Focsle Bar
Cottage
Marine Cott
Car Park Entrance
Houses
Shops
Cross St
Redwood Café
Shops etc
Main Street
from Berrynarbor, Ilfracombe.
Dolphin
Royal Marine
Shops
Glen Lyn Garage
DIXON

[1980 trip plans]

July 20, 1980

Dear Una:

Thank you for your letter of July 7th with all its fascinating information. We certainly do want to get together with you in Combe Martin, and I'm sure we can work it out.

On Saturday night and Sunday morning, August 9 and 10, we'll be in Salisbury. We hope to leave there by about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, which should get us to Combe Martin by about 4:30. If we come to your house soon thereafter, we should have an hour or so together before you have to return to Bideford.

We have booked a room with Mrs. A. Prater at The Lodge in Berrynarbor for the days we'll be in your vicinity. We got her name from Mrs. Betty Davis.

You probably know by now that Miss Gregory showed my letter to you to Myrtle Blackmore, and she wrote me a lovely letter about her Blackmore ancestry. It turns out that her great grandfather and my great grandmother were brother and sister, so Myrtle and I are third cousins.

Since you can only see us during the late afternoon, we suggested to Myrtle that we try to see her on Sunday evening. If that doesn't work out, we can possibly see her on Monday evening. Thank you for initiating this contact.

Now you'll be interested to know that I have traced your Witheridge ancestry back to your great-great-great-great grandparents, Thomas Witheridge and Mary Howe, who were married February 28, 1775, in Berrynarbor. I have the records from the 1841 and 1851 Censuses, as well as Parish Register information. At this point I still don't know how we are related, but I'm sure we must be, as my own Witheridge ancestry goes back to an earlier Thomas Witheridge in Berrynarbor in 1555. I'll bring all these sheets with me when we come.

We'll also enjoy reading the booklet and article you mentioned about former days in Combe Martin. As I said earlier, my ancestors and relatives have been involved in Combe Martin history and events for many centuries!

We still haven't heard anything from Mr. L. M. Crang about the possibility of our seeing the Combe Martin Parish Registers on Tuesday, August 12. If you know him, perhaps you could encourage him to write to us at the Roy Cooks in Sutton, if he hasn't already written.

You should also probably write to us there (81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA) to give us directions to your house and let us know if we can see you on that Sunday afternoon. We'll be with the Cooks through the night of August 8th.

We look forward to meeting you and others of your family in a few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 11, 1980]*

2 Park Avenue,
Bideford, EX39 2GH.
Monday evening, 11.viii.80

Dear David & Elizabeth,

We were all so pleased to meet you yesterday — it seemed as though we'd known you for ages!

Unfortunately, I haven't been successful with the photo-copying of the marriage certificate, but hope the enclosed will be adequate?

Myrtle phoned today, and I've asked for the use of the St John Ambulance Hall on the evening of Mon, 18 August; we think the room will be available, but I won't have confirmation until tomorrow — if it isn't, we will be able to find an alternative venue. Please will you contact Myrtle or me at the weekend, so that we can let you know the final arrangements? — it is possible that only a handful of people will turn up, but we'll hope for more!

I do hope you gain access to the C.M. registers without too much difficulty tomorrow —

All good wishes,
Una.

[Plans for a gathering arranged by Una, Norah Gregory, and Myrtle Blackmore at the St. John Ambulance Hall on an evening in August 1980]

* Una's Aug. 3 letter follows on the next page.

[Aug. 3, 1980]

[This was attached to the Aug. 11 letter.]

As from Marine Cottage,
Cross Street,
Combe Martin,
N. Devon. EX34 0DH.
3. VIII. 80

Dear David & Elizabeth,

By the time you read this, we hope you will have had a pleasant flight, and be all set for an enjoyable visit to the United Kingdom.

I wonder if "your ears" have been burning today? — as there have been many conversations about your visit "home".

Norah Gregory, Myrtle Blackmore and I are all old friends; Norah was born in C. Martin (I think) but does not hail from a local family, but local history is her great

interest, and it was she who wrote up my mother's reminiscences for the Devon Historian. We haven't (the three of us) had an opportunity to meet since our correspondence with you, but Myrtle & I spoke over the phone on Friday, and I've seen Norah today.

What we have planned is that Norah will come to Marine Cottage as soon as she is free on Sunday afternoon to meet you, and she will later take you to Myrtle's house. (Myrtle is somewhat tied up with Church matters, as the Baptist minister has concluded his ministry today.)

At Marine Cottage, tea (sandwiches, cake etc.) will be waiting for you, so that we can make the best of the time available.

A post card of C. M. harbour is

enclosed, and on the back is a rough diagram. I think you will be able to find a parking space next Sunday (the car park at the harbour has been very full today) but if you aren't able to get in, the Glen Lyn Garage in the main street has parking facilities.

Marine Cottage lies alongside the harbour car park, on the harbour side; just walk a few steps down the narrow little street to the harbour behind Redwood Café, towards the Focsle & Anchor Bars, and on the right you will find a little iron gate, leading into a cobble-stone courtyard; there are 2 doors, but it isn't (and never was) two cottages — just a long Devon house; the walls are white and woodwork painted black.

The telephone no. of Marine Cottage is Combe Martin 3513, but my

parents don't hear telephone conversations very well, so we ask people to try to telephone when they expect I'll be at home.

Some very good news about Myrtle, which I suspect she will not tell you herself, is that she went to Buckingham Palace to receive the MBE on Wed (30 July) — perhaps you can persuade her to show it to you!

Norah thinks Mr. Craig may have been thinking of another visitor, from Australia, who wants to consult the parish registers; we think the best thing to do is to give you Mr. Craig's address & phone no. — Combe Martin 3337; the address is Three Steps, Berrynarbor (on the main C.M.—Ilfracombe road; near the Onahill Garage)

It is always possible, but rarely happens, that I have to return unexpectedly to Bideford because of some emergency work-wise; let us hope nothing like this happens next Sunday!

Just in case you are held up en route, I will be prepared to remain at Combe Martin rather later - but if you are likely to be very delayed, say, later than 6-30 pm., and can find a telephone, it would be helpful if you could just let us know.

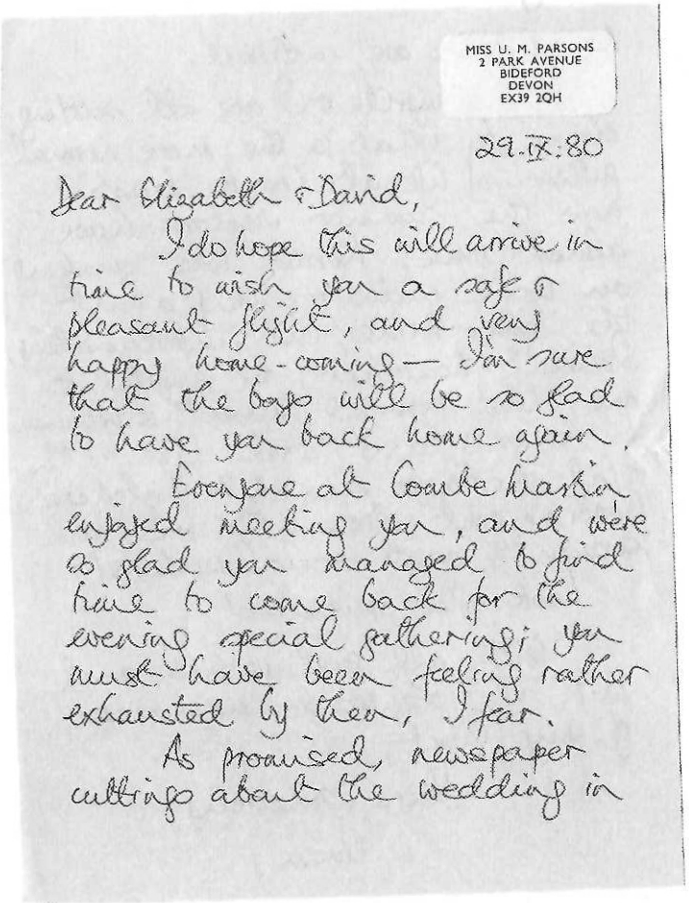
We are all extremely interested in your researches, and greatly look forward to meeting you both —

All good wishes -

Una (Parsons)

My Bideford phone no. is Bid. 5124
Office (in emergency) Bid 5693.

[Sept. 29, 1980]



MISS U. M. PARSONS
2 PARK AVENUE
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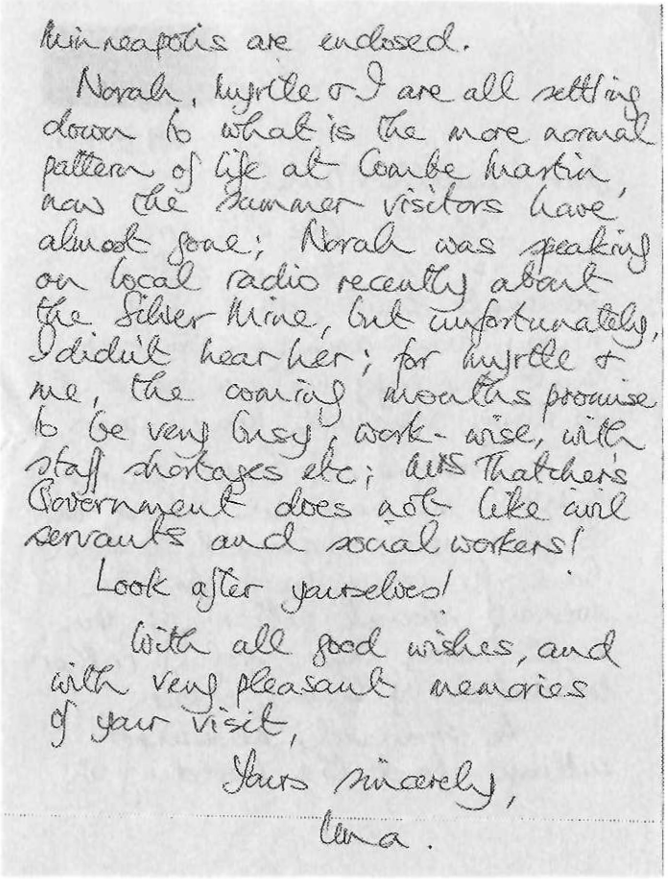
29.IX.80

Dear Elizabeth & David,

I do hope this will arrive in time to wish you a safe & pleasant flight, and very happy home-coming — I'm sure that the boys will be so glad to have you back home again.

Everyone at Combe Martin enjoyed meeting you, and were so glad you managed to find time to come back for the evening special gathering; you must have been feeling rather exhausted by then, I fear.

As promised, newspaper cuttings about the wedding in



Minneapolis are enclosed.

Norah, Myrtle & I are all settling down to what is the more normal pattern of life at Combe Martin, now the Summer visitors have almost gone; Norah was speaking on local radio recently about the Silver Mine, but unfortunately, I didn't hear her; for Myrtle & me, the coming months promise to be very busy, work-wise, with staff shortages etc; Mrs Thatcher's Government does not like civil servants and social workers!

Look after yourselves!

With all good wishes, and with very pleasant memories of your visit,

Yours sincerely,

Una.

[See Una's
Sept. 29, 1980,
letter.]

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## Marriages

**DANIELSON—KEATINGS.** — On July 12th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, U.S.A. Ethan Ancil, younger son of Mr. Robert F. and Mrs. Theodora Danielson of Minneapolis and Ruth Elizabeth Jane, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Keatings, Grove Hill, Victoria Road, Barnstaple.

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# DOCTOR'S DAUGHTER MARRIED

A BARNSTAPLE doctor's daughter has been married in Minneapolis.

The bride, Miss Ruth Keatings is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Keatings. She married Mr. Ethan Ancil Danielson, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Danielson, of Minneapolis.

Both bride and bridegroom are engaged in post-graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

The wedding took place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was conducted by the rector, the Rev. Mackie Goodman. Mr. Damon Danielson, brother of the bridegroom, was best man and the bride was attended by her sister, Fiona.

# Editor's Note

The two-page document that follows, number CM38, shows the people (with their various family lines checked) who attended the August 18, 1980, gathering at the St. John's Ambulance Hall in either Barnstaple or Combe Martin — the correspondence is unclear on that point. The gathering was organized by Una Parsons, Norah Gregory, and Myrtle Blackmore during Dad and Mom's second visit to Britain.

This kind gesture was very helpful in Dad's efforts to contact living relatives and learn more about his roots in North Devon. I'm not positive, but this looks like it might have been a "sign-in sheet" created by Una and later annotated by Dad.

Tom Witheridge
March 28, 2022

# Sheet 1

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| Name & Address | WITHERIDGE | BLACKMORE | LEY | NORMAN | MUGGERIDGE | SHERMAN | SIMONS | NORTHCOTT | GEAR | PEA |
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| RAYMOND REGINALD CUTCLIFFE<br>MELTWIN, SHUTE LANE<br>retired COMBE MARTIN. | ✓<br>HICKS | Sounds | quite | interested | and willing | to | correspond | | | |
| MYRTLE BLACKMORE<br>SARNEN<br>WEST CHALLACOMBE LANE<br>COMBE MARTIN | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| GLADYS D. COMER-FENNINGS.<br>WEST CHALLACOMBE LANE<br>COMBE MARTIN | | | | | | | | | | |
| EDITH MARY NORMAN<br>MELDON<br>COMBE MARTIN | Has Norman | | relatives | in Utah<br>✓ | who are | Mormons | | | | |
| MARGARET STUCKEY<br>51 HIGH STREET<br>COMBE MARTIN<br>N.TH DEVON | | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| MAVIS PEGLER.<br>DEVONIA.<br>COMBE MARTIN. | ✓ | Uncle cousin | | | | | | | | |
| Frances Smallbridge<br>Burnside<br>Combe Martin | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Myra Cutcliffe<br>'HELMAE'<br>COMBE MARTIN | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOUGLAS A. IRWIN STOCK<br>'ROSENAU'<br>COMBE MARTIN. | IRWIN,<br>GOSS,<br>Bowden<br>Jewell<br>Kenning<br>Sanders | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| WINIFRED G. STOCK<br>(née Medlin, ex Glenda) etc)<br>Married the above. | | | | | | | | | | |

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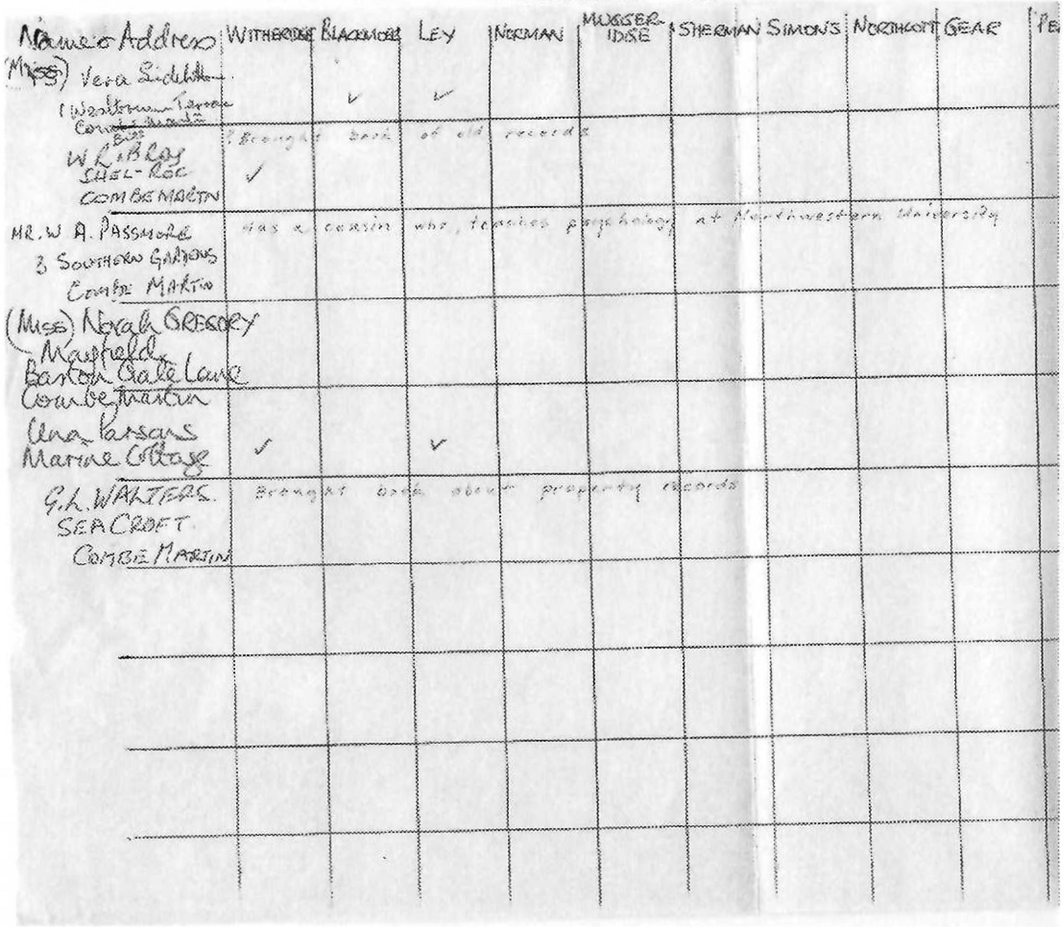

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| (Miss) Vera Siddall<br>1 Westbourne Terrace<br>Combe Martin | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| W L Bray<br>SHEL-ROC<br>COMBE MARTIN | ✓<br>? Brought back of old records | | | | | | | | | |
| MR. W. A. PASSMORE<br>3 SOUTHERN GARDENS<br>COMBE MARTIN | Has a cousin who, teaches psychology at Northwestern University | | | | | | | | | |
| (Miss) Norah GREGORY<br>Mayfield<br>Barton Gate Lane<br>Combe Martin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Una Parsons<br>Marine Cottage | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| G.L. WALTERS.<br>SEACROFT.<br>COMBE MARTIN | Brought back about property records | | | | | | | | | |
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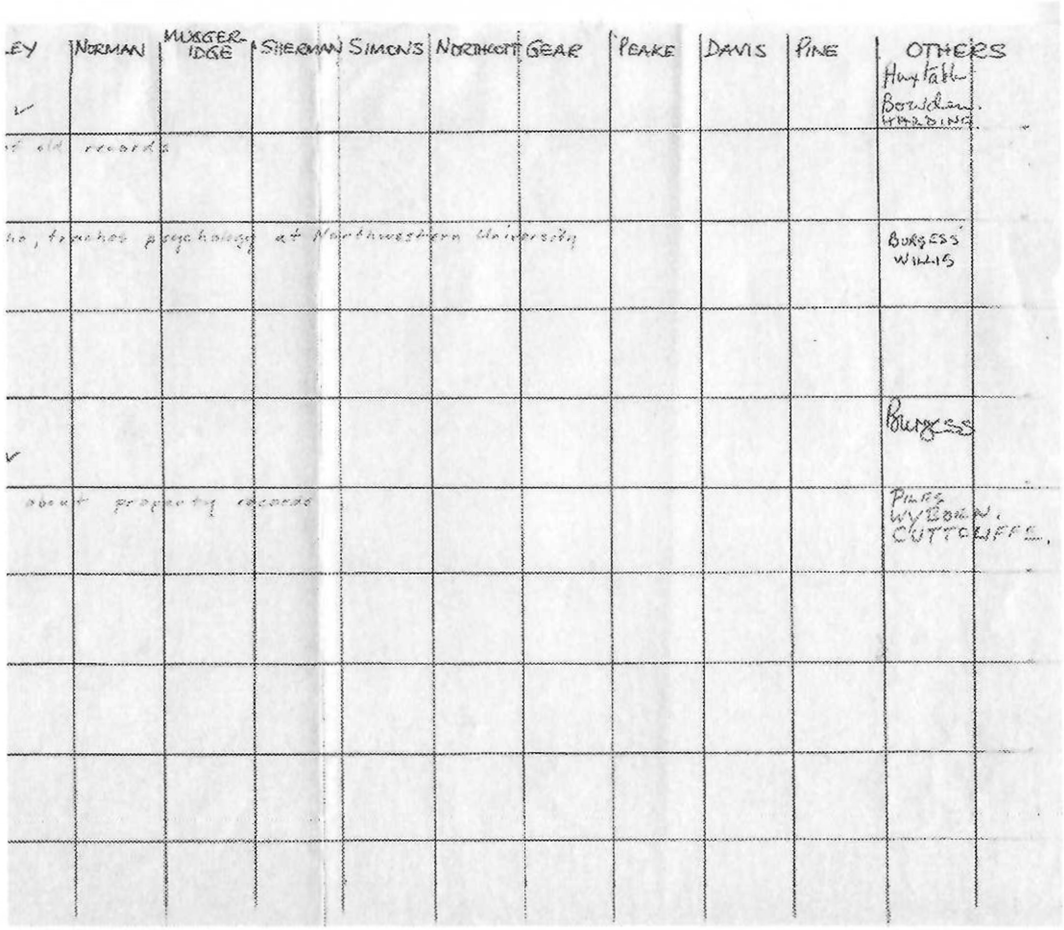

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| ho, teaches psychology at Northwestern University | | | | | | | | | | BURGESS<br>WILLIS |
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*Best Wishes for*
*the coming of the*
*New Year*

from the Parsons Family,
Combe Martin

December 1, 1980

Dear Una:

It hardly seems possible that two months have passed by since we completed our delightful stay in Britain. I should have written much earlier, but there were so many things to do after we got home, that I just couldn't get to it. At any rate, I wanted to wait until we had those prints made from our slides, so I could send them to you.

One of the high points of our trip was meeting and being with you and your family and all the others in Combe Martin and Berrynarbor. That area and its people seem so much more a part of us now than ever before. Thank you again for your very warm hospitality!

We are certainly happy to have all these pictures, and we hope you will enjoy them, too. They mean more to us, no doubt, than they will to you and the others there. I'm sending copies only to you, and you can show them to the others as you have time. If anyone wants additional copies, let me know, and I'll have them made.

I've put the names as I have them on the backs of the pictures, and I'd like you to look them over and tell me if I've made any mistakes. As I have time, I'll be writing to different ones about my connection with the family name or names they have listed.

Up to now I haven't had time to do much serious work on genealogy since we got home, but I hope to get started on that in the near future.

Our son Tom was home from Chicago over the long Thanksgiving Day weekend just ended, and he had his girl friend Virginia with him. They are both working on their Ph.D.'s in counseling psychology at Northwestern University. It sounds as though they have about a year and a half to go.

Give our greetings to your mother and father. We look forward to hearing from you, and we hope you are all well.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
February 10, 1981

Dear Una:

I'm delighted to say that I think I've figured out how you and I are related! I can't be absolutely sure, because I've made one conjecture that I haven't yet confirmed. But if I'm right, I'm your seventh cousin once removed! In other words, your father and I are seventh cousins, and you and our sons are eighth cousins.

I know I told you last summer that I had traced your ancestry back to Thomas Witheridge and Mary Howe, who were married in Berrynarbor in 1775, but I don't know whether or not I gave you any of the corroborating information. When I get around to it, I'm going to Xerox my record sheets and send you copies, even though they are still in many ways incomplete. That will take a little time, however, so I'll give you a brief account right now.

The way I happened to find the connection between our families is this. The Mormons (Latter Day Saints), as you may know, have a tremendous microfilm library of parish registers, census records, and other genealogical materials in Salt Lake City, Utah. All over the country, and in fact around the world, they have branch libraries where one can order these materials sent for a small fee.

I sent for a copy of their computer printout of the East Down parish register, because that is adjacent to Berrynarbor. When it came, I discovered that there was only one Witheridge family recorded there, but it happened to be the family of your ancestor, Thomas Witheridge, who married Mary Howe. That is, the baptism of Thomas Witheridge was shown as Nov. 27, 1751, and his parents were John and Mary Witheridge. They had two other children in East Down: Mary in 1749 and John in 1754. Later John and Mary had two children in Berrynarbor: William in 1756 and Wilmot in 1759.

Since this was the only Witheridge family in East Down, I figure they had come from somewhere nearby. Since they later went to Berrynarbor, I have concluded that John was the John Witheridge who was baptized in Berrynarbor on Mar. 6, 1715/6, the son of another John Witheridge, who in turn was the first son of Thomas Witheridge and Mary Sherman. I descend from William, another son of Thomas and Mary. From there on back, we both stem from Thomas Witheridge, who was baptized in Berrynarbor on Feb. 12, 1554/5, and married Joan Mogridge in Berrynarbor on Oct. 8, 1580.

I'm relatively certain that I have pieced this together correctly, but I'll be more firmly convinced when I find the marriage of John and Mary Witheridge of East Down (your great-great-great-great-great-great grandparents). So far, this marriage hasn't turned up in East Down, Berrynarbor, or Combe Martin; but Mary may have lived elsewhere, and the marriage probably was performed in her parish. At any rate, until I discover something contradictory, I'm going to consider you my seventh cousin once removed. Later I'm hoping we'll find our Ley connection.

Edith Norman may have told you that I made contact with her relative, James A. Norman, in California. He sent me the information about his ancestry, and I have been working on that, but haven't figured out yet how we are related.

You told me that Kenneth Norman is your second cousin, but you didn't tell me if or how Kenneth and Edith are related. What is Kenneth's address? I think I'd like to write to him some time.

You said that Kenneth's mother was Muriel Bray, whose mother was a Witheridge. What was her first name, and what was the first name of her husband, Mr. Bray?

So much for family relationships. We hope you and your parents have been having a good winter, both in terms of health and in terms of all your many goals and desires. We are very happy we were able to visit Combe Martin, Berrynarbor, and the North Devon vicinity so we can visualize the area and all you wonderful people. Being there was a treat, and we think of you often.

Our winter has been unusual. Only now are we starting to have the kind of snow and cold that are normal here for this time of the year. We may be in for some bad weather ahead, but with winter half over already, it can't hurt us too much in the future.

Many of us in America are holding our fingers crossed, wondering how the Reagan administration is going to work out. Elizabeth and I happen to disagree with most of President Reagan's policies, and in any case we feel his proposed solutions are too simplistic. Only time will tell. Fortunately, our country has considerable resiliency, so we're hoping that too much damage will not be done.

One of our great pleasures these days is our Norwegian Elkhound, Rokk. He was one year old on January 20, and he is developing into a most satisfying companion, as well as a goodwatch dog. He is handsome, intelligent, playful, and loving. What more could one ask? we have a large fenced-in yard, so he gets plenty of exercise; and every evening before retiring I get my exercise by walking him around the block.

Practically every week Elizabeth has an engagement or two speaking to children in schools about writing books. She has done this for many years and is very adept at it because of her great rapport with the children, built on many years of successful teaching.

I must close for now. Please give our love to your mother and father, and keep a great deal for yourself.

Most affectionately,

~~[illegible]~~ ans 3/24/81

1st March 1981
[Mar. 1, 1981]

Dear Elizabeth & David,

I am so very sorry not to have written sooner, to thank you for your letter at Christmas and the snapshots enclosed! — they have been circulating around the various people in the photographs ever since, & in fact, only returned to me last Sunday. They have caused much interest & some amusement! I think Winifred & Douglas Stock & Edith Norman may still not have seen them, & I'll try to rectify this as soon as possible. You had the identifications absolutely correctly! — We ALL enjoyed that evening so much; it really was so pleasant to have you with us & many of us felt we had known you for a life time.

And now thank you for your most recent letter, and the information about our Witheridge connection! — isn't it interesting! — I've been absent from Church for 3 Sundays, unfortunately, but hope to be there next week, & to show the letter to Mavis (Pegler) — my cousin, and Ken Norman; his address is BRIDGELANDS, VICTORIA STREET, COMBE MARTIN etc — (in fact, that is Auntie Muriel's (his mother) address — I don't know Ken's & his name isn't in the telephone directory — but he works from Bridgelands).

We have been having a rather unusually busy time over the past few months — sickness, then rather major events in the unexpected redundancy of my sea-captain brother, Roy, & the last few days, a complete change of direction for me – I was planning to retire in June, but there is apparently a penalty clause of which I was unaware in my contract, & so now I am not retiring! (I was hoping Norah would guide me to research the LEY family back as far as George, the builder of the Pack o' Cards folly!! – but it will have to wait!) This isn't a proper reply to your letters, just an acknowledgement. Very best wishes to you all Una

Sender's name and address (Please show your postcode)

(Miss) U. M. Parsons
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Bideford, Devon,
EX39 2QH,
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1890 Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition | Rank or Profession | Residence at time of Marriage | Father's Name & Surname | Rank or Profession of father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 404 | April 7th | Henry George Parsons | 21 | Bachelor | Baker | Combmartin | George Parsons | Labourer |
| | | Emma Witheridge | 23 | Spinster | Dressmaker | Combmartin | John Witheridge | Gardener |

Married in the Parish Church Established Church

~~by~~ after Banns By me H. W. Toms Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { H. G. Parsons<br>Emma Witheridge } in the presence of { William Delve<br>Annie Witheridge

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true Parish

Extracted this 18th April 1890

H. W. Toms
Rector
April 18 1890

Nicholls Bros., Printers, 21, Featherstone Buildings, W.C.

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

John Witheridge (a)

Father's Name:
John Witheridge (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Mary (a) Hancock (a)

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | [Bapt. Nov. 10, 1838] (a) | Combe Martin, (a) Devon (a) |
| Marriage | May 7, 1859 | Combe Martin (a) |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Maryann Burgess (a)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

(others?)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
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| 1 | Emma (d) | Birth | c. 1867 (a) | |
| | Married to | Marriage | Apr. 7, 1890 | Combe Martin (a) [Herbert son, married Esther Daisy Le |
| | Henry George Parsons (a) | Death | | |
| 2 | [dau.] (d) "Annie?" | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | [Muriel dau, married William Norma |
| | ——— Bray (d) | Death | | |
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(a) Combe Martin Parish Reg. (Rev. F. A. Lovell)

(b) 1851 Census of Combe Martin (Public Record Off.)

(c) Birth cert. of Emily Witheridge, born Oct. 1, 1846, sister of John Witheridge, bapt. Nov. 10, 1838 (St. Catherine's House)

(d) Inf. from Una Parsons

(e) Mar. cert. of Henry George Parsons + Emma Witheridge

2 Park Avenue, Bideford, Devon,
EX 39 2QH.

18th February, 1982.

Dear Elizabeth and David,

Rather belatedly, a happy new year to you all !

I seem temporarily to have mislaid your last letter, but in it you particularly asked about research at the Devon Records Office in Exeter. I am very sorry to disappoint you, but the family living there don't feel able to help in this way; Robbie is interested, but has her hands rather full with her young family, and her Playgroup.

I ~~s~~ought Norah's advice, and she recommended an approach to the Archivist at the Records Office, and I'm enclosing the reply received today. I do hope that someone on the list will be suitable for what you have in mind.

How are you all keeping? - well, I hope. Are you getting on with plans for the wedding now?

Iknow you will be very sorry to hear that Douglas Stock is probably incurably ill, with cancer. He had what was thought to be a severe stroke, but it appears to have been some type of brain tumour; he underwent brain surgery and although we all hope and pray he will survive, he seems to be deteriorating. Poor Winifred! They are a very self-contained, inseparable couple, and it is impossible to visualise her without him.

Since Christmas, we've had (for us) some very severe weather, with snow blocking our hilly roads, and causing electricity cuts and telephone breakdowns; my parents managed somehow to survive with the support of neighbours, but they have been affected psychologically More recently, flood water has seeped into Marine Cottage from the adjacent car park, saturating carpets etc. in three of the downstair rooms, and this has caused them real distress. We have had to consult an Architect, as the Parish Council, who own the car park, don't seem able to understand the problem. Hopefully, some satisfactory solution will be found soon.

My own immediate future remains uncertain; the County Council offered the possibliity of redundancy as from the end of March, but have now installed consultants to advise on a revised structure for Social Services, so everything is 'frozen'. It is particularly hard for Mum and Dad who are finding it very hard to cope without more support from me. They will be 88 and 90 in September.

Apart from the foregoing, life continues much as usual; we are particularly busy professionally, with an increased volume of worrying childcare and mental health work. Personally, I am sure people are starved of a living faith.

I am afraid my typing has become very 'rusty' - my apologies for it!

With love and best wishes from us all to you all,

Yours,

Una

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## PROFESSIONAL RECORD SEARCHERS

Members of staff are not available to undertake genealogical research on behalf of enquirers. The following record agents and genealogists are known to be working in Devon. All are members of the Devon and Cornwall Record Society and familiar with record offices and libraries in the County. It is not possible for staff to recommend particular searchers and fees should be negotiated directly with the searcher.

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|---|---|
| Bastin, Mr. J.W. | Enfield, Warren Lane, Torrington, Devon EX38 8AG. |
| Guthrig, Mrs. S.C. | 11 Trelawny Road, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon. |
| Higgans, Mr. J. | 56 Mile End Road, Highweek, Newton Abbot, Devon. |
| Moss, Mr. O.P. | 39 Parkside Drive, Exmouth, Devon EX8 4LB. |
| Pascoe, Mr. W.H. | The Cottage, 18 Keverell Road, Exmouth, Devon. (Cornwall) |
| Wickes, Mr. M. | Woodend House, Mount Raleigh Avenue, Bideford, Devon EX39 3NR. |

The following organisations may also be able to advise you:

The Devon Family History Society
Membership Secretary: Mrs. P. Witwicka, 9B Cookworthy Road, North Prospect, Plymouth, Devon PL2 2LG.

Association of Genealogists and Record Agents
c/o Mrs. M.C. Gandy, 80 Pollard Road, Whetstone, London, N20 OUD.

Society of Genealogists
c/o 37 Harrington Gardens, London, WS7.

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13.VIII.82 [Aug. 13, 1982]

Dear Elizabeth & David,

In your last letter, you were waiting to find someone to undertake some research for you — I was sorry none in the family felt able to help, but do hope the suggestions from the Archivist at the Devon Records Office were useful.

We have been thinking of you all especially during the past few months, and wondering about the wedding; do hope it was a very happy occasion! — I even wondered whether the newlyweds would include a visit to N. Devon on their honeymoon trip!

Do hope you are both well?

We have had quite a lot of sadness since we were last in touch — not in the immediate family, but among close friends. You know about Douglas Stock, of course; Ken Norman's mother, (Aunt) Muriel Norman (née Bray, daughter of Annie Witheridge) died in June; I suppose she was my ?, 2nd cousin, but belonged to our parents' generation. Our church was packed for her funeral. We've also lost a very old family friend, known to me as Auntie Winnie; I don't think you met her; she was my Sunday School teacher and a very dear and special friend. Sorry this is all so sad!

Mum & Dad have "had ups & downs", but at the moment, are both fairly well; they will be 88 & 90 respectively on Sept 10th.

Norah continues with all her local history interests, & Myrtle is apparently counting the days to her retirement! (She will be 60 on Guy Fawkes' Day – Nov 5th). Retirement for me is still uncertain! Our present government doesn't like social workers, & even more financial cuts are expected shortly, so I think they must release me soon – by the end of the year, surely? Meanwhile, we're very busy, so there's plenty to do. All good wishes & love to you both, Una

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August 28, 1982

Dear Una,

Your recent letter was very welcome, and it spurred me into checking my files. I was shocked to find that, as far as I can tell, I have not written to you since last December. This has been an especially hectic year, but that is no excuse for neglecting you so long. I'm sure you know that we think of you frequently, as we know you think of us. From now on, I'll try to do better at corresponding.

The wedding was a great success and a happy occasion. Tom said it was everything he had hoped for, and he hoped we felt the same way--and we did. It was really a simple wedding--only about 50 at the ceremony, mostly relatives. I conducted the service, as you probably know, and it was held at the Womans Club in Evanston, a suburb of Chicago. The service was at 5:00 p.m. followed by a dinner right there; and then about 150 of their friends came in at 8:00 for a reception.

Since they are so busy in their work, Tom and Virginia took only a few days off for a honeymoon to an old Mississippi River town in western Illinois. Now they are busily engaged in buying a house in one of the older parts of Chicago that is in the process of restoration. They were very lucky to find one they could afford, and now they are hoping to move in within the next month or so.

We thought you'd enjoy seeing this picture. It shows my sister Louise and her husband Jim and their daughter Jennifer, along with Virginia and Tom.

Not long after the wedding Elizabeth and I started out on a 3½-week trip east. We began in Wisconsin with a day-long conference of people whose ancestry goes back to Cornwall. (My grandmother Allen's family was from there.) We especially loved our stay in Maryland, where many of Elizabeth's ancestors settled in Colonial days. We visited several of her relatives we had known before, and also met some others for the first time. In Connecticut we spent some time with her first editor and also visited a town where her Plumb ancestors first settled. In Massachusetts we visited places where her Penny and Kendall ancestors lived in Colonial days, and in Vermont we even stayed in an old inn operated by a Kendall who is Elizabeth's fourth cousin once removed--one we had never even known of before this summer.

On our return trip through Ontario we stayed overnight with one of my second cousins, John Adams, and his family, whom we had never met before. As he is also a Witheridge descendant, he is some sort of cousin of yours, too. He and his wife were both born in Wales, and they came to Canada about 20 years ago. They have three lovely daughters. We had been with his sister and her family in Birmingham both times we were in England.

In Michigan we stayed overnight with my sister Louise and her husband Jim (the ones in the picture), then on to Chicago for a couple of nights with Tom and Virginia before returning to Minneapolis. It was 4,500 miles in all! We also obtained a surprising amount of new genealogical material I'll be working on for weeks.

I should have said that one reason I didn't get much done this spring was that I had to have an operation on my hand. For about ten years I had had a slowly growing lipoma on the palm of my right hand, right next to my thumb.

(That's a perfectly benign fatty tumor.) Finally, it got to be a nuisance, so I had it removed by a very excellent orthopedic surgeon. He found a nerve going through it, so he had to cut the nerve and sew it up again with the aid of a magnifying glass! For weeks my hand was immobilized, and even after the splint was off, I couldn't write or do much with my right hand. Now I do almost everything, though there is a slight tingling in my thumb where the nerve is still healing. I never dreamed it would take six months to return to normal.

We were very sad when we heard that Douglas Stock had died. I had written him in September about our possible family connections, but of course he hadn't replied. After you told us of his deteriorating condition, I wrote again and received a reply from their daughter Una, as you probably have heard. Later she sent me a chart that tied together your family and hers. I'm glad to have made contact with her, and I think she may be able to provide some genealogical information for me from time to time.

As you see, I am enclosing a copy of a will of Richard Ley of Combe Martin dated December 17, 1756. In January I wrote to Mr. C. Brooks, whose address in West Glamorgan your mother had given me, asking what information he and his sister had about their Ley ancestry. He later sent me a copy of this will, from which I made a typed copy, and then I tried to fit the information into my Ley records. With the help of this material I was able to tie together much of the Ley information I had, and I think I have found the connection with my Ley ancestor. However, I still do not have the ancestry of your great grandfather, Capt. John Cutliffe Ley, so I can't tell if he ties into these records or not. Do you know anything about his parents or his birth place and date? Does your mother know how she is related to Mr. C. Brooks? He seemed to imply that he is a descendant of the Richard Ley of the 1756 will. Perhaps Norah told you I wrote to her about the Ley family, but she apparently hasn't found anything significant yet.

In my Witheridge research I have discovered two other Witheridge descendants who are both my relatives and yours; in fact, they are closer relatives to you than they are to me. Quite unexpectedly I got a letter from John James, 6276 Yukon St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V5Y 3S8, saying he had seen my name in the Directory of Members Interests of the Cornwall Family History Society and wondered if by any chance we were related. I recognized some of the names he gave in his background, and to come right to the point, I eventually found that he is your father's fourth cousin and thus your fourth cousin once removed. I am the sixth cousin of his two grandmothers: Martha Witheridge and Anne Witheridge (sisters).

John James was born in Vancouver, but his father was born in Porthleven, Cornwall, where his branch of the Witheridge family had lived since about 1850. However, John's great-great grandfather, Thomas Witheridge (mar. Jane Thomas), was born in ~~Xerrymxxxbax~~ Ilfracombe in 1808, and Thomas' father, Francis, was born in Berrynarbor in 1782. This Francis was a brother of your great-great grandfather, Martin Witheridge, who was born in Combe Martin in 1798, the son of Thomas Witheridge and Mary Howe. I wish I could take the time to chart this all out, but I can't now. John James didn't say what his occupation is, but he and his wife Pat are very active in their Methodist church in Vancouver.

In the process of tracking down the ancestry of John James, I found that you and he (and I) are also related to a Neil Witheridge we met in Scotland in 1980. At that time we didn't know his ancestry very far back, but through various records I have determined that Neil's grandfather, Jacob Witheridge (born in Ilfracombe in 1850), was a brother of Robert Witheridge, the great grandfather of John James. So John and Neil are second cousins once removed, and you and Neil are fourth cousins. This might sound like a little closer relationship if we said your grandmother, Emma Witheridge, and his grandfather were second cousins and may well have known each other in Combe Martin and Ilfracombe.

Neil Witheridge, a bachelor, teaches in a boys' school in Aberdeen, Scotland, but he lives about fifteen miles away in the old family home in Stonehaven. His address is 31 Victoria St., Stonehaven, Grampian, Scotland. Neil had a brother, Dr. Edmund Witheridge of Stony Stratford, Bucks., who died in 1973. We met his widow in 1976 and their son Robin, an attorney in London, in 1980.

With all that I've been doing, you won't be surprised when I say that I haven't done anything further about research at the Devon Record Office. I did appreciate your sending me the names of persons who can search the records there, but for some time most of my Devon research has been done at the local branch library of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons). I order microfilms from Salt Lake City and can use them at the branch library for six months at a time, if necessary. For example, I used the Berrynarbor Parish Register that way, and also the 1851 Census of Combe Martin. Unfortunately, they do not have the Combe Martin Parish Register on microfilm, and there are many times when I wish I could refer to it easily.

I'm reminded that, in an earlier letter I asked you or your mother if you would tell me how your "Aunt Lizzie Lovering" is related to you and what her Lovering connections are. Rebecca Witheridge, a sister of my great-great-great grandfather, William Witheridge, married Nicholas Lovering in Feb.1747/8.

We're glad to know that your mother and father are fairly well at this time, and we hope they have a good fall and winter this year. We were sorry, though, to hear about the death of Kenneth Norman's mother and the death of your dear friend "Auntie Minnie."

Be sure to give our love to your parents and to Norah and Myrtle when you see them. All of you there are very special to us since we were with you in 1980.

With much love to you,

2.XII.82 [Dec. 2, 1982]

Dear Elizabeth & David,

This comes with very best wishes to you all for Christmas and 1983, from all our family over here.

Thank you for your last letter, David. I'm trying hard to remember the contents, as the letter is at Combe Martin (where it "does the rounds") and I'm 'stuck' in Bideford, recovering from a rather heavy dose of gastric 'flu, which has caused me to take sick leave for the first time (apart from a hospital check-up) since entering social work, over 22 years ago. (I have MUCH to be thankful for, haven't I?)

Mentioning health reminds me that you explained about the trouble you had had with your hand; do hope it is now making very good progress. It must have been very frustrating.

We thought the wedding photos were delightful! Isn't it a great joy to see real family union; I get so concerned when we're trying to help children, professionally, whose backgrounds are completely fragmented — poor little things are so desperately poverty-stricken emotionally.

I think you enquired about LIZZIE LOVERING, and wonder if in fact the person concerned was my great-aunt (eldest daughter of Capt. John Cutcliffe Ley & Mary Burgess Ley): she was christened Elisabeth Ann, & married a William Lovering, who was a cabinetmaker. For a time they lived in Liverpool. I think he must have died young. I always knew her as Auntie Lizzie, who lived at Marine Cottage with our adored Auntie Hetty (HENRIETTA LEY) — who was a character, if ever there was one! She lived into her 90s (Auntie Lizzie), with us.

Love from us all — Una

News in brief: still NOT retired, but very much hoping to be released on redundancy following imminent restructuring of Social Services. Myrtle HAS retired. Mum & Dad still struggling to remain independent. Mum involved with Devon DIALECT Society — are you interested?

1984

*With Christmas Greetings*

*and all Good Wishes*

*for the New Year*

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Hope you're both well

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4-XII-85 [Dec. 4, 1985]

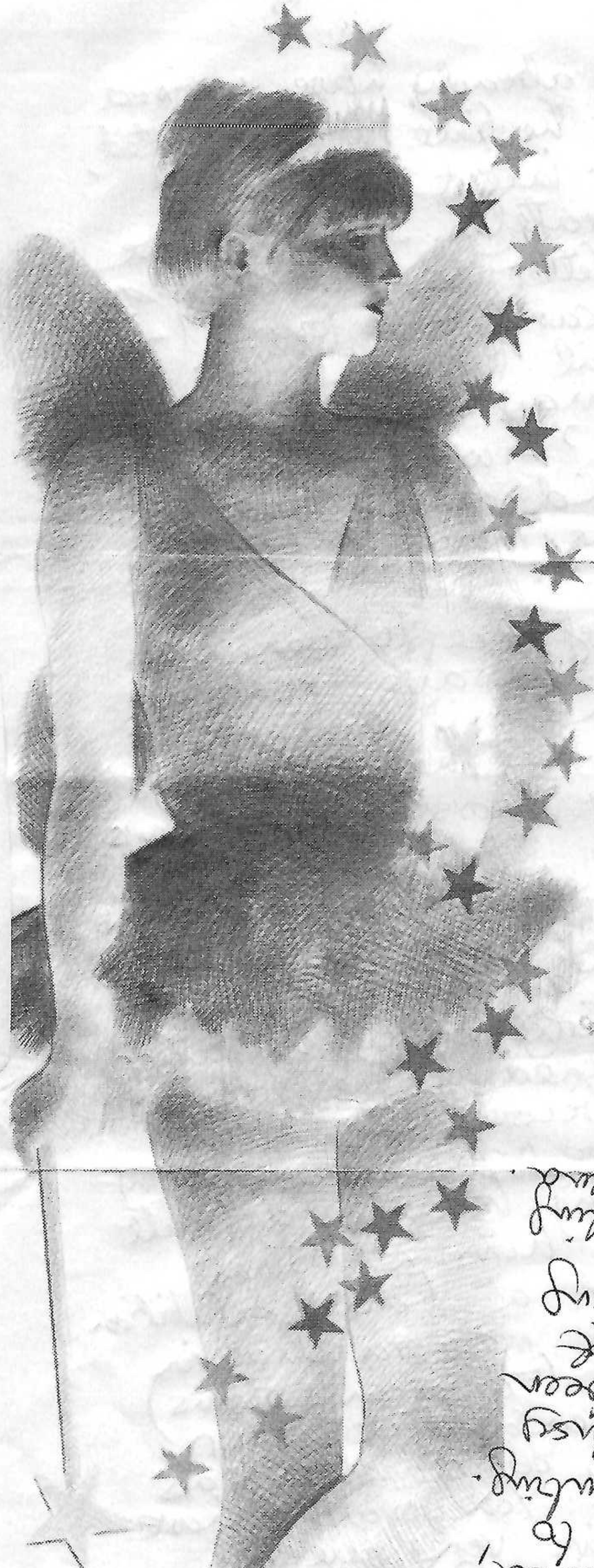
Dear Elizabeth & David,

Hopefully, you will already have received a Christmas card; at the time it was posted, I couldn't find your latest letter, so I decided to write separately. Sadly, I have to confess that the letter is put away so safely that it still cannot be found! – I'm so sorry if I fail to reply to any questions you may have asked.

How are you both? – well, & very fit, we sincerely hope, and also that your family continues in good health and happiness.

If there is any reference to Minnesota on the television, we always 'prick up our ears' and wonder if the news item is affecting you – the world does seem to be on our doorstep these days, doesn't it?

My parents are becoming increasingly frail, but mercifully, are both still very alert mentally, and able to get around indoors fairly well. My father is more or less confined to the premises now, but he has become an avid reader – eight (large print) books every week, so the Library has a difficult task in supplying him. Mother managed to attend a 1 day exhibition of old Combe Martin memorabilia in October (she contributed many items) and she greatly enjoyed it. Her memory is so clear, and she was much in demand! You would have enjoyed the exhibition very much. Our friend & neighbour Gerald Walters (involved with the S. African Gubb family) was the main instigator.



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I still seem to be rather fully occupied; church responsibilities have first priority after domestic ones, and what time can be spared, I still try to snatch to practice watercolour painting.

Norah & Myrtle keep busy too; Norah has not been very well over the past months, but we're hoping she will be better soon.

My parents join in sending our love to you both – Lena.

1.XII.87 [Dec. 1, 1987]

Dear Elizabeth & David,

Very best wishes to you & yours for happiness at Christmas, and throughout 1988. We wonder if Tom & Virginia are proud parents by now? — We have been much reminded of you during six weeks in the summer, when an extremely 'comfortable' U.S. Methodist minister & wife exchanged with our superintendent minister. We did so enjoy having them amongst us — they came from Grand Island, Nebraska.

The year has brought us great joy, and great sadness — joy in the arrival of a little great-neice in July; she has been named 'Daisy Una' — after Mother & me! — a very great honour to us! — and the deep sadness from the break-up of the marriage of my eldest neice* (after 15 years). This was totally unexpected, and many prayers continue for her, & her husband, and the two sons. * Not Robyn, from Exeter

Mother & Father continue to be blessed with good mental health, but the rate of physical deterioration has accellerated greatly of late. Both are housebound, and have great difficulty in getting about. It is not safe to leave them unattended so I am more circumscribed. But there is a rich community life in this village, and I enjoy all the day-to-day contacts.

I hope you are able to obtain much satisfaction and success in all your family histories projects. With love & all good wishes

Dec. 10, 1987

Dear Una,

We just received your Christmas greeting today, and we send our love and good wishes back to all of you. We especially think of your mother and father and hope that their problems will be eased a little over the holidays.

No, Tom and Virginia don't yet have a child, but they did both complete their Ph. D.'s, and they are getting closer to the big job of remodeling their house. This is their year to be with us for Christmas.

Our big news this year is that if all goes well we hope to come to Britain for about a month starting the middle of May. Of course we want to see you all in Combe Martin, but we won't be able to stay long because we want to go so many places in England, Wales, and Scotland.

We hope to stay a night or two at the Lodge in Berrynarbor, as we had a most delightful time there with the Praters.

Your experience with the Methodist exchange minister and his wife reminds us of ~~t~~ two such experiences we had with Methodist ministers from England.

As our plans develop, we'll keep in touch with you about our itinerary.

Love to all!

David + Elizabeth

[Feb. 4, 1988]

February 4, 1988

Dear Una,

Our plans for our trip to Britain seem to be working out all right. We expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. We'll spend about a week in the London area, then hire a car for three weeks and drive through England, Wales, and Scotland.

First we'll go to Essex for about three days, then visit some relatives near Guildford and arrive in Exeter by the evening of Wednesday, May 25. We would spend the next day there, as we want to do a few things at the record office, visit the cathedral — one of our favorites — and hopefully meet Robyn and her family. On Friday we want to go to the North Devon Athenaeum in Barnstaple. We understand that many of the parish registers and other records are being transferred to a new building there, but we don't know if that has been accomplished yet. In the late afternoon we would drive to The Lodge in Berrynarbor, where we plan to stay three nights, if it is still operating.

On Saturday we plan to drive to the town of Witheridge for a short visit with the Vicar and then see my father's second cousin, Wm. John Witheridge, on his farm at West Buckland before coming to Combe Martin in the early afternoon. We have also scheduled Sunday, May 29, for Combe Martin. We'd like to ask you and Myrtle and Norah to confer on how we should plan our time in Combe Martin in order to see everyone we should. You will know whom we should see better than we would. Since we attended the parish church in Combe Martin the first time we were there (in 1976), perhaps we should go to the Methodist or Baptist church this time. We'll let the three of you decide!

On Monday, May 30, the Bank Holiday, we'll set out for Swindon, Wilts., where we hope to stay overnight with Marjorie and Ted Packer. She is a third cousin on the Blackmore side. I think she has corresponded with Myrtle, though I don't think they have met. On the way there we'll visit a couple of other friends, if they're going to be at home.

Now, if these dates of May 28 + 29 are going to be difficult or impossible for you, please let me know soon, and I'll try to make some changes in our schedule. We are looking forward to our visit with great anticipation. Best wishes to you and your parents.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

16.II.88 [Feb. 16, 1988]

Dear Elizabeth & David,

Thank you so much for your Christmas greetings, and letter — we are all greatly looking forward to seeing you again in a few months! — I've delayed replying, to check on the actual date of our United Church Service for May (we have one every month from Oct–June); it is on Sunday, May 22nd. If there is any possibility of your being in Down a week earlier than your present plans, I think it would be rather advantageous: ① to be present at the United Service (in the evening, at the R.C. Church on this occasion) ② so that we can arrange a little informal gathering, where you can meet as many local people as possible (that would be difficult on the Bank Holiday Sat, as neither the hall, nor the individual people, would be likely to be available.) If you aren't able to manage the 21st or 22nd of course we'll do our best the next weekend.

If you are able to re-arrange the time of your visit, please could you let me have another copy of the list of family names with which you are associated? (I've put the one you sent me away too safely!) — I thought I would put a note in our Community News 'The Shamwickite' telling people of your visit, and inviting anyone from the families (& others) to come & meet you at the informal gathering. I thought it would be interesting if they brought photos of grandparents, great grandparents etc. this time.

Both Norah & Myrtle have recently undergone surgery, & thankfully, both seem to be making good progress. If you are in touch with Norah, Please do not mention this — she is very, very

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unhappy about any discussion of her personal affairs; we have all been rather concerned about her.

My parents still continue to be mentally alert, I'm thankful to say, but mother particularly has become very frail physically (needs to washed, dressed etc.), & is not able to be out of the house for long. But we have good support, so much to be thankful about!

Do hope you are both keeping well. We eagerly forward to your visit!

Love to you both,
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February 28, 1988

Dear Una,

Since your letter arrived, I've been trying to figure out how we can improve our schedule to account for the various problems that arise because of the Bank Holiday. We would certainly love to be present at the United Church Service on May 22, but it would be very difficult to change several engagements that we have already set up for that week in Essex.

I do have one idea, however, in regard to your delightful suggestion for a little informal gathering of people related to my ancestral lines (and others). First I thought we might do it on Friday evening, May 27, after we had spent the day in Barnstaple; but then I realized that people often start a long holiday weekend on Friday. So I thought we might go to Barnstaple on Thursday instead of Friday and plan the gathering for Thursday evening, before people had begun their holiday. Then we could go over to Exeter on Friday rather than spending Thursday there as we had originally planned. Do you suppose that would be a possibility?

We have already heard from Doreen Prater and have a room booked at The Lodge for Friday through Sunday. I'm sure we could begin there on Thursday evening in case we were able to plan our get-together that evening.

Regarding the list of my families, I'm sending copies of the sheets you had for people to sign in 1980, and an updated list of my twenty ancestral lines. The other list you would not want to use in an invitation, but I'm just enclosing it for your information to show how widespread my connections are in North Devon!

We're sorry we can't arrange to come a week earlier, but we hope you'll be able to get a few people together during the weekend of May 26-29. As the time draws near, we are getting more and more excited about seeing you all again. If you do decide to have the gathering on Thursday, please let us know, so we can make proper arrangements at The Lodge, at the Athenaeum, and with Lyn Prust, with whom we hope to have lunch in Barnstaple.

Just so I won't forget to tell you, Kim and Roy Cooke will meet us at the airport, as they did in 1976 and 1980, and we'll stay with them the first few days. If you need to contact us while we're in Britain, they will always know where to reach us. Their address is 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF; Ph. 01-777 6072.

All our love,

David & Elizabeth

Light supper at 5:30 (Call when we get to The Lodge) 16.III.88 [Mar. 16, 1988]

Dear Elizabeth & David,

Thank you so much for your last letter & all the enclosures. I'm very sorry we have put you to so much trouble over the dates of your visit to N. Devon, and do hope the changes won't affect the availability of records in the public offices, which you plan to consult. After all the trouble you have taken, I do so hope our little "effort" won't prove to be an anti-climax.

My cousin, Mavis Pegler, assures me that either the hall or schoolroom at our Methodist Church will be available for the evening of Thursday, 26 May, so nearer the time, we will contact all the people still here who were interested, and also issue an open invitation in the local media. It will be sad if only a few turn up! — we will hope that won't be the case. It is really hard to realise that you were here in 1980 — in some ways, it seems like yesterday. (Douglas Stock died, about 3 years ago, I think, after a long, atrophying illness — it was very distressing to watch him deteriorating.)

Am not sure if I mentioned that we are rather a 'frail' household, these days; mother now needs assistance night & day, & I find it difficult to be away from the house for long. It is really a matter of taking each day as it comes. However, I'm eagerly looking forward to seeing you in May (a lovely month to be in Devon, though the Bank Holiday will bring heavy holiday traffic, I fear).

Meanwhile, I do hope all your plans

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will go very smoothly, and that the exchange rates will moderate a bit in favour of the dollar — at the moment, visitors from the States must be finding everything rather expensive here.

With best wishes & love from us all,

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The two-page document that follows, number CM39, shows the people (with their various family lines checked) who attended the summer 1988 gathering organized by Una Parsons, Norah Gregory, and Myrtle Blackmore during Dad and Mom's third visit to Britain. This might have been a "sign-in sheet" created by Una and later annotated by Dad.

The gathering of more than 20 was very helpful in Dad's efforts to contact living relatives and learn more about his roots in North Devon.

Tom Witheridge
April 4, 2022

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| Name + Address | WITHERIDGE | BLACKMORE | LEY | NORMAN | MUGGER-IDGE | SHERMAN | SIMONS | NORTHCOTT | GEAR | PEAKE | DAVIS | PINE | OTHERS |
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| MARTIN & PAMELA ✓<br>IRWIN<br>SILVER CREEK'<br>MOORY MEADOW.<br>COMBE MARTIN | ✓<br>Related to Yeo stock (1st or 2nd cousin) he is recently retired as a headmaster in Wales, now living in Combe Martin |  | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| DAPHNE ✓<br>CHALLACOMBE<br>BUZZACOTT LANE<br>C.M | Mother a Ley from Berrynarbor very interested in local history. Wrote article in the Shammickite. Writing a chapter in the history |  | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ |  |  | ✓ |
| JOHN & FREDA ✓<br>COTTON<br>SHARP - ~~KING ST~~ King St<br>C.M. | John Sharp not a local person, but Freda is, from several lines. He is writing a chapter in the history of Combe Martin. Helped start Combe Martin Hist. Soc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ |
| WILLIAM ALLAN ✓<br>PASSMORE<br>3 SOUTHERN GARDENS<br>COMBE MARTIN | Burgesses, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ✓ |
| NORAH GREGORY ✓<br>MAYFIELD<br>BARTON GATE LANE<br>COMBE MARTIN | Not local ancestry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NORMAN SEALEY ✓<br>1. HILL HOUSE cross street<br>~~SEASIDE~~<br>COMBE MARTIN | Mother a Norman. (There was just one big Norman family!) |  |  | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RAYMOND CUTCLIFFE ✓<br>MYRA "<br>'WELTNIE'<br>SHUTE LANE<br>COMBE MARTIN | [Pronounced Cutliff locally)<br>There was a Cutcliffe Mansion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cutcliffe<br>[illegible]<br>(Myra)<br>[illegible] 1900) |
| Les Welters<br>Sunnyside<br>Combe Martin | [Leslie] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cutcliffe |
| CYRIL AND PEGGY<br>BLACKMORE ✓<br>1 WORDSWORTH AVE<br>PILTON<br>BARNSTAPLE | Peggy from Wales | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BILL BRAY ✓<br>SHEL-ROC,<br>CASTLE ST.<br>COMBE MARTIN<br>N DEVON | 3 lines |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| MYRTLE BLACKMORE ✓<br>SARNEN,<br>N. CHALLACOMBE LANE ✓<br>COMBE MARTIN. |  | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G.L. WALTERS. ✓<br>SEACROFT<br>COMBE MARTIN<br>N. DEVON. | Gerald |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | WYBORN<br>CUTTICLIFFE |
| MAVIS & JOHN PELLER, ✓<br>DEVONIA.<br>COMBE MARTIN. | Una's cousin, but just on the Witheridge side. John from Gloucestershire<br>✓ [They share the same grandmother, Emma Witheridge who married a Parsons] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MICHAEL, ✓<br>HILARY & MICHELLE (BOYD)<br>BEAUMONT | ✓ ancestral line was Willis, who married a Witheridge |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UNA PARSONS ✓<br>MARINE COTTAGE<br>COMBE MARTIN | ✓ |  | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boy in Pack of Cards<br>Ernest John Parkin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

July 9, 1988

Dear Una,

Once again we want to thank you for the most interesting time we had in Combe Martin, due in large part to your planning and efforts, and of course the help of others. The turnout of 22 people from Combe Martin was an excellent response and was ample reward for your efforts. We certainly enjoyed meeting and talking with them all. I only wish I could have spen more time with each one, but that was of course impossible. I had hoped to get pictures of everyone, bu I find that I missed a few. I hope the local people also enjoyed their conversations about family relationships and former times.

As you see, I'm sending you a copy of each of the pictures I took that evening. I'm also sending a complete set to Myrtle and to Norah. I know Myrtle helpe with the preparations, and I felt that sending them to Norah would help her feel involved in it all. We are greatly concerned about her health and hope it will stabilize and improve. Since I have the addresses of those who attended, I'm sending each one a copy of the picture he or she is in. This will also give me a chance to write about our possible relationships.

It was very kind of you to mail our umbrella to the Cooks. It was waiting for us when we arrived. We couldn't imagine where we had left it. (I think you're also the one who sent Elizabeth's pen. (We got a little confused toward the end of our complicated trip!) We seemed to leave things behind as we went along. When we got to Birmingham, we discovered that we had left our coats at the home of some Witheridge descendants in Wales. They, too, mailed them to the Cooks in time fo us to retrieve before we came home. My second cousin, Irene Birdsall, took us down to a used clothing store run by the churches for the benefit of Children's Aid and bought us a couple of substitute coats for the rest of our trip.

Due to the cold, rainy, and windy weather we both sneezed and sniffled and finally developed bad colds that lasted until a couple of weeks after we got home. The weather here was the opposite — hot and dry. We've had a very long drought — hardly any rain at all for two months, accompanied by temperatures above 90°F for over 22 days. This has slowed us down considerably in our process of unpacking, reading mail, paying bills, and getting the house and garden back into normal condition. We are still far from finished. We're not sure which is worse — being too cold or too hot! In spite of our being chilly most of the time, we had a great trip and accomplished almost everything we had planned. The countryside was beautiful, and the people we were with were just wonderful.

Tom and Virginia are having a good summer. Virginia is feeling quite well, and the baby they are expecting early in November seems to be doing all right according to the amniocentesis. They find now that they don't have to refurbish their old house in Chicago, which was going to be a struggle, especially with the baby coming. They have found a better house that was already refurbished eight years ago; and their present house has increased so much in value (just because of the location) that they can sell it and afford to buy the other one with no problem. They're hoping to move in August.

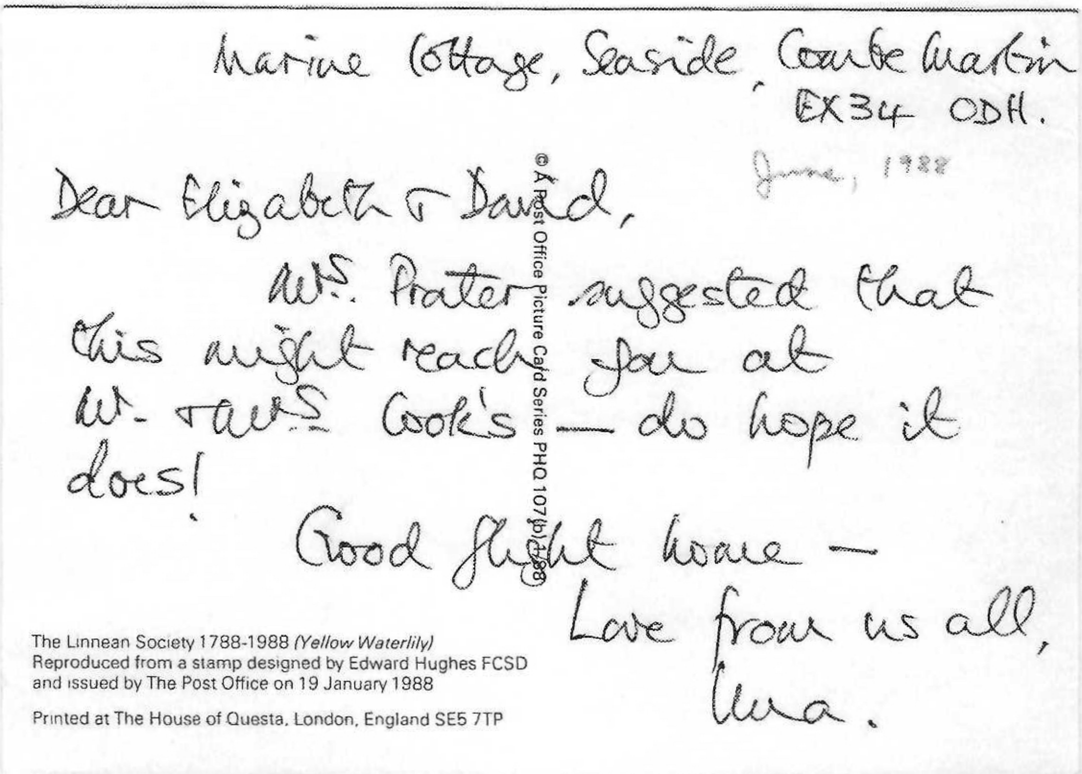
Jim just got back from a week's vacation in San

Francisco with the friend he lives with. They had a wonderful time.

Give our love to your mother and father. We're glad your mother was well enough to talk with us when we were there, and we hope she has a good summer. Your father seems to be quite alert and in touch with what's going on in the world, and we hope his physical health remains good.

We do think of you often, even though we are unable to write frequently. All our love,

David + Elizabeth



Marine Cottage, Seaside, Combe Martin
EX34 0DH.

June, 1988

Dear Elizabeth & David,

Mrs. Prater suggested that this might reach you at Mr. & Mrs. Cook's — do hope it does!

Good flight home —

Love from us all,

Una.

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[Dec. 1, 1988]

Marine Cottage,
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Dear Elizabeth and David,

Myrtle showed me your letter and I have been thinking of you all, and especially wondering how little Rebecca Elizabeth is getting on? — I do so hope and pray that she is making good progress. I'm sure no little one could be more wanted and loved.

It was so good to see you! — we just could not believe that you could cope with such a busy schedule of visits — what

stamina! Probably because I tend to be an introvert I find meeting many people quite exhausting — but you had all the travelling to do as well! It isn't really surprising that you felt tired when you arrived home! But by now, I hope you are both quite back to normal health and equilibrium.

We were so glad that you saw Norah; I think that occasion was probably the last social event she attended. I expect Myrtle has told you that she had cancer of the liver? — she apparently had not accepted that she was so seriously ill (though we were all very concerned about her), and it was not until the Sunday before she died on the Tuesday morning that she acknowledged to me that she was terminally ill. I was trying to help her list the friends she wished to be told after her death — but we only managed to reach names beginning with G.

Gerald (Walters) was superb, and she allowed him to help; he and our senior community nurse were with her when she died, and they both commented that it was a peaceful end — for which we are all so thankful.

The funeral service took place in the Parish Church, and was very well attended. It was really a thanksgiving for a most unselfish life. As you can imagine, I miss her very much.

We decided to request that any donations in her memory be made to the Combe Martin Museum Fund, and over £200 was given.

Family-wise here, the situation remains much the same. Last week we had a stair-lift fitted (with grant assistance) and we're hoping that mother will come downstairs on good days; she is still physically frail, but her personality has blossomed again.

I do hope there is good news of Rebecca Elizabeth —

With love & best wishes,
Una.

[Mar. 1, 1989]

Marine Cottage,
Seaside
Combe Martin,
N. Devon, EX34 0DH.
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Dear Elizabeth & David

This is just a 'quickie'!

Thank you, first, for the snapshot of Rebecca Elizabeth – she looks a dear little girl! We do so hope she continues to make steady progress.

The real reason for this letter is the enclosed cutting from today's copy of the Western Morning News – in a flight of fancy, I thought how wonderful it would be if the Witheridge Society could purchase the manorial rights!

With love, & best wishes to you all – Una ⓧ for Rebecca

March 17, 1989

Dear Una,

It was such a delight to get your note and the cutting about the Lordship of Witheridge. Wouldn't it be exciting if someone in the Witheridge "clan" could afford to purchase that title and its privileges? At this point The Witheridge Society has very little assets, but there may be some individual Witheridge descendant who could do it. Of course, we missed the sale date of March 7, and I wonder who the lucky buyer was. Perhaps some day in the future it may fall into the hands of someone in the Witheridge family. Thank you for the cutting. I plan to make a few copies to send around.

We continue to have good reports from Chicago about Rebecca. She is now seven months old, weighs 11½ lbs., and is very healthy. Tom and Virginia call about once a week and always have good news about her progress. Last time they said, "She's so cute! And not only that, she's pretty!"

You probably remember I said I'd be writing to those who were at our evening get-together in Combe Martin and sending them pictures. I'm just now getting around to doing that. I've written to the Beaumonts and the Sharps and I hope to keep going now until I've finished.

That's all I have time for now. Best wishes to you all.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth & David,

[Dec. 7, 1989]

I've just discovered that the dead-line for Christmas delivery was *yesterday*, so many apologies if this turns out to be a belated Christmas greeting.

Do hope that you are all well, and that little Rebecca Elizabeth is flourishing; I'm sure she brings great joy to you all! Our family has been blessed with another additio this year — a little girl, Eleanor Amy, to be know as Nell — and we are so grateful for her.

I can't remember if you already know that Mother was translated to the Higher Life on April 5th? I had always wanted to be with her when the time came, and in fact I was holding her hand, and supporting her around her shoulders, quite unaware that she was dying; it was so imperceptible and peaceful that I didn't realise she had gone, until the nurse came into the room. I felt I had one foot in Heaven!

Father is physically very frail, but thankfully, his mind remains clear & active. We are greatly looking forward to visits from the family over the Christmas — New Year period.

The Local Historical Association are producing a small book (supposedly in time for Christmas!) containing a collection of research projects undertaken by various members. I'm not sure whether it would be of any interest to you, but if, when we receive our copy, it seems of probable interest to you, I will try to get you a copy.

With love & best wishes for a very Happy Christmas, and health & happiness in 1990 —

Lena.

Dec. 1990

Dear Una,

I truly intended to write to you during the year, but couldn't seem to get to it. I had a picture of little Rebecca taken last Christmas in an envelope marked "For Una," but as you know, I never sent it. Here it is, along with another one taken later in the year. We are pleased that she is progressing so well.

We've had a busy year with much traveling back and forth to Chicago. We drove there four times, and they drove to Minneapolis once, so we've been able to watch Rebecca develop over the year. She is still very slender, but she is very healthy and active, so we're not worried about her weight.

Another highlight of the year was a two-week visit from London by Kim and Roy Cook. One of their sons now works for British Airways, so they were able to get reduced-rate tickets. We loved showing them our beautiful city, and we even managed to take them to Chicago to see Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca, as well as the sights of the big city.

Our son Jim will be with us for Christmas, but Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca will be spending Christmas with Virginia's family.

We hope your father is having a little better health as we move toward the Christmas season. Our health remains good, and we hope you are well, too.

Love,

David & Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth & David, 1994

May you be blessed with a peaceful and comfortable Christmas! I do hope and trust that you are finding 'grace sufficient' to manage daily living, and that the days are peaceful for you both. Will you be seeing something of Pau and Virginia + Rebecca during the Christmas season — no doubt Rebecca is growing up too quickly!! — as my great-nieces and nephews certainly are.

I can't remember if I told you last year that I met Mr. + Mrs. Prater (the Lodge, Berrynarbor) at a Christmas 'at home' in the house of some mutual friends? — it was nice to meet them! As far as I know his long-standing battle with cancer continues, but he is keeping it at bay.

Have you heard that the local Historical Society succeeded in setting up a museum? it is quite small, but they have a very enthusiastic committee, and they are being very successful. It is generating much interest among local people, with deep roots in the area, and we're discovering more and more common ancestors!

The visit to New Zealand in February-March was truly wonderful! Have you been there? — I'm sure there are many, many beautiful places in the world, but can't imagine that there is anywhere more beautiful! I am so grateful to have been privileged to go there.

Poor Myrtle has not had a very happy time over recent months. Her widowed brother decided to marry a young woman of the same age as his daughters, and it must have been very difficult for the family; I don't think Cyril (her brother) has any idea of the distress caused — I suppose we're all liable to be 'blind' at times.

With greetings and love to you both —

Una.

[Plans for Witheridge
Society 10th anniversary
celebration in May 1997]

December 5, 1996

Dear Una,

As the Christmas season approaches, I hope that all is well with you, and I hope you have some happy times with your family and friends. As usual, I'll have the whole family here for Christmas Eve, and we'll be over at Tom's on Christmas Day. With my family's help I've had a good year, and my health remains good. Winter has come early. Everything is covered with several inches of snow, and I think it will stay through Christmas and maybe until spring.

As you see, I'm using this opportunity to tell you about my exciting plans for May. The Witheridge Society will be ten years old in May, and they're planning a big celebration in Devon. A year ago I thought my traveling days were over, but now I've decided I can't miss this chance to see many of my Witheridge relatives again and to meet many others whom I have never met. So I've already made my hotel reservation.

I'm too old this time to hire a car and drive all over Britain, so I'm hoping all my Witheridge relatives will make a special effort to come to Devon for our get-together. Fortunately, you are already in Devon, and I hope you will be able to attend at least part of the celebration on May 3, 4, and 5.

They had first talked about having the anniversary event in Witheridge, but there weren't enough accommodations there, so we're meeting in Tiverton. I think it would be good if you could come to Tiverton on Saturday, because it will be the best chance to meet and talk to many of your distant cousins, both from Britain and many other parts of the world. In fact, I know there a great many Witheridge descendants in Devon, and I hope that many will want to come on Saturday or Monday or both. (I don't know yet what the program is for Monday.)

On Sunday there will be a bus trip to many places in North Devon where Witheridge families lived. I'm planning to take the trip, but you probably wouldn't want to. However, being in Combe Martin and Berrynarbor would give me a chance to see, at least briefly, a number of people I'd like to see who are not Witheridge descendants and who wouldn't want to go to Tiverton on Saturday or Monday--like Myrtle Blackmore, Gladys Comer, Gerald Walters, John and Freda Sharp, Daphne Challacombe, Bill Brady, and Allen and Doreen Prater.

I know the people on the tour will have to pause for lunch at one of the stops. Whether Combe Martin would be too early for that, I wouldn't know. In any case, after being shown the town by the tour guide (I wouldn't want to miss that), I could leave the group and have lunch with some local people. Then someone could drive me to wherever the rest were having lunch, and I could rejoin them for the rest of the trip. Does that sound like a possibility?

I wouldn't want you and the other Witheridge descendants, however, to substitute sbuch a short encounter for a longer time in Tiverton with the whole group on Saturday or Monday. Of course, you wouldn't be staying in the hotel overnight, but you would have to sign up for the Saturday lunch. I can visualize a carload of people driving to Tiverton from Combe Martin on Saturday.

As soon as the Holidays are over, I'm going to write to as many Witheridge descendants as I can to urge them to come to this "Grand Witheridge Reunion," as I like to think of it. I'm listing here some of these persons in hopes that you will send me any corrections you know about:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Beaumont
4 Kingsley Terrace
High Street
Combe Martin
Devon EX34 OEW

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Irwin
"Silver Creek"
Moory Meadow
Combe Martin
North Devon

Mr. and Mrs. John Pegler
Devonia
Castle Street Combe Martin
Combe Martin
North Devon

Miss Una Stock
9 Oakwood Road
Shefford
Beds SG17 5J2

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Connett
Brook Green Cottage
Well Street
Exeter
Devon EX4 6QD

Mrs. G Kruger
55 St. Leger Road
Newlands
7700Cape Town
South Africa

Of course, if you see any of these people, you might mention this coming Witheridge get-together to them. I know you have many relatives --brothers, nephews, nieces, and cousins--and I hope you will mention it to them, too. Some of them and their spouses and children might decide this would be a good time to return home for a visit and take in the Witheridge Days at the same time. All Witheridge descendants and their spouses are urged to come, whether or not they are members of the Witheridge Society.

Well, you can see that I am excited about the possibilities of this event. I hope that you are also intrigued by the thought of so many "Witheridges" descending upon Devon all at the same time. I do look forward to seeing you again and all the others there I have come to know. It will be hard without Elizabeth, because she has always been with me in England, and I know she would have enjoyed another trip there.

Have a good Christmas and New Year's.

Love,

18.1.97 [Jan. 18, 1997]

Dear David,

Thank you very much for your letter, and the enclosure; we were all extremely interested to hear the news!

Myrtle and I are hoping to find time to get together sometime soon (we've both been rather tied up with families and outside events the past few weeks) but one difficulty that besets us at the moment is the question of the timing the Sunday tour expects to be in the Combe Martin – Berrynarbor area. I would love to offer some hospitality, and probably others would, but many of us will actually be attending Church until 11.30am (at the earliest) 'Sunday Dinner' is still an important tradition in Devon rural areas — I could offer dinner for up to 5 people, but not earlier than 12-45 — or a buffet meal for up to 12 people at 12 noon — but this is all a bit 'in the air' until we have some firm information *

Meanwhile, I'm passing around the information available, to as many people as possible.

Of the people whose names & addresses you listed;

Beaumont ✓

Pegler (Mavis = my cousin) ✓

Gannett (my niece & husband — I will let them know

Irwin ✓

Stock — write c/o Mrs W. Stock ROSENAU, The Woodlands
Combe Martin, Ilfracombe, Devon, EX34.

Of the non-Witheridge connections, sadly Bill BRAY (not Brady) has died, and I understand that Alan Prater is very ill (cancer)

To the Witheridge list, I think we ought to add Ken & Mary (wife) Norman (my 2nd cousin), SUNNY HAVEN,
Sunnyside, Combe Martin, Ilfracombe, Devon EX34

When the plans are crystallised, I will insert a brief write-up in our local community 'monthly' as there may be other descendants of the Witheridge

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* Suggest local non-Witheridge people you met previously, in addition to Mavis, Ken etc.

family living in the village, of whom we are unaware (I didn't know previously that Michael Beaumont had W. ancestry)

All of us who were privileged to meet dear Elizabeth held her in very warm regard; we share your sadness that she won't be with us in the flesh — I am sure she will be with us in spirit!

Looking forward to hearing from you in due course — God bless!

Una.

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P.S. Expect you realise, ★ May 3-5 is a Bank Holiday w/e

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[Jan. 27, 1997]

27.1.97

Dear David,

This is just a quick 'follow-on' to my previous aerogramme —

Myrtle and I have now had a chance to think over the May celebrations, and were wondering if there is any possibility of your being able to make a second visit to Combe Martin on the Monday? — if it is at all possible, I would be very happy to offer appropriate refreshments here — buffet lunch, or tea, depending on the time.

Providing all the people you would like to meet are at home at that time, I expect they would be able join us. I've passed copies of your letter to most of them, and will be circulating the others, so that they will know "what is in the wind."

The Praters have retired from the Lodge, and are at present on holiday in Spain. Their friends say he is gravely ill. Their new address is Cherry Hinton, Barton Lane, Berrynarbor, Ilfracombe, EX34...

I feel there may be other people still living in the village who have some Witheridge blood in their veins; I'll put a note in the March issue of the Shammickite (monthly news) in the hope we can discover them.

Look after yourself, and come safely!

All good wishes,

Love from Una.

February 5, 1997

Dear Una,

Thank you for your two wonderful letters. I hope we can work out all the difficulties and uncertainties. I'm glad there is an interest in getting together when I come, and I'm looking forward to seeing everybody again.

Regarding my coming back on Monday, I'm sorry, but that wouldn't be possible, because I want to participate in the Witheridge activities in Tiverton that day, and then I expect to return to London with Kim and Roy Cook that afternoon and evening.

The other day I telephoned Richard Witheridge, who is coordinating the coach tour, to see if he could tell me when it would arrive in Combe Martin. At present they expect to arrive there at 12:00 o'clock and leave at 1:00, which sounds very good. They would be in Berrynarbor from about 1:10 to 1:25 and then go on to Ilfracombe. I didn't get the exact time they would be leaving Ilfracombe, but perhaps about 2:00 o'clock. If someone could take me to Ilfracombe, so I could catch the coach there, that would leave me about an hour and a half in Combe Martin.

The coach would probably stop first in Combe Martin at the parish church, and someone could probably pick me up there when it arrives. I've decided not to stay with the group at all after it gets to Combe Martin, in order to give me more time with you people. I was hoping the lunch could be very simple--nothing that takes a lot of preparation--just something plain, like cold meat, cheese, bread, and fresh fruit. We mainly want to talk with each other and maybe take some pictures.

You didn't actually say, but I'm hoping that you and a number of other Witheridge descendants are planning to go to Tiverton on Monday. I know it's going to be a grand experience, because there will be "Witheridges" from many places, including a number of my second and more distant cousins, who are thus related to you, too.

I've been so busy I haven't been able to write to the others on my list, but I hope to get at that soon. I'm glad you've been passing the word around.

This will have to do for now.

Love,

11.II.97 [Feb. 11, 1997]

Dear David,

Thank you so much for your letter, and for explaining your time schedule.

I've contacted Myrtle and a few others, and we all fear that mid-day on a Sunday (and a Bank Holiday Sunday!) is really a most unpropitious time to try to persuade people to gather; but if it has to be, of course we will all do our best.

This may seem a silly suggestion, but I suppose Mr. + Mrs. Cook have to return to London on the Monday? — if they could possibly delay their return until Tuesday, and come with you to Combe Martin when the Society's celebrations have concluded on the Monday, I would gladly offer accommodation and meals here for the three of you. (There are 2 double bedrooms; one with twin beds). It would be nice to meet them; as you know, I like meeting people, but can't summon up much enthusiasm for family history search (my forbears are nearly all in our parish churchyard, which possibly makes a difference). If this is a feasible suggestion, we could then plan a gathering on the Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

At the moment, I'm not very optimistic about local connections travelling to Tiverton for the meetings; most of us are likely to be rather occupied with visits from families and friends over a Bank Holiday weekend. Sorry to sound so negative; we are

POSITIVELY looking forward to seeing you again!
Look after yourself, and keep well!

Love & best wishes,
Una.

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[DEW's final plans for
May 1997 trip to England]

April 11, 1997

Dear Vera,

I'm sorry it has taken so long for me to answer your letter, but I had been in touch with Kim and knew she was working with you in scheduling a trip to Combe Martin on Monday after our Witheridge gathering in Tiverton. I didn't want to write to you until I got her letter with the details, and that didn't come until almost the end of March. I'm glad that everything has now been worked out to everyone's satisfaction, and I can hardly wait to see you all again. However, it sounds as though it will be a big undertaking for you, and I am sorry about that, but I really do appreciate it.

I'm especially busy right now, because I not only have much to do in preparation for coming to England, but I have an amazing development in the discovery of a second cousin in Germany — a member of my mother's family with which we had been out of touch for 125 years! I had been working on my German ancestry for many years, as I had earlier worked on my English ancestry, but to no avail. The part of Germany they came from, Pomerania, is now in Poland, and the records were impossible to find. But then along came Dr. Friedrich Nemitz, a dentist, out of the blue. He's coming to this country in June for a Pomeranian gathering in Milwaukee, and I'm going there to meet him. I've also been trying to find other relatives who could go to Milwaukee (as of now, there will be seven besides me), and I've been taking a German course so we can communicate at least a little. So you can see, my thoughts have been torn between England and Germany for many months.

But England comes first, and on April 30th I set forth for London and a wonderful 17 days! I hope everything goes well for all of us, and I thank you especially for all of your loving kindness. See you soon!

Love,
David

12/13/01

Dear Alma,

Thank you for your good letter. Since Sept. 11th it has been hard to think of anything else. I don't know anyone who was physically involved in the attacks, but the whole country has been deeply affected. We appreciate the support we have had from Britain

My health continues to be good, and I'm glad you are doing well, I'm pleased that they were able to do something to improve Myrtle's vision,

I look forward to an e-mail from you someday, and I may send you one after the Holiday rush. My address is Dwitheridg@aol.com. (Note the final "e" is omitted.)

Love, David

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[Dec. 14, 1997]

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Subj: Re: Witheridge genealogy
Date: 97-12-14 21:14:24 EST
From: Chesnutmor
To: Witherjim ← James Penney Witheridge (b. 1946)

W305
Log 1303

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

My name is Jill Pierson. I have been doing genealogical reasearch for a little more than a year. I am descended from Ethel Witheridge Pierson she married Alfred Crowell Pierson in 1909. She would be equivalent to my Great Grandmother.

This is the information that I have so far courtsey of my father's family. The Witheridges to my knowlede primarily settled in New Jersey. Ethel Witheridge was born Febuary 10, 1890. She died Febuary 17, 1940. Ethel was born in New York City though.

Ethel was one of many children. I believe 5. She was the middle child. Her parent were Fank Witheridge and Katherine Bower. Frank was born in Rahaway New Jersey. Frank did have several brother and sisters himself. His parent were born 1845/1846. They were Andrew and Elizabeth Witheridge. The family came somewhere between 1867-1870. The reasons for such as journey and movement I do not know.

I can tell you more if you like.

Sincerely,

Jill
[redacted]

# Editor's Note

Caution!

In a February 21, 2002, email to Jill Pierson, with the subject line "South Milton Family," Dad apologized to her for errors in some of his earlier messages.

The errors resulted from confusion between two different Francis George Witheridges. One, born in 1851, a son of William Witheridge and Mary Hannaford, died in England in 1863 at age 12. The other, born in 1868, was a son of Andrew Hannaford Witheridge and Elizabeth Hannaford; this second Francis George Witheridge was the one who came to America and who married Jill's ancestor, Katherine Bower.

Tom Witheridge
April 6, 2022

To Jill Pierson:

My name is David E. Witheridge, and genealogy is my hobby. I'm at my son Jim's home using his computer, and we found your entry on America Online showing that you are interested in genealogy and that Witheridge is one of the names you are researching. How are you related to the Witheridge family? Witheridge is a rather uncommon name, and I think I am aware of most, if not all, of the major branches through our Witheridge Society. I'll be getting a computer soon, but I don't have one yet, so please reply to my son's E-mail address, witherjim@aol.com or you could write to me or phone me.

David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
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To: chesnutmor [Jill Pierson] 12/15/97

Subj: Witheridge genealogy

Dear Jill:

I was pleased and excited to get your letter. I know a great deal about your Witheridge family in New Jersey, and I'm sure you can add to my information. I also know your Witheridge ancestry back to about 1700 in England.

Just this week I was talking on the phone to two of your distant cousins in New Jersey - Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore. You also have a distant cousin in Rahway, New Jersey, by the name of Allen Witheridge, to whom I have written but haven't received an answer.

I'd appreciate a reply from you giving me your address and telephone number. Because of Christmas I won't be able to send you all the information on your family until after the first of the year, but I'd like to call you on the phone sometime soon.

Sincerely,

David

[Dec. 19, 1997]

Subj: Re: Witheridge Genealogy
Date: 97-12-19 21:26:15 EST
From: Chesnutmor
To: Witherjim

Hi!!

I apologize for not writing earlier but with finals in college and Christmas time fast approaching I have not been able to get to my computer to respond to your e-mail.

I have one question, how are you connected with the Witheridge's of Rahaway??? Is that where your family is originally from?? If so, who?? I do not know of the relatives you have metioned but I do know that their was a loss of contact shortly after my father's grandmothers death in 1940? (I don't have the book in front of me). It would not suprise me if there are relatives still in Rahaway.

I would prefer to give you my home address via the internet rather than my telephone number. I am doing this because I know e-mail's sometimes have a tendency to miss their destination and they are not a very secure means of communition.

My address is below:
Jill A. Pierson
[redacted]
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Did someone begin this research prior for it to be extended so far back as to the 1700's. I am very interested to know more.

Much Thanks
Happy Holidays!!

Jill

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12-21-97

Hi Jill,

This is Jim Witheridge David's son. I relayed your message to him, he lives only a few blocks from me, and he was delighted to receive your letter. I wanted to reply so you knew that he got your message and to give you a brief reply.

He wanted me to tell you that he too is busy with the holiday season and will probably not be able to respond to you until early next year. If he sent you his phone number you certainly may call him at home, and if you want to reverse the charges.

I want to say a few words about Father, he has been doing Witheridge research for over 30 years now and is to modest mention it. He has a wealth of information and is very involved with the Witheridge Society here and in England. You have struck the mother load. In response to your question about his family origin, the fast answer is
Combe Martin in Devon, England.

Have a good holiday and a happy New Year,

Jim Witheridge

[Jan. 14, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
January 14, 1998

Miss Jill A. Pierson
624 Valley Brook Ave.
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Dear Jill,

Well, here is the material I promised you showing your ancestry back to John Witheridge in South Milton, Devon in 1700. It also gives you what I know about your relatives in this country.

As my son Jim told you, I have been working on genealogy for over thirty years. I have found that even in England, Witheridge is not a very common name. We get our name from the town of Witheridge in North Devon.

The Witheridges in this country are all related to three branches: my family, which settled in Michigan; a small branch that settled in Pennsylvania; and your New Jersey family. Several years ago I started writing to the Witheridges in New Jersey to see if I could figure out where they came from in England and how they might be related to my family. I had a hard time getting answers from any of them, and I finally telephoned a few and got enough to piece the family together a little.

Then a little over a year ago I began ordering microfilms of the U.S. Census records of New Jersey from the Mormons, who have a vast amount of genealogical material in Salt Lake City. I was able to develop a very good outline of the family back to Andrew Witheridge, the first one of the New Jersey Witheridges in this country.

Then I wrote to my friends in England who are members of the Witheridge Society to see if they had records of an Andrew Witheridge born in England in the 1840s. They told me about Andrew Hannaford Witheridge, and as I studied his record, it all began to fit together.

As I told you in December, I have been in touch with your cousins in New Jersey, Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore, two sisters whose maiden name was Witheridge. They are second cousins of your grandfather, which makes them your second cousins twice removed. You will see them as descendants of Creighton Grey Witheridge, a brother of your great-great-grandfather Frank (Francis George) Witheridge.

You can see why I was so delighted to have your name turn up on the internet when Jim and I were brousing back in December. Not only am I able to give you all this information about your family, but now you can give me (as well as Janet and Martha) all the information about the descendants of your great-grandmother, Ethel Witheridge Pierson. It is so interesting that you are still living in New Jersey. Some day you may be able to meet Janet and Martha, because they do not live too far away from you. Their addresses are:

Mrs. Janet Sauter
2 Nell Court
Fairfield, NJ 07004
(973) 575-9289

Mrs. Thomas Gilmore
18 Cleveland Road
Union, NJ 07083
(908) 964-1973

Your relatives living in Rahway are Allen and Robert Witheridge. I wrote to Allen some years ago and did not get a reply, but I did talk on the phone to his daughter Cathy. Allen and Robert are sons of your great-grandmother Ethel's brother Robert, so they would be first cousins of your grandfather.

Back to the Witheridge Society. That is a group of Witheridge descendants who meet only once a year, but publish a quarterly journal, "The Witheridge Times." This contains articles about Witheridge family history and about Witheridge descendants in various parts of the world. Last May we celebrated our tenth anniversary with a meeting in Devon to which about fifty came, including some from the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. I was able to be there and enjoyed it very much. The 1998 annual meeting of the Witheridge Society will be in Gloucestershire during the weekend of May 2-4. Because you are in college, you probably wouldn't be able to attend, but I'm encouraging Janet and Martha to go and also to visit South Devon where their ancestors came from.

My family came from Combe Martin in North Devon. Many other members of the Witheridge Society also stem from there and from other North Devon towns, but there are a great many others whose families, like yours, come from South Devon. I tend to think that we all came from the North Devon town of Witheridge, but some in the South Devon families think they came from another Witheridge Manor in South Devon that was mentioned in the Doomsday Book of 1086 but disappeared hundreds of years ago.

This is a great deal for you to absorb all at once, and I know you're very busy. So I don't expect you to send right away all the information about your family, although I do look forward to getting that. I hope, however, that you will write a short note soon and tell me what you think of all this and tell me at least a little about your family.

Yours very sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Subj: Genealogy!!
Date: 98-01-18 19:20:01 EST
From: Chesnutmor
To: Witherjim

I was wondering if you can please give this message to your father David.

Dear Mr. Withridge:

I would like to thank you very much for the information you gave me about the Witheridge family. I recieved it in the mail yesterday. I spent the whole day reading it and that is why I am only getting back to you today.

I was amazed by your extensive family research and record management that you have.

I will send you the complete list of the descendents of Ethel Witheridge in about one to two weeks. I am in the process of correcting information about the later descendents including births and deaths. This should be completed in a few days.

I am in the process of giving this information to other members of the family. This way they can share the enjoyment I have had.

Sincerely,

Jill

**Jill A. Pierson**
[redacted]
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 -2010
[redacted]

January 26, 1998

Dear David,

I would like to thank-you for the information that you have shared about our Witheridge heritage. It is amazing how after all these years we are able to find each other as well as other family members. The Internet has really made it a small world.

My genealogical research began a little over two years ago when I became a history major in college. As I have begun to research the history of notable figures, I have often found myself wondering about my own family history. It was at this time that I decided to build upon the genealogical research conducted by my cousin and aunts in the early part of this decade.

The enclosed information you will find may seem incomplete. This is because it has been fairly difficult to keep up with because of the size of the family has greatly expanded especially during my generation and it has been very difficult to keep up with activities of these members, but I am doing my best.

I should really thank you not only for the information that you have given me but also the family members that you have introduced me to. The ability to contact other Witheridge family members especially those that are located in New Jersey is amazing. I never knew that there were any Witheridge descendants still left in New Jersey let alone Rahway. You have truly opened up a new world to me to which I am very grateful. I am in the process of writing to Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Sauter as we speak. I hope to mail them their documents by Lincoln's Birthday.

I was wondering if you could tell me how to become a member of the Witheridge Society. I am very interested in it because you have given me an opportunity to meet other members who share our common heritage. I find it amazing that one of my family surnames has such a comprehensive history enough to have a society. This is surprising to me. I am sorry to say that I will not be able to attend the yearly meeting but would it still be possible for you to keep me informed about what happens at the annual meeting? I will greatly appreciate any assistance.

I must apologize for being cautious about my giving you my address and telephone number. The main reason I did not send it to you via e-mail is because I doubt the security of the Internet. I have had some e-mails especially on America Online goes astray and not get delivered to its destination.

I would like once again to thank you. You have given me more than a family history of the Witheridge name dating back to the 1700's but a whole branch of my family tree by telling me of my relatives throughout this nation especially those in New Jersey. The information and opportunity you have given me I will always treasure. I promise I will keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Jill A. Pierson

Jill A. Pierson

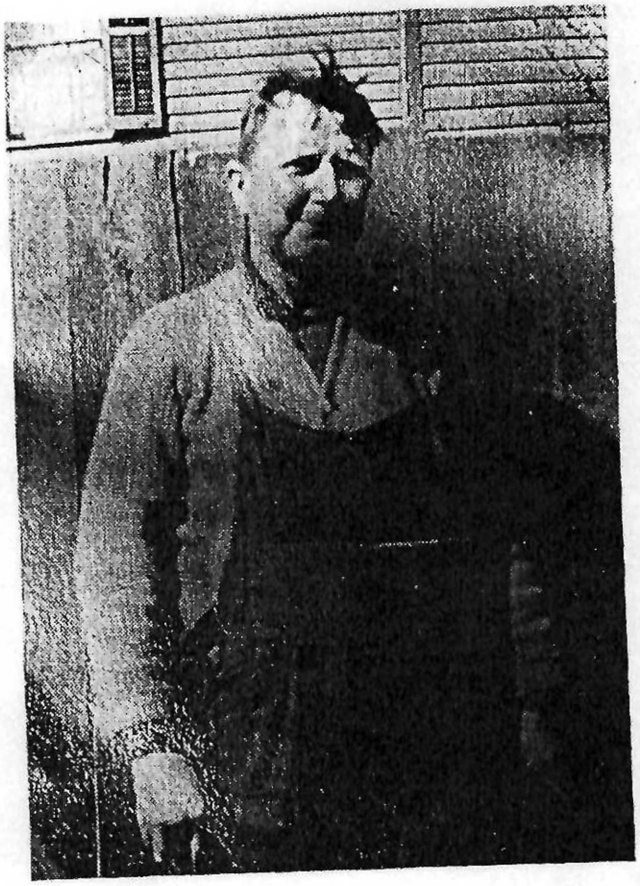
# FRANK G. WITHERIDGE & KATHERINE BOWER, HIS WIFE

Parents of Ethel (Witheridge) Pierson

FRANCIS G. WITHERIDGE was born 26 March 1867 in England. According to the 1880 Census for Essex County, New Jersey (residence listed as Beach Street, Orange, NJ), he was the son of Andrew and Elizabeth Witheridge* (who were both born ca 1845/46 in England). He had two brothers (Andrew Jr., b. England, ca 1864; William H., b. England, ca 1866) and one sister (Ethel, b. New Jersey, ca 1878). He was a carpenter and cabinet maker by trade. The 1900 Census for Union County, New Jersey (residence listed as Newton Street, Rahway, NJ), indicates he came to the U.S. in 1872. He died 1 October 1938, North Bergen, N.J., and is buried in Rahway Cemetery, Rahway, N.J.

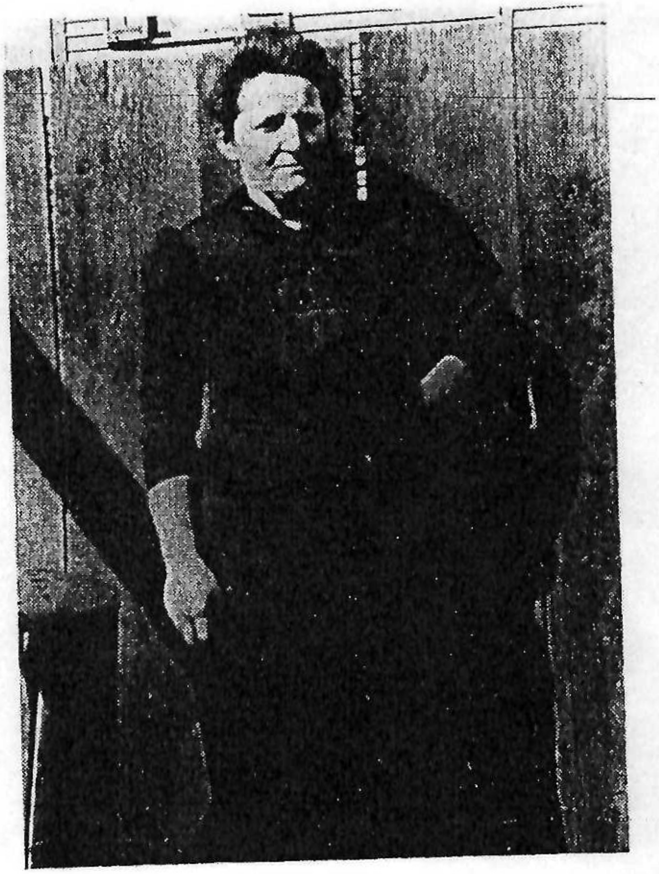
*Family information indicates that Elizabeth's maiden name may have been Harrison. Apparently, Elizabeth lived to be at least in her sixties or seventies. This assumption is based on a post card, dated June 24, 1914, sent from Rahway, NJ, by her grandchild, Ethel, to Mrs. Andrew Witheridge, 32 Christopher Street, Orange, NJ. It was a picture post card of Ethel's brother, Fred, and read as follows: "Dear Grandma, Arrived home safe and sound. Ethel"

KATHERINE BOWER was born November 1870 in Orange, New Jersey. The 1900 Census for Union County, New Jersey (residence listed as Newton Street, Rahway, NJ), indicates her father was born in England and her mother was born in New Jersey. She died 23 June 1935, Rahway, New Jersey, and is buried in Rahway Cemetery.



FRANCIS G. WITHERIDGE

b. 26 Mar 1867 (England)
d. 1 Oct 1938 (NJ)



KATHERINE (Bower) WITHERIDGE

b. November 1870 (NJ)
d. 23 June 1935 (NJ)

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## FRANCIS G. WITHERIDGE married KATHERINE BOWER

ca 1888

According to the 1900 Census, Frank and Katherine had been married for 12 years which would make their date of marriage about 1888. The Census also indicated they had had six children, but only five were living. The children's names were listed as follows: Ethel (b. Feb. 1890); Frank (b. Feb. 1892); Kittie (b. June 1894); Fred (b. Nov. 1895); and Clayton (b. Nov. 1899). Family information indicates that "Clayton" was really George Creighten, and there were also two other children: Robert (b. May 1903) and Cliff. It is their daughter, ETHEL, we descend from.

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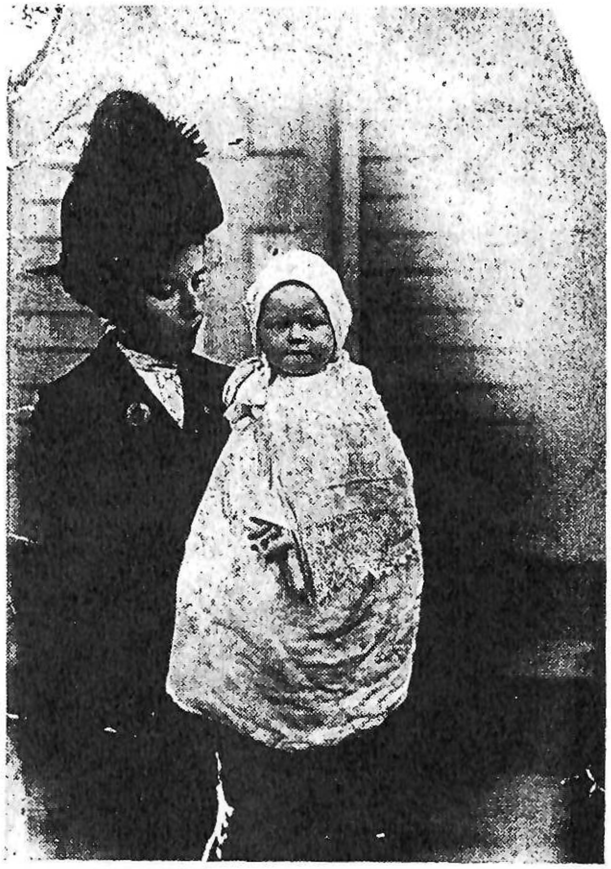
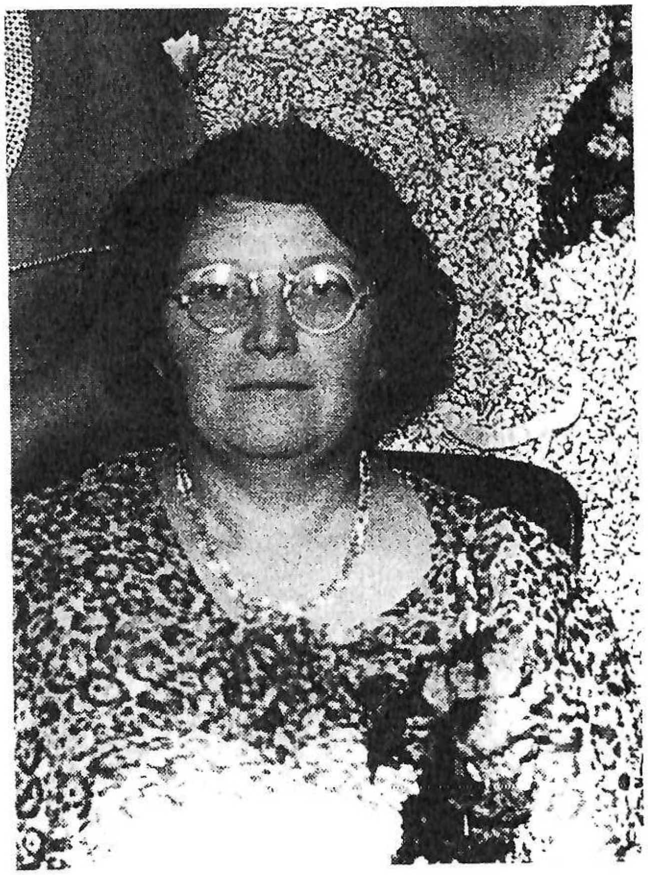
# ALFRED CROWELL PIERSON & ETHEL WITHERIDGE, HIS WIFE

ALFRED CROWELL PIERSON (see photo in Section 4) was born on 28 November 1885 in New Jersey. He was the son of John T. Pierson and Maria S. Martin. His various occupations were trolley conductor, ice man, and truckman. He died 13 June 1931 and is buried in Rahway Cemetery, Rahway, N.J.

ETHEL WITHERIDGE (photos on next page) was born on 10 February 1890 in New York City, New York. She was the daughter of Frank G. Witheridge and Katherine Bower. Ethel liked to bake and sew and did some part-time mending in a shop outside the home. She played the harmonica and a little piano. Several of her children remember fondly their mother's shopping trips because many times she would come home with a piano roll for the player piano and a bag of candy for them. She died 17 February 1940, North Bergen, N.J., and is buried in Rahway Cemetery, Rahway, N.J.



ETHEL (Witheridge) PIERSON
with one of her children



ca 1936

ETHEL (Witheridge) PIERSON

b. 10 Feb 1890 (NY)
d. 17 Feb 1940 (NJ)

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## ALFRED C. PIERSON married ETHEL WITHERIDGE

20 JAN 1909

Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Alfred and Ethel had nine children: Alfred, Dorothy, Ethel, Leslie, John, Marjorie, Shirley, Rose, and Ruth.

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The following is the announcement of their marriage copied exactly as it appeared in the Perth Amboy Chronicle Saturday, January 30, 1909

### MISS WITHERIDGE
### BRIDE OF A. C. PIERSON

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Alfred Crowell Pierson, of Rahway, and Miss Ethel Witheridge of 106 Division street, this city were married at the parsonage of Simpson M. E. Chuch last night by the pastor, Dev. Dr. George C. Wilding. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dambach, of 106 Division street.

The newly wedded couple will reside in Westfield. Mr. Pierson is a trolley car conductor in the employ of the Public Service corporation.

## THE DESCENDANTS OF
## ALFRED C. & ETHEL (Witheridge) PIERSON

ALFRED FRANCIS PIERSON, b. 21 April 1911, Rahway, N.J.; d. 9 June 1959, Weehawken, N.J.; md. Viola Dodenhoff, 19 October 1934, West New York, N.J. Viola d. 9 November 1984, N.J. They had seven children:

A. DAVID ALFRED PIERSON, b. 16 April 1935, North Bergen, N.J.; md. Ruth Eva Earl, 29 June 1957, Union City, N.J. Ruth d. 21 November 1986, N.J. They had one child:
2nd Wife - Dolores Fisher - 6/93

  1. DAVID ALFRED PIERSON, b. 1 September 1958, Jersey City, N.J. d13Nov 1993

B. ROBERTA PIERSON, b. 5 July 1936, Jersey City, N.J.; d. 1990, N.J.; md. Donald Keever, 20 March 1954, Elton, Maryland; dvc.; md. John Van Campen, 1 June 1963, Jersey City, N.J.; dvc.; md. Christopher Walters, 14 February 1970, Jersey City, N.J. She had two children: Died 5/15/90 (Roberta)
Christopher Walter 1996?)

  1. DEBRA KEEVER, b. 19 July 1955, Jersey City, N.J., md. Randy Grues, May 1975, Weehawken, N.J. They had one child:

    a. SHERRI GRUES, b. 13 October 1976, Jersey City, N.J.

  2. DONALD KEEVER, b. 9 May 1957, Weehawken, N.J.

C. JOHN PIERSON, b. 3 February 1939, Jersey City, N.J.; md. Patricia Johnson, 29 August 1963, Union City, N.J. They had four children: dvc.?

  1. JOHN PIERSON, b. 21 June 1966, Jersey City, N.J. - 2 daughter

  2. JAMES PIERSON, b. 14 December 1967, Jersey City, N.J. 1 son & Another child

  3. JEFFREY PIERSON, b. 25 December 1969, Jersey City, N.J.

  4. TAMMAY LYNN PIERSON, b. 4 February 1972, Jersey City, N.J. - 1 child

  5. Justin Pierson

D. THOMAS FRANCIS PIERSON, b. 14 June 1943, Jersey City, N.J.; md. Ida Mae Nople, 1 December 1963, Union City, N.J. They had two children:

Married - Ellen Howard

1. THOMAS PIERSON, b. 10 September 1964, Jersey City, N.J.

2. ALFRED PIERSON, b. 13 September 1965, Jersey City, N.J.

Spencer & Stacey

E. CHARLES PIERSON, b. 10 September 1947, Jersey City, N.J.; md. Sally Hulley, 6 June 1965, Maryland. They had two children:

1. CHARLES PIERSON, b. 12 September 1966(?), Jersey City, N.J. - Charlie Jr.

2. J. J. PIERSON, b. 29 October 1975, Jersey City, N.J.

F. RICHARD PIERSON, b. 20 August 1951, Jersey City, N.J.; md. Mary ~~Steno~~ Stanic, 9 September 1972, Union City, N.J. They had two children:

1. MARY PIERSON, b. 5 November 1973 ~~(?)~~, West Germany.

2. JILL PIERSON, b. 20 October 1977, ~~Jersey City~~ Teaneck, N.J. ← [DEW's correspondent]

G. MARILYN PIERSON, b. 16 May 1955, Weehawken, N.J.
Married Steve (?) 2 Children - Ryan & Amanda

II. DOROTHY CROWEL PIERSON, b. 6 February 1912, Rahway, N.J., d. 27 November, 1973, Hoboken, N.J.; md. George Hoffman, North Bergen, N.J.; dvc.; md. Arthur McGuirk, 27 February 1953, North Bergen, N.J. She had one child:

A. JEAN IRENE HOFFMAN, b. 11 April 1932, North Bergen, N.J.; md. Dominick K. Krueger, 5 August 1950, North Bergen, N.J. They had three children:

1. JUDITH ANN KRUEGER, b. 18 April 1951, Weehawken, N.J.; md. Michael Trumpf, 14 May 1970, Germany. They had three children:

a. MICHELLE LEE TRUMPF, b. 21 May 1971, Hoboken, N.J.

b. DENA MARIE TRUMPF, b. 18 October 1973, Teaneck, N.J.

c. MICHAEL TRUMPF, b. 3 December 1986, N.J.

2. MARK KRUEGER, b. 11 June 1957, Weehawken, N.J.

3. GEORGE SCOTT KRUEGER, b. 21 February 1967, Hoboken, N.J.

III. ETHEL PIERSON, b. 31 December 1913, Rahway, N.J.; d. 29 June 1971, Lincoln Park, N.J.; md. William Hess, August 1936, Secaucus, N.J. They had no children.

IV. LESLIE EVERETT PIERSON, b. 8 September 1915, Rahway, N.J.; md. Beatrice Reck (d. 27 November, 1988, N.J.), 29 October 1936, Dumont, N.J. They had two children:

A. BEATRICE CAROL PIERSON, b. 2 September 1939, Jersey City, N.J.; md. William Pesler, 31 August 1957, Augusta, Georgia. They had one child:

1. WILLIAM E. PESLER III, b. 21 June 1964, Weehawken, N.J.

B. LESLIE EVERETT PIERSON II, b. 16 June 1942, Jersey City, N.J.; md. Eliza Jane Henning, 16 April 1965, Lincoln Park, N.J. They had two children:

1. GLORIA JEAN PIERSON, b. 6 March 1966, Pompton Plains, N.J.

2. GREGORY PIERSON, b. 13 December 1981.

V. JOHN HENRY PIERSON, b. 20 December 1917, Cranford, N.J.; d. 9 April 1987; md. Dorothy Theresa Dwyer, 24 June 1939, North Bergen, N.J. They had three children:

A. JOHN HENRY PIERSON, JR., b. 21 February 1942, Weehawken, N.J.; md. Aline Lawlor, 2 May 1964, West New York, N.J. They had three children:

1. JOHN JOSEPH PIERSON, b. 25 April 1965, Passaic, N.J.

2. JAMES MICHAEL PIERSON, b. 16 July 1969, Passaic, N.J.

3. JOYCE MARIE PIERSON, b. 16 October 1971, Passaic, N.J.

B. HOWARD GEORGE PIERSON, b. 8 September 1946, Weehawken, N.J.; md. Helen Fitzpatrick, 12 October 1965, North Bergen, N.J. They had two children:

1. CYNTHIA LOUISE PIERSON, b. 18 August 1966, Jersey City, N.J.

2. HOWARD GEORGE PIERSON, JR., b. 29 October 1970, Hoboken, N.J.

C. PATRICIA MAE PIERSON, b. 7 April 1949, Weehawken, N.J.; md. Thomas Edwin Gilbert, 7 December 1969, North Bergen, N.J.; dvc. Thomas E. Gilbert d. July 1988, Woodbury, CT. They had two children:

1. PATRICIA ANN GILBERT, b. 4 June 1972, Hoboken, N.J.

2. THOMAS STUART GILBERT, b. 27 October 1976, Secaucus, N.J.

II. MARJORIE MAY PIERSON, b. 26 March 1921, North Bergen, N.J.; md. John Kinzie, 14 September 1940, North Bergen, N.J. They had one child:

A. EILEEN ANN KINZIE, b. 9 December 1942, N.J.; md. George Bologna, 1960; dvc.; md. Ernest Loser, July 1961, North Bergen, N.J. She had two children:

1. KATHLEEN RUTH LOSER, b. 14 March 1961, Weehawken, N.J.; md. Raymond V. Mooney, June 1985, Connecticut; dvc. They had one child:

a. JACKLYN NICOLE MOONEY, b. 19 June 1986, Connecticut.

2. RUSSELL SCOTT LOSER, b. 22 October 1963, N.J.; d. 5 May 1971, New Haven, CT.

II. SHIRLEY ANN PIERSON, b. 9 August 1923, North Bergen, N.J.; d. 17 November 1983, Danbury, CT; md. William E. Pennock, 19 September 1943, Ossining, N.Y. They had two children:

A. SHIRLEY ANN PENNOCK, b. 27 June 1944, Ossining, N.Y.; md. Thomas K. Saunders III, 24 August 1963, Ossining, N.Y. They had two children:

1. WILLIAM THOMAS SAUNDERS, b. 31 October 1964, No. Tarrytown, N.Y.; md. Marie Wagenbrenner, 27 June 1987, New Preston, CT; dvc.; md. Diana Mercer, 20 July 1990, New Haven, CT.

2. LEANNE SAUNDERS, b. 30 May 1968, Lowell, Mass.

B. BEVERLY JEAN PENNOCK, b. 29 May 1947, Ossining, N.Y.; md. Frank V. Sherwood, 17 June 1967, Ossining, N.Y. They had one child:

1. ALICIA ANN SHERWOOD, b. 9 December 1970, Richmond, Virginia.

III. ROSE LORRAINE PIERSON (twin), b. 1 May 1927, North Bergen, N.J.; md. William H. Rucci, 19 October 1946, North Bergen, N.J. They had two children:

A. LINDA ROSE RUCCI, b. 27 July 1950, Weehawken, N.J.; md. Richard Karanfilian, 26 December 1971, Union City, N.J.; dvc. They had two children:

1. APRIL ROSE KARANFILIAN, b. 13 January 1975, Weehawken, N.J.

2. LOREN CROWEL KARANFILIAN, b. 20 April 1979, North Bergen, N.J.

B. WILLIAM H. RUCCI, JR., b. 28 June 1956, Jersey City, N.J.; md. Rhonda Tompkins, 3 November 1977, North Bergen, N.J.; dvc. They had two children:

1. JESSICA RUCCI, b. 18 July 1981, Teaneck, N.J.

2. ASHLEY RUCCI, b. 23 March 1987, Goshen, N.Y.

RUTH ESTELLE PIERSON (twin), b. 1 May 1927, North Bergen, N.J.; d. 12 March 1954, North Bergen, N.J.; md. Robert Montagne, 10 June 1946, Fairview, N.J. They had two children:

A. DIANE RUTH MONTAGNE, b. 7 October 1948, Weehawken, N.J.; md. Edmond Hammerlle, Union City, N.J.; dvc.; md. Andrew Kulley. She had two children:

  1. EDMOND HAMMERLLE JR., b. 19 January 1971, Jersey City, N.J.

  2. MARLOWE MONTAGNE KULLEY, b. 31 May 1981.

B. ROBERT MONTAGNE, b. 30 June 1951, Weehawken, N.J. md. Anne Marie Silkowski, 5 August 1976, West Orange, N.J.; dvc.

E-mail 2/2/98

Dear Jill,

Thank you for your letter. I was thrilled to get it and all the family information, including pictures. I am very busy now, but when I get a chance, I'll send you information about the Withridge Society and how you could become a member.

Yours sincerely,
David

[Apr. 15, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
April 15, 1998

Dear Jill,

Here is the information I promised to send you about the Witheridge Society and how to join it. I'm also sending a photocopy of the 1995 Winter Issue of the "Witheridge Times." It is the only one I have an extra copy of. You will notice that it includes a lovely article about my wife Elizabeth, who died in 1995 from Alzheimer's disease. The article also tells a little about me and my career. It was written by the Honorary Life President of the Witheridge Society, Kim Cook.

This issue of the "Witheridge Times" also includes a short article I wrote about one of the farms in Somerset (next to Devon) called Witheridge Farm. Fortunately, I was able to visit that farm, because Kim and Roy Cook took me there when I was in England last summer.

Also in this issue is an article about another Witheridge family that goes back to South Milton, your ancestral town. Apparently, no one in the Witheridge Society has yet tied this Walter Witheridge into your family, though I think he was probably somehow related to your ancestor, John Witheridge. No record was kept in the parish register for South Milton from 1717 to 1733.

Now, about the membership application for the Witheridge Society. The only problem is sending them the annual membership fee in British pounds. You have to get a bank draft on a British bank from your local bank. The fee for this draft will cost as much as or more than the £12.00 membership fee itself. So the Witheridge Society suggests that we send a three-years' membership fee at once (£36.00), to cut down on the annual cost of the bank draft. That is what I do, but you may not be able to afford that much at this time. Perhaps your parents can help you with this. If you are living with them or if you use their address, you can add their names on the membership application as your father and mother under "additional family members" at no extra cost.

I hope you decide to join the Witheridge Society, because I know you will enjoy getting the quarterly publication and having a sense of connection to this wider family. By the way, I'm going to give your name to the North American Representative of the Witheridge Society, Kathy Witheridge:

Mrs. Kathleen M. Witheridge
343 Bright Street
Sarnia, Ontario N7T 465
Canada

Kathy is planning a reunion of North American Witheridge descendants for some time in August in Lansing, Michigan. Unfortunately, I won't be able to go myself, but there could be a good attendance, maybe thirty people or more. Maybe you and some of your relatives would like to go.

I now have my new computer, and I'm on the Internet. My E-mail address is davidew@gateway.net in case you want to send me E-mail sometime.

Sincerely,

David

Jill041598

[Apr. 21, 1998]

**davidew**

From: [redacted]
To: davidew@gateway.net
Subject: Thank you!!!
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 1998 2:00 PM

Hi David,

I would like to thank you for the information about the Witheridge Society. I definately will become a memeber of the Witheridge Society. I enjoyed the Witheridge Times very much. It is amazing how much history the Witheridge family has and the amount of people that share this surname.

It is even possible that I will be at the North American Witheridge family reunion. My sister and I are seriously considering attending the event in Michigian. I would like thank you for also giving my name to the Kathleen Witheridge the North American representative.

I would like to thank you for all your help once again. You have given me in several short months a family, a history, and a society all within in the times we have been corresponding.

Sincerely,
Jill

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[May 26, 1998]

**davidew**

From: [redacted]
To: davidew@gateway.net
Subject: I found an interesting Web Page!!
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 1998 10:07 PM

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

I found a web page that might be of interst to. It is the Cornwallis Census. I found several Witheridges in this index. It tells of there age and occupation. This is information that you probably have but I thought you might enjoy seeing it. <A HREF="http://www.kindredkonnections.com/cgi-bin/docrcens?-1+0+English">Kindred Konnections Query</A>

I just recommend that you put birth years raging from 1800-1899. I just thought you might enjoy.

Jill

[Mar. 18, 1999]

Subj: **Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 3/18/99 4:38:45 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: [redacted]

Dear Jill,

I'm sure you thought I had fallen off the face of the earth, but I think of you often. I've been busy about many things, including genealogy, but mostly in connection with my German line--Nemitz--my mother's side.

Last summer I spent a tremendous amount of time preparing for and running a small reunion of Nemitz relatives in this country (about 25) to meet with four of our newly-found cousins from Germany. They spent about a week in Minneapolis, and we had a great time, but it was exhausting.

Now I have some exciting news for you. Kathy Witheridge has finally been able to plan a Witheridge Reunion for August. It's going to be held in Lansing, Michigan, on Saturday, August 21. I'm sorry the reunion we talked of last year never took place, but for several reasons Kathy just couldn't work it out. I know you were thinking of coming, and now I hope you'll start planning for this summer, and maybe your sister and others in your family can also come.

It will be held in Lansing, because there are so many Witheridge descendants within 100 miles of Lansing. But there will be people there from many parts of the U.S. and Canada--possibly from as far west as British Columbia and as far south as Arkansas. There will probably be between 25 and 50 people there, so you will be able to meet a great many other Witheridge descendants. I have to advise you that I won't be there myself, because at my age (84) I've had to give up traveling, but you will meet many other wonderful people, and they'll all be thrilled to meet you.

I can't tell you yet what hotel or motel the reunion will be held at, but Kathy will keep you informed as soon as that is determined.

Well, that's all for now. I'll be looking forward to your response.

David

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Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 3/18/99 7:35:49 PM Central Standard Time
From: [redacted]
To: DWitheridg

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

It was wonderful to hear from you. It is funny because I was just thinking about the Witheridge's and the family reunion. I have also had fun telling people how far my family legacy goes back. It has been a real pleasure for me.

My sister and I are seriously considering going this family reunion. It would be a real pleasure for us to meet extend members of the family. I am sorry to hear that you will not be going to the reunion. You have provided me with a wonderful family history and extended family.

I apologize for not writing sooner. I have gotten a little involved in college between papers and tests.

Thank you for the information. Please keep me posted about events.

Sincerely,

Jill

[June 3, 1999]

Subj: **Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 6/3/99 10:35:49 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: [redacted]

Dear Jill,

I"m sure you got your invitation a few weeks ago to the Witheridge Reunion. As you see, they had to move the date to August 28. I hope you and your sister can work out your plans so you can be there, perhaps also with other relatives. It's going to be a great time, and there should be a good turnout of "Witheridges." Kathy is a little worried because response has been slow so far. But I told her that would be true. People can't always make up their minds or arrange their plans this far ahead. My guess is that there will be from thirty to fifty people.

Kathy heard from Annette Witheridge in New York City, and she is going to come and give one of the talks. She is actually from England, but she has been over here several years as American correspondent for one of the British "scandal sheets" like our National Enquirer. She is going to talk about some of her experiences as a journalist.

My brother John lives in Saginaw, Michigan, and he will be at the reunion, along with his wife and son. I also have a niece in a suburb of Detroit, and she will be there.

I have a second cousin once removed here in Minneapolis, and he says he and his wife will be going and also his mother, who lives in Arkansas. She grew up in Michigan and has lots of relatives there, most of whom will be at the reunion, of course. So you see, there will be Witheridge descendants there from all over, including many from Canada.

If you and your sister are still hoping to make it, it would be nice if you could send Kathy an E-mail, even though your plans are not absolutely definite. She would be glad to know of your intentions. I know you've been busy with school, but maybe that's over now for the summer.

Sincerely,

David

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 6/5/99 9:57:57 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Chesnutmor
To: DWitheridg

[June 5, 1999]

Dear Mr. Withridge,

Hello! How are you? How are you feeling? I was just thinking about you when I received your e-mail. I was just telling at work and school about the wonderful gift you have given me (The Witheridge Family History.)

I have been fairly busy with school. I am finally entering my last year in college and I hope with any luck that I will be a college graduate by this time next year. I am also hoping to pursue a master's degree in history but I am really not to sure about it.

I with much regret inform you that I will not be able to make it to the Withridge Family Reunion. I have to attend a family function that weekend. My mother's family is planning a get together of their own that weekend. I promised her that I would go and help out with stuff like cooking and setting up.

It would have been wonderful to meet all the North American Witheridges. I have asked Katy if there is anything I can help with and to keep me posted about the latest on goings with the reunion. Katy, has been very gracious about doing so and even sent me an invitation. It looks like it will be a wonderful celebration of family and their roles in our shared common heritage. I hope to be able to attend the next event and be able to meet you than as well.

I apologize once again. This time about the tardiness of this e-mail. I am currently in the process of moving with my parents to a larger house. I have not been able to access my computer very much within the past few days. My summer class has also kept me from using the computer.

It was wonderful to hear from and you. I hope everything is going well for you. :)

I very much hope to hear from you soon. :) Thanks once again for all your help.

Jill.

PS My new address is

Jill A. Pierson
84 Eastern Way
Rutherford, NJ 07070
(201)372-1579

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Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 6/6/99 7:24:05 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Chesnutmor

Dear Jill,

Just a quick reply to your E-mail. I was gad to hear that things are going well with you and that you are moving toward graduation from college next year.

I know that Kathy will be sorry to hear that you will be unable to go to the reunion, but you have very good reason.

Thank you for your new address. I almost feel as though I know you, even though we have never met. I hope we can continue to keep in touch.

Sincerely,

David ← David

[Feb. 21, 2002]

Subj: **South Milton Family**
Date: 2/21/02 11:07:40 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: [redacted]

Dear Jill,

I feel as though I have been out of touch with you for a long time, but I do think of you from time to time and hope things are going well with you. I suppose by now you have graduated from college and are now in graduate school or working somewhere. I hope that your e-mail address is still the same and that this reaches you.

Kathy Witheridge and I have exchanged some e-mail messages in recent weeks about the ancestry of the New Jersey Witheridges in South Milton (your family). She was also doing some research on the Witheridge family in Pennsylvania that stems back to Tavistock in England.

In my correspondence with Kathy about the South Milton family I realized that she did not have the final form of my family group sheets for the family. She was therefore unaware of the two Francis George Witheridges--one, born in 1851, the son of William Witheridge and Mary Hannaford; the other, born in 1868, the son of Andrew Hannaford Witheridge and Elizabeth Hannaford. The first Francis George Witheridge died in England in 1863 at the age of twelve. The second Francis George Witheridge came to America and was the one who married Katherine Bower.

Kathy's computer had these two Francis George Witheridges confused and showed that the first one was the one who came to America. She said that you told her that the Francis George Witheridge who married Katherine Bower was the son of William Witheridge and Mary Hannaford. This made me think that when I first sent you the information about he family in South Milton, I probably did not know about the two Francis George Witheridges and therefore sent you the wrong information. I'm very sorry about this, and I'm going to make photocopies of my final family group sheets and send them to you. Then you can either mark the old sheets as incorrect or throw them out. As you will see, I have never taken the time to transcribe all the information you sent me about the descendants of Francis G. Witheridge and Katherine Bower onto my family group sheets.

If this is all very confusing, it is at least a good lesson in genealogy. No family history is ever completely final and accurate. There is always the possibility that something more complete or accurate will turn up some day.

The last address I have for you is [redacted], Rutherford, NJ 07070. Please let me know if this is still correct, so I can mail out the family group sheets.

Sincerely,

David

[Feb. 21, 2002]

Subj: **Re: South Milton Family**
Date: 2/21/02 8:37:27 PM Central Standard Time
From: [redacted]
To: DWitheridg

Hi David!

It is so wonderful to hear from you. I too have thought of you often because I have reknewed my family history knowledge. Also, in recent years it has been a chore just to keep up with the additions/marriages to the family. I am very glad to see you are well.

I have finally graduated college! Yippe! It seems like it took me forever to get out the door but I have finally reached that point. The past year and half has been a little busy mainly adjusting to life after college and thinking about returning for an MA in history.

I have been pursing genealogy but I have kind of reached a slow point. In the past few months, I just got a new genealogy program that allows me to interegrate different aspects of geneolgy including pictures, mailing addresses etc. This really has been my main focus over the past few months.

I was a little confused about Kathy's e-mail. THank you for straightening it out for me. I took as a misprint in my records so I began researching to find out more about Kathy Bower and Francis Witheridge. I wasn't having very much success sadly. However, now I understand it completely!!

My address correct address is
Jill A. Pierson
74 Eastern Way
Rutherford, NJ 07070.

Thank you so much for clearing this all up! I will send you the updates to the family history as soon as I finish keying everything into the system.

Have a wonderful day!!

Jill

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Jill A. Pierson
[redacted]

"The truth is this, the march of Providence is so slow and our desires so impatient; the work of progress is so immense and our means of aiding it so feeble; the life of humanity is so long, that of the individual so brief, that we often see only the ebb of the advancing wave and are thus discouraged. It is history that teaches us to hope."

Robert E. Lee

[Mar. 1, 2002]

Subj: **Hi**
Date: 3/1/02 9:30:58 PM Central Standard Time
From: [redacted]
To: DWitheridg

Hi.

Thank you so much for sending the information about the Witheridge family history. The information you gave me has been the latest chit chat around the house. It is so hard to believe our family history extends so far back. It is absolutlely amazing!!!!

Anyway, I have one question. Which Witheridge ancestor are you descended from? I am just curious. Our family history is so large and it sometimes seems very difficult to keep it all straight.

Once again, thank you for all your help!

Sincerely,

Jill

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Jill A. Pierson
[redacted]

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**Robert E. Lee**

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Subj: **Re: Hi**
Date: 3/8/02 11:07:13 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: Chesnutmor

[Mar, 8, 2002]

Hi, Jill,

I'm glad you and your family enjoyed looking at the Witheridge family information.

My family line goes back to two towns in North Devon. My grandfather, William Witheridge, was born in Combe Martin, and his ancestors had lived there hundreds of years. Originally they were from Berrynarbor, a smaller town just a few miles away. I have the records going back to about 1500 in Berrynarbor, but that is as far back as we can get, because that is when the parish registers began.

Some members of the Witheridge Society think the South Devon Witheridges, which yours were, started separately from the North Devon Witheridges. However, I think that both branches stem back to the North Devon town of Witheridge and that we are all somehow related, though we may never be able to find any records that far back.

Sincerely,

David

Lyn Prust
documents

[Feb. 9, 1983]

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Devon Family History
Society.

MRS. L. K. PRUST
3. BRAHMS WAY
GOODLEIGH RISE
BARNSTAPLE
NTH DEVON EX31 8AH
ENGLAND

[See B 25]

Feb. 9, 1983

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

When I joined the D.F.H.S recently your name and address was given to me as researching Blackmore in Nth Devon.

I dont know if the enclosed piece of information is of any use to you as North Devon is a fairly large area so this lady might be nothing to do with your family.

I needed the details as the lady married into the Prust family that I'm trying to trace.

Bickington is a small village about two miles from Barnstaple, and is in the Parish of Fremington

Yours Sincerely

Lyn Prust.

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FREMINGTON PARISH REGISTERS.

FATHER RICHARD - MOTHER ALICE.

SARAH ANN BLACKMORE BAPT. 2. MAR 1856
(BICKINGTON)

MARRIED THOMAS PRUST C 1871

DIED - BICKINGTON 7. MAR 1909.

[Feb. 26, 1983]

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U. S. A.

February 26 1983

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[See B26(a)]

Mrs. L. K. Prust
3 Brahms Way
Woodleigh Rise
Barnstaple, Devon EX31 8AH
England

Dear Mrs Prust:

Thank you very much for your recent note about the records on Sarah Ann Blackmore in the Fremington Parish Registers. I have added this information to my records, but at this point I do not see any connection between my Blackmore family and hers.

As you said, North Devon is a large area. My family lived mainly in Combe Martin and Berrynarbor, but they naturally spread out to other towns as well. I trace my Witheridge ancestry back to 1550 in Berrynarbor.

I am interested to find someone working on genealogy who lives in Barnstaple. Do you ever do research at the North Devon Athenaeum? My wife Elizabeth and I spent a few hours there when we were visiting Devon in 1980. There might be times when I would appreciate a little help from you there.

I have been glad to see that there is an active North Devon Group in the Devon Family History Society, and I assume you have occasionally met with them. I'm thinking of writing to that group and asking them to read or post my letter. I find that I am descended from 19 different families in North Devon and am related by marriage to dozens of others.

My ancestral lines are Barry, Blackmore, Davis, Dear, Harris, Ley, Mogridge, Norman, Northcott, Parke, Pine, Pugsley, Pyle, Reed, Sherman, Simons, Webber, Wilke, and Witheridge.

Thank you for writing. I hope to hear from you again.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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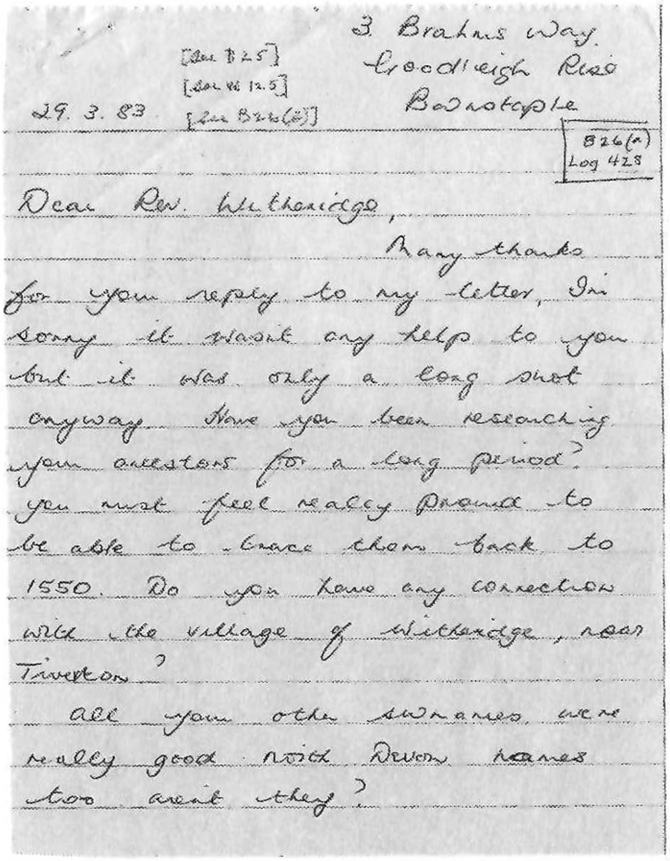
[Mar. 29, 1983]



3. Brahms Way.
Goodleigh Rise
Barnstaple

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B26(a)
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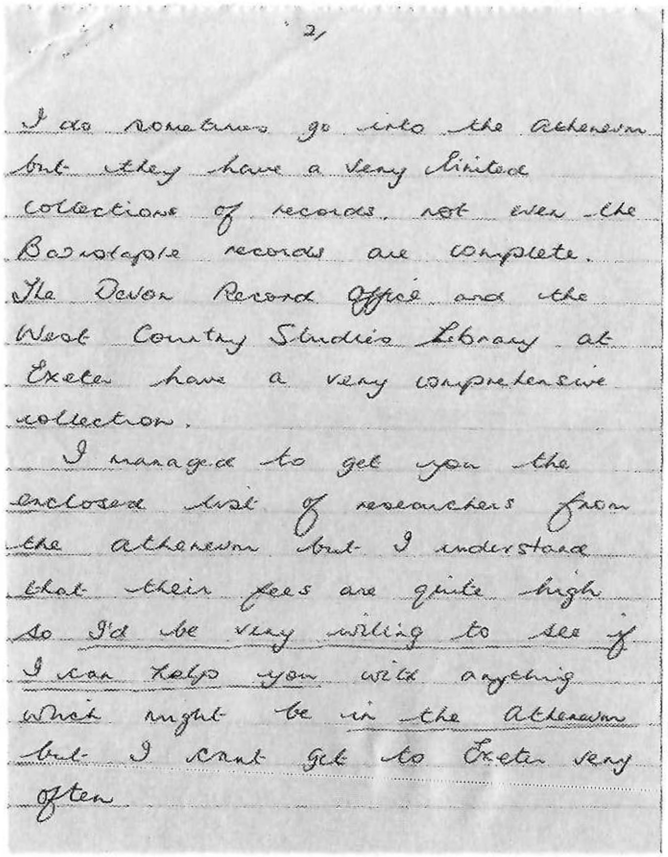
Dear Rev. Witheridge,

Many thanks for you reply to my letter, I'm sorry it wasn't any help to you but it was only a long shot anyway. Have you been researching your ancestors for a long period? you must feel really proud to be able to trace them back to 1550. Do you have any connection with the village of Witheridge, near Tiverton?

All your other surnames were really good north Devon names too aren't they?



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I do sometimes go into the Atheneum but they have a very limited collections of records, not even the Barnstaple records are complete. The Devon Record Office and the West Country Studies Library at Exeter have a very comprehensive collection.

I managed to get you the enclosed list of researchers from the atheneum but I understand that their fees are quite high so I'd be very willing to see if I can help you with anything which might be in the atheneum but I cant get to Exeter very often

The North Devon F.H.S. do publish letters for people at their monthly meetings and the lady to write to is: Mrs. M. SNETZLER, BARCOTT, BUCKLAND BREWER, BIDEFORD EX 39. 5LN

Meanwhile, if I can help you in any way please let me know.

Yours sincerely.

Lyn Prust.

MRS L. K. PRUST
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ENGLAND.

VS

[Jan. 21, 1988]

[1988 trip to
England]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
January 21, 1988

Dear Lyn,

It's over three years since you last wrote to me, and I did appreciate all your help, especially at the North Devon Athenaeum. I got involved in other lines—both my wife's and mine—and let the North Devon research go for a while.

Now I am writing to tell you that Mrs. Witheridge (Elizabeth) and I are planning a trip to Britain for a month beginning about May 15th. We'll be spending a week in the London area, and then we expect to hire a car for three weeks and drive through England, Wales, and Scotland.

We don't have our schedule arranged yet, but it looks as though we'll be in North Devon sometime during the week of May 22nd. We'll probably be staying at The Lodge in Berrynarbor, and we have relatives to see in Combe Martin and West Buckland.

In your last letter you said a new library would be built in Barnstaple and many of the records for North Devon would be transferred there from Exeter. Has this been accomplished? If so, it would be useful for us to spend a day in Barnstaple. If we do, perhaps we could arrange to meet you. Do you expect to be there during that week? Perhaps you could be our guest for lunch somewhere near the Athenaeum.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

David & Elizabeth

[Mar. 2, 1988]

3. Brakes Way.
Goodleigh Rise
Barnstaple
2/3/88.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Is it really three years sice I last wrote to you? the time passes so quickly. I'm afraid my own research has taken a back seat since then.

My son is now 9 years old and I work at his school every day. I help a 6 year old boy who has social and behaviour problems, he finds it hard to concentrate but with a lot of patience from a lot of people he's begining

to settle into the classroom routines. It's a great feeling to see even a small achievement on his part.

The new library for Barnstaple is due to open on April 11th. Theyre hoping, by then, to have copies of everything at Exeter on Micro film, including the Census returns from 1880, Parish Registers etc. Of course this means staring at little screens for ages which doesn't do much for the eyes! but, hopefully, they'll have some things that will help you.

I'd love to meet you

while youre here if you have time, I'm afraid lunch would be too late as I start work at 11.30 am but coffee would be fine. My phone number is Barnstaple 71345 but we're in the book if you mislay it. The first one.

I dont know whether you knew one line of your family had a coat of arms but there is a new stall in Barnstaple market dealing in researching coats of arms, I'm enclosing what she did for your family name, maybe it will be of interest to you.

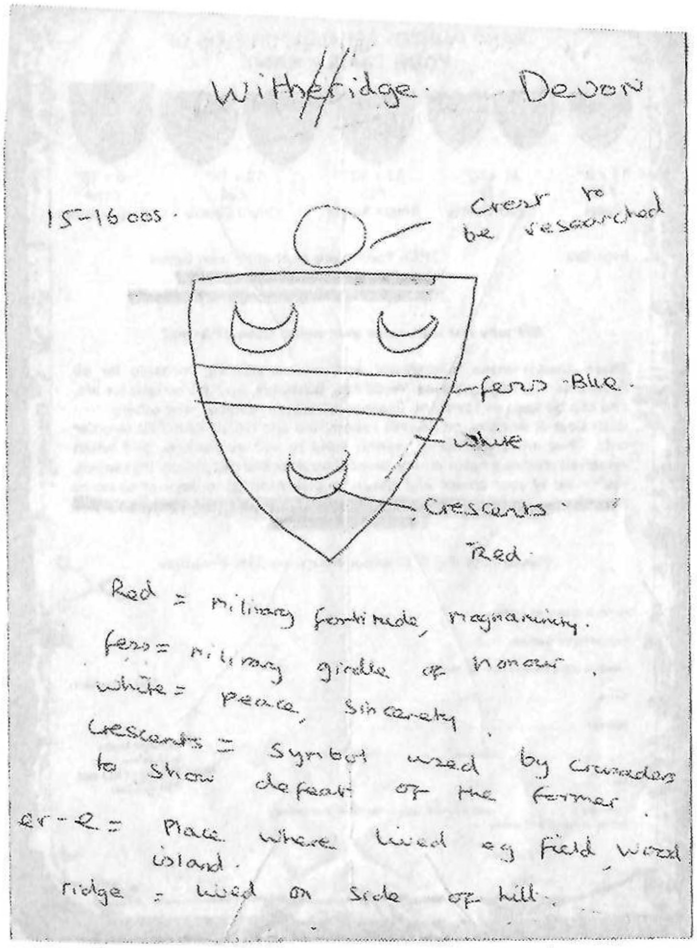
It sounds as if your

schedule will be a very full one but you've chosen the time when England looks its best.

Once again, it will be super to meet you if you can spare some time

Yours sincerely

Lyn.



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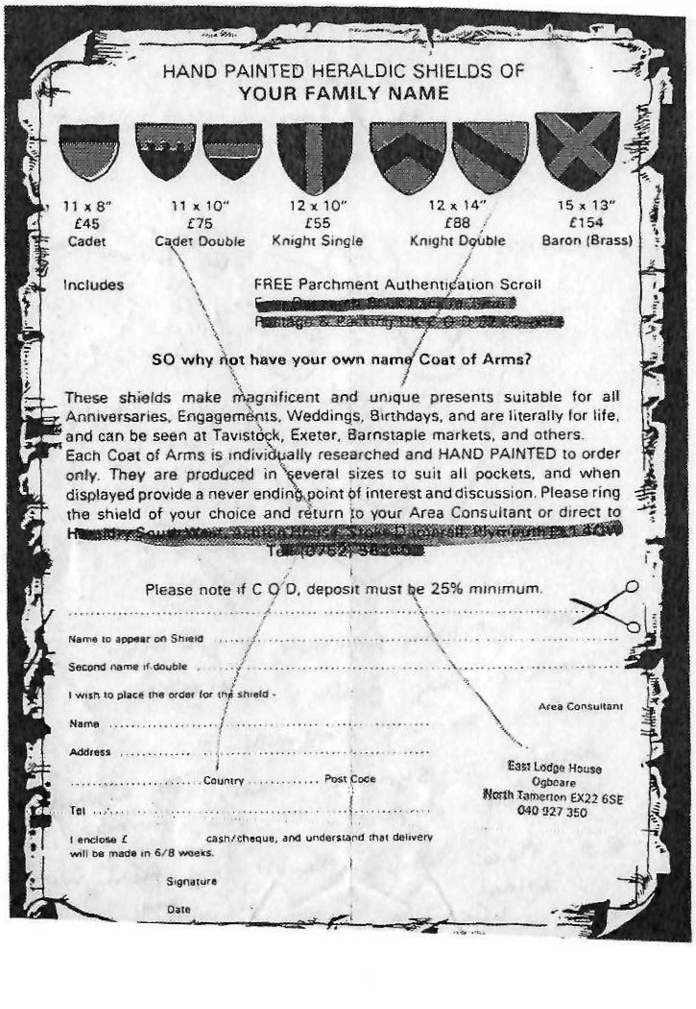

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040 927 350

April 24, 1988

Dear Lyn,

You probably are wondering why you haven't heard from me since you wrote on March 2. The reason is that I've been very busy trying to arrange all the details of our forthcoming trip. I thought I had the Devon portion all settled, but then we had to make some changes because of the May 30th Bank Holiday.

The schedule is now like this: We'll arrive in Exeter on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 25, and stay overnight at the White Hart Hotel. Thursday morning we plan to drive to Barnstaple and do some work at the North Devon Athenaeum until late afternoon, when we'll drive to Berrynarbor and stay overnight at the Lodge. During that evening my relatives in Combe Martin have planned a get-together.

Because you have to be at school by 11:30, I wonder if we could meet you somewhere about 10:00 a.m. Thursday for coffee and a chance to get acquainted. We could come to your house, or maybe you would know a place near the Athenaeum that would be open at that hour. If this won't work out, the only other time I can think of is on our way back to Combe Martin from West Buckland about 2:00 p.m. Saturday after visiting my relatives there.

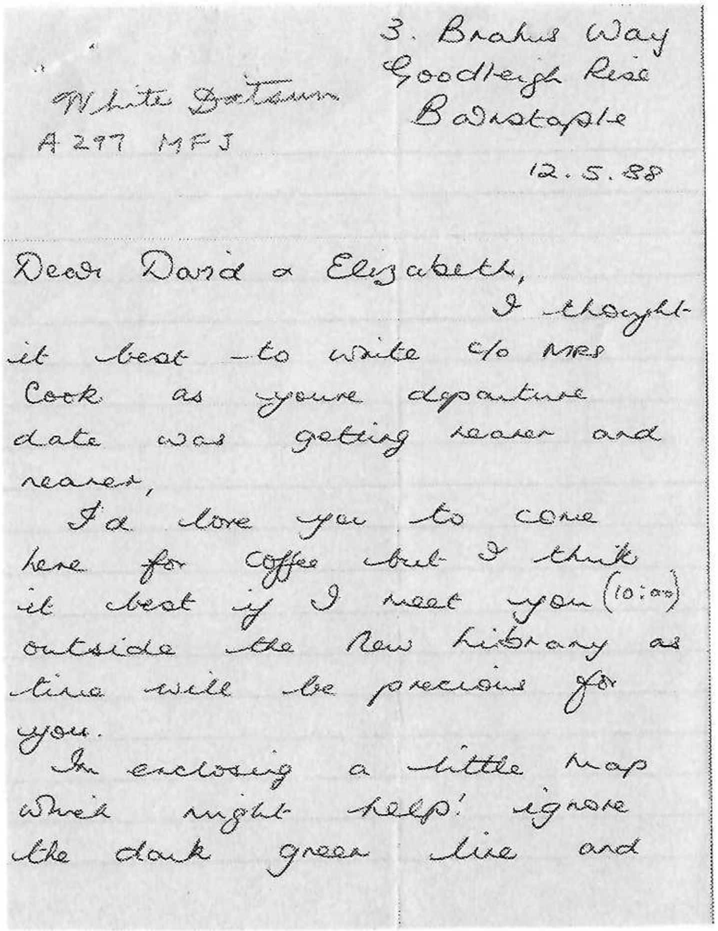
Perhaps you could drop us a line right away and say where to meet you and at what time. If you can't write soon enough to reach us before we leave for England on May 13, you could send it c/o Mrs. Roy Cook, 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF; Ph. 01-777 6012. Kim will be picking us up at the airport and later returning us there. We'll be staying with them a couple of days at the beginning and at the end of our stay, and they will always know how to reach us while we're in Britain.

We look forward to meeting you next month.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

[May 12, 1988]



3. Brahms Way
Goodleigh Rise
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A 297 MFJ

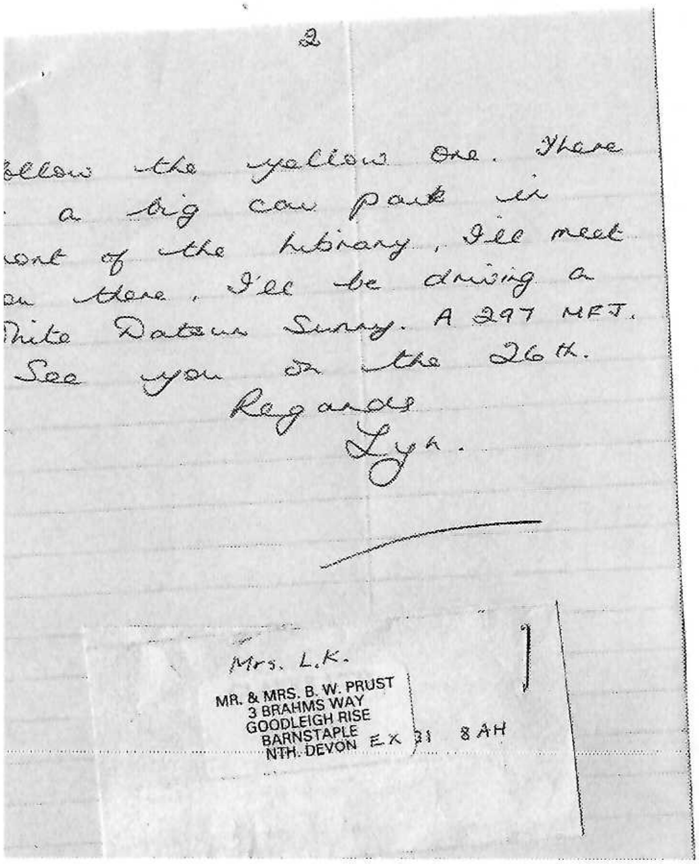
12.5.88

Dear David & Elizabeth,

I thought it best to write c/o Mrs Cook as youre departure date was getting nearer and nearer,

I'd love you to come here for coffee but I think it best if I meet you (10:00) outside the New Library as time will be precious for you.

I'm enclosing a little map which might help! ignore the dark green line and



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See you on the 26th.

Regards
Lyn.

Mrs. L.K.

MR. & MRS. B. W. PRUST
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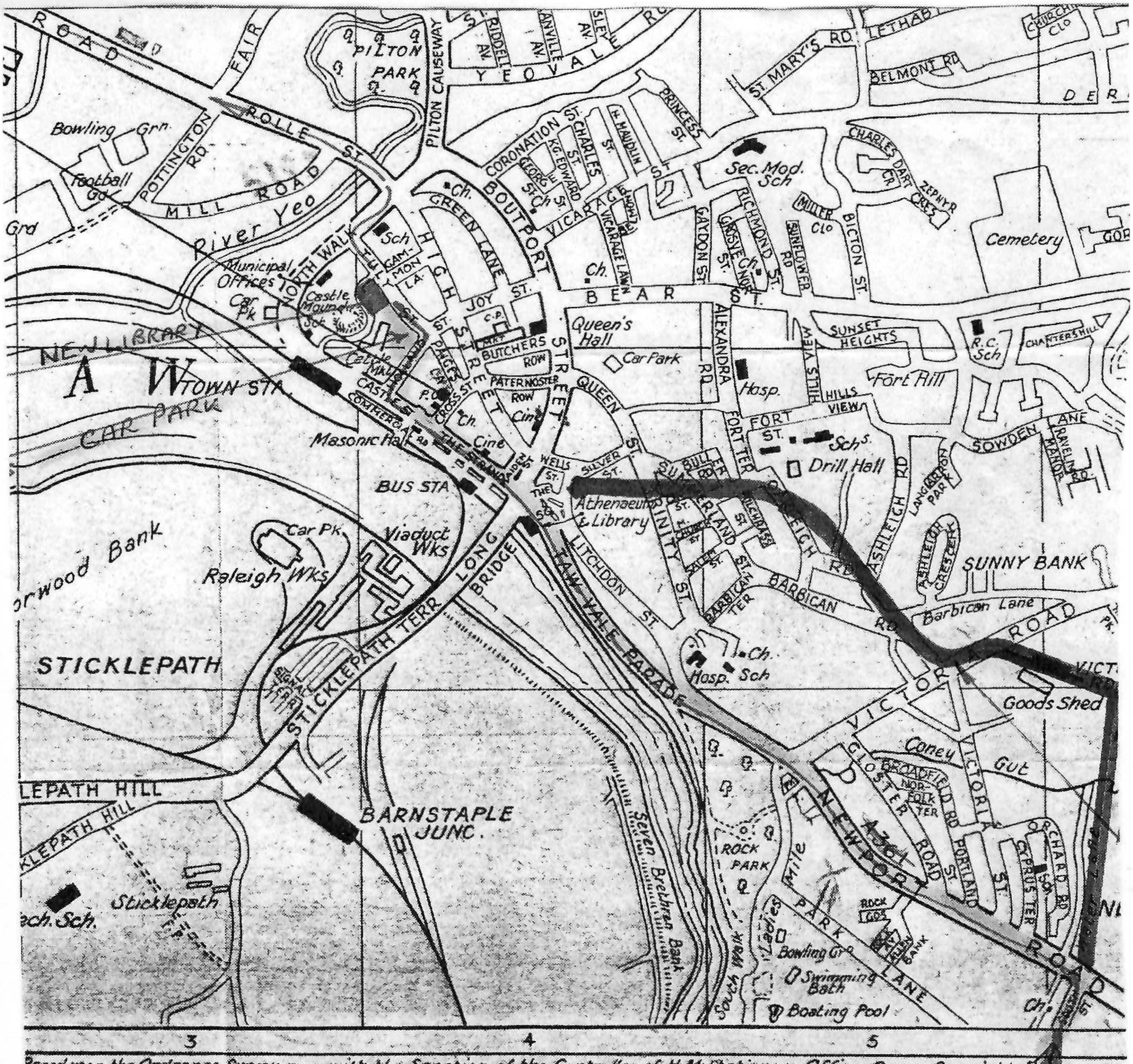
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From E

EXETER

September 20, 1988

Dear Lyn,

Our lives have been very hectic since we returned from Britain, and we assume the same has been true for you. We arrived home with severe colds, which lasted several weeks. Then we found they were in the mids of a drought and heat wave here — the worst in many years. So with our colds and the excessive heat, our energy level has been very low, and it has taken forever to complete all that needed doing after our trip — including the writing of many letters!

We look back with great pleasure on the day we spent in Barnstaple. We greatly enjoyed meeting you and having a chance to get acquainted. Thank you for taking the time to meet us near the new library and having coffee with us. We love the enclosed picture, and we'll find it a pleasant reminder of our visit with you. We hope you also like it.

Our trip was a great success, and we were able to do almost everything we had planned. We drove 3,000 miles through England, Scotland, and Wales without a bit of car trouble. It was a special privilege to see our many relatives and friends.

We photocopied some very interesting material at the Barnstaple record office, but I have been so busy that I haven't had time to do it justice yet. However, our one-day trip back to Exeter was cancelled, as we were just too tired that day. That was one of the few things we had to omit on our trip.

I guess that is all for now. Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

Easter Joy

Many thanks for your letter and the photograph. It will always remind me of the day we met.

I guess you are still ploughing through all the material you collected whilst in England.

If I can help any time I'd be pleased to.

Lyn.

1989

To
David & Elizabeth.

To wish you
happiness
this Easter

With Love.

Lyn Priest.

*Because I live, you will live also.*
John 14 : 19.

Elizabeth Mary Chivers (b. 1893)
documents

[First contact, July 19, 1964]

2625 Irving Ave. N.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
July 19, 1964

Mrs. George Redburn
1200 Maryland Ave.
Lansing, Mich. 48906

Dear Mrs. Redburn:

If my information is correct, my father, William Allen Witheridge, was your first cousin. His father, William, was the brother of your mother, Elizabeth Witheridge Chivers.

Elizabeth
(Betsy)
Witheridge
(b. 1858)

When Father died a year ago, I realized how little we knew about his family, and I began to piece together what information I could discover. I have learned a great deal in the last year, but this is very slow business. Those with whom I have talked or corresponded have known so little, and most are slow in replying.

Last summer I had a good talk with your brother George in Auburn, and he told me many things I had never heard. From my Aunt Clara Mae Witheridge Marquis I got the [redacted] one of the Adams relatives in England, but I have had no reply to my letters.

George
Chivers

Clara Mae
Witheridge (b. 1894)

Edgar
Chivers

I am pleased to know that you and your brother Edgar are living in Lansing. Until recently I did not even know we had any relatives there. I am hoping I shall get to meet you and that you may be able to help in telling me more about our family.

Edgar

Next month we plan to come to Michigan for a visit. It would be a great pleasure if we could stop and see you on our way through Lansing. I think we'll be going through on Sunday, August 16. Do you think you'll be home on that day?

In the meantime I'd love to hear from you and to know something about you and your family. Maybe you'd tell me also about Edgar and his family. It seems strange that I could have lived nearly fifty years, over half of which was spent in Michigan, and yet I have not known of your part of our family. Do you correspond with any relatives in England? If so, would you please give me their addresses?

As you can see, I am a minister. After a number of years as a Baptist pastor, I came to Minneapolis to be in charge of the local council of churches. My wife [redacted]abeth and I both grew up in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. We have two sons: Jim, who just graduated from high school; and Tom, who will be a senior this fall.

I do look forward to hearing from you soon and to seeing you in August.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 1, 1964]

Lansing, Mich.
Aug. 1, 1964.

Dear Mr. Fritheridge:

I received your letter and will try to answer it to the best of my ability.

First I should tell you that neither my brother & wife or us, expect to be home during the month of August. Edgar & Mabel have a cottage about fifty miles from here & they have been gone and there since June & don't expect to be back until September. Both my husband, George, & Edgar are retired now. We have five children who have cottages at different lakes so we spend most of our time ② at one of them. My husband's eyes are failing so he doesn't drive & neither do I, so we are quite tied up during the winter, so we like to spend our summers away. We are sorry about this.

Now I will try to answer a few of your questions. Yes, your grandfather was my mother's brother. When we came to this country in 1908 we came to your grandfather's place on Warren Ave. My folks went on to St. Charles but because they thought Saginaw schools were better than St. Charles's schools, they decided to board me at your Grandfathers & go to school in Saginaw. Till

I liked the schools because they were more like the ones I had attended but I didn't like being away from home. so finally after about 1½ yrs they decided I could go to St. Charles school. During this time I got to know your dad & mother although they weren't married when we first came here. It does seem odd that you didn't know we lived in Lansing because I know your mother and dad knew we lived in Lansing. We have been here almost 40 yrs. The last time we saw your dad & mother was when my brother George's wife was buried in the mausoleum in [illegible]. We had a long talk

with them at that time.

Edgar & Mabel have two daughters living here in Lansing. We have seven children. They are all married and doing well & have nice families. Our first Granddaughter is getting married next Saturday. All our children but one, live around or near Lansing. Our oldest daughter who is a registered nurse, lives in Mankato Minn. but expects to move soon. Her husband is a postal inspector and he has been promoted just lately so they know they will have to move soon.

By the way my brother George has just had two quite

serious operations. He is
with his daughter now in
Auburn.

I do have a sister-in-law
in Wales (my brother John's
wife.) He passed away 7 or 8
years ago. She is about
80 years of age now &
I'm sure she doesn't know
anything about the family.
Uncle John & Aunt Susie
Adams (my mother's sister)
have been gone for some
time. We loved them very
much. They were so nice
to us when we were
children. I don't know anything
about their children.

I'm sorry I can't give
you any more information.

Sincerely
Elizabeth Redburn

[Aug. 9, 1964]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 9, 1964

Dear Mrs. Redburn:

I guess I really should call you "Cousin Elizabeth." It was very gratifying to get your letter with all its information. I suppose I should have known more about you, but I have a poor memory. My wife Elizabeth says she remembers that Mother and Father spoke of visiting you in Lansing.

We were sorry to hear that your brother George had had two operations, and we hope he is doing well now. I take it you mean he has now moved in with his daughter Gladys in Auburn. My brother John and I did so much enjoy our conversation with him last summer.

George had an old family Bible with some records that gave me my first start on the Witheridge and Chivers relationships. Do you have any old records or letters or memoirs of your parents or grandparents. These things get lost so easily, and they are irreplaceable.

I note that you came to this country in 1908. According to my record, your Grandmother and Grandfather Witheridge both died in Cwmaman, So. Wales, in 1905. Did you live at all near them, and did you know them? If so, what are some of your memories of them? I would so like to know everything you know about them.

It was interesting to hear that you had lived for a time with my grandmother and grandfather. What did Grandfather do in Saginaw when you first knew him? I knew him only slightly as a boy, since he left for California when I was only about six, I believe. Anything you can remember about them would interest me greatly.

I have written to Mrs. John Chivers in England and had a nice letter back. I'm hoping she can put me in touch with Edgar Adams, a ~~grand~~son of John and Susie Adams.

DEW corrected "grandson" to "son" →

Susanna Witheridge (b. 1866)

It's wonderful to hear about your children and grandchildren. They must be quite a joy to you. Would you please fill in the enclosed form, giving the information about you and your husband, and listing all your children? I am especially interested to know that you have a daughter who has been living in Mankato. Please give me her address. Maybe we can get together some time.

We are really sorry that you will not be in Lansing during August, as we would so love to meet you and others in your family. Perhaps some time it will work out. In the meantime, we hope to hear from you again soon.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 8, 1965]

[DEW's effort to visit
her in Michigan]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 8, 1965

Dear Mrs. Rodburn:

About the middle of September we shall be visiting in Saginaw, and I hope we may have time for at least a brief visit with you as we pass through Lansing.

This is going to be a hurried trip, as we shall be on our way home from a trip out east. As things look now, we expect to be driving from Saginaw to Chicago on Saturday, September 18.

Do you think you are apt to be in Lansing on that date, or will you still be out at the lake? If you are going to be in Lansing, we could try to stop for about an hour and get acquainted.

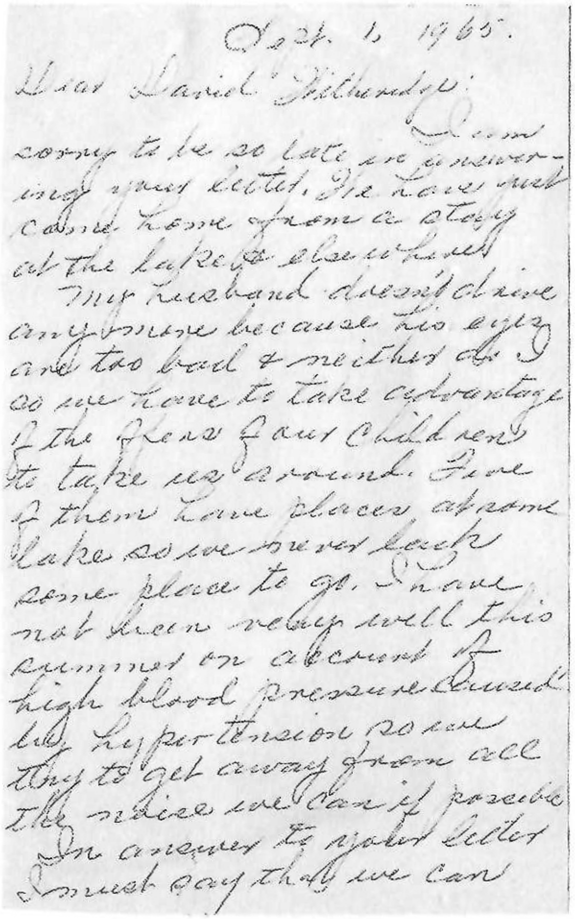
Since writing to you last year, I have had some interesting correspondence with Susannah Adams Argust, who I guess is a first cousin of yours. She is the only Witheridge descendant in England with whom I have had correspondence.

Where is your daughter now, who was living in Mankato? I am sorry that we never had a chance to meet her.

I'll be looking forward to a note from you letting us know whether or not you will be in Lansing on Sept. 18.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge



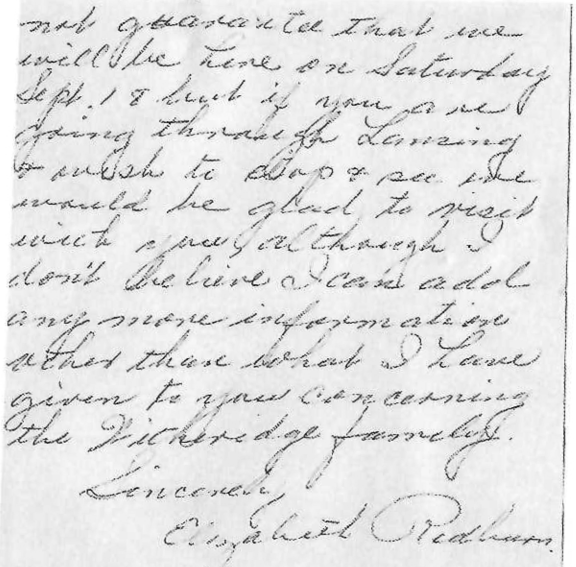
Sept. 1 1965.

Dear David Witheridge:

I am sorry to be so late in answering your letter. We have just came home from a stay at the lake & elsewhere.

My husband doesn't drive anymore because his eyes are too bad & neither do I so we have to take advantage of the few of our Children's to take us around. Five of them have places at some lake so we never lack some place to go. I have not been very well this summer on account of high blood pressure caused by hypertension so we try to get away from all the noise we can if possible.

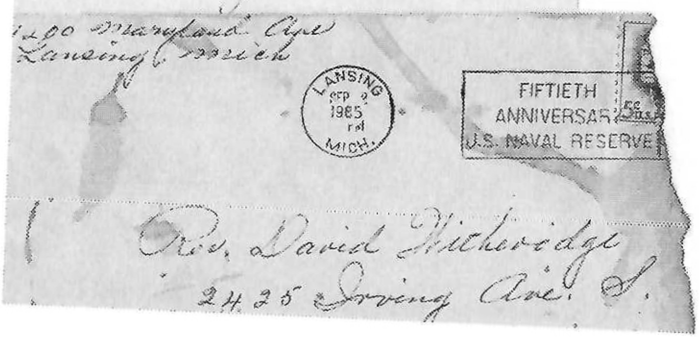
In answer to your letter I must say that we can



not guarantee that we will be here on Saturday Sept. 18 but if you are going through Lansing & wish to stop & see we would be glad to visit with you, although I don't believe I can add any more information other than what I have given to you concerning the Witheridge family.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Pedham



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Rev. David Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.

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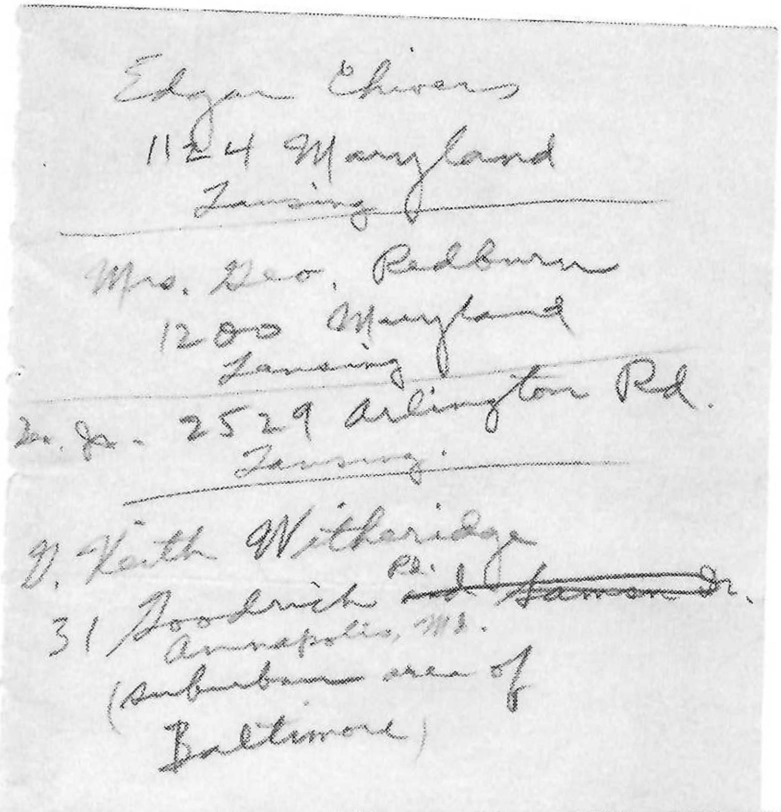
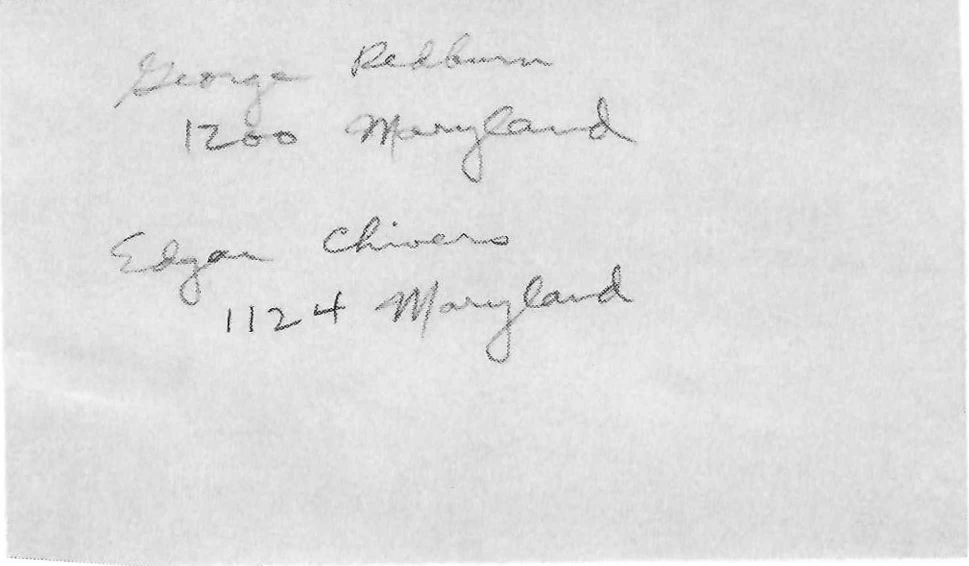


Edgar Chivers
1124 Maryland
Lansing

Mrs. Geo. Redburn
1200 Maryland
Lansing

Dr. Jr. 2529 Arlington Rd.
Lansing.

D. Keith Witheridge
31 Goodrich Rd. ~~rd. Samson~~ Dr.
Annapolis, Md.
(suburban area of
Baltimore)



George Redburn
1200 Maryland

Edgar Chivers
1124 Maryland

From the Desk of
DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

6/18/67

Dear Mrs Rathburn,

Once again I hope you will be in Lansing when my wife Elizabeth and I will be coming through. We have planned a trip east and expect to be in Lansing about Tuesday, July 11.

I know you are often with your children at their cottages, but I hope this may be a time when you will be home, as we do want to meet you.

If you are not going to be there, is your brother Edgar or his wife going to be in town? Or perhaps one or more of your children or his will be in town. You can see I really do want to make contact with your family. Please let me know.

Sincerely,
Dave Witheridge

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From the Desk of
DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

7/5/67

Dear Mrs. Rathburn,

Just a note to say we still plan to be in Lansing next Tuesday, July 11. We are delighted to know that you may be here. We have some other things to do there, and we'll call you when we get to town.

Sorry to hear of your brother George's death. I know he was very ill toward the end.

We look forward to meeting you. If we can't reach you, we'll know your plans changed.

Sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

[June 25, 1967]

Lansing, Mich
June 25, '67

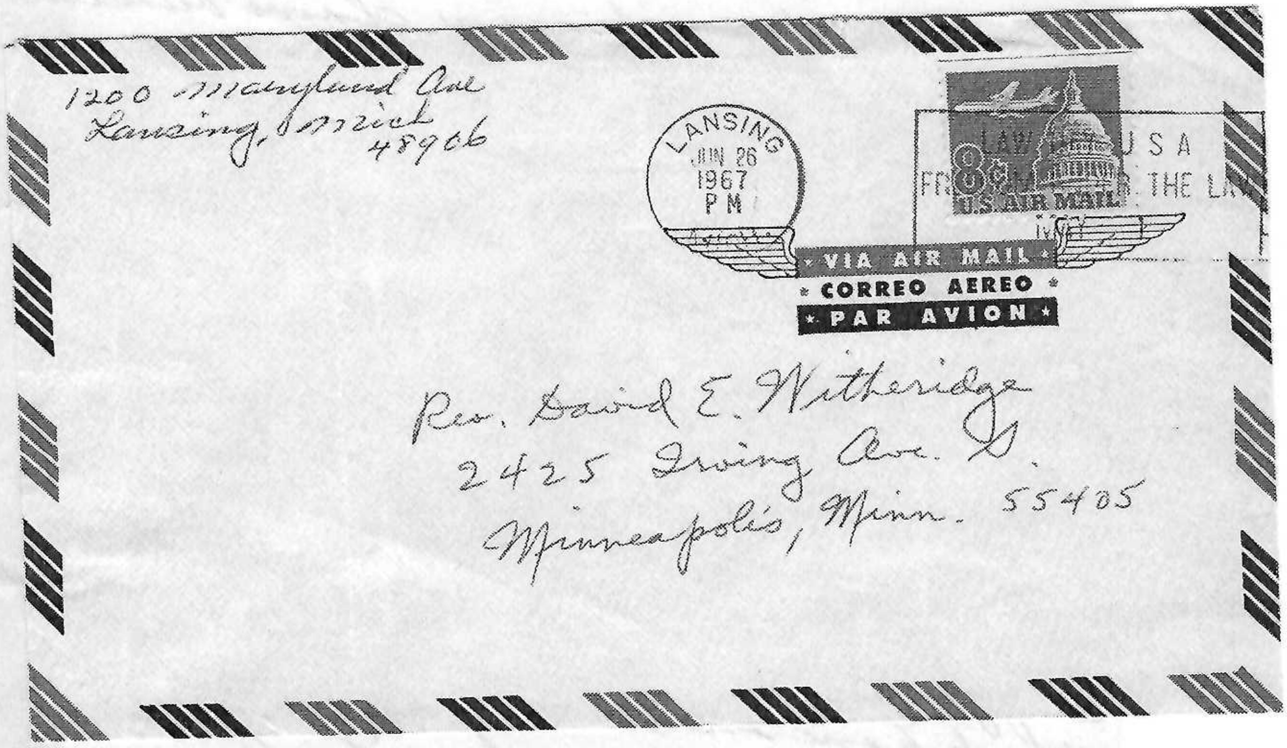
Dear Mr & Mrs. Witheridge:

In answer to your letter of a few days ago I would like to say that as far as we know now we will be home July 11, although as I told you last summer it all depends on when & where our children wish to take us as we do not now drive ourselves. As concerns my brother Edgar, he & his wife go to their cottage in June & stay until September. They do not come back & forth. As for their children I have no idea what their plans for the summer are. Our children plan all their vacations during July because we have found that here in Michigan July is the warmest month of the year.

My brother George, whom I think you met, passed away last Dec. 23rd & was buried the day after Christmas. He was 86 years old.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Radburn.



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Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

[Self-addressed, stamped envelope provided by DEW to encourage her reply]

[Notes by DEW from a July 1967
visit with Elizabeth Mary in Lansing, MI]

Eliz. Redburn: July, 1967

George Chivers came to Am. 1903 (?)
He went back to Eng. in 1908 & got married
His wife didn't come over then because her mother
had a heart attack.
Mrs. Alfred Chivers (Betsy) with Edgar, Eliz. came back with Geo. and 4 – 19
Rosie came early next spring 1909

Alfred had come over in 1907 (for health)

Witheridges had just built a new house on
Warren (1616?) – They had lived on Holland Ave.

Eliz. stayed with them about 2 yrs. to go to school.

Geo & Allie (from St. Charles) had been married & were
living with Witheridges (both Allie's Mother & Father were
deaf mutes)

Alfred Chivers was a Metho-, his wife Ch. of Eng.

St. Charles Union – newspaper then & now

[Aug. 26, 1970]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 26, 1970

Mrs. Robert Martin
1519 Congress Street
Lansing, Mich. 48906

Dear Ada:

I can't believe it, but it's three years since Elizabeth and I stopped in Lansing to visit with your Aunt Elizabeth and had the added bonus of meeting you.

At that time I took the enclosed picture, which I thought was very good of all three of you, if I do say so myself! I got some extra copies and intended to send you one, but couldn't do it right then. Every so often I would think about it when I couldn't do anything about it. Now I am on vacation and trying to catch up on some long overdue correspondence.

I'll tell you right away about the enclosed chart. As you can see, it depicts your own ancestry, as far as I know it. For several years now I have had genealogy as a hobby and have been digging into all of my lines and all of Elizabeth's. It is an interesting and time-consuming activity.

[The chart was not in the file] →

I think everyone should try to pass on to his or her children the kind of information on the enclosed chart. At any rate, I thought you'd be interested in having this and perhaps filling in or correcting parts that I am not familiar with. If you want to ask me about this chart or how to find some of the information, Id be glad to hear from you.

As I said, we are on vacation at this time. We haven't taken a long trip, as we sometimes do, but have taken several three-day weekend trips to various parts of Minnesota. Last weekend we went up to International Falls at the northern tip of Minnesota, crossed over into Canada, drove straight east through beautiful Canadian lake and woods country to a new city, Thunder Bay, created out of Fort William and Port Arthur, then proceeded home down the North Shore of Lake Superior. It was a wonderful, relaxing trip.

I think we told you that Elizabeth writes books for children. She is now working on a book about an American Indian boy who grows up on a reservation, goes to college, and returns to teach near the reservation. It should be published in about a year.

Well, that's all for now. Do write and tell us a little more about your family and interests. It was good to meet a second cousin I hadn't known before!

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

August 26, 1970

Mrs. George Redburn
1200 Maryland Ave.
Lansing, Mich. 48906

Dear Cousin Elizabeth:

I've thought of you often over the last three years since Elizabeth and I had that most delightful visit with you in Lansing. We felt so much at home with you and George, and you were able to give me a great deal of family information.

The enclosed pictures were so good that I had some extra copies made, but then I got so busy I couldn't find time to send them out. Don't you think they are outstanding? You are all so good looking!

Right now I am on vacation and catching up on my correspondence. I am also doing some work on my favorite hobby--genealogy. There is no end to the work involved and the problems to be solved. When I think how little I know about my ancestry and relatives when I started about six years ago, and how much more I know now, I am quite pleased.

You are probably visiting at the lake in one of your children's cottages. I think you are so lucky to have them near.

Elizabeth and I are not taking a long trip this summer but going away for three-day weekend trips around our own state, which is big enough to provide lots of variety.

As I said, I'm also working on genealogy during my vacation. A year or so ago I began some extensive correspondence with Witheridges in England, but still haven't found anyone who knows anything about family history.

The best information I've received so far was from the rector of the church at Combe Martin, Devon. He checked the parish register and sent me a list of all the Witheridge and Blackmore baptisms there from 1817 to 1853, plus some marriages and funerals.

Uncle Ed Witheridge took a trip to England and Wales a few years ago and sent me some interesting pictures. There is a family of Witheridges still in Devon that we know are related to us. Are you acquainted with them and do you ever correspond with them?

There are two brothers--William John and Charles George. Their father, whose name is also William John, lives with Charles George. The father is a nephew of your grandfather, John Witheridge, so he is a first cousin of your mother, and you are a second cousin of the brothers, William John and Charles George. If you know anything about that family, I'd be glad to hear about it. When you were living in Wales, did you ever visit in Devon?

I hear occasionally form the Witheridges out west--particularly Uncle Ed Witheridge and Aunt Clara Mae Marquis. I suppose you heard that my Uncle John Witheridge died in April of this year.

After his wife Mable died, Uncle Ed married a very fine woman by the name of Margaret. Uncle Ed has been in the hospital several times for cataract operations.

I do hope you and George are having good health this year. I'd enjoy having a letter from you when you have time.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

P.S. Could you send me the addresses of your brother George's children, Frank and Gladys?

DEW

[Note; EPW also graduated from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI, when it was still called Central State Normal School. This was received at home by U.S. Mail.]

# CENTRALIGHT

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## In memoriam

**Catherine O'Connell,** Central Michigan University associate professor of library for 25 years, at Central Michigan Community Hospital, Mount Pleasant, on Feb. 24.

**Harold W. Zeoli,** professor of mathematics at Central Michigan University from 1949 to 1975, on Feb. 25 at Broward General Medical Center, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He had resided at Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

**Lila V.H. (Hopkins) Buell** Life '07 on July 14, 1961, at Mount Clemens. Her father introduced the measure in the Michigan Senate establishing Central Michigan Normal College.

**Mary A. (Campbell) Kauffman** '14 on February 12 at Adrian.

**Agnes E. Nelson** '14 on June 6, 1978, at Greenville. She had resided at Trufant.

* (**Elizabeth (Chivers) Redburn** '14 at Laingsburg on Nov. 26, 1977.)

Robert J. Renfro
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2550 E. Beardsley Rd., No. 57
Phoenix, AZ 85024
15 October 1984

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave 5
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Dear Rev. Witheridge,

Thank you for your letter of August 16. When I sent the information to the Devon Family Historian, hadjust discovered my great-grandparents wedding record in the I.G.I. showing they were married in Berrynarbor.

Since that time, have seen the 1851 census. My grandfather, James Hicks, was one year old; his father, Thomas, was sixty-four, a carpenter, who was born in Berrynarbor. His mother, Jane Langdon, was forty-three, and was born in St. Austell, Cornwall.

A young man from north Wales saw The Devon Family Historian saw my inquiry. He was spending his vacation in a flat at Water mouth Castle, which he says is down the road from Berrynarbor. He visited the cemetery and copied the Hicks Tombstone inscriptions that he could find, and sent a photograph of Thomas and Jane Hicks' tombstone.

He was not a member of the Hicks family in anyway. From what he said in his letter, think it was the Phoenix, Arizona which attracted him. No matter what, it was greatly appreciated. He said that it was highly unlikely that he would be returning to Devon soon, but he would be glad to help anyone that was searching in north Wales.

I have gone through the I.G.I. for the family, but still have not located the transcript of the Parish Register. Do most of my searching at two different Mormon Brach Libraries or the state archives.

Thank you again,

Robert J Renfro
Robert J. Renfro

Robert J. Renfro
2550 E. Beardsley No. 57
Phoenix, AZ 85024

Richards family
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[Notes by EPW]

Death Record Redruth Parish Register

1656 - 1657

✓ Richards, John - son of David + Ann Richards

Buried April 20

✓ " , Jane - daughter of " Buried Feb. 27

1658 - 1659

✓ " , John - son of William Richards Oct. 21

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Bill Roberts
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(William [Bill] Tudor Roberts [b. 1921])

[Letter transcribed from original by DEW]

April 16, 1964

From — Mrs. E. M. Roberts
48 Thompson Street
YNYSYBWL
Glamorgan, S. Wales, Eng.

(Postmarked, Pontypridd)

Eva Mildred Allen (b. 1896), mother of Bill Roberts

Dear Cousins: (John & Janice)

DEW's brother, John, and John's wife, Janice

I was so pleased to receive the letter from you, as I make it out, you are Edward's sister-in-law. Well, I must say I am sorry to be so long in replying to your letter, I haven't been very well, I had a serious operation about a year ago and I still get the effects of it off and on, but I feel much better now, and I cannot travel very far, that is enough about me.

Janice was not "Edward's" sister-in-law, except possibly in her own family. — TFW, Apr. 11, 2022

About our Family going out to U.S.A. I don't know when or how many, All I have got is my father's marriage record. He, Josiah Richards Allen, married a Sarah Jones of Llandow Cowbridge on December 26th 1881, and that my grandfather's name was William Allen. I don't know what grandma name was. At that time my grandfather was a Furnace manager in the Aberdare Valley, and my father was a winder in the Colliery at Cilfach Goch and we were a family of six. My brother Sidney, he was the elder, went to USA in 1915 he died there. I am next, Eva Mildred, they call me Milly. Another brother Archie, another Lawson, another Roy, and a sister Eileen. It's only Roy, Eileen & me left now, Of course it's nice to keep in touch with relatives, because we are getting less. When Edward came here last year, my son Bill & I met them at Cardiff. I knew Edward as soon as I saw him. He I thought was exactly like Uncle Elijah, and Edward knew me by Clara, he said, so the family likeness must be very strong. I will send some snaps as soon as we can take some.

I hear from Edward and Elona very often.

My son, he is an Art Master in the Grammar school for boys in Cardiff. He travels back and for everyday. He is 43 years of age, still single.

My husband Will, he is a retired Police Supt. He is 70. He retired about 15 years ago and enjoying it. I am 67 yrs. So we are all creeping on, the years are slipping by too quickly. No more news, but do write again, Shall love to hear from you. All the best.

With love to All.

Milly

Eva was known
as Milly

7626 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55406
September 7, 1966

Mrs. E.M. Roberts

Mrs. E. M. Roberts
36 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl, Glamorgan
England

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

First, let me introduce myself. I am a son of your first cousin, William Allen Witheridge. When my father died in May of 1965, I began to realize how little I knew about his family or his ancestors. So I have been trying to get as much information as possible. It is not easy, as you can imagine.

On the Allen side I have received most of my new information from Rev. Arthur V. Allen (Elijah's son), and some from my Uncle Ed Witheridge and my Aunt Clara Mae Marquis. They have given me your address, and I am hoping you will be able to help me.

A few weeks ago we were visiting my brother John and his wife Janice in Saginaw, Michigan. They showed me the interesting letter you wrote to them in April. I took down some of the information, but now I have some other questions to ask.

I should tell you a little more about myself and my family. As you can see, I am a minister. For thirteen years I have been in charge of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Before that I was a Baptist pastor. I grew up in Saginaw and started out as a heating and ventilating engineer. After graduating from the University of Michigan, I worked with father, who was a manufacturer's agent in Saginaw. Then, after four years, I decided to enter the ministry and went to the seminary in Rochester, N.Y.

My wife Elizabeth also grew up in Saginaw and was a kindergarten teacher. Lately she has been writing books for children and has now published four. We have two sons. Jim is seventeen and will be starting at the University of Minnesota this month. Tom is sixteen and is a high school senior. I thought you would like to have a picture of our family, so I am enclosing one. The girl, Jennifer Ward, is my niece--my sister Louise's daughter. Her brother [illegible] is the one who spent two years in London at the Royal College of Music.

Now, for some information you may be able to give me. You will see that I have enclosed two forms to be filled out. The first one is the record of your mother and father and all their children. Please give middle names, if any, and all the dates and places you know.

The other form is one on which I would appreciate your placing the addresses of your various relatives. I have given the names of some, but I'd also like to have any others you have, such as nieces, nephews, or cousins.

Arthur Allen sent me the names of two daughters of Elizabeth Allen Jones--Mrs. Christina Morris and Mrs. Nelly Allen. Did Elizabeth have any other children?

Did your Uncle Stephen Allen and your Aunt Mary Ann Cook have any children, and do you have the addresses of any of their descendants?

You told John and Janice that your brother Sidney came to the U.S.A. in 1914. Could you tell me more about him? Where did he live over here and what did he do? Where and when did he die? Was he married, and did he have any children?

I know you have a son William. Did you have any other children? I'd love to have a picture of you and your family, if you have one. Do you by any chance have pictures of your parents and your Grandfather and Grandmother Allen? If you could have copies made, I'd be delighted to pay the cost. Since your son is in art school, he could probably find out how to have this done. Please tell me all you can remember about your grandparents (my great-grandparents) William and Christiana Allen.

Now I must close, but I hope to hear from you soon.

Your cousin,

David [illegible]

[Nov. 3, 1964]

48 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl
Glamorgan
South Wales, Eng.

Nov. 3rd. 1964.

Dear David, & All.

I expect you had my Air letter, I will remember writing

Bill Roberts → this letter today its my Son Bill, Birthday he is 43. the only one. You will find enclosed a chart of the Family, as near as we can get it, at present, we know very little about the American branches of the family, & if you could fill in the gaps for us we would be grateful, I was speaking to my Sister

Mattie Eileen Allen (b. 1904) → Eileen on the phone, she could remember only Clara, but She thinks that our brother Sydney, died out there during the war time, he died very suddenly. She knew the address where he lived. The Aunts on my mother's side are all gone now, of course they would know quite a lot about the family, the last of them died about 12 months ago, she was 93 and the youngest of them all, they all lived to a ripe old age. Papa was 70, and Ma was 84 when they died.

I am sorry, we havnt had any snaps taken as yet, and now our weather is bad, so very foggy. I hope you will be able to follow this chart.

As far as the Swansea folks, Cecil Jones and his wife are parted this 2 years, so everything there is dumb. of course Cecil Jones, lived for years over there, my brother Sydney, & he went abroad together during the first war, I dont know what went wrong with their friendship, each went their ways. Cecil is 72, if my brother lived he would be 70. Well, if we have some more information, I shall let you know.

Trusting all over there are quite well.

All the Best.

With Love to all

Milly.

[May 1, 1966]

2625 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
May 1, 1966

Mr. William T. Roberts
48 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl, Glamorgan
England

Dear Bill:

See the next document →

This letter, of course, is also for your mother, and perhaps I should have addressed it to her. But I am writing to you because you were kind enough to make the chart of the Allen family. I know it took a great deal of time, and I did appreciate getting it. It contained much information I did not know.

I'm sorry I haven't written to supply the missing information that I have. I haven't been able to stick at it, but off and on I have worked on such additions and corrections as I have. In recent months I have been designing a totally new form for such a genealogical chart, and I am quite pleased with the basic form I have worked out. However, it is time consuming to complete this, and I still have a ways to go. I decided not to wait until the chart is finished before writing you.

You will immediately note the pictures enclosed. I want some help in identifying two of them. First of all, is this couple your mother's father and mother, Josiah Allen and Sarah [redacted] If not, do you know who they are?

Sarah → Jones

The other picture Arthur Allen sent with the information that it was "Sal." Have I identified this picture correctly as Sarah Jones Allen (Mrs. Wilfred Lawson Allen)? Your chart seems to say that Sarah Jones ("Sal"), daughter of Elizabeth Allen and John Jones, first married Jack Allen (a cousin), son of Stephen and Emily Allen, and later married Wilfred Lawson Allen, your uncle, who died in 1957?

Is "Sal" still living; and, if so, can you give me her present address? If her son, Ralph Allen, is living, what is his address?

While speaking about pictures, let me explain the other one. Our younger son, Tom, is a freshman at Oberlin College in Ohio. He doesn't intend to be an artist. He is heading for a career in law. But he has always been interested in drawing and, in fact, has shown some talent in that direction.

Because you are an art master, Bill, I thought you would be interested in this picture he did. When we visited him at college a couple of months ago, we found it on the wall in the art department and photographed it for posterity! It's supposed to be an object in motion, I guess.

We've never known where he got his artistic talent, but apparently at least some of it came from the Allen side. It was interesting to discover that you are an art teacher. I understand, too, that Cecil Jones is a sculptor. Did he follow this line of work through most of his career? Were there any others in the Allen family with artistic talents?

By the way, you won't have to return any of these pictures. I have the negatives for all of them.

One other question I have: Was Sarah Jones, your grandmother, related to John Jones, who married your mother's aunt, Elizabeth Allen? When the same family name appears twice in a genealogy, it becomes confusing to one at this distance.

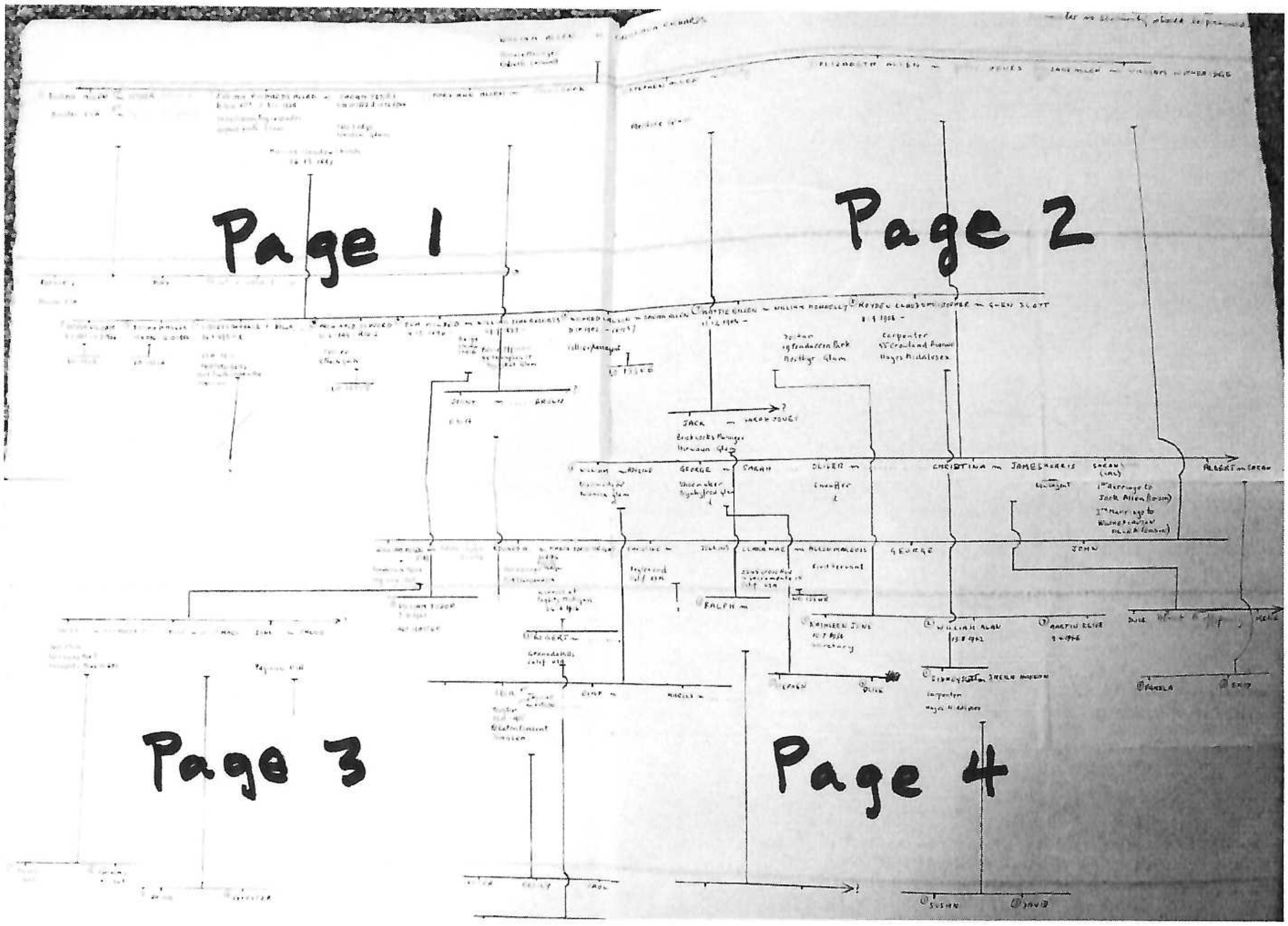
Again I say that I am sorry I have not finished my chart of the Allen family, but one of these days I'll be sending it to you. I'll be looking for a letter from you.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Etheridge

# Chart by Bill Roberts

This is a guide to the chart on the next several pages, which was sent to DEW in April 1966 by Bill Roberts.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Compare this chart to DEW's Allen family circle in folder 1.2b.

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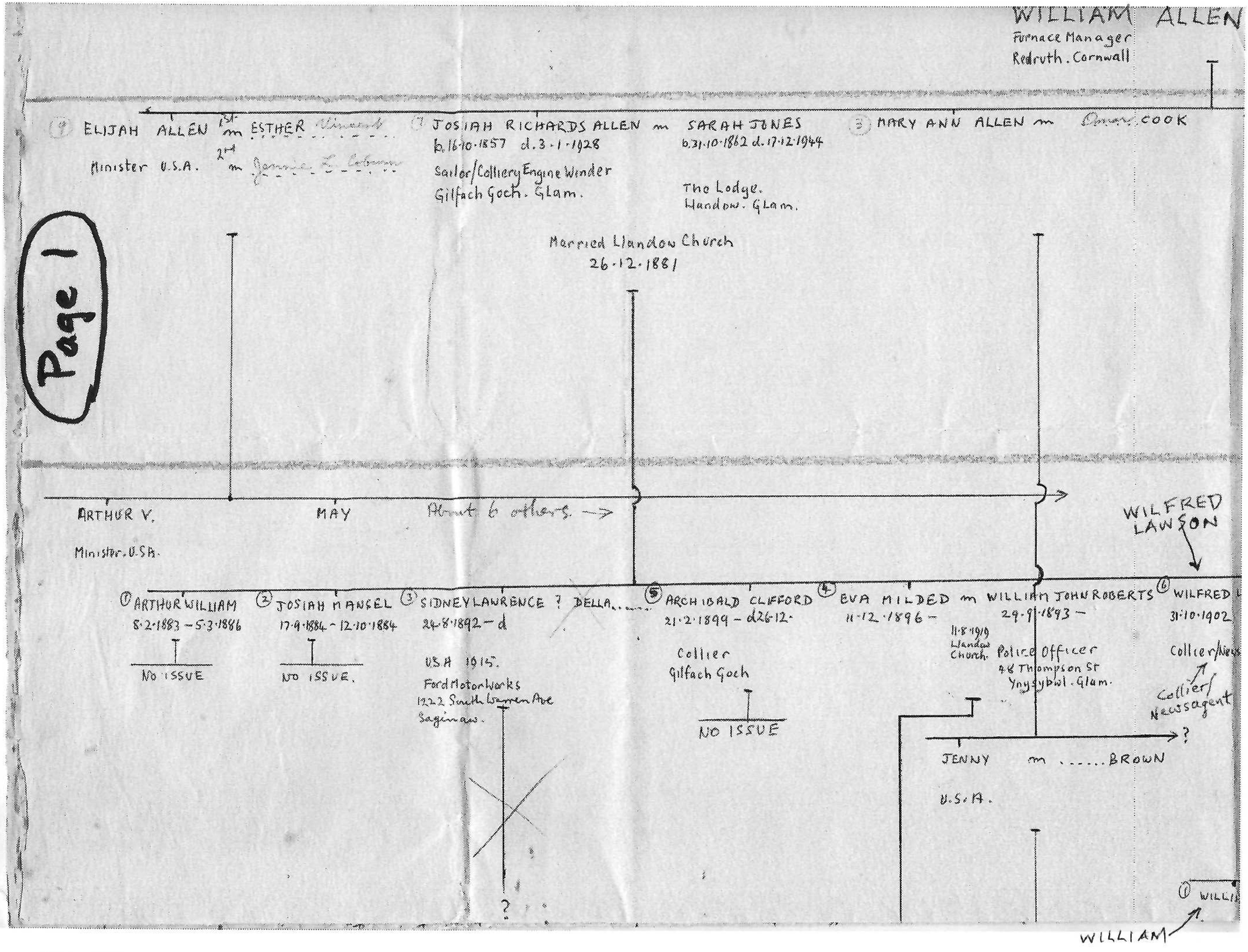
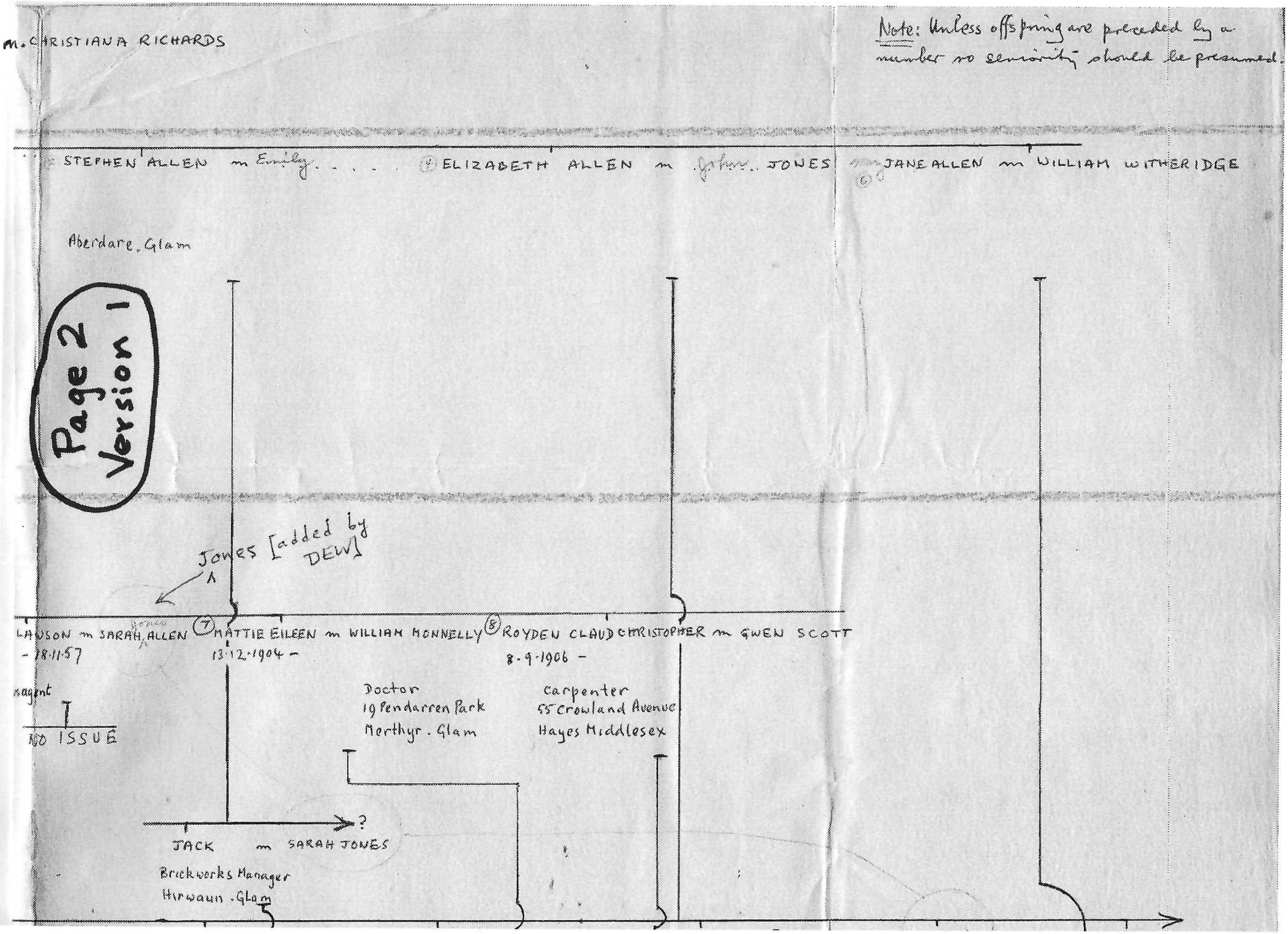

WILLIAM ALLEN
Furnace Manager
Redruth. Cornwall
④ ELIJAH ALLEN 1st m ESTHER Vincent
Minister U.S.A. 2nd m Jennie E. [illegible]
② JOSIAH RICHARDS ALLEN m SARAH JONES
b.16.10.1857 d.3.1.1928
b.31.10.1862 d.17.12.1944
Sailor/Colliery Engine Winder
Gilfach Goch. Glam.
The Lodge.
Llandow. Glam.
③ MARY ANN ALLEN m Omar COOK
Married Llandow Church
26.12.1881
ARTHUR V.
Minister. U.S.A.
MAY
About 6 others →
WILFRED LAWSON
① ARTHUR WILLIAM
8.2.1883 – 5.3.1886
NO ISSUE
② JOSIAH MANSEL
17.9.1884 – 12.10.1884
NO ISSUE.
③ SIDNEY LAWRENCE ? DELLA......
24.8.1892 – d
U.S.A 1915.
Ford Motor Works
1222 South Warren Ave
Saginaw.
?
⑤ ARCHIBALD CLIFFORD
21.2.1899 – d.26.12.
Collier
Gilfach Goch
NO ISSUE
④ EVA MILDED m WILLIAM JOHN ROBERTS
11.12.1896 –
29.9.1893 –
11.8.1919
Llandow
Church.
Police Officer
48 Thompson St
Ynysybwl. Glam.
⑥ WILFRED
31.10.1902
Collier/News
Collier/
Newsagent
JENNY m ......BROWN
U.S.A.
?
① WILLI
WILLIAM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Version 1
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m. CHRISTIANA RICHARDS
STEPHEN ALLEN m Emily....
Aberdare, Glam
⑤ ELIZABETH ALLEN m John.. JONES
⑥ JANE ALLEN m WILLIAM WITHERIDGE
JONES [added by DEW]
LAWSON m SARAH Jones ALLEN
- 18.11.57
sagent
NO ISSUE
⑦ MATTIE EILEEN m WILLIAM MONNELLY
13.12.1904 -
Doctor
19 Pendarren Park
Merthyr. Glam
⑧ ROYDEN CLAUD CHRISTOPHER m GWEN SCOTT
8.9.1906 -
Carpenter
55 Crowland Avenue
Hayes Middlesex
?
JACK m SARAH JONES
Brickworks Manager
Hirwaun. Glam

number no seniority should be presumed

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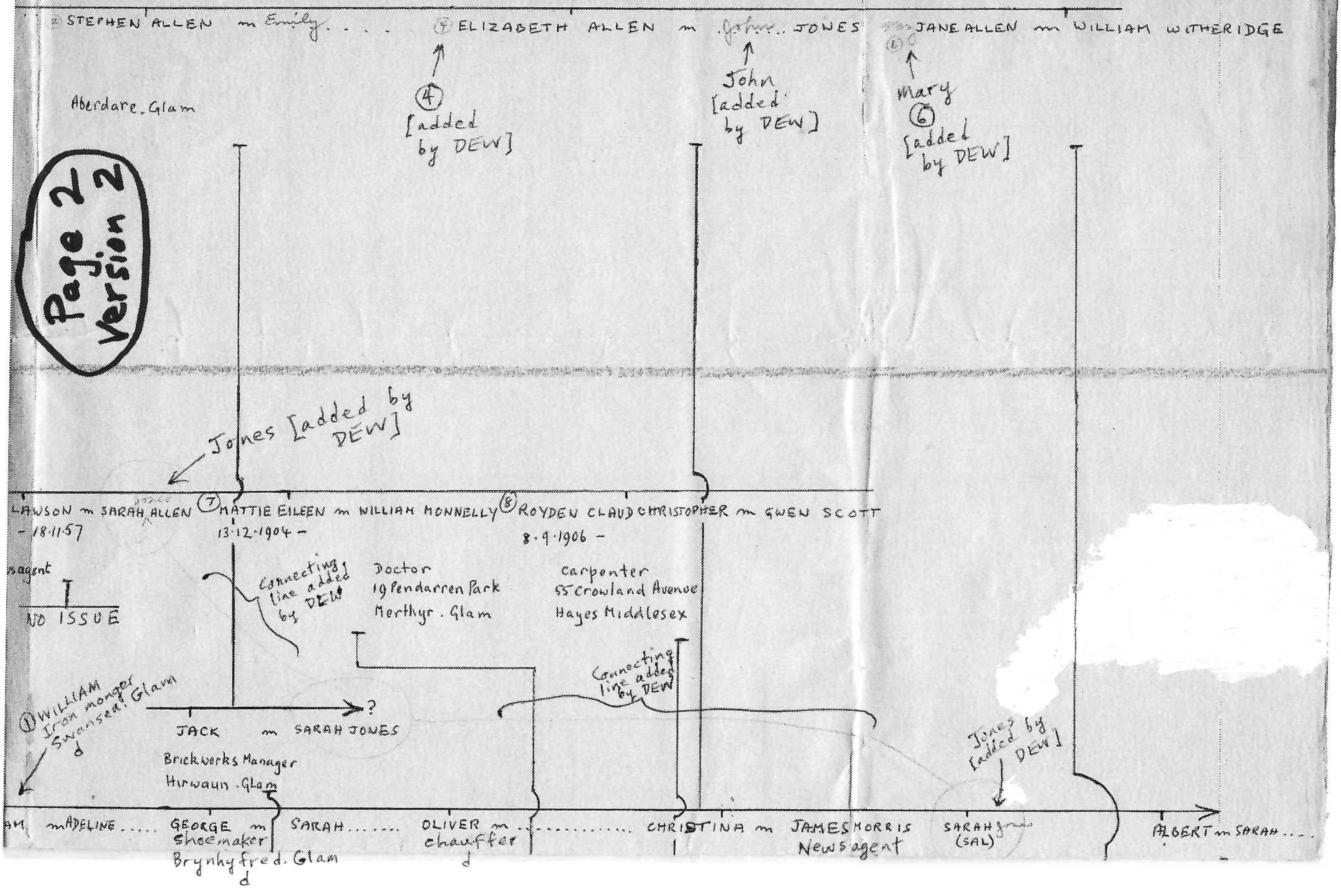

STEPHEN ALLEN m Emily. . . .
Aberdare. Glam
④ ELIZABETH ALLEN m John.. JONES
④ [added by DEW]
John [added by DEW]
JANE ALLEN m WILLIAM WITHERIDGE
Mary ⑥ [added by DEW]
Jones [added by DEW]
LAWSON m SARAH ALLEN
- 18.11.57
sagent
NO ISSUE
⑦ MATTIE EILEEN m WILLIAM MONNELLY
13.12.1904 -
Connecting line added by DEW
Doctor
19 Pendarren Park
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⑧ ROYDEN CLAUD CHRISTOPHER m GWEN SCOTT
8.9.1906 -
Carpenter
55 Crowland Avenue
Hayes Middlesex
① WILLIAM
Iron monger
Swansea. Glam
d
JACK m SARAH JONES
?
Brickworks Manager
Hirwaun. Glam
Connecting line added by DEW
Jones by [added by DEW]
AM m ADELINE ....
GEORGE m
Shoemaker
Brynhyfred. Glam
d
SARAH .......
OLIVER m ............
chauffer
d
CHRISTINA m JAMES MORRIS
Newsagent
SARAH
(SAL)
ALBERT m SARAH ....

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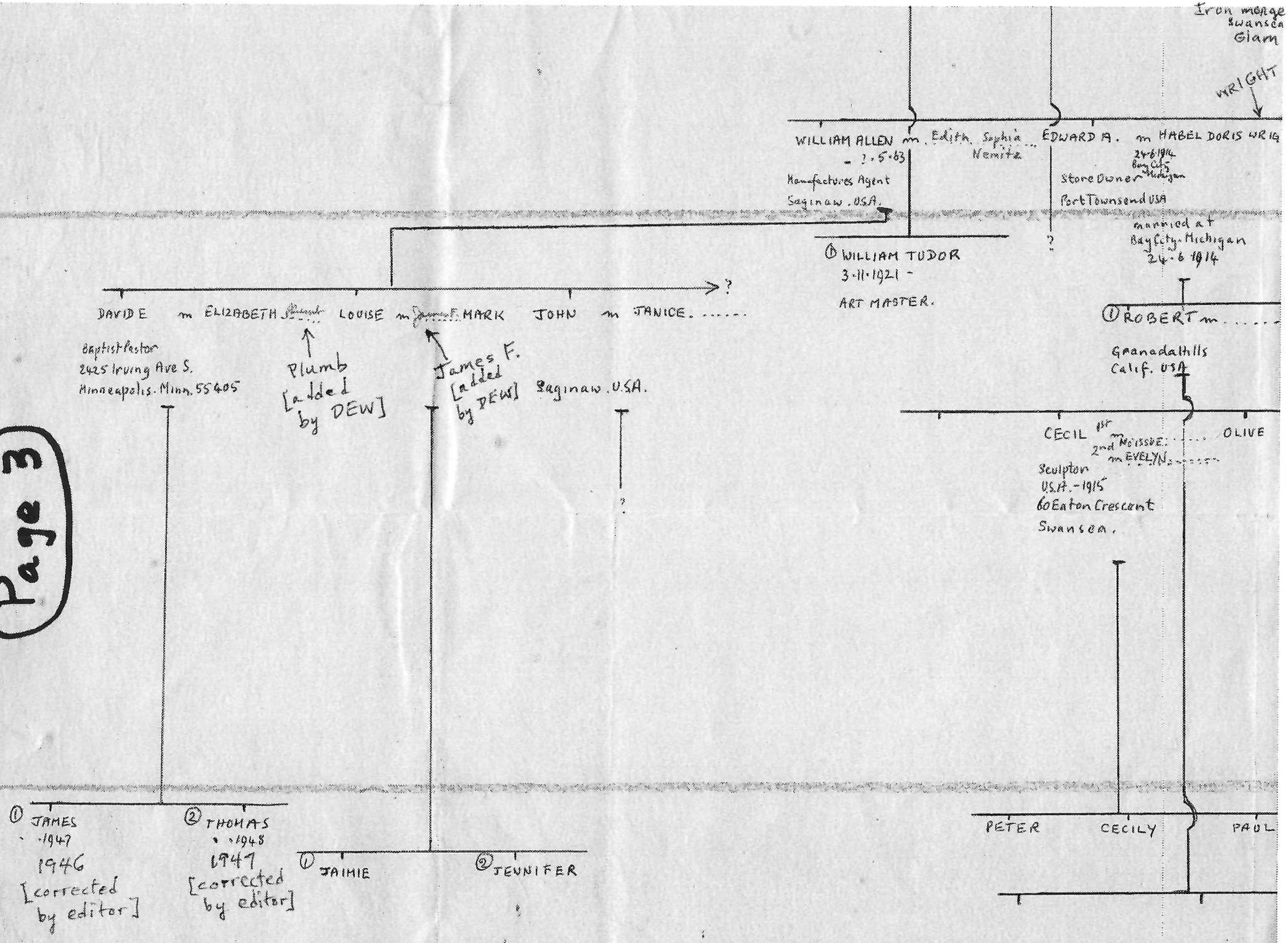
Iron monge
Swansea
Glam
WRIGHT
WILLIAM ALLEN m. Edith Sophia ... Nemitz
- ?·5·63
Manufactures Agent
Saginaw. USA.
EDWARD A. m HABEL DORIS WRIG
24·6·1914
Bay City
Michigan
Store Owner
Port Townsend USA
married at
Bay City. Michigan
24·6 1914
?
① WILLIAM TUDOR
3·11·1921 -
ART MASTER.
① ROBERT m .......
Granadahills
Calif. USA
DAVID E m ELIZABETH ...... LOUISE m F. MARK JOHN m JANICE. ......
?
Baptist Pastor
2425 Irving Ave S.
Minneapolis. Minn. 55405
Plumb
[added
by DEW]
James F.
[added
by DEW]
Saginaw. U.SA.
?
CECIL 1st m NO ISSUE: ...... OLIVE
2nd m EVELYN ......
Sculptor
U.S.A. - 1915
60 Eaton Crescent
Swansea.
① JAMES
· 1947
1946
[corrected
by editor]
② THOMAS
· 1948
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① JAIMIE
② JENNIFER
PETER
CECILY
PAUL

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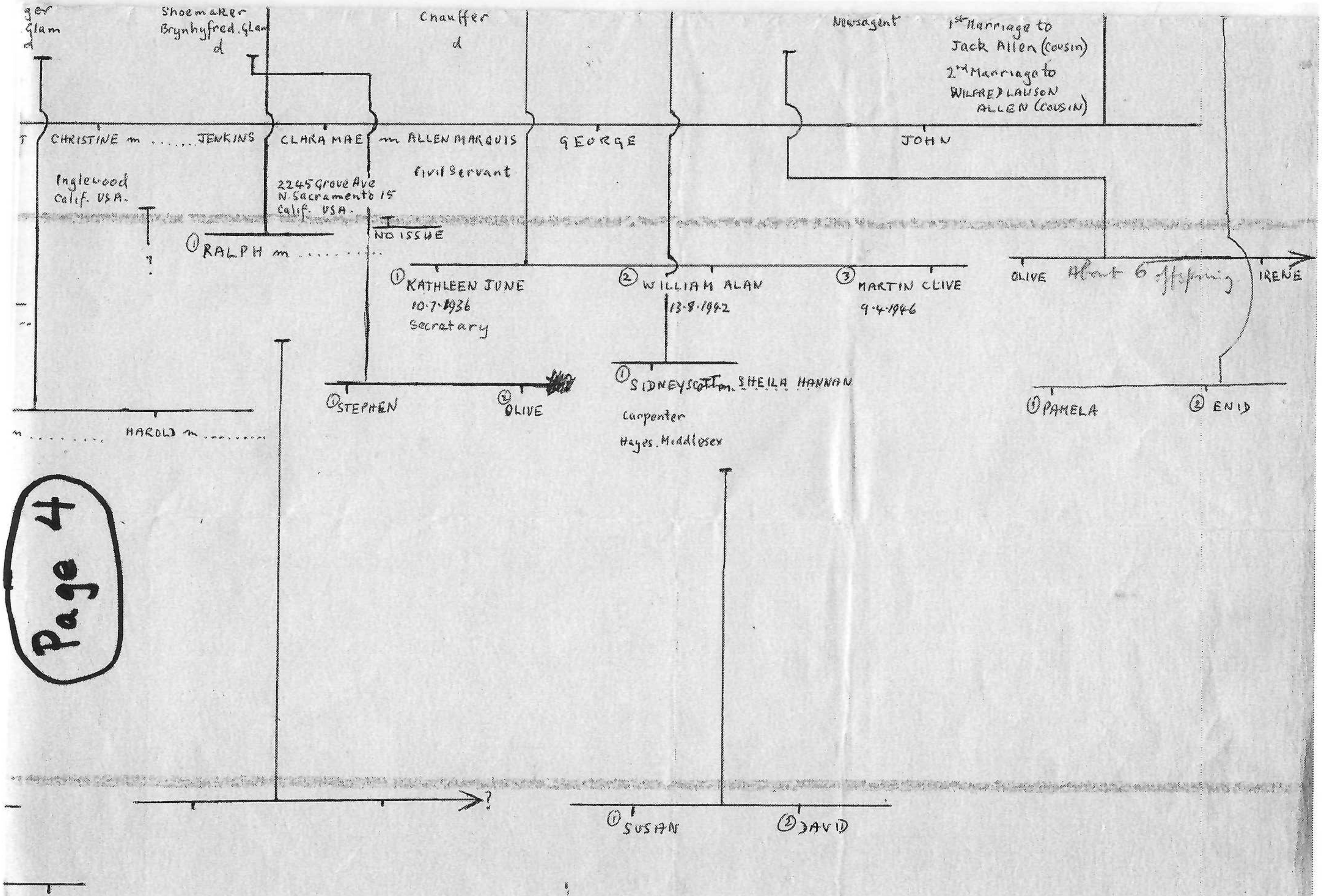
ger
Glam
d
Shoemaker
Brynhyfred. Glam
d
Chauffer
d
Newsagent
1st Marriage to
Jack Allen (cousin)
2nd Marriage to
WILFRED LAWSON
ALLEN (cousin)
CHRISTINE m .......JENKINS
Inglewood
Calif. USA.
?
CLARA MAE m ALLEN MARQUIS
Civil Servant
2245 Grove Ave
N. Sacramento 15
Calif. USA.
NO ISSUE
GEORGE
JOHN
① RALPH m ..........
① KATHLEEN JUNE
10.7.1936
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② WILLIAM ALAN
13.8.1942
③ MARTIN CLIVE
9.4.1946
OLIVE
About 6 offspring
IRENE
① STEPHEN
② OLIVE
① SIDNEY ~~SCOTT~~ m. SHEILA HANNAN
Carpenter
Hayes. Middlesex
① PAMELA
② ENID
m ........
HAROLD m ........
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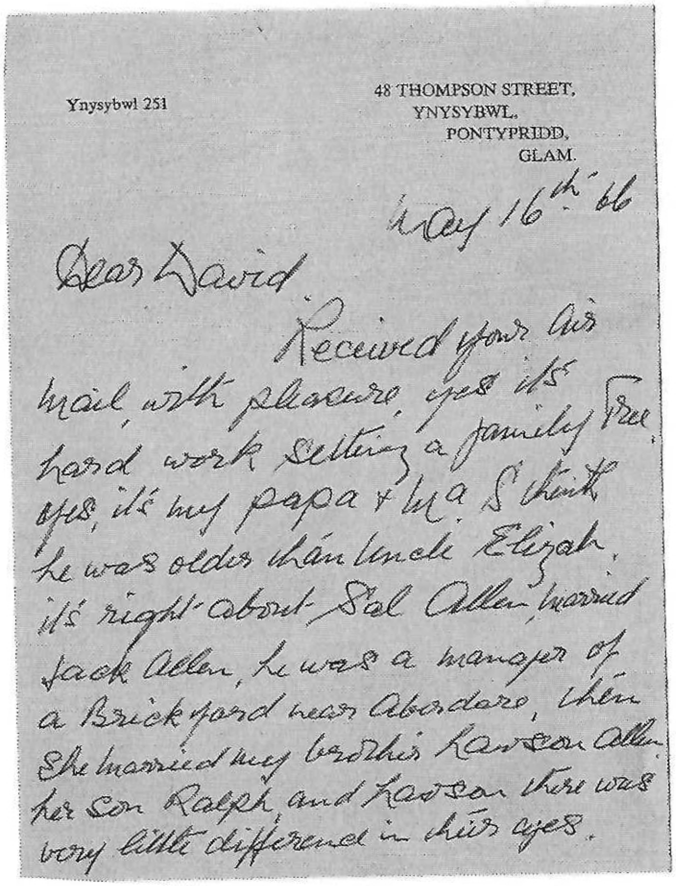
① SUSAN
② DAVID

[May 16, 1966]



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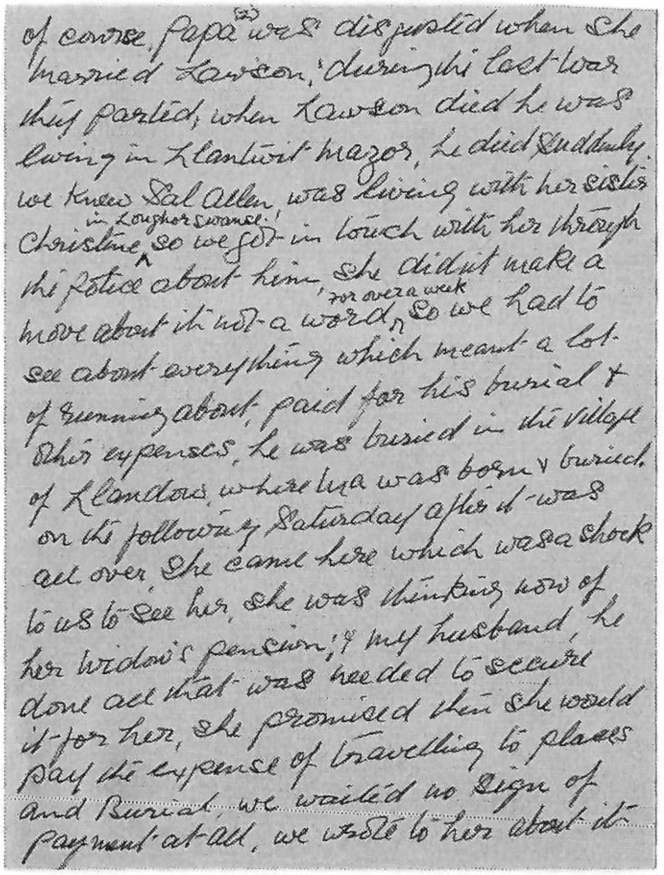
48 THOMPSON STREET,
YNYSYBWL,
PONTYPRIDD,
GLAM.

May 16th 66

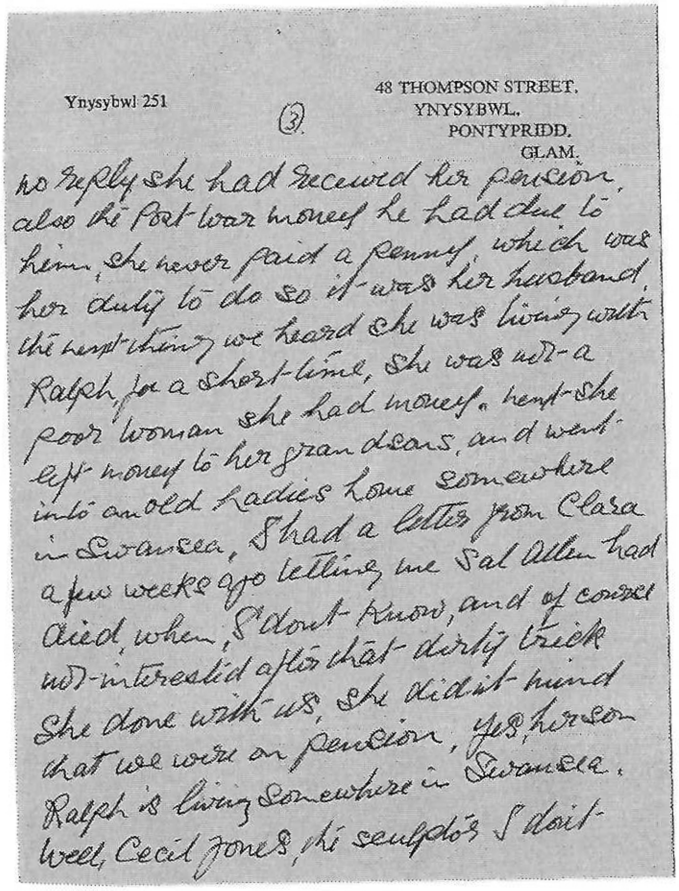
Dear David

Received your Air mail with pleasure, yes it's hard work setting a family Tree. yes, it's my papa & Ma I think he was older than Uncle Elijah, it's right about Sal Allen, married Jack Allen, he was a manager of a Brickyard near Aberdare, then She married my brother Lawson Allen. her son Ralph, and Lawson there was very little difference in their ages.

← See preceding chart by Bill Roberts



of course, papa was disgusted when She married Lawson, during the last war they parted, when Lawson died he was living in Llantwit Major, he died Suddenly. we knew Sal Allen, was living with her sister Christine in Loughor Swansea, so we got in touch with her through the Police about him, She didn't make a move about it not a word for over a week, So we had to see about everything which meant a lot of running about, paid for his burial & other expenses, he was buried in the village of Llandow, where Ma was born & buried. on the following Saturday after it was all over, She came here which was a shock to us to see her, she was thinking now of her widow's pension; & my husband, he done all that was needed to secure it for her, she promised then she would pay the expense of travelling to places and Burial, we waited no sign of payment at all, we wrote to her about it



Ynysybwl 251

48 THOMPSON STREET,
YNYSYBWL,
PONTYPRIDD,
GLAM.

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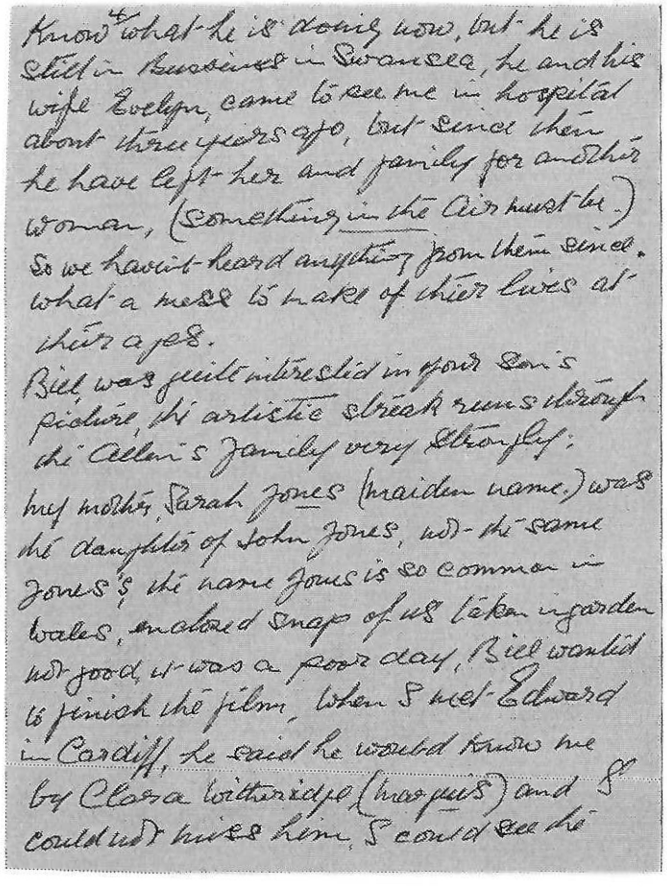
no reply she had received her pension,
also the Post War money he had due to
him, she never paid a penny, which was
her duty to do so it was her husband,
the next thing we heard she was living with
Ralph, for a short time, she was not a
poor woman she had money. next she
left money to her grandsons, and went
into an old Ladies home somewhere
in Swansea, I had a letter from Clara
a few weeks ago telling me Sal Allen had
died, when, I dont know, and of course
not interestid after that dirty trick
she done with us, she didnt mind
that we were on pension, yes, her son
Ralph is living somewhere in Swansea.
well, Cecil Jones, the sculptor I dont



know what he is doing now, but he is
still in Business in Swansea, he and his
wife Evelyn, came to see me in hospital
about three years ago, but since then
he have left her and family for another
woman, (something in the Air must be.)
So we havent heard anything from them since.
what a mess to make of thier lives at
thier ages.

Bill was quite interested in your Son's
picture, the artistic streak runs through
the Allen's family very strongly;
my mother, Sarah Jones (maiden name) was
the daughter of John Jones, not the same
Jones's the name Jones is so common in
Wales, enclosed snap of us taken in garden
not good, it was a poor day, Bill wanted
to finish the film, when I met Edward
in Cardiff, he said he would know me
by Clara Witheridge (marquis) and I
couldnt miss him, I could see the

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Ynysybwl 251

48 THOMPSON STREET,
YNYSYBWL,
PONTYPRIDD,
GLAM.

Family likness so strong. So sorry to hear of Clara's husband passing, he have been ill quite a time. Do you know my sister's Eileen's, daughter is staying with Edward's Son Robert; in California. her name is Kathleen, she has been out here since Sept-last; she has a Sec-job to a Dr. I hope you will be able to understand this scraul. + family. who ~~kno~~ knows perhaps someday we may meet them what a chapter to tell. By the way, thank you for pictures very kind of you to go to the trouble. how familiar they were.

if any more news, and snaps I shall send them on to you. Trusting this will find you all well.

Best wishes
Love. Milly.

[Oct. 22, 1966]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
October 22, 1966

Dear Milly, Will, and Bill:

The news about the children and others in Aberfan is so dreadful, that I just had to write at once and tell you we can hardly keep them out of our minds. As you can see, the papers here gave a great deal of space to this tragedy on the front page. Last night we had some direct television coverage via satellite.

I immediately looked up Aberfan on a map of England I have, and I found it is half way between Pontypridd and Merthyr Tydfil, so I realized that you and Eileen's family must be very close to the scene of this disaster. You probably even know some of the families involved. I realized, too, that I have other ties to that area. My father was born in Porth, and his grandfather and grandmother, John and Clara Witheridge, died in Cwmaman, Aberdare.

Perhaps Eileen's husband, Dr. Monnolly, was called to Aberfan to help. I want to write to them , too, and send some of the clippings from our paper. In spite of the fact that it costs quite a bit of postage, I am sending more than just the story of the tip slide, as I thought you would be interested in some of the other articles, too. It's just an ordinary day's paper, and you'll get an idea of some of the issues we discuss. At any rate, you can see how important we considered the Aberfan affair. We shall look forward to further word from you.

Thank you for your letter in May. I was glad to get the information you gave. I need to hear more about all those relatives in Wales in order to keep all the families straight in my mind. Yes, it seems that every family has its share of human problems and heartaches. I can only hope that things are running more smoothly at present.

I'm still working on the genealogical chart I promised you. You must think I was kidding when I said in May I'd be sending you a copy! However, it really is a big project, and I think you will like it when it finally arrives. It's a circular chart showing all the descendants of William and Christiana Allen I know about. I had to get an enlargement of the basic circular graph before I could really start, and now I have the first draft complete and must make a tracing from which to have copies made.

One of these days I hope to make contact with Kathleen Monnolly, and I hope she is still living with Robert Witheridge in Granada Hills, Calif. I must confess I have never corresponded with Robert, but I must do so to bring my family history up to date.

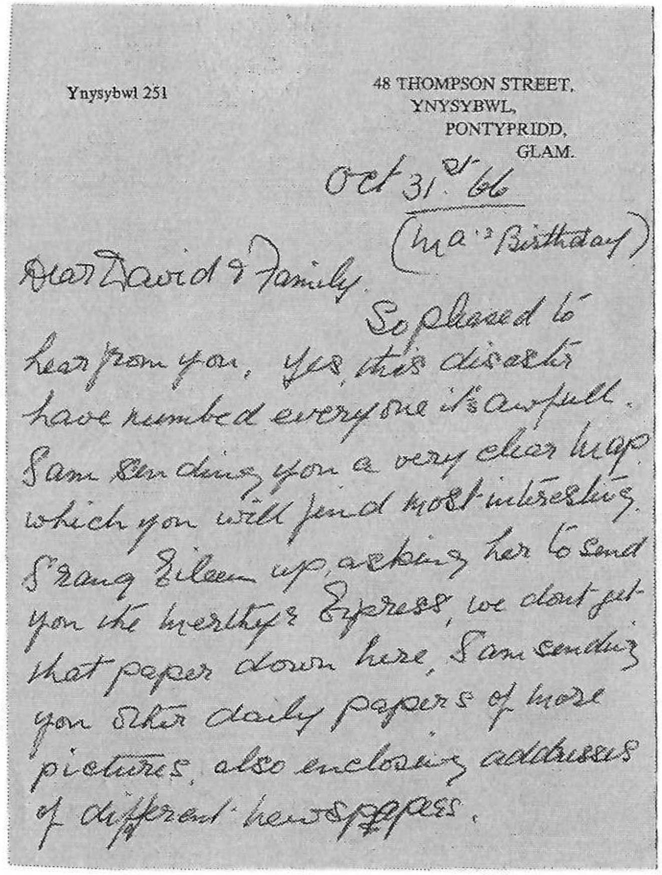
One thing you could help me with is the addresses of all the other Allen descendants you know about in England. Bill listed only the addresses of Royden Allen, Mrs. William Monnolly, and Cecil Jones on the chart, and perhaps Cecil's is now inaccurate.

Another way I want to investigate is through newspapers that might have obituaries with further information. Perhaps you could get for me the names and addresses of newspapers that would cover such towns as Aberaman, Cwmaman, Aberdare, and Bridgend. I'd also love to receive a larger map of Glamorgan than I have on my map of England.

Now I must close. Again I want to say how distressed we are about the tip slide over there. Please tell the people in your area that many of us in America are praying for these stricken families.

Yours sincerely,

[Oct. 31, 1966]



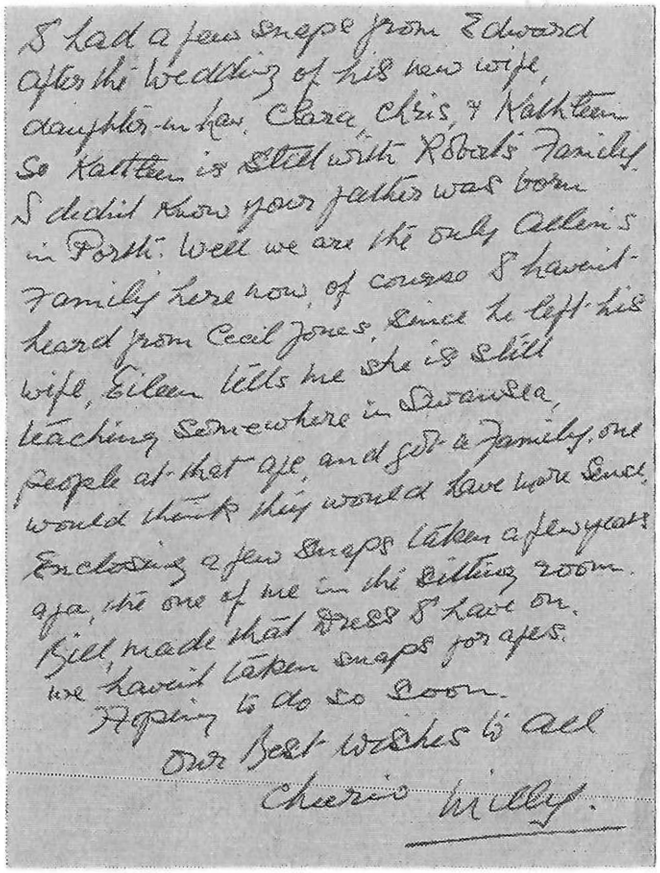
Ynysybwl 251

48 THOMPSON STREET,
YNYSYBWL,
PONTYPRIDD,
GLAM.

Oct 31st 66
(Ma's Birthday)

Dear David & Family.

So pleased to hear from you, yes, this disaster have numbed everyone it's awfull. I am sending you a very clear map which you will find most interesting. I rang Eileen up, asking her to send you the Merthyr Express, we don't get that paper down here, I am sending you other daily papers of more pictures, also enclosing addresses of different newspapers.



I had a few snaps from Edward after the wedding of his new wife, daughter-in-law, Clara, Chris, & Kathleen. So Kathleen is still with Robert's Family. I didn't know your father was born in Porth. Well we are the only Allen's Family here now, of course I haven't heard from Cecil Jones, since he left his wife, Eileen tells me she is still teaching somewhere in Swansea, people at that age, and got a family, one would think they would have more sense. Enclosing a few snaps taken a few years ago, the one of me in the sitting room. Bill made that dress I have on. We haven't taken snaps for ages. Hoping to do so soon.

Our Best wishes to all

Cheerio Milly.

10/31/66 ← 10/31/66

From Milly Roberts

From Milly Roberts

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Thomson House    Cardiff

Merthyr Express
Glebeland Street  Merthyr Tydfil

Pontypridd & Llantrisant Observer
50 Taff St Pontypridd.

Aberdare Leader
Station Street  Aberdare

Glamorgan Gazette Ltd.
Queen Street  Bridgend.

Addresses of Printers

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48 Thompson St.
Ynysybwl
Nr. Pontypridd
Glam
England

Oct 31st. 66

Dear David
I am sure
you will be interested
in the map.

Milly

[Nov. 26, 1966]

2426 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
November 26, 1966

Dear Milly, Will, and Bill:

Here at last is the chart of the Allen family I told you I was working on. As you can see, it was a big job, and it is still incomplete. I hope you will immediately look for all the corrections and additions you can make and send them to me.

Of course, the biggest hole in my information is concerning the Jones and Morris families. If you can find the address of anyone in that branch of the family with whom I could correspond, I'd be very grateful.

The map you sent is very wonderful. It shows all the places I am interested in, and it makes your area seem so much more real to me. I only wish I knew how to pronounce all those names. I pronounce them a certain way in my mind, but I'm probably all wrong.

I greatly appreciated the paper sent me by Eileen about the Aberfan tragedy. The pictures and stories made a deep impression on us. I do hope they are doing something quickly to eliminate the danger at all the other tips.

The pictures you sent were also most welcome. They are all very good, and I am especially glad to have the one of the three families together--yours and Eileen's and Roy's. I should mention that the glass broke in the one that had glass, but the picture didn't get damaged, so I'll have it fixed right away.

Thank you for the list of newspaper publishers. When I get a chance, I want to write them for some information. At least, I've had some very good luck here with certain papers.

Last Thursday, November 24, was Thanksgiving Day. We had a union service Wednesday evening of six congregations in our neighborhood: Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal (Anglican), Reform Jewish, Conservative Jewish, and Negro Baptist. The Negro minister preached and gave a most excellent sermon. He graduated from the same seminary I went to.

On Thursday morning I attended and took part in a joint Thanksgiving service of about ten Negro congregations. It was well attended and was a very spirited service, including several Negro spirituals by the combined choir.

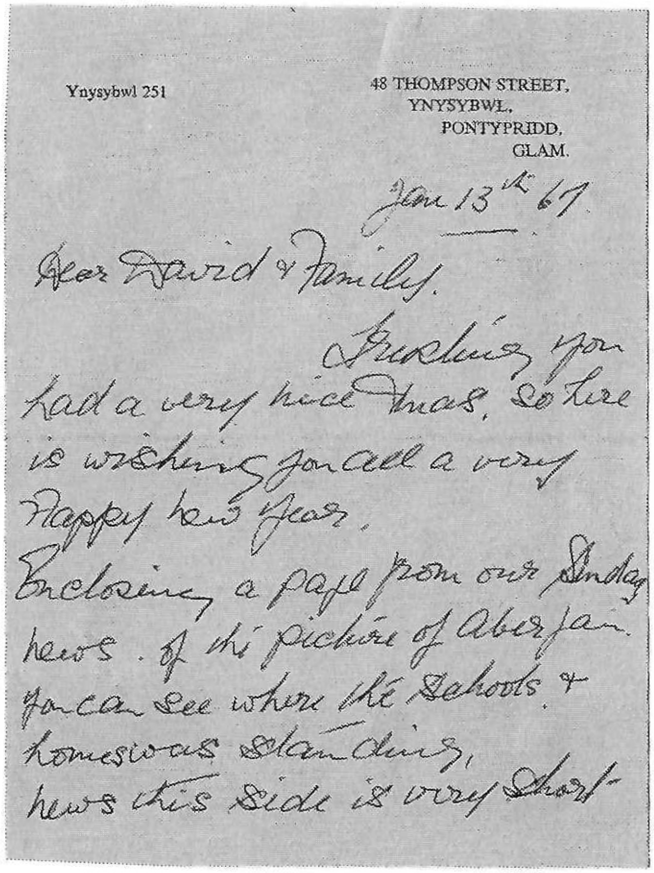
Thanksgiving is the day on which we usually have a large group for dinner, with turkey, squash, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. This year we had the minister of our church and his wife and three darling children.

This coming Thursday Elizabeth and I are leaving for Miami Beach, Florida, where the National Council of Churches is having its General Assembly. It will take us 3½ days to drive down with friends (1880 miles), but we'll come back in five hours by plane.

I'll be looking forward to hearing from you and getting your additions to the chart and some address of the Jones or Morris family.

Yours sincerely,

[Jan. 13, 1967]



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48 THOMPSON STREET,
YNYSYBWL,
PONTYPRIDD,
GLAM.

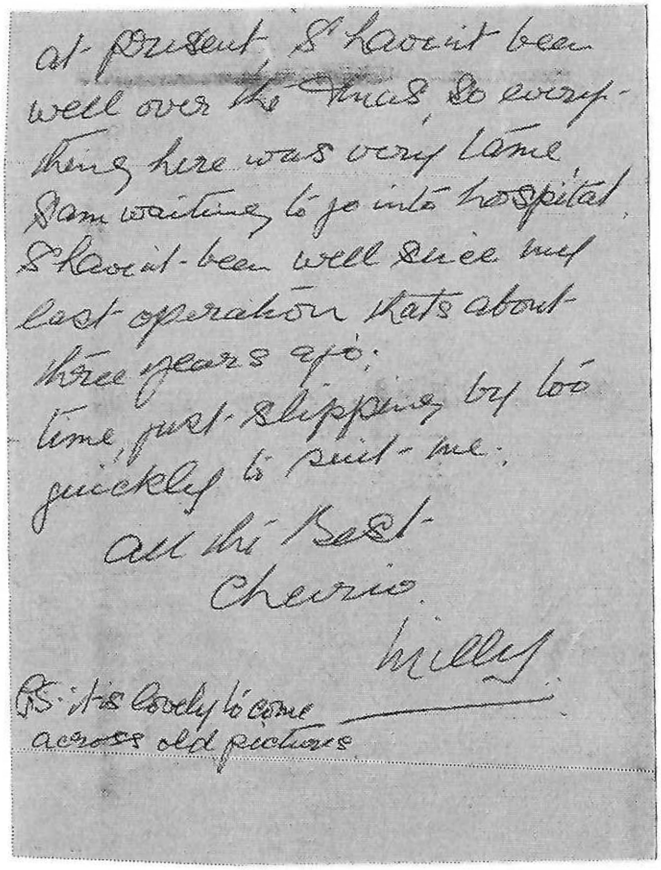
Jan 13th 67

Dear David & Family.

Trusting you had a very nice Xmas, so here is wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Enclosing a page from our Sunday News. of the picture of Aberfan you can see where the Schools & homes was standing,

News this side is very short



at present, I havent been well over the Xmas, so every-thing here was very tame

I am waiting to go into hospital, I havent been well since my last operation thats about three years ago;

time just slipping by too quickly to suit me;

All the Best

Cheerio.

Milly

PS: its lovely to come across old pictures

1967

# Welsh Slide That Killed 142 Blamed on British Coal Board

By GODFREY ANDERSON

LONDON, England — (AP) — A judicial tribunal blamed Britain's nationalized coal board today for the slide of coal-mine wastes which crashed down on the Welsh village of Aberfan last October, killing 116 schoolchildren and 26 adults.

The 70,000-word report accused coal board officials of "bungling ineptitude" and said the disaster could have been prevented.

The Aberfan school and 18 houses around it were engulfed by a mountain of coal slag from the mines, known in Wales as a coal tip. The daily addition of waste to the pile is known as tipping, and the report said a total absence of tipping policy was the basic cause of the disaster.

The tribunal conducted the longest such inquiry in British industrial history. It heard testimony from 136 witnesses at 76 sessions over a 16-week period.

The report will be debated in the House of Commons when Parliament reassembles this fall.

The report said those in Aberfan who had expressed fears regarding the stability of the tip "were brushed aside by National Coal Board officials."

The tribunal called for action to safeguard the future condition of the Aberfan tips and said all tips should be regarded as potentially dangerous. It recommended appointment of a national tip safety committee to advise the minister of fuel and power and to co-ordinate research into problems of tip safety and bulk disposal of industrial waste products.

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## Sub Commission

CANBERRA, Australia — (Reuters) — The U.S. Navy communications station at Northwest Cape in western Australia, designed to relay messages to submarines, will be commissioned Aug. 16, it was announced Wednesday.

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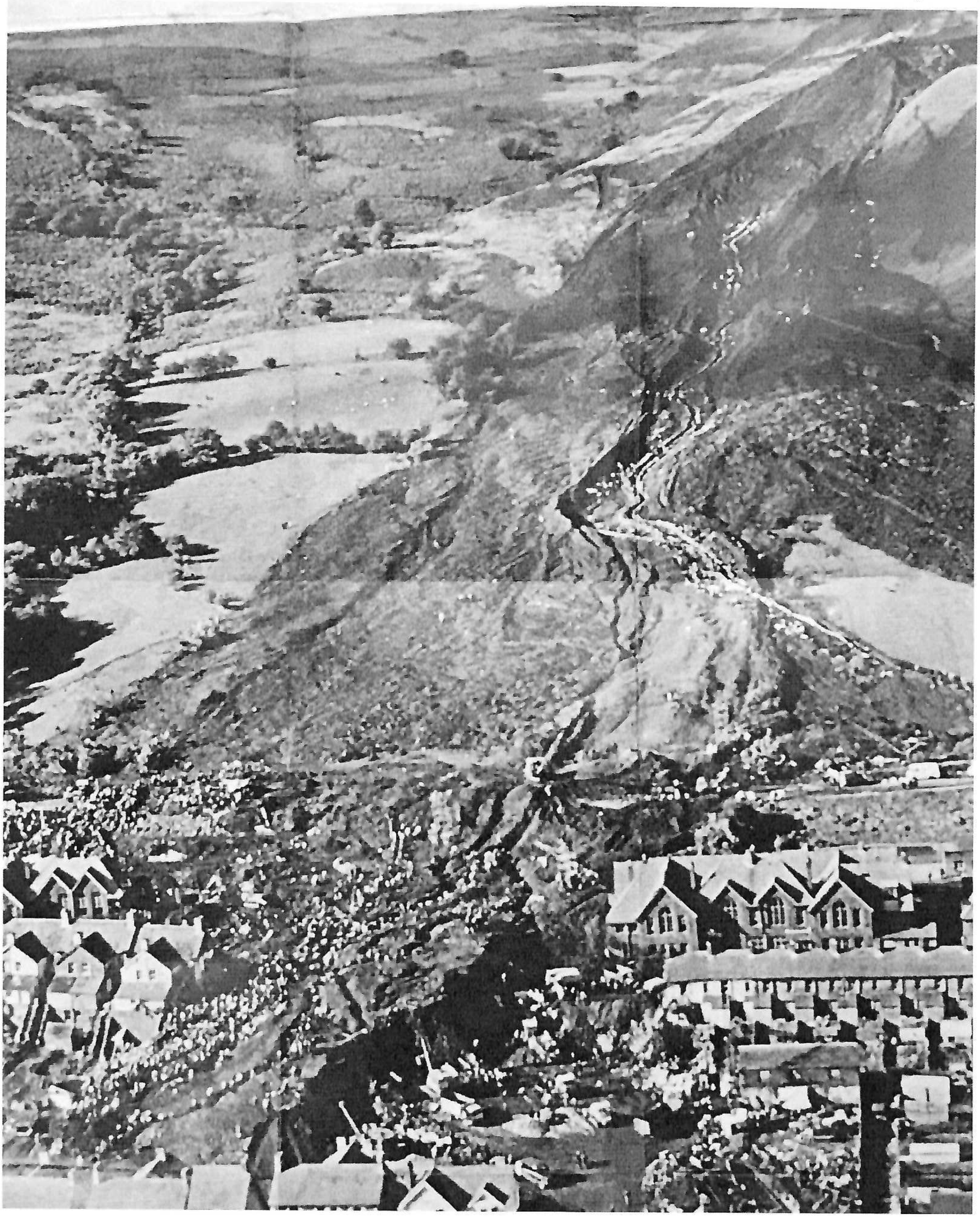
Aberfan disaster scene          Time-Life photo ca. 1967 (Terence Spencer)



12/15/68

[Dec. 15, 1968]

Dear Milly Will + Bill:

We just got a letter from Uncle Ed, and it reminded me I have not written to you nor heard from you for a long time.

How we envy Uncle Ed and his new wife Margaret for their trip to England, Wales, and Ireland! Some day we hope to come over there for a wonderful visit.

Ed sent along the new chart that Bill drew up of the Witheridge family, and I am busy trying to fit it into the information I have from other sources.

Did you get the circular chart of the Allen family I sent a year or so ago? If you know of any corrections or additions, I'd be glad to hear of them.

I'm especially short of information on the Jones and Morris branches, and I'd be glad to have the latest addresses you have of any of their descendants.

We are all greatly distressed with the Vietnam war, and hope it ends soon. Both Jim and Tom are "conscientious objectors." This is a very difficult time for young people.

Sincerely,

David + Elizabeth Witheridge

[Mar. 17, 1969]

Ynysybwl 251

48 THOMPSON STREET,
YNYSYBWL,
PONTYPRIDD,
GLAM.

March 17th 69

Dear David & Elizabeth;

we received your Xmas Card with thanks, so pleased to hear from you.

you asked if we had the Circular Chart. yes, in good order, thanks. of course most of the Jone's & Morris's have died off & their children have moved around, so we have n't heard anything about them

I am very glad to hear that Edward's eye sight is getting better, of course it will take a time, it is a delicate job to take at his age, yes they did have a good time, it's a pity the weather wasn't better for their travelling around. well, if ever you feel like coming over we shall be pleased to see you. wishing you a Happy Easter.

Love to all
Milly. Will & Riel

[Mar. 18, 1970]

48 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl
Glam England.

March 18th 70.

Dear Cousins.

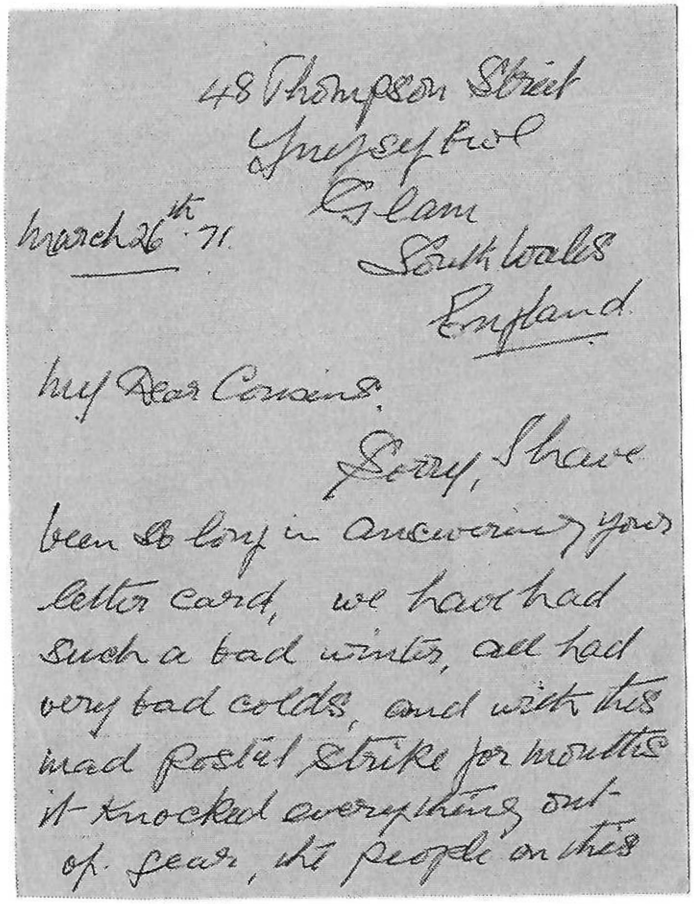
Received your letter way back, which I am so sorry I haven't answered it before now. at that time I was down with that Bug the Flu. & it took so long. to get over it. not so bad now.

Well, here we have Easter so near which we are pleased to see after our awful winter. Trust all are very well with you so pleased to hear from you. I am writing to Clara, & Edward, the same time as I owe them a letter of long standing.

Here wishing you all a Happy Easter time.

Best wishes
Milly, Will. & Bill.

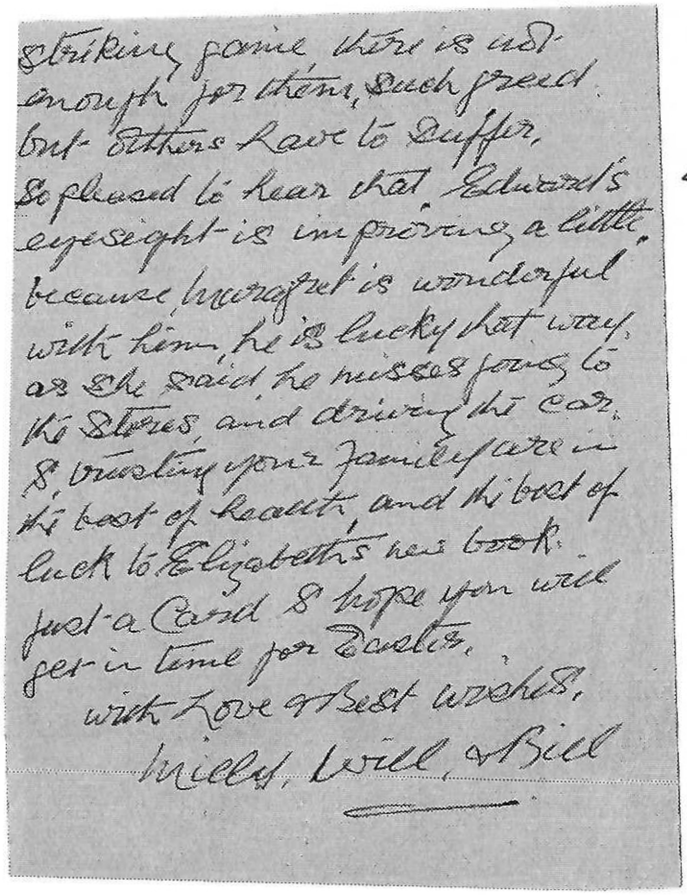
[Mar. 26, 1971]



48 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl
Glam
March 26th 71.
South Wales
England

My Dear Cousins,

Sorry, I have been so long in answering your letter card, we have had such a bad winter, all had very bad colds, and with this mad postal strike for months it knocked everything out of gear, the people on this



striking game, there is not enough for them, such greed. but others have to suffer,

So pleased to hear that Edward's eyesight is improving a little, because Margaret is wonderful with him, he is lucky that way, as she said he misses going to the Stores, and driving the car.

I trusting your family are in the best of health, and the best of luck to Elizabeth's new book.

just a Card I hope you will get in time for Easter.

with Love & Best wishes,

Milly, Will, & Bill

← Edward Allen Witheridge (b. 1891)

[Dec. 21, 1971]

48 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl
Glamorgan
S. Wales, England.

Dec 21st 1971

Dear All:

Thanks a lot for your letter & Snap, the ones enclosed are rather backdated, but we haven't altered very much time don't Stand still, I heard from Ed & Margaret this week, well, Margaret is a God send for Ed. it looks you are all very busy, hope the boys will reach their ambitions.

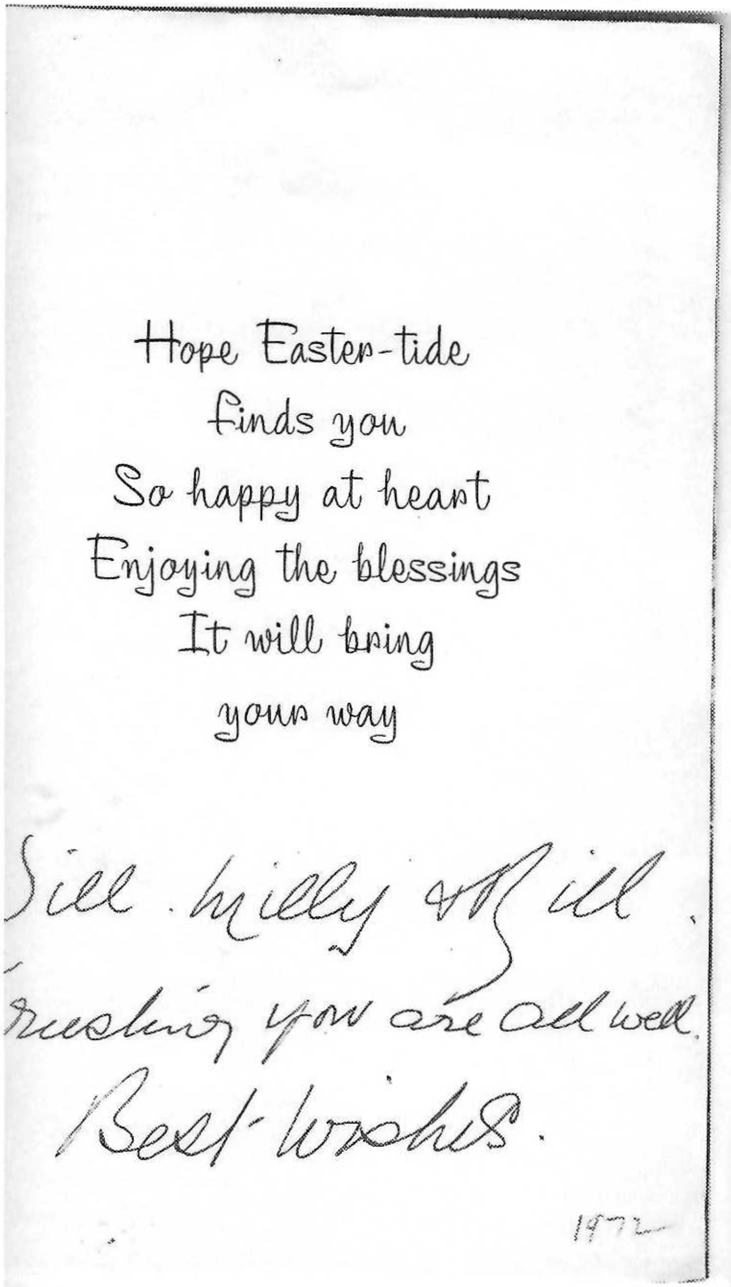
Bill, is very busy at school, also with drama's and stage work of all kind, he is the Art master of two school. throughout the Boys, and Girls in the City of Cardiff.

All the best, for the New Year.

Cheerio. best wishes to all.

Milly Will & Bill

1972

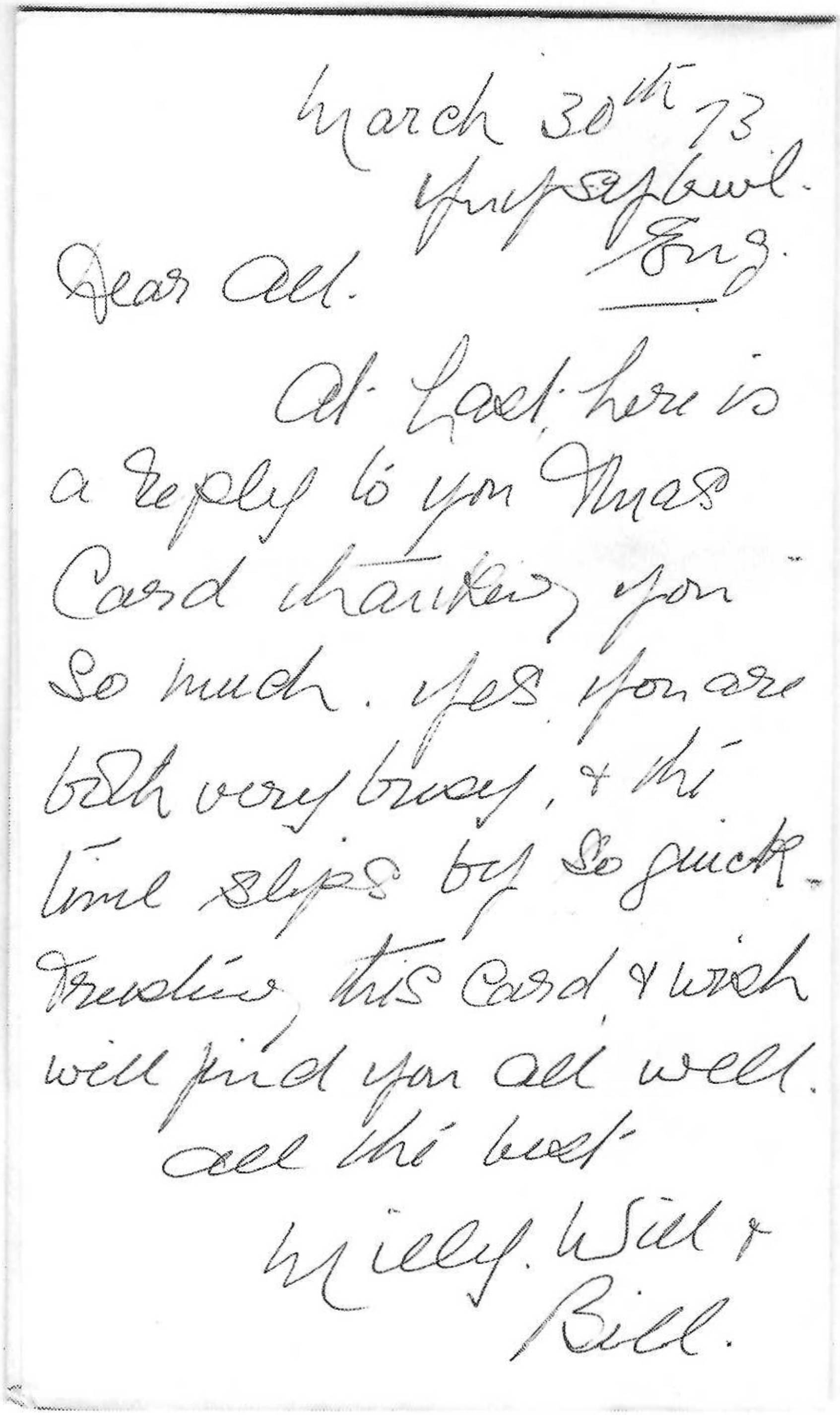


Hope Easter-tide
finds you
So happy at heart
Enjoying the blessings
It will bring
your way

Will. Milly & Bill.
Trusting you are all well.
Best Wishes.

1972

1973



March 30th 73
Ynysybwl.
Eng.

Dear All.

At Last here is a reply to you Xmas Card thanking you So much. Yes you are both very busy, & the time slips by So quick. Trusting this Card & wish will find you all well.

all the best
Milly. Will &
Bill.

With every good wish
for
CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR

Will. Millie & Bill, Roberts.

heard from Ed & Margaret; also Clara Mae
this morning 4th Dec. 1973.

[Dec. 16, 1974]

(On back of Christmas letter)

12/16/74

Dear Milly, Will, + Bill:

[DEW's niece, Jennifer Mark]

How we did enjoy Jennifer and Dick last year when they had their trip to England and Wales and got to meet all of you. They did enjoy their visit so much.

As you see by our letter on the other side, we did get a chance to travel to the state of Washington where Ed and Margaret are. (It's a long trip – about 2,000 miles one way.)

[DEW's uncle, Edward Allen Witheridge (b.1891)]

We just loved our stay with them – just a few days. It was just our luck that Ed's son Robert and his wife Lois were also in Port Townsend at the time, so we all had a grand time. It was the first time I had seen Robert since we were such small children we really don't remember. And we had never met Lois or their son Bobby, who also lives in Port Townsend. Now we just love them all.

Ed's sight and hearing both are failing fast, but we were able to communicate well, and I got a tape recording of a long conversation with Ed about the family events from his (and my father's) childhood on.

Bill, if we sent a cassette tape would you have access to a recorder to play it on and record an answer to send back to us?

Love, Dave + Elizabeth

[Mar. 12, 1975]

43, THOMPSON ST.,
YNYSYBWL,
PONTYPRIDD.
TEL. YNYSYBWL 231

March 12th. 75.

Dear All.

Easter is here again I hope the weather will improve, we have had months of rain, we were very sad to hear of Ed's death. Margaret will miss him very much. they were so happy. Trusting you are in good and happy days. it sounds the boys are doing well. Best of health to all. our best wishes.

Milly

Edward Allen Witheridge (b. 1891) →

[1976 trip plans] 12/15/75

Dear Milly, Will, and Bill:

We have exciting news! Next summer I have been granted a 12-week sabbatical, and we are planning to spend it in Britain. At long last we shall be able to meet you.

It looks as though we'll arrive there about the middle of June and reutrn home about the end of August. We're working now on plans for studying the ecumenical situation there.

I've written to the British Council of Churches and also to several local councils of churches whose addresses they gave me. I'm also planning to spend some time on a university campus for independent library study. At the moment I think it will be the University of Exeter, because of the Devon and Cornwall locations of our Witheridge and Allen ancestry.

Sometime during the summer we'll be coming to Wales, but we'll have to let you know when. There are many dates to fit together. We also hope to visit your brother Roy. Is his address still 55 Crowland Ave., Hayes, Middlesex? Of course, we'll visit Eileen and her family when we're in Glamorgan.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please write before Easter!

Love,

Dave + Elizabeth

[May 23, 1976]

[Trip plans]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
May 23, 1976

Dear Milly, Will, and Bill:

We missed getting your usual Easter card this year, and we hope it doesn't mean that you have been having illness or other trouble. Our plans for the summer are pretty well set now, and we are looking forward to being in Britain with great anticipation.

We have reservations on a charter flight that leaves Minneapolis on June 15 and arrives in London on June 16. For the first few days we'll be with a distant relative on the Witheridge side, Mrs. Roy Cook.

Then from June 21 to 24 we'll be at a Conference of Ecumenical Officers from all over Britain at High Leigh, a conference center near the town of Hoddesdon. This will give us a chance to meet others who are in the same kind of work we are.

Then we'll be in London for a week and a half studying at the University of London and visiting the British Council of Churches. We have reservations to stay at the Lee Abbey International Students Club, 27 Courtfield Gardens, London SW5 0PQ.

From July 8 to August 7 we'll be renting a car and driving through England, Scotland, and Wales visiting leaders of local councils of churches and talking over how they do things. We'll be in Wales from about July 29 to August 3.

Besides a few church contacts, we mainly want to visit relatives in Wales. In addition to you and the Monnellys, we have a number of relatives on the Witheridge side we want to contact in Pembroke, Swansea, Aberdare, and Newport.

At the moment it seems as though Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1, would be a good time to be in Ynysybwl and Merthyr Tydfil. Will you be home at that time? If you don't have room for us to stay overnight with you, perhaps you could find accommodations for us nearby.

We hope you'll be able to write soon, but in case you aren't able to do so, I'll give you the address of the Cooks. They will have our itinerary and will know how to reach us throughout the summer: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA.

As the time draws near, we are getting very excited about the trip and about meeting all of you.

Love to all,

David + Elizabeth

Sent card July 18, 1976

48 Thompson Street

YNYSYBWL

Pontypridd

Mid Glamorgan. CF3 73EN

3rd June 1976

Dear David & Elizabeth,

You certainly are going to have a busy time this summer to judge by your letter and itinerary. I only hope that our British weather will be kind to you. England, Scotland and Wales are very beautiful (in parts) as long as the sun shines but if it rains - as it often does in our summer - then everywhere has a greeny grey dankness; there is no distant view and only our ruined castles look good.

We should all be at home in Ynysybwl at the end of July and we look forward to meeting you both. Mother is not in the best of health at the moment and I think it would be easier if you were to stay at the New Inn in Pontypridd - about 3½ miles south of Ynysybwl. If you will let us know later the nights for which you need accommodation I shall be happy to arrange for a double room in your name.

With best wishes to you for your forthcoming journey and to the rest of your family.

Sincerely,

Bill

an.
12/12/76

[Sept. 28, 1976]

48 Thompson St.
Ynysybwl CF373EN
Pontypridd Glam.
England.

Sept. 28th 76.

Dear David & Elizabeth

I trust you really enjoyed your selfs on your visit to England, also you had a very lovely voyage home & found all's well.

enclosed the Autobi- of Elijah's Bill, made a copy after he went back to school, I haven't showed it to Eileen as yet, I haven't been too well to get over there.

we were delighted with the Snap Elizabeth took of us in the dining room.

we are still rationed of water, no rain to speak of.

on your travels around did you find some more of the Witheridge's family.

my news are very short at present.

All the best to all
with love.
Will, Milly, & Bill.

Jan 8th 1977.

Dear Both, Sorry, I haven't replied to your most welcome letter before this,
I have been feeling off form for weeks, but pleased to say now, I am feeling much better, we were thrilled with the photos, they were grand. something to treasure,
Sorry to tell you, just before Xmas, Eileen had a Stroke, her speech is very slow cannot form the words, and her right arm & leg very stiff, it gave us a shock she would be the last to get that, she have got plenty of medical attention. She was 72 yrs, on 13th Dec, I was 80, on 11th Dec 1976.
Yes, we were glad to see the end of drought, now we are having a very hard winter, with floods in some places,
Bill is starting school next wednesday have had about three weeks holiday.
I don't think we will be allowed to send that spray for the brass, because it's a pressurised canister, the post won't take it. we are sorry, it's a pity we didn't think

of it when you were over here,
I shall let you know how Eileen
is getting on in the near future.

Happy New Year, & best of health to
you all.

Cheerio, with love.

Will, Millie, & Bill.

[Dec. 1977]

Dec. 1977

48 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl, Nr Pontypridd
Glam. South Wales. England.
CF37 3EN

Dear Margret & David -

Trusting this short note will find you all in good health,

we have had a big worry with Eileen she had a stroke about 4 months ago, her speech gone, all one side useless, but her speech is getting better, but very thick, not like Eileen, to make matter worse Bill, her husband (Dr). he never told anyone he was suffering from heart-trouble, untill on Sunday morning about 4 o/c he told Martin to ring the Dr, that he wanted to go into hospital, he was there in a few minutes, put on a machine very ill, he was there for a week on the following Sunday morning they took Eileen to see him he died on the Sunday evening at 9 o/c. in that is 2 months ago there is no shape on her now.

Here is Xmas around again, the rolling years, I feel it so, I shall be 81 Dec 11th, Will was 84 Sept 28th 1977

Excuse this scrawl, a short note at present; going over to Eileen's.

Trusting you will have a nice Xmas, all the best

Will, Bill. Milly.

our Bill, is very busy opera in school.

Jan 4th. 1978

Dear Cousins. Received your Xmas Card, & letter today. pleased to hear you all are quite well, the picture is great every thing so plain, a treasure corner.

I heard from Clara, for Xmas but haven't heard a word about Margerite, I hope she is alright.

yes, it's a pity Eileen is in just a very weak state did I tell you She was trying to walk, She fell & broke her hip, She is home now, She hated the hospital She is still in bed. I have been going over as often, now Bill is home from School, he is starting back on Monday.

the weather here is awfull so wet & cold; I shall be glad to see Easter, come around: & the light nights, all the best for the new year, as we can do with it, it's trouble every where. they have gone money mad.

Cheerio Love from Will, Milly & Bill.

[Jan. 23, 1980]

Wednesday 23rd. Jan 1980

Milly's husband, Will, had heart attack, June 1979

Your most welcomed letter to hand; so pleased hear all is well there, I shall be very pleased to see the end of this winter the weather is awfull.

Some news, Will, went to Eastbourne. last June to a conference, he was fine when he left, the first day was good. the second day he collapsed with Severe heart attack, he was in four hospitals in a fortnight; they attached a temporary Pace maker to his heart brought him by Ambulance about 300 miles, with Dr & Sister to Heath — hospital Cardiff. they inserted a permanent Pace maker. there to the heart he is still very weak & a bit ~~[illegible]~~ forgetful. also lost a lot of weight. he can walk. about very slowly. he is lucky to make the recovery at his age 86.

we had our 60yrs of wedded bliss on Aug 11th 1979. but it was quiet no fuss he could not stand it.

of course when we heard Bill, went up and stopped with him all the time he took time of from the school. hoping now for warmer weather & Easter.

my sister Eileen is an invalid she can't walk most of her time is in bed, her speech is very poor, she cannot get over loosing her husband, the Dr so sudden all that is two years ago, I went to see her Xmas time, I can't leave Will, now. I shall keep you informed how things are going. our best wishes to all, & the best of health.

[1980 trip plans]

May 7, 1980

Dear Milly, Will, and Bill:

We were distressed to hear the news of Will's heart attack last summer, but thankful that he is getting along well with the pacemaker. We hope he continues to gain strength week by week, and we hope your health has been holding up, too, Milly.

As you know from our Christmas letter, I have now completely retired from my position as Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, and I am enjoying trying to get caught up on the many things I had neglected because of my busy life--including correspondence with relatives and others!

You also know from our letter that we are planning another trip to Britain late in the summer. One of the lovely things that happened in recognition of my 28 years of service was a gift of money that will help greatly with the cost of our trip.

Our plans are beginning to take shape, and we now have plane reservations to leave here on August 2nd and return on October 2nd. The other day I completed a first draft of a possible itinerary to accomplish the many things we want to do. This time there will be no ecumenical study, so we shall merely combine sight-seeing with genealogical research and visiting friends and relatives. We plan to hire a car for about seven weeks as we did in 1976.

We wouldn't come to Britain, of course, without seeing you again. Our visit to Ynysybwl last time was one of the highlights of our trip. In order not to tire Will, our stay in your vicinity will not be very long, but we shall also want to see Eileen briefly, if she is able to see visitors.

At the present time it looks as though Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31, would be the best time for us to be there, though this could be changed if those dates will not be good for you. We also might have to make an adjustment if others we hope to visit are unable to see us on the dates we suggest.

Our plan would be to arrive sometime Saturday afternoon and stay until Monday morning. We'd be very happy, Bill, if you could book a room for us in the New Inn Hotel at Pontypridd for Saturday and Sunday nights, or in any other place you would recommend.

Our health has been reasonably good, except for colds the past couple of weeks. Our lives have been dominated for nearly two months by a new puppy. It's a Norwegian Elkhound, and we've named him Bokk, after the father of our first Elkhound. (This is our third.) He's only 3½ months old, but he's doing very well, and he's all anyone could want in a dog--intelligent, loving, and good looking. We'll show you a picture when we come over.

Our son Tom, who lives in Chicago, was here with his girl friend, Virginia, a couple of weeks ago. He only gets home once or twice a year, because Chicago is 425 miles away. Our other son, Jim, lives in Minneapolis, but he recently moved into an apartment with four other young men, so we only see him a couple of times a week.

This is all I will say now, as I have a great many letters to write to people in Britain to see if our projected plans will fit into their schedules. Please let us know if you think my suggested time will be all right with you.

All our love, David + Elizabeth

[June 2, 1980]

48 Thompson St
Ynysybwl Pontypridd
Mid Glamorgan CF37 3EN.
South Wales. England.

June 2nd 1980.
Dear David & Elizabeth,

Sorry the delay in replying, but the "New Inn" in Pontypridd don't take guests they are enlarging the hotel. So Bill been looking around for suitable Hotels. the nearest & best is the enclosed one. it used to be called "Llandough Hotel" but that name have gone, it's on the main road outside Cardiff near the Cathedral, it's very nice. about half an hour to Ynysybwl. a few minutes to Cardiff city. I hope you will have a lovely trip over. & the weather fine & warm. for a change.
Will, is still weak but he takes a short walk every day. You will see a difference in Eileen, She cannot walk or talk to understand her. Looking forward to see you both. Love Mildred.

P.T.O.

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Its very easy to find your way from Cardiff to Ynysybwl now as there is a new roadway nearly as far as Merthyr on the north side of the city. So from Cardiff take the direction to MERTHYR TYDVIL. and you will soon find yourself on what is virtually a motorway. Keep going and about twelve or fifteen miles north you will see a slip road direction to LLANTRISANT. PONTYPRIDD AND RHONDDA VALLEY. Don't take this road but keep on motorway a little further until you come to the next slip road which is signposted YNYSYBWL Coming off the motorway you meet a roundabout – take the direction to the left – towards (Pontypridd) TOWN CENTRE and a little further on you go across the "OLD BRIDGE" and see YNYSYBWL signposted to the right ~~to~~ we are only $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles along that road as you already know. Bill

P.S. Please confirm dates for Churchill's Hotel if you want me to book you in there.

June 17, 1980

Dear Milly, Will, and Bill:

We were glad to get your letter and to know that you will be home on the dates we proposed--that is, August 30 and 31. It will be a great thrill to be with you all again.

We've made a few minor changes in our itinerary on the basis of replies we've had from friends and relatives, but our basic plan is the same, and we still plan to be with you on the dates suggested. Therefore, we'd like you to book our room at Churchill's Hotel, Bill, for the nights of Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31.

If it is available, we'd like to have a room with double bed and private bath. Since they probably want an advance deposit amounting to one night's charge ( 25 plus VAT), I'm enclosing a check on a London bank for 28.75 made out to the hotel. We appreciate your making these arrangements for us, Bill.

You gave good directions, and I'm sure we will have no trouble finding our way from Cardiff to Ynysybwl.

It's a little to soon to know exactly what time we'll arrive in Cardiff on that Saturday afternoon, but we'll go directly to the hotel and register. Then we should probably telephone you and discuss the best time for us to come to Ynysybwl. (According to my notes from last time, your phone number is ~~044-379-251~~, but we'll try to check it at the hotel.) 0443-790251

The same as in 1976, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook will be meeting us at Gatwick Airport and taking us to their home for a few days before we start out with a car. You may always address us there from August 2nd on, as they will have our complete itinerary and will know how to reach us or forward our mail. Their address is 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM3 9LA.

Love to all,

48 Thompson Street
YNYSYBWL
PONTYPRIDD, MID.GLAM
CF37 3EN

29th June 1980

Dear Cousins,

Glad to hear that your holiday plans are getting finalised. I have booked you in at Churchill's Llandaff for Saturday and Sunday August 30 + 31 and given them your cheque. Your accommodation will be room with double bed and private toilet and bath, and includes breakfast. Churchill's is a private hotel (once a private house), very convenient as a base for travelling in this area. It has a large car park alongside the house.

As you are planning to motor down from London and go straight to the hotel, I am enclosing a map for your convenience. You will be travelling on the M4 motorway, of couse, but a section of this route around Cardiff is still under construction so when approaching Cardiff you will automatically find yourselves on what is actually Eastern Avenue and I think you will then find my map clear enough.

When you branch off Western Avenue into the smallish Mill Lane you will meet traffic lights at the top end of the lane – you need to be in the left-hand lane and when you turn left go slowly along Cardiff Rd.

as your are nearly there. First you'll see an entrance gate to a large house on the right – this is Howell's School for Girls and then, just around the curve in the road you'll see on the right an oval sign "Churchills" and you drive across the road straight into the car park. I do hope you will like it.

Incidentally, our telephone number, from anywhere, is 0443-790251 although in the Cardiff area you can use the local code thus – 96-790251

Eileen does get up, but is very frail and usually in a wheelchair. She has difficulty in talking. Of course Kathleen and her husband Mike look after her.

Dad is up and gets about but doesn't do anything strenuous. His speech is alright but he is rather deaf. Mother copes very well but she worries a lot and tires quickly.

All the very best for your visit

Regards

Bill

[Dec. 17, 1980]

48 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl.
Pontypridd, Glam.
South Wales.

Dear Cousins  Dec 17th 80

So pleased to have your letter today, Wed. 17th. glad you had a nice time in Wales & a safe return. it don't look or feel like Xmas here the weather raining every day. The snaps are great. so plain. Well, I am sorry to tell you, Will have been in bed a fortnight he feels so weak & tired, the weather is against him trusting he will improve shortly. Eileen is just the same they got to carry her everywhere.

news are short at present
all the best & a happy Xmas
& New Year in good health.

Love to all
Milly

"There came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying . . . . we have seen His star . . . . and are come to worship Him."
MATTHEW 2 : 1–2

May many Christmas
joys be yours,
With Christmas peace
that long endures,
And Christmas love
to light and bless
All the New Year
with happiness!

Will. Milly & Bill
our best wishes
to all.

1980

[Jan. 12, 1981]

Monday. Jan 12th. 81

Dear Cousins

I am sorry to give our sad news.

Husband Will died →

Will, died on Dec 29th. 80, buried Jan 5th 81. at Llandow Church it was sudden, collasped in the bathroom, he was getting weak this last fortnight.

Trusting you all are well - the weather is very bad here rain every day & so cold.

News are short - at present I cannot find words to say

Love to all
Milly & Bill

Bill, have been wonderful. a treasure.

Friday June 26th 81.

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Sorry, I have not written before, being very upset, I cannot get over my loss.

Her sister Eileen died →

also sorry, to tell you Eileen, died June 14th 81. She was in a very bad state, but Kathleen, have been God sent to Eileen this last 4 years.

Bill, havent been too well he have had water trouble going back & fo to hospital dont know if he have to get a Wop he is retiring from School end of this term he will be pleased.

Trusting all are well over there

Shall write soon again

Best wishes & Love.

Milly & Bill.

our Summer have been awfull rain every day & cold with it

July 13, 1981

Dear Milly + Bill,

We were so sorry to hear the sad news about Eileen's death last month. We know she had a difficult time the last year or so. How wonderful it was that we could have that lovely visit with her last summer! It was very fortunate that she could be with Kathleen.

We think of all of you often, and we wish we could just drop in and be with you during "those days of" distress and lonesomeness. We'll be anxious to hear how Bill is getting along with his Trouble. When he retires, life should be a little easier - for both of you. I certainly enjoy being retired!

We just got back from a two-week trip to Michigan where both of us grew up. It was good to see friends and relatives, and we also attended the 50th anniversary reunion of my high school graduating class.

Weather here is hot and humid right now, but our health is quite good.

All our love,

David & Elizabeth

[July 31, 1981]

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ans. 9/8/81

7/31/81

48 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl.
Pontypridd, Mid Glam
England.

Dear. all.

So pleased to receive your. Airmail Knowing you are all well. Bill, have been in hospital for a hop- but he is home now feeling very good, only he must take care & go slow for a few weeks. he is retired now from School. the end of this month he is very pleased. 40 years teaching is a long time, it's not like it used to be: well our Summer have been awful, but for the Royal wedding the sun was very hot; and what a sight; to remember the Service in St Paul's, was beautiful. millions of ~~plap~~ people every where. just a few snap enclosed.

Shall write soon: my only dear wish was if Will, & Eileen, was here to see it all how I miss so must: of their company. but I must fight on. all our love.

Milly & Bill

[May 14, 1982]

May 14th. 1982.

Dear all.

Sorry. I have nt written before.
trusting all are well over there.

Royden Allen died → I have sad news, for you. Roy Allen, my brother died suddly on. 3rd May -
buried at Bridgend, Friday. 7th May 1982
age 75. Gwenny, is in a bad state
I am the one left, I still feel so lost;
I am lucky I have Bill, home now he retired
Nov 3th. - have you got Gwen's address,

Gwenny Allen.
30 Penprallt ave
Litchard
Bridgend. S.Wales.

they have a son living in Western-Super Mare.
shall write again soon.

Best wishes, & Love to all

Milly & Bill.

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Dear Milly + Bill,
June 20, 1982

Your letter about Roy's death was a great shock, and we know how sad you all have been in recent weeks. He was a fine man, and we enjoyed meeting and being with him and Gwen.

I did have Gwen's address, but I'm glad you sent it, as I would not have been sure it was still correct. I wrote to her last week, and we do hope she is getting along well in spite of the sadness.

As you know, our minds and activities have been deeply involved in our son's wedding for some time. It was held in Evanston, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, on June 5th. I conducted the ceremony, and our other son, Jim, was the "best man." It was a simple ceremony in the late afternoon, with only about 50 relatives and close friends there and at the dinner. Then in the evening about 180 came for a reception.

Our thoughts have been with you and all the British during this Falkland Island War, and we're glad it has now been successfully concluded — at least for now.

On July 16th we're going to Wisconsin for a gathering of descendants from Cornwall, and then on for a 3-week tour as far east as New England, coming back through Ontario.

With all our love,

David + Elizabeth

[See the index entry for DEW's father, William Allen Witheridge (b. 1881); also see documents W95(a) and W95(b) in folder 1.63c.]

[Sept. 4, 1982]

48 Thompson Street
Ynysybwl. Pontypridd
Mid Glam. CF37 3EN.
Sept 4th Sat 1982.

Dear All, with a new one to the family.
So pleased to receive your letter, and delightful
photo's, they all look so happy. & I hope.
Tom & his wife will be so happy as, Will & I,
was after 62 yrs wed, I still feel so lost, & grieve so much..
I am sure you enjoyed your trips around.
the vast country; you have spelt the place right:
yes, it is so sad when people part.
we shall be going down to see Gwen, on Sunday, she
is very down she is on her own the time is endless.
She is dreading the winter, our winters are so
long. & wet, our Summer was changeable
Bill, is pleased at last he found something of
Porth → Porth, for your reading, we don't know these
people, just saw it in the weekly paper. the Britania
is one T.
Shall write soon, our sincere wishes to the newly weds
thanks again for your letter & snap.
with Love. – Milly & Bill.

See W95 [See note above, this page.]

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With
Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year

letter later, hope you
are all well.
Milly & Bill

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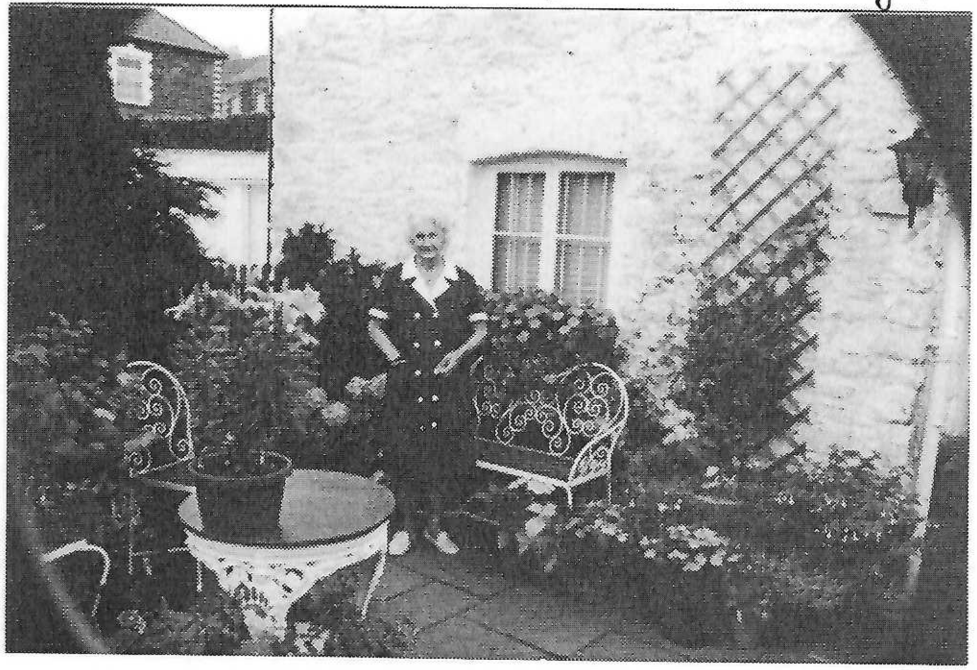
1983

With
Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year

From
Milly & Bill.
Trusting all are well..

Milly Roberts
at home

Inscription on back: "Last June 1983. One of his [Will's?] hobby's"



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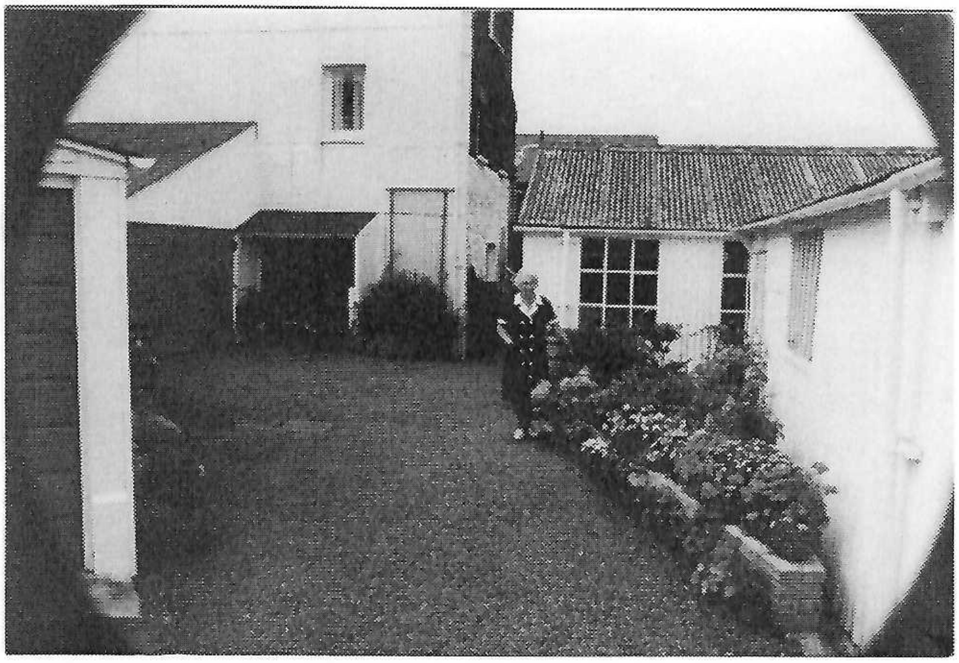

1983

[Mar. 18, 1984]

48 Thompson St.
Ynysybwl. Pontypridd.
Mid Glam. CF37 3EN.
South Wales. Eng..

Sunday March 18th 1984.

Dear David & Elizabeth.

So sorry. to Keep you waiting for a reply to your card, I have been very unwell, for a few months in and out of hospital, but pleased to say feeling better now. getting arthritis in my legs, making me stiff to get about..
You have had a terrible winter there, could see see it on the Tele, our winters have been very bad with storms, very little snow for us, in Scotland its been awfull.
Bill; is housemaid doing all the work.
we took a trip to see, Roy's wife, Gwennie
Bridgend) She was very lonely; one cannot get over the loss of the loved ones.
I had a Xmas Card from Clara:
have not heard from Margaret, hoping she is alright.
Hope your family. & yourselfs are all well.

Love to all,

Milly & Bill

1984

*With*

*Best Wishes for Christmas*

*and the New Year*

Micky & Bill.
Trusting all are well

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2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AR
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1985

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Across The Miles
PACIFICUM MARE
MAGALLANICA
TERRA AUSTRALIS INCOGNITA

1985

Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes
for Happiness in the New Year

Trusting you both are very well.

Milly + Bill

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27th August 1986

Dear David and Elizabeth

I am sorry to have to tell you that my mother Eva Mildred Roberts died on 21st August at East Glamorgan Hospital. She would have been 90 years old in December!

She had not been well for some months and went into hospital for an operation on the colon. She survived that but a week later on the saturday she had to have father surgery and by the Tuesday she had lapsed into a coma, dying at 1.50 pm on the Thursday.

I had been able to be with her every day she was at the hospital and they really did everything possible but of course her age was against her.

Her funeral is tomorrow, Thursday 28th August at Llandow Parish Church near Cowbridge at 2.30 pm where she will be laid to rest with my father who died on 29th December 1980. Llandow was the birthplace of my father and also my mother's mother Sarah Allen. My parents were married at the church.

Yours sorrowfully.

Bill

[See the transcript following] [Sept. 8, 1986]

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Dear Bill,

We were very sorry to have your letter telling of your mother's death on Aug. 21st. For some time we have worried about her because of her ill health, and we almost dreaded to open your letter. She suffered a great deal in recent years, but through it all she kept up her spirits.

We count it as one of our great joys to have been able to meet you and your parents on our trip to Britain, and we are especially glad that your mother was living and in reasonably good health the last time we were there. On the coffee table in our living room we have a lovely framed picture of her seated among the flowers in your back garden, and we often tell people about her charming qualities.

She was very fortunate to have you with her during her final years and so willing to help in every way. We know it will now be a lonely time for you and one of great adjustment. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Now, we have some sad news ourselves. I believe I mentioned at Christmas time that Tom and Virginia were expecting a baby boy in April. About the middle of February, Virginia developed high blood pressure and was rushed to the hospital. Their [illegible] condition, so they had to deliver the baby two months early. He weighed only 2 lbs. 1 oz. and had so many problems that he lived only 18 days. It was a sad time for us all and very hard on Tom and Virginia, but they are now carrying on with their busy lives.

Again let us say we are thinking of you and remembering your mother with great fondness.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

See next page →

## Transcription by the editor (TFW) of a barely readable letter from DEW and EPW (written by DEW) to Bill Roberts, dated Sept. 8, 1986:

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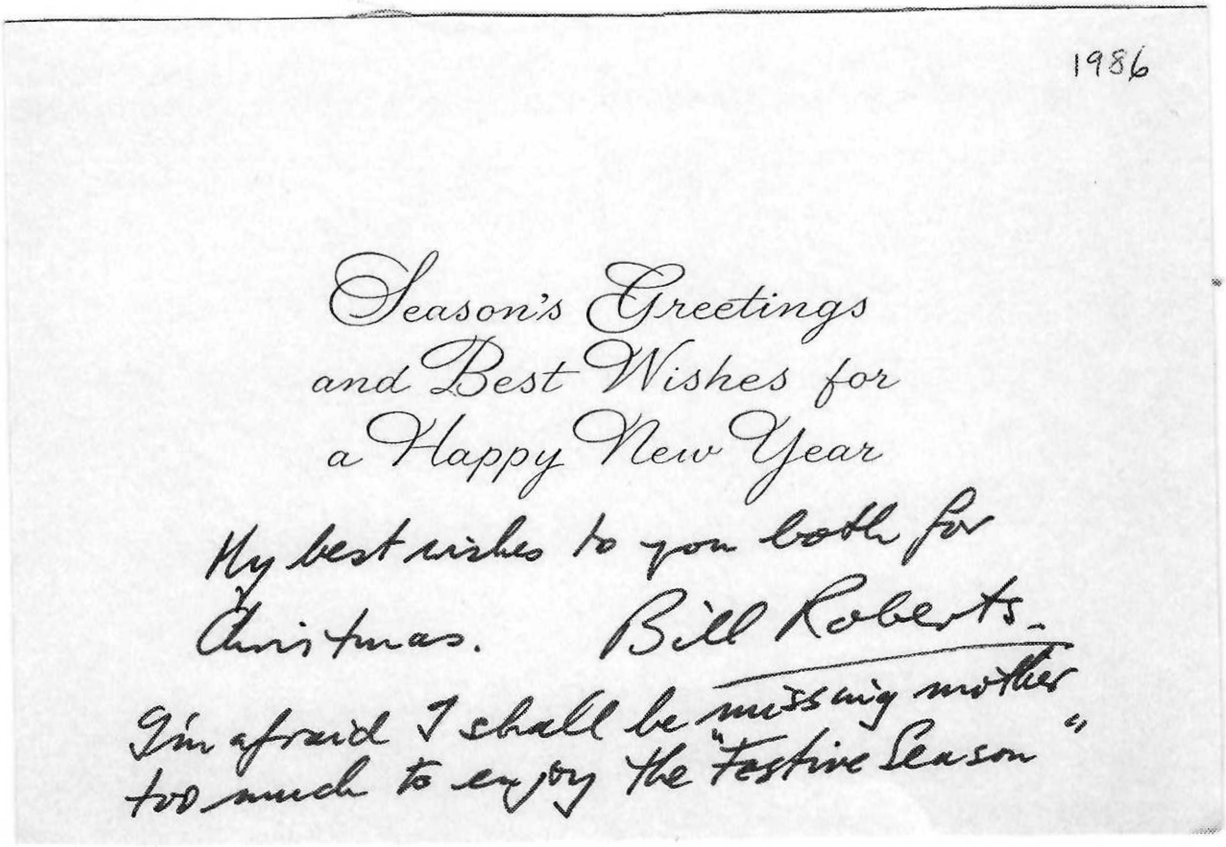
Love,
David and Elizabeth

1986.



1986

*Season's Greetings*
*and Best Wishes for*
*a Happy New Year*

My best wishes to you both for Christmas. Bill Roberts.

I'm afraid I shall be missing mother too much to enjoy the "Festive Season"

[1988 trip plans] [Dec. 10, 1987]

Dec. 10, 1987

Dear Bill, (Roberts)

Once again we send you our best wishes at this holiday season. We hope you are enjoying your retirement and have had a healthy year.

Perhaps you will be interested in this article about the Welsh festival that took place here in September. I often tell people that I don't have any Welsh ancestors but I do have Welsh relatives!

As usual, we have had a very busy year, and our health has been reasonably good.

Our biggest news is that if all goes well, we'll be visiting Britain for about a month this spring - from May 15th to June 15th. Of course, we want to see you though we don't know when. Are you likely to be home during that period? We'll tell you more later. Love, -

David + Elizabeth

1987

*With*

*Best Wishes for Christmas*

*and the New Year*

Best season's greetings to you both.

Bill Roberts

(over)

I am posting this card rather early as we are threatened with a postal strike over the Christmas period!

At long last I have completed the alteration and redecoration of No 48 which commenced in April last. I intend to sit back now and enjoy it.

Bill

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February 10, 1988

Dear Bill,

Our plans are now falling into shape for our trip to Britain. We expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. After about a week in the London area, we'll be hiring a car for three weeks and driving through England, Wales, and Scotland.

First, we'll go to Essex for about three days, where Elizabeth has her Plumb roots. Then we'll visit some Witheridge relatives near Guildford and arrive in Exeter on Wednesday, May 25. We'll be in Devon through Sunday, May 29.

On Monday, May 30 (the Bank Holiday), we plan to drive to Swindon to stay overnight with my third cousin in the Blackmore line, Marjorie Packer, stopping on the way to see a friend in Dursley, about 20 miles north of Bristol. On Tuesday, May 31, we'll set out for Wales, stopping first in Penallt, near Monmouth, to see a very distant cousin in several of my Devon lines, Anne Stratton.

That would bring us to Ynysybwl about 3:00 o'clock. Perhaps we should register first at a hotel in Cardiff, unless your situation is now such that you would want us to stay with you. (We're looking forward with great anticipation to seeing all your changes and redecorating.)

We are on such a tight schedule that we shall have to leave again the first thing Wednesday morning, June 1. (Last time we were in Britain for two months, but this time we'll only be there a month.) We have some Witheridge relatives in Llanelli, and we want to see them before we head for the north of Wales. In addition to the Witheridge connection, they are descended from the Munro Clan, and we have recently discovered that Elizabeth is, too. So we want to talk to them about that. Elizabeth is also

[Wrong! See the editor's note at
the beginning of folder 1.565,
as well as chart 20 near the
middle of the same folder.]

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descended from the Lord Grey of Ruthin, and we find that Ruthin Castle has been transformed into an inn where they have medieval dinners every night. So we want to stay there that night.

We hope that Tuesday, May 31, will work out all right for you, and we look forward to an early reply. If this will not fit into your schedule, we'll have to change our itinerary in some way. Please let us know.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

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16th February 1988.

Dear David & Elizabeth.

Your letter to hand this morning! I must say you really have been doing your homework for your forthcoming visit to Britain. You must have some good road-maps of the country to be able to work out your itinerary so precisely. I can only hope that our weather will be kinder in May-June than it has been these last few weeks.

About the 31st May and your visit to Ynysybwl — I hope I shall be able to greet you but my future is rather uncertain at the present time. I am quite active and have very little discomfort but I have had an abdominal aneurysm for some 4-5 years and it has now enlarged to an extent when an operation to replace a section of the abdominal aorta is needed. Unfortunately I have apparently got a heart condition that complicates the problem, so I am waiting the result of consultations between two specialists as to what is to be done. I am expecting to go into hospital at any time in the next few weeks and as far as I know now it could be a 50/50 chance whether I am about in May!

This being the position I feel it would be better for you to look into a Cardiff hotel and give me a ring from Cardiff by dialling first the area code 0443 and then the local number 790251. In fact you could ring me in this way from any part of Britain.

Call from Penarth & London

If you fail to contact me at Ynysybwl, I suggest you ring a very dear friend of mine – Eric Probert who lives in Cardiff by ringing (0222) 756134. He will be able to put you in the picture.

Sorry to be so unwelcoming but I'm keeping my fingers crossed and hope to greet you in good health on 31st May.

Sincerely,

Bill

5:15

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From Cardiff
96-790251

March 3, 1988

Dear Bill,

By the time this letter arrives, you may already have entered the hospital for your operation. We were very sorry to hear about your trouble, but glad that it is being taken care of by experts. Naturally, we hope you will be well on the road to recovery by the time we get there, but if we can't see you at home, we'll probably be able to see you at the hospital. Thank you for the telephone numbers — your own and Eric Roberts'. We'll get in touch with either you or him when we get to Britain.

We've had to make a few changes in our schedule since I wrote to you. We'll still be coming to Ynysybwl on Tuesday, May 31, but we'll be coming from Ruthin, stopping at Penallt about noon on the way and getting to Cardiff about 3:30. We'll probably go to Churchills Hotel as that worked out very well last time. I still have the map you sent showing how to get there.

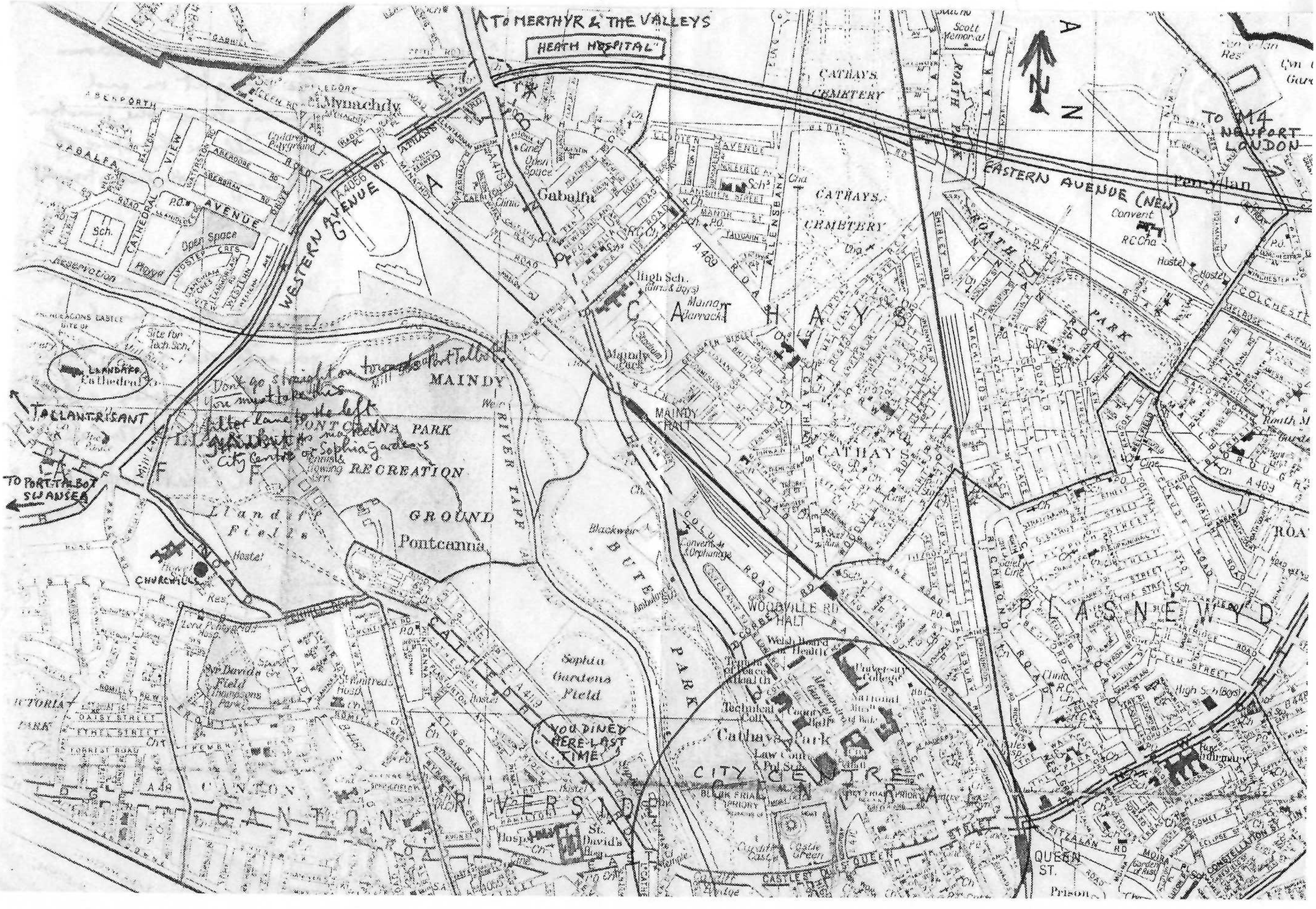
That's all for now, as I have many other letters to write, as you can imagine. We hope all is going well for you whatever your situation is at the moment.

Call Bill + come for tea

Love,

Dave + Elizabeth

Toward Llandaff used to turn left
can't now. Look for little lane
City Center + Llandaff Cath — take slip
rd to left. Stop at road + take left.
Churchills is on right only about 100 yds.

TO MERTHYR & THE VALLEYS
"HEATH HOSPITAL"
TO M4 NEWPORT LONDON
TO PORT TALBOT SWANSEA
TO LLANTRISANT
LLANDAFF Cathedral
Don't go straight on towards Port Talbot
You must take the
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City Centre or Sophia Gardens
YOU DINED HERE LAST TIME
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WESTERN AVENUE
EASTERN AVENUE (NEW)
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PONTCANNA PARK
RECREATION GROUND
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BUTE PARK
Sophia Gardens Field
CATHAYS
CATHAYS CEMETERY
PLASNEWYDD
ROATH PARK
CITY CENTRE
RIVERSIDE
CANTON
Gabalfa
Mynachdy
Penylan
MAINDY HALT
WOODVILLE RD HALT
Cathays Park
QUEEN ST.
CHURCHILLS

* Big 3 storey junction

Go straight on and having cleared the junction you will see the Spire of Llandaff Cathedral straight in front of you.

On your right, as you approach this junction, you will see a very large high rise complex which is the University Teaching Hospital (Heath Hospital)

August 22, 1988

Dear Bill,

You probably wonder why you haven't heard from us since our trip to Britain. The truth is, we're way behind in everything. We arrived home with very bad colds, probably because of the cold, wet weather we aren't used to in May and June. Then we found that they were in the midst of a severe drought and heat wave here, and that went on until quite recently. So with our colds and the excessive heat our energy level has been very low. As a result we still haven't finished everything needing to be done after our trip, including a great many letters!

We had a most wonderful time in Britain, and accomplished almost everything we had planned. We drove 3,000 miles through England, Wales, and Scotland without a bit of car trouble. Above all, we enjoyed seeing our many relatives and friends.

Thank you again for the lovely time we had at your home in May. You and your friend certainly had prepared a delicious tea. We think of you often, and we enjoy your letters, but it was so much better to see you in person and have a good chance to talk. We hope these pictures will serve as a reminder of our visit. I don't know why the one of you and me didn't turn out as well as the others.

We were glad you were progressing well after your operation, and we hope you are still improving. Now you have the problem with your arm, and we are anxious to learn what is being done about that.

Now I must close and extend the very best wishes to you in the coming months.

All our love,
David + Elizabeth

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15th November 1988

Dear David & Elizabeth,

I'm sorry that the weather was so unkind during your trip to Britain but I am so glad that your visit went off to your own satisfaction — and many thanks for the photos you sent. I am making some progress after my aneurysm operation but not as much as I would wish — still I am able to get about reasonably well and I have spoilt myself this last month by treating myself to a new car. Yet another Ford — all my cars have been Fords!

The trouble with my right shoulder continues. I saw a neurologist thinking that it might be due to a trapped nerve in the arm. After listening to my description of my symptoms, he smiled and said I had exactly described the symptoms he had himself! He diagnosed that I had a calcified tendon in my shoulder joint. He said I could see a Rheumatologist who would probably suggest a steroid injection, but he did not advise this so I get along with pain killers as best I can. I've had a lot of help this last month from John Samuel in pruning the garden stuff which is so overgrown — I haven't been able to do anything with the garden for over a year and everything has gone wild. I've also had a fellow to replace the fencing between my neighbour's garden and mine so I am now all set for the winter winds and storms!

I haven't heard a word from my cousins in Merthyr since last May but I suppose they are all in good health which is more than I can say about another cousin of mine Rhys John (the son of my father's sister, Dilys) who has been farming with the family at Black Hall Farm near St Brides Major since he left school. He found he was getting very breathless and consulted his doctor about it. The doctor says he is affected by the dust of hay and the pollen about the fields and that he will be unable to cope with any cold winds during the winter months, which means he will have to give up farming altogether.

My best Christmas wishes to you both.

Bill

P.S. I think I said that I would give you some dates of my family which I didn't have to hand when you were at Ynysybwl. Some I know you have already. Gwennie Allen is the only one left of my parents generation

Bill

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( William John Roberts 29/9/1893 — 29/10/1980
Eva Mildred Roberts (Née Allen) 11/12/1896 — 21/8/1986

( Tudor Owen Roberts (Dad's youngest brother) Church Farm Llandow 8/9/1903 — 11/6/1983
Elizabeth (Bessie) Roberts (Née Davies) 5/2/1895 — 18/2/1983

( William Edward John (Black Hall Farm. St Brides) 4/2/1905 — 24/3/1957
Dilys John (née Roberts) (Dad's Youngest sister) 12/6/1911 — 8/6/1986

( Roger Claude Christopher Allen (Mum's youngest brother) 8/9/1906 - 3/5/1982
Gwenllian (Gwennie) Allen (née Scott) 28/1/1906 —

[From Wm. T. Roberts, Nov. 15, 1988]

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1989

Hello Folk.

Another year has flown by very quickly – they do say that the years get shorter as one gets older!

I hope you both and your family are well and looking forward to Christmastide. My own health is much improved and I am in reasonably good shape at present.

Bill

Help the Aged
London EC1R 0BE
Britain's appeal for the needy aged at home and abroad

Nov. 1990

Dear folk

1990 has not been a good year for me. In early September I suffered a mild stroke but fortunately I have recovered pretty well from that. Soon afterwards I found that all my joints were aching - especially in the mornings. It seems it might be arthritis but I didn't think that arthritis struck so suddenly! However, I am undergoing a series of tests with a Specialist to see if anything can be done. In the meantime I just keep taking Painkillers.

Bill

[Nov. 8, 2004]

C. OWEN, [redacted]
TREM Y GARTH
POPLAR RD
RHYDYFELIN
PONTYPRIDD CF37 5LS
Tel. 01443 403581

Nov. 8th '04

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

I write as one of the friends and a colleague of Mr. Bill Roberts (Wm. Tudor Roberts) of 48, Thompson St, Ynysybwl; I have to tell you that Bill died yesterday morning, Nov. 7th at the Dewi Sant hospital in Pontypridd.

Bill had been in hospital for the past seven weeks after a fall at home. The fall seemed to be the result of a stroke - he was unable to speak or swallow. He was well cared for in hospital and was visited most days by his friends and the carer who had helped him to live at home before he fell. Bill was 83 on November 3rd. and had not been himself for several years.

The funeral has been arranged for Monday, Nov. 15th and some time afterwards his ashes will be buried in the family grave in Llandow. We had taken him there a few times every year for many years to tend the family graves and put flowers and holly wreaths there.

Bill had spoken to me when he heard from you & showed me your/his family history, some years ago.

Bill's greatest friend is Eric Probert, his wife Joan & family. Bill and his parents had known Eric as a pupil when Bill taught in Cardiff & then as a colleague on the staff. Eric has dealt with Bill's affairs since Bill has not been able to cope himself. (Eric's address is: 8, Bryngwyn Road, Cyncoed,
CARDIFF CF23 6PQ.
Tel. 02920756134.)

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Owen.

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Albertina Witheridge

(Albertina [Betty] Rossiter)

[Nov. 14, 1995]

Little Diligent
Stone Allerton,
Axbridge. Somerset.
BS. 26. 2NR.
14/11/95.

Rev: D. Witheridge,

Dear David,

I have just been re-reading my Autumn 95 issue of the Witheridge Times, and your article.

May I first of all offer my condolence on the death of your wife. I read Kim's article on Elizabeth and realised how you must be feeling.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

I hope you do not find my letter intrusive at this sad time. I believe we are something like seventh cousins, and of the Berrynarbor Branch. In the Autumn magazine was also an article by John W. on Welcombe, which you no doubt read. I sent him the information etc. on that and I thought you may be interested in how quite unexpectedly we found it.

My youngest son Gordon lives in Sweden and spends a month in the summer in England. He asked me to book a cottage for one week in Charmouth, Dorset, but it was Christmastime when he suggested this, and I was finding it very difficult to book anything at all for the July weeks (school holidays.) In desperation

I searched everywhere and eventually found a bungalow (advert in the Church Times) available for one week at Welcombe on the North Devon coast, near Hartland Point. I duly booked it and when the time came we arranged that my eldest daughter and her family would join us for the weekend, my eldest son and family would come also in their touring caravan, and my youngest daughter would also join us.

As none of us knew where it was or where the bungalow was, we arranged that we find the bungalow, move in and prepare lunch, and then find the others. The churchyard being the meeting place. Two of us did the cooking whilst the other three went to find the rest of our crowd. When they came back they were very excited as on gathering in the churchyard they had found three Witheridge graves.

My son Gordon is a very good tracker down of Witheridge places and graves. I must show him your article when he comes home this year, and we will make an expedition to see if we can find Witheridge Farm.

The year before we had tracked down my great-grandmother's birthplace in Tiverton. It is still there and is now a large grocery store.

I have an ecumenical family. I was brought up in the Salvation Army, but became an Anglican approx 20 yrs ago (I play the organ at a local Church) my elder daughter is Anglican, my youngest a Catholic and Gordon ~~and~~ family Salvationist.

Best wishes to you

Albertina Witheridge

Betty Rossiter → Betty Rossiter NEE (ALBERTINA WITH

[Jan. 3, 1996]

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[This is the article by DEW mentioned in the previous document.]

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# THE OTHER WITHERIDGES

by David E. Witheridge

Many of you know that my wife Elizabeth has Alzheimer's disease, and that she fell and broke her hip over three years ago. She never fully recovered her mobility, and I have been her caregiver at home since then. Now she has been moved permanently to a nursing home, and she has adjusted very well.

One result is, that after a long break, I have now begun to look again at my genealogical materials. In this process I have been reminded of our three trips to Britain and the wonderful people we met and the places we saw.

On our first trip in 1976 we discovered in a large gazeteer two other places named Witheridge, besides the well-known village in Devon. One was Witheridge Hill in the far southeast corner of Oxfordshire, and the other was Witheridge Farm near East Ogwell in Devon.

The only one we could manage to see in 1976 was Witheridge Hill (N 51°33'/ W 0°59'). Somehow, in late afternoon we found it in the midst of the most beautiful rolling, wooded countryside, several miles north of Reading and just a few miles west of Henley-on-Thames. We drove up the hill, and at the top we came to several handsome houses - one with the name 'Witheridge Hill Cottage' painted on the gate, and another made into a charming house from a century old school house.

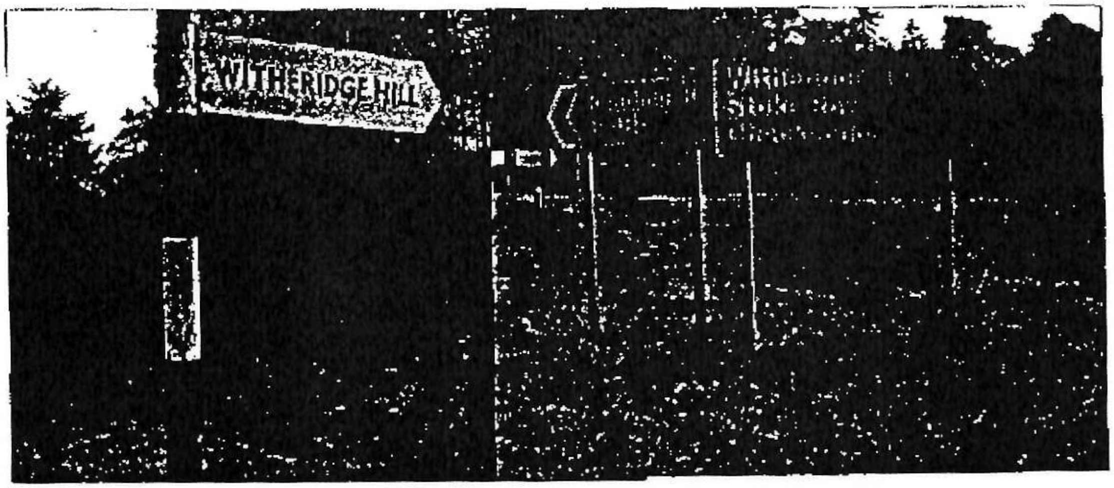
We talked to the woman in the first house, but she said they knew nothing about the history of Witheridge Hill or where it had gotten its name. Then we went to the second house, and a very pleasant woman invited us in to talk about the hill. She said she and her mother had bought the redundant school house ten years earlier and had it redone into their lovely home. However, she didn't know how the hill had come by its name, either. She kindly took us for a walk to see the rest of the hill, but we left still wondering where the name had come from.

In 1980 on our second trip to Britain we were able to look for Witheridge Farm (N 50°31'/ W 3°39'). We were spending two weeks in a cottage on the University of Exeter campus, and on the Sunday of the August Bank Holiday we drove to Newton Abbot and on to East Ogwell. As we travelled down a typical Devon one-lane road, where banks covered with hedges came right down to the edge of the road, we came to a sign see. The third place was Witheridge Moor Farm (N 50°55'/ W 3° 37') straight south of Witheridge Moor and very close to it - just across the road. The fourth place, also in Devon, was the place I have been calling Witheridge Farm near East Ogwell, which on the Ordnance Survey map is just called Witheridge (N 50°31'/ W 3°39').

The fifth place was Witheridge Farm (N 51 6'/ W3 32' in Somerset. This is just east of the north-south road between Dulverton and Dunster, straight east of Winsford and West Howetown on the way toward Huckham. The sixth was Witheridge Hill in Oxfordshire, described above. The seventh place was Witheridge Wood in Buckinghamshire. This is north of Beaconsfield on the road to Hazlemere between Knotty Green and Penn. On the map it seems to be on both sides of the road.

I believe Kim told me over the phone that she and Roy had visited a Witheridge Cottage in or near Newton Ferrers, Devon. That would be eight places, and there are probably a few more that don't show up on the maps.

Since I'm too old and far away, I hope some other Witheridge descendants will have the curiosity and ingenuity some day to discover the origins of these other Witheridge places.



on a side road that said "Witheridge - Private Road". I turned to Elizabeth and said, "Well, I don't know who has a better right than I have to go down that road!"

We drove on another one lane road through lovely woods and finally arrived at a fence and gate in front of a very attractive house. The sign on the gate said 'Witheridge House' As we approached the house a dog barked, and a man came out to greet us. We told him who we were and why we had come. He said his name was John Usher, and we went in to meet his wife Jane and their two children. John was a professor at the Seal-Hayne Agricultural College near Newton Abbot, just across the valley.

He said their place is called Witheridge House, and farther on toward a little river is an older house called Witheridge Farm. We decided not to go on to the other place. John said that the whole area had always been known as Witheridge Farm, but he hadn't been able to find anyone who knew its history.

While Jane and Elizabeth were preparing coffee and refreshments, John took me to the edge of the valley looking across the river, where I took a picture of the green Devon fields on the other side, separated by the typical hedgerows. What a beautiful sight! It's no wonder some Witheridge of long ago decided to establish a farm there.

We hated to leave such a delightful family and such a lovely setting, but we promised to let them know if we discovered any information about the origin of the farm. Unfortunately, my examination of the East Ogwell parish register at the County Record Office failed to show any Witheridges, so the period of their residence there must have pre-dated the start of the register. Maybe they were in the West Ogwell parish, if there was one, because they were slightly closer to West Ogwell.

When I began thinking about writing this article, I called the University of Minnesota map library and asked one of the librarians if he could find these small Witheridge places on large scale maps and send me photocopies. He called a little later and said he had found seven places called Witheridge on the Ordnance Survey maps, and he would send me copies showing all of them!

First, of course, was the village we all know in Devon, (N 50°55'/ W 3°42'). Next was Witheridge Moor (N 50°55'/ W 3° 37') about three miles east of Witheridge, which I had noticed on the map, but had never taken the time to go and

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Since receiving the article "The Other Witheridges" we have had the sad news that David's wife, Elizabeth, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, 9th August. David has given permission for the article to be printed as it was, and we expect to include an appreciation of the life of Elizabeth Plumb Witheridge in a later edition.

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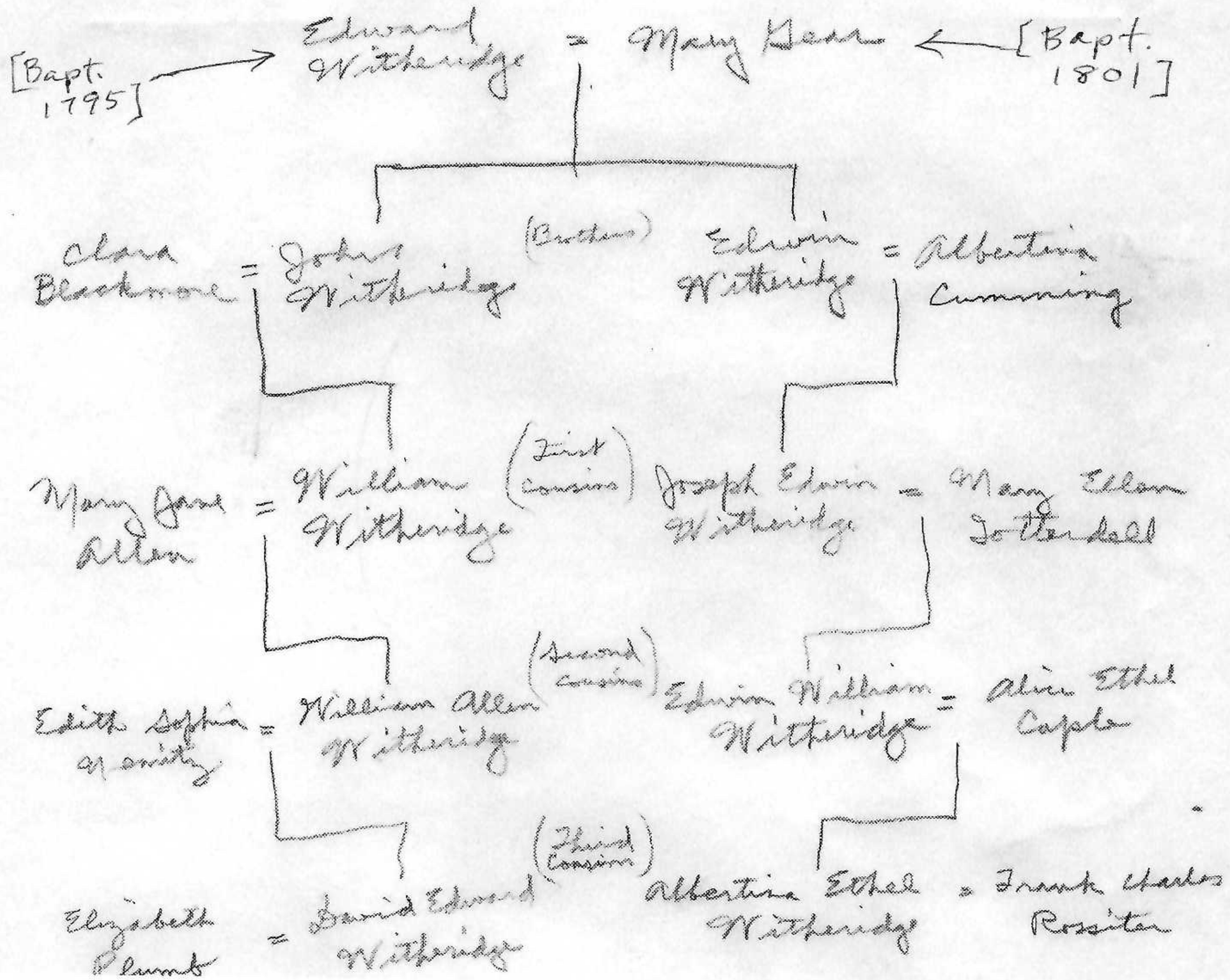
[Bapt. 1795]
Edward Witheridge = Mary Gear
[Bapt. 1801]
Clara Blackmore = John Witheridge
(Brothers)
Edwin Witheridge = Albertina Cumming
Mary Jane Allen = William Witheridge
(First cousins)
Joseph Edwin Witheridge = Mary Ellen Totterdell
Edith Sophia Nesmith = William Allen Witheridge
(Second cousins)
Edwin William Witheridge = Alice Ethel Caple
Elizabeth Plumb = David Edward Witheridge
(Third Cousins)
Albertina Ethel Witheridge = Frank Charles Rossiter

## Memb. No. 102

Mrs. Albertina (Betty) Rossiter
Little Diligent, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset BS26 1NR

(1) Albertina Ethel Rossiter (2) Edwin William Witheridge 1891-1966.
(3) Alice Ethel Caple 1892-1970. (4) Joseph Edwin Witheridge 1866-1944.
(5) Mary Ellen Totterdell 1870-1945. (8) Edwin Witheridge ~~1795-1860~~ 1835-1881.
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## Memb. No. 99

Mr. Gordon F. Rossiter
Mrs. Britt Marie Rossiter (No. 100)
Miss Helfrid Maria Albertina Rossiter (No. 101)
Aterrondsgatan 3, 55439 Jonkoping, Sweden

(1) Gordon F. Rossiter (2) Frank Charles Rossiter 1916-1980.
(3) Albertina Ethel Witheridge. (4) Edwin William Witheridge 1891-1966
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[DEW's notes about Albertina]

Eldest daughter and her family,
Anglican

Eldest son and family

Younger son Gordon lives in
Sweden and is a Salvation Army
officer, Wife, Britt Marie; Daughter,
Helfrid Maria,

Younger daughter
Catholic

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[Notes for what must have been
DEW's 1996 Christmas card to Albertina]

Dear Cousin Betty,

I was uncertain where to address this, and I finally decided to use the address you put at the top of your card with the beautiful picture of your cottage and the poppies on the hill.

I hope you and your family are enjoying a lovely Christmas and that you are all well. My spirits are better this year, and my health is good.

Yes, I am coming to England in May, and I am hoping to meet not only you, but also your children and their families. We should have a wonderful gathering in Devon.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
David

Margaret Fairless Allen
documents

[See Margaret's list of Allens
following this letter.]

2202 N. Carolina
Saginaw, Mich.

Wed. Aug 20 - 1963

Dear Cousins:

Here is the list you wanted and I hope it is satisfactory.

We enjoyed seeing you + Elizabeth again and meeting your tall son.

Too bad you arent here now to help us eat some of the plums, they are delicious.

My sister Marie's daughter, Elizabeth + family are coming Sat. night + want us to go to the Soo with them on Monday. That is such a nice trip.

Sincerely

Margaret Rushlow

P.S.

Elizabeth, Rose said I built her up too much but I dont agree with her.

[This list was attached to the preceding letter.]

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George R. Allen -
Born England, Jan. 7 - 1855 -
Saginaw, Mich died Sept 19 - 1928 - 73 years
{Married
{Mary Ann Fairless - July 8 - 1860 - Goshen, Ohio Tuscarawas Co}
{died Saginaw, Mich - April 7 - 1944 - 83 years
George R. Allen and Mary Ann Fairless were
Married April 2, 1885 at Goshen, Ohio.

Their children
Pearl F. Allen - Sherrodsville, Ohio - Carroll Co.)
Feb. 11 - 1886 - died - Dec. 30 - 1940 - Midland Mich.
Married - Burton Edwin Potts -
Birth - Sept. 15 - 1877 - Carrollton, Ohio
Died - May 30 - 1931 - Saginaw, Mich.
↓
Sept. 13 - 1904 - Mineral City, Ohio

William F. Allen - April 29 - 1888 - Sherrodsville, Ohio Carrol, County
died - Sept. 22 - 1923 - Saginaw, Mich.
Married Laura Koerner - born May 23 - 1897 Saginaw Mich
↓
Dec. 23 - 1920 - Saginaw, Mich. No children

George F. Allen - Leesville, Carroll Co. Ohio May 27 1890
1st wife Jennie Litchfield {- Saginaw, Mich - May 29 - 1898
Married April 1917 - Bay City Mich {died Saginaw, Mich - Nov. 5 - 1938

2nd Wife Nellie Davis - Saginaw, Mich. March 5 - 1895
Married March 1949 - Toledo, Ohio.

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Amedel F. Allen - Aug. 11 - 1892
Bowerston - Harrison Co. Ohio.
Married ↓ Archia A. Thomas - born Saginaw, Mich. Sept. 10 - 1882
Angola, Indiana - Nov. 4 - 1953 - No Children

Margaret F. Allen - July 12 - 1894 - Del Roy, Ohio Carroll Co.
Leo A. Rushlow (Rochleau) - Sept - 10 - 1894 -
Zilwaukee, Saginaw, Co, Mich.
Married June 26 - 1919 - Saginaw, Mich.

Marie F. Allen - Mineral Point - Ohio - May 22 - 1897
died - Feb. 27 - 1953 - Ferndale, Mich.
Married Harry Fred Dawideit - Hamburg, Germany - 8/6/1889
died - April 25 - 1953 - Ferndale, Mich
↓ June 10 - 1920 - Saginaw, Mich.

Albert F. Allen - Aug. 30 - 1901 - Tuscarawas County, Ohio
Helen Margaret Hull - Oct 11 - 1907 - {Elmer Township Sanilac Co. Mich
Married Aug. 9 - 1936 - Sandusky, Mich - No Children

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Pearl F. Allen + Burton Potts' - children

July 24 - 1906 - Mineral City, Ohio
George R. Potts - died - Jan. 1910 - Saginaw, Mich.

Clarence Edwin Potts - March 4 - 1908 - Saginaw, Mich
Marie Gagnon - Oct. 8 - 1908 - Greenwood Township
(Clare, County
Married Jan. 12 - 1928 - Saginaw, Mich.

Russell LeRoy Potts - March 6, 1910 - Saginaw, Mich

Margaret Pearl Potts - Feb. 21 - 1912 - Saginaw, Mich
Arthur William Kirnberg - June 24 - 1911
Married - April 28 - 1934 - Saginaw, Mich.

Elmer Burton Potts - Dec. 16 - 1914 Saginaw, Mich
Ruth Wallace - Aug. 9 - 1917 Saginaw, Mich
Married - Nov. 23 - 1935 - Saginaw, Mich.

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George F. and Jennie Allen's children

Lloyd George Allen - Saginaw, Mich - May 10-1919
Eileen Patterson - Freeland, Mich. April 12-1925
Married Saginaw, Mich. Oct. 14-1944

Jay Litchfield Allen - Saginaw, Mich July 28-1920
Martha Jo Harriston - Oklahoma - no birth date
Married Tulsa, Okla. Aug 20-1942 - first wife
2nd wife Married Louise J. Pycha - Saginaw, Mich - July 7-1914
" on May 10th - 1947

Arthur Louis Allen - Saginaw, Mich - Jan. 25-1923
died Saginaw, Mich - Oct. 21-1945 -

William Albert Allen - Saginaw, Mich - Feb. 20-
Shirley Saginaw, Mich - Dec. 27-1927
Married Saginaw, Mich. March 18-1950

Mary Ann Allen - Saginaw, Mich. July 8-1936
Donald Edwin Carney - Saginaw Mich - April 16-1935
Married Saginaw, Mich Sept 1-1956

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Margaret F. Allen - Del Roy, Carroll Co, Ohio - 7/12/1894
Leo A. Rushlow - Zilwaukee, Sag. Co. Mich - Sept. 10-1894
Married Saginaw, Mich. June 26-1919

Bruce Albert Rushlow - Bay City, Mich - June 2-1920
Charlotte Aileen Thompson (Hess) Royal Oak, Mich Jan. 20-1921
Married - Annapolis, Md. June 9 - 1943

Robert Donald Rushlow - Bay City, Mich. Oct. 23, 1921
Carolyn Rose Hammel - Saginaw, Mich - April 9-1925
Married, Saginaw, Mich - March 27, 1943

Marie F. Allen - Mineral City, Tuscarawas Co. May 22 - 1897
Harry F. Dawideit - Hamburg, Germany - Aug. 6-1889

Anne Dawidiet - Detroit, Mich - Dec. 5 - 1924
Robert DuVal Dickinson - Wilburn Farm, Spotsylvania, Co. Va May 5-21
Married - Detroit, Mich. Jan. 20 - 1946

Elizabeth Dawideit - Detroit, Mich. Oct 8 - 1928
Garland Smith Gravatt, Caroline Co. Va. Oct. 19-27
Married - Fredericksburg, Va. June 10 - 1950

Married- 1917 instead of 1916 also ← [also]

George F. and Jennie Litchfield Allen (Nellie Davis)

Lloyd George Allen - Saginaw, May 10-1919
Jay Litchfield Allen - Saginaw, July 28, 1920 (all copied)
Arther Louis Allen - Saginaw - Jan. 25, 1923
William Abert Allen - Saginaw, - Feb. 20, 1931
Mary Ann Allen - Saginaw, July 8-1936

Pearl F. and Burton Potts-

George Potts - Mineral City, Ohio - July 24-1906
died- Jan - 1910
Clarence Edwin Potts - Saginaw, March 4-1908
Russell Le Roy Potts - Saginaw, March 6-1910
Margaret Pearl Potts - Saginaw ~~Feb. 21~~ Feb. 21, 1912
Elmer Burton Potts - Saginaw Dec. 16- 1914

Marie F. and Harry Dawidiet.

Ann Dawidiet - Detroit, Mich- Dec. 5- 1924
Elizabeth Dawidiet - Detroit, Mich- Oct. 8 - 1928

Albert F. Allen married Helen Kull - Aug. 9 - 1936
in Sandusky, Mich.

No children

↑
[No children]

[Aug. 17, 1967]

8/17/67

Dear Margaret,

I haven't forgotten how kind you were to furnish all the information about your branch of the Allen family. As you can see, I have developed a chart on which all the descendants of William Allen and Christiana Richards can be shown, and here is a copy for you.

Of course it still lacks much information, and I hope gradually to make corrections and additions. Now you could help again. You gave me the information about your children, nephews, and nieces. To extend the chart as far as possible, I'd like to have the vital statistics (names, dates, + places) on all their children (and grandchildren, if any).

You may have some of this but probably not all. If you will give me the addresses of the married couples, I'll be glad to write to them directly to get the information. In fact, I'd like to have the addresses anyway for future reference. Some day when the chart is in better form, I'd like to send each a copy. My extra sheets of course include more information than shows on the chart.

The enclosed pictures were sent to me by Arthur Allen. Some time ago I asked Della

↑ Arthur Vincent Allen (b. 1890)

↑ Amadel (Della) Fairless Allen (b. 1892) if she could identify some of these people, but she couldn't. Perhaps you can. I'd like to have the pictures back.

On picture #3 I know all except the man in the middle of the back row and the girl standing at the right in the white dress. Do you know them?

On #4 who is the girl standing behind my Aunt Elizabeth?

Who are the two in #5?

Do you know who the little boy is in #6?

The Jones family in England is really the one I don't know much about. I don't suppose you have been in touch with any of them. If I had more time to spend on this, it would go faster, but I am working off and on on all my lines, as well as on Elizabeth's, so it gets rather time-consuming.

On our way through Michigan to the East about a month ago we stopped in Lansing and met Mr. – Mrs. George Kellam for the first time and learned all about her family. She is George Chivers' sister and a Witheridge cousin.

I hope all is well with you, and I know you will answer in due time.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Witheridge

Monday Sept 11 - 1967

Dear Cousin:

Thanks for our Family Tree - all that and Elizabeth's too will be a mammoth job -

Sorry I wasn't able to identify any one you asked for on the pictures - however, Aunt Clara might be able to and I know she would be glad to help.

If you want information on the Jones in Englad I would suggest that you contact Uncle Ed in Port Townsend, Wash. as he has been to England this Summer again with his new wife and they were there about a year before Aunt Mabel passed away, and he met some cousins he never knew he had. - here are their address, in case you don't have them.

Mrs. Alan R. Marquis - 2245 Grove Ave - Sacramento - Calif - 95815 -

Mr. & Mrs Edward Witheridge - 206 Reed - Port Townsend -
Wash. - 98368

If you come to Saginaw, please try to see us.
over.

I will contact my nieces and nephews soon and ask them to make a list of all their decendants and there is plenty.

Our Summer was very good – company from all over U.S. from May 8 to Labor Day – a good garden considering a very dry Summer so there was plenty of good eats.

Sincerely,

Leo and Margaret

Saturday-Nov. 4-1967

Dear David:

We are sending material on Family Tree and hope I havent made to many mistakes and that it is read able.- We were so glad to help you and you sure have a big job doing all this.

We enjoyed read the good articles in Saginaw papers about Elizabeth and then a later report from Grace Perry.

Leo is bringing in the last of the garden today-carrots-celery-and cabbage as it was 26° at 6a.m today.

If there is any other way I can help you please let me know.

Say "Hello" to Elizabeth for us-

Sincerely

Margaret + Leo.

George F. Allen - 1231 Ward St. Saginaw, Mich.
Mrs. Archie Thomas - (Dell) 2420 Bay St. Saginaw, Mich - 48602
Albert F. Allen - 2213 N. 27th Place - Phoenix, Ariz - 85308
Jay L. Allen - 3058 W. Genesee - Saginaw, Mich - 48602
Mrs. Wm. Allen - 2505 Deindorfer - Saginaw, Mich - 48602
Lloyd G. Allen - 950 Swanson Rd - Saginaw, Mich - 48603
Mrs. Donald Carney - 923 So. 26th St. Saginaw, Mich - 48602
Mrs. Laura Allen (Bill) 3035 So. Washington - Sag. Mich -
Mrs. Arthur Limberg - } 808 Union St. Saginaw, Mich - 48602
Russell Potts }
Clarence Potts - 639 So. 28th Street, Saginaw, Mich -
Wallace D. Potts - 4117 Gallgher, Saginaw, Mich.
Gary Potts - 213 So. Granger - Saginaw, Mich.
Mrs. Du Vall Dickinson - Box 139 - Fredericksburg, Va - 22401
Mrs. Harland S. Gravatt - Milford - Va. 22514
Mrs. Leo A. Rushlow - 2262 N. Carolina - Sag. Mich - 48602
Mr. Bruce A. Rushlow - Box 49 - Trotter Rd. Clarksville, Md. 21029
Mr. Robert D. Rushlow - 4211 Oak Forest Dr. N.E. Atlanta - Ga. 30319

[Editor's note: I have decided to use 1886, Pearl's birth year in Margaret's 1963 material. Tom Witheridge, Apr. 19, 2022]

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Jerrold E. Potts - Saginaw, Saginaw, Co. Mich 3/3/1935

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2nd wife - Marlene H. Mumsey - Bay City, Bay Co. Mich 10/2/1936
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3rd wife - Donna Kemp Potts - Standish - Mich - Arenac Co. 10/2/1941
child - Larry Lee Potts - Saginaw, Mich - Saginaw Co 9/26/1966

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# Children & Grandchildren of Pearl Allen

Elmer Burton Potts — 12/14/1914 — 1963 - Sag. Sag. Co. Mich
Ruth Wallace Potts — 8/9/1917 Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich

1 Wallace Dale Potts — 6/7/1936 — Sag. Sag. Co. Mich
Sandra Chinander Potts — 3/6/1940 — Pontiac —

Sherrie Sue Potts — 2/13/1959 — 1964, Saginaw, Sag. Co.
Timberlee Kaye Potts — 4/9/1960 " " "
Jeffrey Wallace Potts — 5/12/1962 " " "

2 Gary Burton Potts — ~~4~~ 1940 — April 18 Saginaw, Sag. Co
Jo Ann Simons Potts — 3/24/1940 — first wife "

Kevin James Potts — 2/7/1959 Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich

Priscella Gillespie — 2/9/1942 — Second Wife
Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich

Stephen James Potts — ~~2/9/1960~~ . March 24 — 1960 Sag. Sag. Co.
Julie Anne Potts — 1/14/1963 " " "

Pearls ~~Margaret~~

copied 11/6/67

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| Margaret $^{m}$Potts Limberg<br>Feb. 21, 1912 | Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich |
| Arthur W. Limberg<br>June 26, 1911 | Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich |
| Dorothy Limberg Curtis<br>June 8, 1935 | Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich. |
| Donald R. Curtis<br>June 23, 1933 | Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich |
| [illegible]e<br>Deborah L. Curtis<br>Jan. 14, 1955 | Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich. |
| Donald A. Curtis<br>April 14, 1956 | Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich. |
| Darlene M. Curtis<br>July 27, 1961 | Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich. |

{George Fairless Allen - Leesville - Carroll Co. O. May 29-1890
{Jennie Litchfield - Saginaw, Saginaw, Co - Mich. May 27-1897
Children

1/ {Lloyd George Allen - Saginaw, Saginaw Co. Mich - May 9 - 1919
{Eileen Patterson Allen - Freeland Saginaw, Co Mich - apr. 12 1925
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{Jennith Eileen Allen - 7/23/1946 - Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich
{Richard Allan Brucker - 3/~~3/1948~~ 1944 Pontiac, Genesee co "
Kathryn Ann Allen - 8/3/1950 Saginaw, Sag. Co "
Susan Jaye Allen - 11/16/1951 Saginaw, Sag. Co. "
Karen Marie Allen - 7/26/1953

2/ Jay Litchfield Allen - Saginaw, Saginaw Co. 7/28/1920
Martha Jo Hairston - (1st wife) - married in Tulsa, Okla. 1923
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{Terise Kay Allen Sept 30 - 1943
{Jerry Woods
↓
Allen Jay Woods Feb. 9. 1961
Louisa Mae Woods Oct. 4 - 1963

No other dates

2nd wife - Louise Pysha July 14 - 1914
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Sally Louise Allen Saginaw, Sag. Co. 12/11/1951

on opposite paper

3 Arthur Louis Allen. Saginaw, Saginaw Co.- Mich. Jan 25/1923-1945

4 {William Albert Allen - Saginaw, Saginaw Co. Feb. 20 1931 - 1967
{Shirley Mae Cooper 12/27/1929

Connie Sue - Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich 8/31/1952 -
William Lawrence - Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich. 8/7/1954 -
Jill Ann - Saginaw, Saginaw Co. Mich 2/12/1959 -

5 {Mary Anne Allen - Jamestown, Saginaw Co. Mich 7/8/1936
{Donald Edward Carney Saginaw, Saginaw Co. Mich 4/16/1935 -

Nancy Ann Carney - Saginaw, Saginaw, Co. Mich 6/7/1957
Richard William Carney - Saginaw, Saginaw, Co. Mich 1/27/1959
Donald Edward Carney - Saginaw, Saginaw, Co. Mich 2/20/1969

~~Arthur Louis Allen - Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich~~.

Children & Grandchildren of
Margaret Fairless Allen & Leo A. Rushlow

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Margaret F. Allen - Del Roy - Carroll Co. Ohio 7/12/1894
Leo A. Rushlow - Melbourne, Saginaw, Co. Mich 9/10/1894

Bruce Albert Rushlow - Bay City, Bay Co. Mich. 6/2/1920
Charlotte Aileen Hess - Royal Oak, Mich. 1/20 1921

Nancy Aileen Rushflow - Somerset, Mass. 7/3/1944
U.S. Army Hospital
Suzanne Rushlow - Fort Meade, Maryland 10/2/1949
Bruce Albert Jr. Rushlow - Quantico, Va. 7/6/52
Base Hospital

Robert D. Rushlow - Bay City, Mich. Bay Co 10/23/1921
Carolyn Rose Hammel Rushlow - Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich

Lynn Rushlow - Pasadena, Calif. 3/1/46
Kenneth Robert Rushlow, Saginaw, Sag. Co. Mich 3/26/49
Barbara Lee Rushlow - U.S. Air Base 11/18/53
Nousseur, French Morocco
North Africa

P.S. - Charlette Aileen's Mother was divorsed and she was so ashamed she took the name of the second husband - Thompson) but was never adopted so her name is Hess

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Robert DuVal Dickinson
5-5-1921
born: Spotsylvania County, Va.

Anne Dawideit Dickinson
12-4-1924
born Detroit, Michigan
married: 1-19-1946 at St. Columba
Episcopal Church, Detroit, Michigan

Anne-Marie Dickinson
5-21-1947
Fredericksburg, Va.

Robert DuVal Dickinson
12-3-1949
Fredericksburg, Va.

Harry Dawideit Dickinson
2-7-1952
Fredericksburg, Va.

Mercer Clay Dickinson
7-23-1953
Fredericksburg, Va.

Married June 10, 1950

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Garland Smith Gravatt | Born Oct. 19, 1927 | Milford, Va. |
| Elizabeth Dawideit Gravatt | Born Oct. 8, 1928 | Detroit, Mich. |
| | Children | |
| Garland Smith Gravatt, Jr. | May 4, 1952 | Fredericksburg, Va. |
| Allen Fairless Gravatt | May 10, 1954 | Fort Riley, Kansas |
| William White Gravatt | June 6, 1956 | Harrisonburg, Va. |
| Elizabeth Anne Gravatt | Dec. 31, 1959 | Fredericksburg, Va. |

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
March 13, 1989

Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp
Cofton
King Street
Combe Martin
North Devon
England

Dear John and Freda,

It's a long time since we saw you in Combe Martin, but we often think of what a good time we had that evening. It was a very special time for us. We enjoyed our trip through ENgland, Scotland, and Wales, but we came home with dreadful colds that lasted several weeks. They were in the midst of a severe drought and heat wave here, so that added to our discomfort. Our evergy level was so low that we couldn't seem to get all our work done!

[Private medical information redacted]

Finally I'm getting around to writing some long overdue letters. In looking over my notes I find that, like me, Freda, you descend from several lines in the Combe Martin area, but neither you nor Una told me what those family names are. I'd really like to know, because we may be related, either directly or by marriage in one way or another.

Una told me, John, that although you didn't originate in the Combe Martin area, you know a great deal about its history. She said you and Michael Beaumont have been instrumental in establishing the Combe Martin Historical Society and that you were writing a chapter for the history of Combe Martin. I'm pleased that this society has been organized, and I hope to become a member and receive its publications. I am sending some money to Michael to get my name on the membership list, but I'd appreciate hearing from you about the society, also.

[See next document]

Among my papers from Combe Martin I have a sheet that lists the direct ancestry, generation by generation, from Ann Ley (b. 1951) back to the original George Lwy and Margaret Harding. I have a notation that it came from you, John, but I'm not sure, since I don't know how this ties into anyone I know. Using it I was able to clarify some early Ley information in my records, but I would still like to correspond with the person in that area who knows the most about the Ley family history.

My ancestor William Witheridge married Rebecca Ley in Combe Martin on July 20, 1723. Rebecca, the daughter of William and Joan Ley, was baptized in Combe Martin on July 2, 1696. But I cannot go back beyond that, because the Bishops Transcripts at the Devon Record Office were missing from 1636 to 1667, and I've never had time to checkkthe Parish Register for that period at the Combe Martin Church. Do you have the Ley records, John, or know who does?

As you see, I'm enclosing a picture that I took when we were there. We hope it will bring back pleasant memories of that day to you both. I'm also enclosing the family record of George Ley and Margaret Harding. If you have any additions or corrections to this, I'd be very grateful to receive them.

This will have to be all for now. Best wishes to both of you. We hope you will write when you have a chance.

Yours sincerely,

[See previous document]

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(1)
1683 - Combe Martin
GEORGE LEY ① = MARGARET HARDING
B.
D 1716
Gent.
B
D

1702 - Combe Martin
② = GRACE CUTLIFFE
B
D. 1712

(2)
1715 - Chittlehampton
GEORGE LEY = MARY PARMINTER
B. 1692
D. 1733
Gent.
B. 1695
D. 1726

(3)
1734 - Crediton
GEORGE LEY ① = ELIZABETH THORNE
B. 1716
D. 1786
Gent.
B.
D

1737 - Kentisbury
② = SUSANNA INCLEDON
B.
D.

AB
↑
[The meaning of these initials is unknown to the editor (T.F.W.)]

(4)
1764 - Braunton
JOHN LEY = MARGARET MAY
B. 1740
D 1808
Husbandman
B.
D. 1783

(5)
1789 - Braunton
JOHN LEY = ELIZABETH LAMPREY
B. 1766
D 1829
Husbandman
B. 1762
D. 1846

(6)
1823 - Braunton
GEORGE LEY = MARY MURPHY
B. 1797
D. 1872
Ag. Lab
B
D. 1878

(7)
1850 - Marwood
GEORGE LEY = ANN JENKINS
B 1830
D. 1915
Ag. Lab
B 1831
D 1911

(8)
1871 - Berrynarbor
WILLIAM LEY = ELIZABETH TUCKER
B. 1851
D 1890
Farmer
B. 1853
D.

(9)
1911 - Barnstaple
ARTHUR ARCHIBALD LEY = LILIAN ANNIE MIELL
B. 1891
D 1963
Insurance Agent
B 1890
D. 1976

From John Sharp

(10)
1947 - Wimbledon
DOUGLAS RONALD LEY = EVA EMILY ALLPRESS
B. 1918
Upholsterer
B. 1913

(11)
ANN = ROBERT ALLEN CHARLES BROCK
B. 1951
B 1943

Joan Shaw
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(Joan Lorraine Witheridge [b. 1939])

# GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. ______

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl.- place

2 Robert Edward Witheridge
b. Mar. 22, 1916
pl. Saginaw, Mich.
m. April 10, 1937
pl. Oregon City, Ore.
d.
pl.

ANCESTORS OF

1 Joan Lorraine Witheridge
b. April 19, 1939
pl. Port Angeles, Wash.
m. Nov. 29, 1957
pl. San Fernando, Calif.
d.
pl.
Spouse:
Ronald William Shaw

3 Lois Elizabeth Garrison
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

4 Edward Allen Witheridge
b. Sept. 6, 1891
pl. Sherrodsville, Ohio
m. June 24, 1914
pl. Bay City, Mich.
d.
pl.

5 Mable Doris Wright
b. April 6, 1890
pl. Bay City, Mich.
d. Aug. 23, 1965
pl. Port Townsend, Wash.

6 Glenn Charles Garrison
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

7 Ida May Poyfair
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

8 William Witheridge
b. Sept. 23, 1856
pl. Combmartin, Devonshire, Eng.
m. Sept. 25, 1880
pl. Pontypridd, Glamorgan, Eng.
d. Aug. 9, 1935 pl. Inglewood, Calif.

9 Mary Jane Allen
b. Jan. 13, 1857
pl. Swansea, Glamorgan, England
d. Dec. 8, 1942
pl. Inglewood, Calif.

10 James Edward Wright
b. Jan. 23, 1861
pl. Linwood, Ontario
m. April 30, 1884
pl. Saginaw, Mich.
d. 1939 pl. Los Angeles, Calif.

11 Rose
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

12
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

13
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

14
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

15
b. d.
pl. pl.

16 John Witheridge
b. Feb. 23, 1828 pl. Devonshire, Eng.
m. d. Apr. 2, 1905 - Cwmaman, So. Wales, Eng.

17 Clara Blackmore
b. Nov, 1817 Devonshire, Eng. d. Nov. 21, 1904 - Cwmaman, So. Wales, Eng.

18 William Allen *
b. about 1816 pl. Cornwall, Eng.
m. Jan. 19, 1843 Cornwall, Eng. d. Aug. 27, 1869

19 Christiana Richards #
b. d. Oct. 24, 1902 (age 80 or 89)

20 James Wright
b. pl.
m. d.

21 Isabel Booner
b. Linwood, Ont. d.

22
b. pl.
m. d.

23
b. d.

24
b. pl.
m. d.

25
b. d.

26
b. pl.
m. d.

27
b. d.

28
b. pl.
m. d.

29
b. d.

30
b. pl.
m. d.

31
b. d.

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No.____ on Chart No.________

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* Son of Stephen Allen
# Daughter of John Richards

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Robert Edward Witheridge
Father's Name:
Edward Allen Witheridge
Mother's Maiden Name:
Mable Doris Wright
Date Place
Birth Mar. 22, 1916 - Saginaw, Mich.
Marriage Apr. 10, 1937 - Oregon City, Ore.
Death
Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Lois Elizabeth Garrison
Father's Name:
Glenn Charles Garrison
Mother's Maiden Name:
Ida May Poyfair
Date Place
Birth Apr. 19, 1913 PORTLAND, OREGON (a)
Death
Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Joan Lorraine
Married to
Ronald William Shaw
Birth April 19, 1939 - Port Angeles, Wash.
Marriage Nov. 29, 1957 - San Fernando, Calif.
Death

2 Robert Allen
Married to
Linda Lee Cadorette (a)
Birth Mar. 22, 1942 - Port Angeles, Wash.
Marriage Feb-24-1968 San Fernando, Calif. (a) *
Death

3 Larry Glenn
Married to
(Not married yet)
Birth Apr. 6, 1946 - Port Townsend, Wash.
Marriage
Death

(Not married yet)

4
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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Married to
Birth
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Death

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Married to
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Married to
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Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

Notes from other side
by DEW:

(a) Inf. from Joan Shaw
* Robert and Linda divorced, 1973

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname *Shaw* Family No.

| HUSBAND (Name in Full) | WIFE (Maiden Name in Full) |
|---|---|
| Ronald William Shaw | Joan Lorraine Witheridge |
| Father's Name: EDWARD FRANCIS SHAW | Father's Name: Robert Edward Witheridge |
| Mother's Maiden Name: ALICE ALICIA BAXTER | Mother's Maiden Name: Lois Elizabeth Garrison |
| Date / Place | Date / Place |
| Birth Aug. 6, 1933 - OLEAN N.Y. | Birth Apr. 19, 1939 - Port Angeles, Wash. |
| Marriage Nov. 29, 1957 - San Fernando, Calif. | |
| Death | Death |
| Other Places of Residence: | Other Places of Residence: |
| Other Wives: | Other Husbands: |

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | Name | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Laura Lynn Shaw | Birth | Nov. 4, 1958 - | San Fernando Hospital - LA County<br>San Fernando, California |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | Lance Edward Shaw | Birth | Apr. 6, 1961 - | Pacoima Memorial Lutheran Hospital<br>Pacoima, California LA County |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 5 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 6 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 7 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 8 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 9 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 10 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |

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Aug. 12, 1999

Subj: **Re: WITHERIDGE**
Date: 8/12/99 9:42:57 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

This email string involved DEW, Kathy Witheridge (b. 1942), and Jennie Smith (of New Zealand).

Hi David;

The following is a note I received from Jennie David of NZ, after finding her on the Internet looking for the WITHERIDGE family.

----- Forwarded Message Follows -----

On 10 Aug 99, at 8:36, david.jennie wrote:

> Hello Kathy
>
> The person I am researching is: My Great Grandmother
>
> Florence Witheridge
> b. ~~1791~~ Stoke Damerel, 1871 (See Jennie 9/2/99)
> d. 17 November 1936 Millbrook, Torpoint, NR, Plymouth, Devon
> M. 1892 John Richard Chapman, Stoke Damerel
>
> Descendants of John Richard CHAPMAN & Florence WITHERIDGE
>
> Generation No. 1
>
> 1. JOHN RICHARD CHAPMAN (JOHN, JOHN) was born 13 July, 1862 in 5 James
> Street, Ope, West, Devonport, and died 31 October, 1929 in Millbrook
> Torpoint NR Plymouth, Devon. He married FLORENCE WITHERIDGE 1892 in
> Stoke Damerel, Devon, England.
>
> Notes for JOHN RICHARD CHAPMAN:
> 1881 census piece 2207 folio 61 64 James Street Stoke Damerel Devon 1891
> census RG12/1740 - 1740 fiche sets 096850 - 6096857 (RG12/1741) 6036586
> 6036587
>
> More About JOHN RICHARD CHAPMAN:
> Census: 1881
> Occupation: 1881, Painter
>
> Children of JOHN CHAPMAN and FLORENCE WITHERIDGE are:
> i. ERNEST4 CHAPMAN.
> ii. JACK CHAPMAN.
>
> Notes for JACK CHAPMAN:
> ALSO MAY HAVE BEEN KNOWN AS JACK OR JOHN
>
> iii. LEN CHAPMAN.
> iv. REGINALD EDGAR WITHERIDGE CHAPMAN, b. 2 June, 1898, Devonport
> United
> Kingdom; d. 23 January, 1984, Lower Huttt New Zealand; m. RUBY
> LIGHTBOURNE OLIVER, 30 April, 1925, Lower Hutt.
>
> v. ELSIE CHAPMAN, b. 10 March, 1907; d. 6 October, 1968.

DEW's note: 1871 (See Jennie 9/2/99)

Jennie Smith

DEW's note: Jennie Smith

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I was able to send Jennie quite a bit of information and have forwarded her name to Velma Metcalf in NZ.

Hope you are keeping well.

Love,
Kathy

Subj: **Witheridge Connection?????**
Date: 9/2/99 4:17:01 PM Central Daylight Time
From: david.jennie@xtra.co.nz (david.jennie)
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Sept. 2, 1999

Dear David

My is Jennie Smith and I live in New Zealand.

I am researching one of my family names WITHERIDGE.

I am the great granddaughter of Florence Witheridge, born 1871, Stoke Damerel, Devon, England, whose parents were George Witheridge & Dorcas Hammett.

ANY CONNECTION??

Jennie

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Subj: **Re: Witheridge Connection?????**
Date: 9/2/99 8:14:01 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: david.jennie@xtra.co.nz

Hi Jennie,

It was good to get your message. No, I am not closely related to you, though I might be, if we could get the records back far enough. All the Witheridges go back to Devon, but are in several branches from different parts of the county. I have the records of George Witheridge and Dorcas Hammet back in Thurlestone, which also give George's parents, William Witheridge and Mary Rolph. I know several descendants of Goerge and Dorcas, most of whom live in Wales.

I'm sorry I don't have time to give you any more information at this time. I'll have to e-mail you again. Do you know about the Witheridge Society? You should contact our New Zealand Representative, Mrs. Velma Metcalfe, 49 Chester Road, Tawa, Wellington. Her e-mail address is rodneym@clear.net.nz

I just wanted to reply right away to let you know I got your message and know something about your ancestry. More later.

David

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Subj: **Re: Witheridge Connection?????**
Date: 9/2/99 9:17:08 PM Central Daylight Time
From: david.jennie@xtra.co.nz (david.jennie)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David

Thank you for your message, Yes I have been in contact with Velma and I am also in the process of becoming a member of the Witheridge Soc...

George and Dorcas where my great grandmothers parents. I have managed to gather information back as far back as John Witheridge & Mary Hoby late 1600s.

I look forward to hearing from you with more information.

Sept. 6, 1999

Subj: **Your Ancestry**
Date: 9/6/99 3:43:02 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: david.jennie@xtra.co.nz

Hi, Jennie,

Glad to know you have been in touch with Velma and are planning to join the Witheridge Society.

As I thought more about your situation, I realized I had received an e-mail message from Kathy Witheridge on August 12 about hearing from you about your Witheridge ancestry. It didn't ring a bell at first, because she had referred to you as Jennie David, and the names in your record were mostly Chapman. Now I see that Kathy sent you quite a bit of information on your family at that time. She probably sent you everything I have, and maybe more.

The only thing I can add is that, if you haven't already done so, you should get a copy of "The Witheridge Times," Vol. II, No. (Winter, 1997), which contains a long article about your South Milton-Thurlestone family, including several pages of the family tree. That same issue of "The Witheridge Times" contains an article by Velma Metcalfe on "Witheridges of New Zealand."

Good luck in your continuing research!

David

Stock family (Douglas and Una)
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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
September 2, 1981

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Irwin Stock
Rosenau
Combe Martin
Devon EX 34 0DH 0AT
England

Dear Douglas and Winifred:

It has now been over a year since we had such a good time with you and the others who gathered at the St. John's Ambulance Hall in Combe Martin. I had certainly intended to write to you sooner than this. I guess I knew it would take quite a while just getting the information together in preparation for writing, and this has surely proven to be so.

We often think of all of you whom we met on our two trips to Britain--in 1976 and 1980. Our attention was especially drawn to England this year by the Royal Wedding. We read a great deal about it both beford and after the event, and we watched it on TV beginning at 3:30 a.m. on the actual day. But beyond that, we have great interest in all the articles we see on Britain in magazines and papers and the news about Britain on TV and radio. Occasionally we show our slides to friends or relatives--or just look at them ourselves--and that brings back pleasant memories of our trips.

My main interest in writing, however, is to pursue the matter of my possible relationship with you, Douglas. I have looked over the list of family names we have in common, and I say to myself, "We must be related somehow through at least one of those family lines." I don't know as much about your background, Winifred, but if you grew up in the vicinity of Combe Martin, we could very well be related, too.

At any rate, I decided to give you all I could about my connection with the families you mentioned. Then in reply maybe each of you could tell me how you tie into those families. Eventually, we may be able to find a common ancestor.

First, I am enclosing three charts that show my Witheridge ancestry, starting with my grandfather and going back to Thomas Witheridge, who was born in Berrynarbor in 1545. These also show how I tie into the Norman family through JANE NORMAN, who married my 8-great grandfather, John Witheridge, in 1617. They also show my Ley ancestry, beginning with REBECCA LEY, who married my 5-great grandfather, William Witheridge, in 1723.

Your family line, Douglas, to which I am most closely related is Blackmore. You will notice on one of the charts that my great grandmother was CLARA BLACKMORE, who married John Witheridge in 1855. Her ancestry is shown back to her great grandfather, ROBERT BLACKMORE (b. 1715).

Under each of the following names I have listed first any of my known relationships, except for those I have already given above. Then I have listed persons by those names who married persons with my ancestral family names, even though I don't know yet how I may be related to them.

## NORMAN

ELIZABETH NORMAN married JOHN BLACKMORE in Combe Martin in 1865. He was the nephew of my great grandmother, Clara Blackmore Witheridge (the son of her brother John).

JAMES NORMAN married Mary Peake in Ilfracombe in 1667.

JOHN NORMAN married Mary Witheridge in Berrynarbor in 1766.

## LEY

A distant cousin of mine, Henry Witheridge (b. 1699, Combe Martin), son of Henry Witheridge and Elizabeth Morrice (and great grandson of John Witheridge and JANE NORMAN), married SUSANNA LEY in 1715 (parents unknown).

JOHN LEY married Thomasyn Harris in Jan. 1598/9 in Combe Martin.

JOAN LEY (dau. of WILLIAM LEY) married Willis Harris in 1682 in Combe Martin.

WILLIAM LEY married Jane Peak in Combe Martin in 1753. Their children were JANE (b. 1753), NICHOLAS (b. 1762), CATHERINE (b. 1770), and WILLIAM (b. 1778).

JOHN LEY married another Jane Peak in Combe Martin in Feb. 1754/5. Their children were JANE (b. 1763), JOHN (b. Jan 1766/7), and DAVID (b. Jan. 1769/70).

SUSANNA LEY married Nicholas Harris in Combe Martin in 1767.

## BLACKMORE

WILLIAM BLACKMORE married Katherine Witheridge in Jan. 1545/6 in Berrynarbor.

JOAN BLACKMORE married Amos Symons in 1703 in Combe Martin.

## BOWDEN

MARY BOWDEN in 1836 married JOHN BLACKMORE (b. 1815, Combe Martin), son of WILLIAM BLACKMORE and Susanna Berry. John was a brother of my great grandmother, CLARA BLACKMORE, who married John Witheridge.

RICHARD BOWDEN ("of East Down"), son of RICHARD BOWDEN, married Wilmot Witheridge in 1726. Their children (born in Berrynarbor) were CATHERINE (b. Feb. 1732/3), THOMAS (b. 1737), and ELIZABETH (b. Feb. 1740/1).

JOHN BOWDEN married MARY NORMAN in 1744. Their children (born in Berrynarbor) were JOHN (b. 1745), ROBERT (b. 1746), WILLIAM (b. 1750), and JOSEPH (b. Mar. 1755/6).

JANE BOUDEN married Richard Peake in 1752. Their children (born in Combe Martin) were Edward (b. Jan 1756/7), Thomas (b. 1763), and Edward (b. Feb. 1766/7).

DOROTHY BOWDEN married David Peake in Berrynarbor in 1774.

## CUTCLIFFE

CHRISTIAN CUTCLIFFE married Thomas Witheridge in Berrynarbor in 1628.

LEWIS CUTCLIFFE married Marie Witheridge in 1628, and they had a daughter MARIE in Berrynarbor in 1629.

ELIZABETH CUTCLIFFE, daughter of NICHOLAS CUTCLIFFE, married ROBERT BLACKMORE, son of NICHOLAS BLACKMORE, in Jan. 1700/1, Their children (born in Combe Martin) were ELIZABETH (b. 1701, CHRISTIAN (b. 1703), JOAN (b. 1705), and NICHOLAS (b. 1707).

MARY CUTCLIFFE married John Harris in Combe Martin in 1730.

## SAUNDERS

THOMAS SAUNDERS, son of THOMAS and ELIZABETH SAUNDERS, married ELIZABETH LEY in 1716 in Combe Martin.

ANTHONY SAUNDERS married Joan Peak in 1725. Their children (born in Combe Martin) were JOHN (buried 1731), ELIZABETH (b. 1732), and ANTHONY (b. 1736).

ELIZABETH SAUNDERS married John Gear in Berrynarbor in 1783. Their children were Elizabeth (b. Mar 1783/4, Combe Martin) and John (b. 1786, Berrynarbor).

## IRWIN

JOHN IRWIN married Mary Ley Witheridge in 1791. Their children (born in Berrynarbor) were JAMES (b. Mar. 1791/2), JOAN (b. 1797), ELIZABETH (b. Feb. 1799/1800), ANN (b. 1802), JOHN (b. 1804), and DOROTHY (b. 1810).

MARIA IRWIN married James Gear in 1852 in Combe Martin.

## BURGESS

MARYANN BURGESS married John Witheridge in Combe Martin in 1859. He was Una Parsons' great grandfather, and he was my grandfather's fifth cousin.

ANN BURGESS married Edward Witheridge in Combe Martin in 1854.

## LERWILL

DOROTHY LERWILL in 1766 married Anthony Peak (b. 1739, Combe Martin), son of my 5-great grandparents, Anthony and Margaret Peak. Anthony and Dorothy had a daughter Jane (b. 1767, Combe Martin).

MARY LERWILL married JOHN NORMAN ("of Braunton") in Combe Martin in Jan. 1732/3. They had a daughter AGNES.

## LOVERING

NICHOLAS LOVERING married Rebecca Witheridge, daughter of my 5-great grandparents, William Witheridge and REBECCA LEY, in Feb. 1747/8 in Combe Martin.

This has turned out to be quite a list of possible connections. As I said before, it hardly seems possible that we are not related through at least one of these lines, Douglas. I realize this will be a big project just to check all these names with your own records, so I won't be holding my breath until I get your reply.

Many people in Britain, I find, as well as in America, hardly know anything about their family history back beyond their grandparents. I have hopes, Douglas, that you have followed at least a few of your lines a number of generations back, because you were able to list so many families through which we might be connected. I also hope to learn more about Winifred's family background.

Again let me say how much we enjoyed meeting you last year. We look forward to your response as you are able to find the time.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth Witheridge

CM9
Log 159

Combe Martin.
May 8th 1982.

CM9
Log 159

Dear Mr. Witheridge,
You will be surprised to hear from me – I'm Una, Douggie & Winifred Stock's eldest daughter. First, on behalf of my parents, I must apologise for the fact that neither of your letters to them have been answered. They were very pleased to hear from you. Your letter in September came just when my father had another 'attack' after which he felt too poorly to delve into family trees & letter writing. As you know he had a brain operation in December, & although this did bring some temporary improvement, I'm afraid that he is now very seriously ill, and back in hospital.

I was delighted & intrigued to read your family connexions – you've obviously done a lot of searching. It was my jumbled bits & pieces that Douggie showed you on your visit here. I've long been fascinated by family connexions, & amuse myself by attaching get more & more distant 'off-relations' to the tree – somewhat of a forest really, full of tangled undergrowth! I was especially interested to read the name Bowden of Berrynarbor on your list – only a few weeks ago I met a farming family, now in North Cornwall, but originally from here; where the wife was a descendant of Berrynarbor Bowdens (her grandfather Bowden has married a London girl by surname Bawden!) Another member of this Bowden family was a Ley prior to her marriage – but I must ask Una Parsons how this connects to Walter Ley*, her grand-father (who was a first cousin to my great-grandmother). If you are interested in more details of this, I'd be pleased to draw it out for you. (*I've now found it on my own tree – Walter's brother Arthur)

It was interesting to read that your son is to marry a girl from Chicago, for in that city dwells the cousin after whom I'm named - yet another Una. (emigrated to USA in about 1891, from Combe Martin). She too is a blood relation to Una Parsons! Her grandfather (Dick Goss) was first cousin to Walter Ley (their mothers being sisters (Burgess prior to their marriages). That is enough to bemuse for now!

I should be delighted to hear from you again if I can offer any help in your fascinating search.

Yours sincerely,
Una Stock.

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To open slit here

Sender's name and address
Una Stock.
Rosenau
Woodlands
COMBE MARTIN
ILFRACOMBE
DEVON
Postcode EX34 0AT

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CM 10(a)
Log 160

CM10(a)
Log160

2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

May 23, 1982

Dear "Cousin" Una, (stock)

Although I was glad to hear from you and to hear about your family records, I was sorry to hear that your father was back in the hospital again. Elizabeth and I did so much enjoy meeting your parents in 1980, and we hope your father is gradually improving again. Please tell your mother and father we think of them often.

I'm glad to have found someone else who is fascinated by family connections and has a great deal of family information. How I wish I could look at all your "bits and pieces"! For a long time I have known how intertwined all the old-line Combe Martin families have been. I have a feeling your records could help me with some of these connections.

Right now I am especially interested in the Leys, because of the copy of a Ley will I recently received from a Ley descendant in Wales, about whom Una Parsons' mother told me. I'd greatly appreciate receiving a copy of all the Ley information you have, including a chart, if you care to make one. I'm enclosing a couple of pounds for photo copies of your material, if you would be kind enough to send them to me. I'd especially like to know how Una Parsons' grandfather, Walter Ley, ties into your ancestry, and also into the Berrynarbor Bowden family.

Please give me also what you have on the Burgess family — how you and your cousin in Chicago are related to Una Parsons. (You didn't tell me your cousin's name or how you are related to her.)

As you see, I'm enclosing the family sheet that shows all I know about Una Parsons' Ley ancestry. I hope you can fill in a number of names, dates, and places for me. (If you want to keep this sheet, just write down the new information and send it to me.)

Thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely,
David Witheridge

CM 10(b)
Log 160

CM 10(b)
Log 160

9. Oakwood Road,
Shefford,
Bedfordshire
SG17 5JZ.
13th June 1982.

Dear "Cousin" David,

Thank you so much for your letter & the "tree" - also for the money - there is no need for that - especially as I can't photocopy my records - they are quite incomprehensible to anyone else! I have written out the information you need - but have not had time to get all the dates - I shall try on my next visit to Devon to find at least some of these by searching in the churchyard. I can give more names on each of these sheets if you want them - but aybe for your records they are so distant?

As you will see from chart ① y father has died (May 13th) - e knew last December that he as terminally ill - a brain umour, very deep seated - but e never knew that it was inoperable. It has been a ery sad time - and at 67, it seems so young - especially own in Combe Martin where everyone seems to reach such great ages - especially in our amily there. My mother is bearing up very well, but now we've all had to return to our homes (all 3 of us in eastern England), she does feel very alone.

Her father's death

When my next holidays come – in August, I'll be in C. M. for 10 days or so, & will enjoy probing more deeply into my bits & pieces of family tree, your notes (& will copy & return them), & searching in the graveyard – & hope then to send greater detail & any further information you may want – if I can provide it.

Sorry I can't do more now – but in May we were so tied up on family illness, & now I'm back at work (school teacher), & my family tree is in Devon, & also exams are upon us – do hope you'll forgive haste & disjointed nature of this letter.

Meanwhile – happy connection hunting!

Yours sincerely,

Erna

P.S. Your address – Irving Ave. – Irving is a variation of IRWIN – my ancestor's name!!

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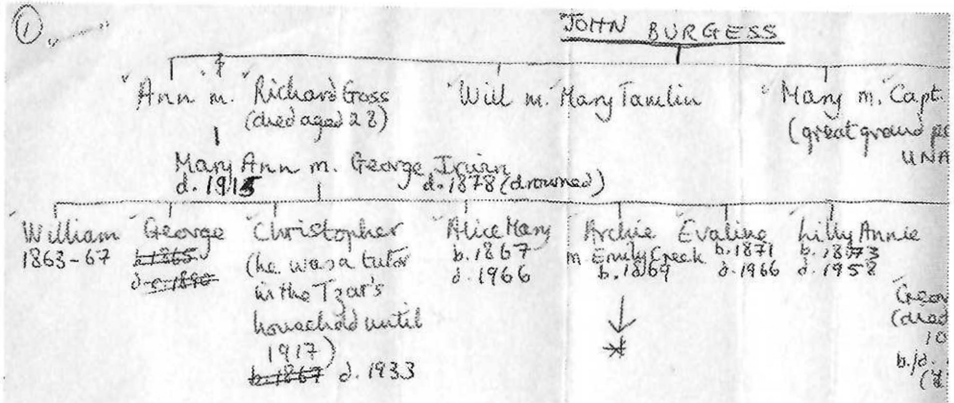
①
JOHN BURGESS
Ann m. Richard Goss (died aged 28)
Will m. Mary Tamlin
Mary m. Capt.
(great grand pa
UNA
Mary Ann m. George Irwin
d. 191~~5~~
d. 1878 (drowned)
William 1863-67
George ~~b.1865~~ ~~d. c.1890~~
Christopher (he was a tutor in the Tzar's household until 1917) ~~b.1867~~ d. 1933
Alice Mary b.1867 d.1966
Archie m. Emily Creek b.1869
*
Evaline b.1871 d.1966
Lilly Annie b.1873 d.1958
Georg
(died
10
b./d.
(I

As you see my father's great grandmother Ann Burgess (married to R.Goss) w

grandmother Mary Burgess (married to Capt. Ley) – i.e.

I'll have to go to our family grave to get the dates right.

* family – details

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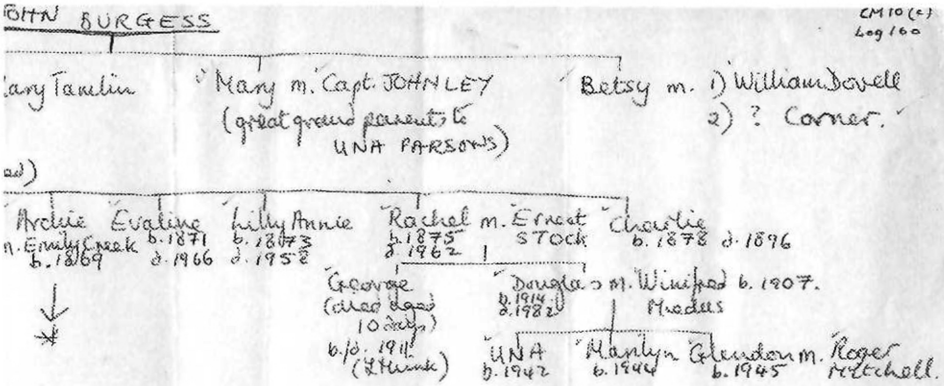
JOHN BURGESS
ary Tamlin
Mary m. Capt. JOHN LEY (great grand parents to UNA PARSONS)
Betsy m. 1) William Dovell
2) ? Corner.
ed)
Archie m. Emily Creek b.1869
*
Evaline b.1871 d.1966
Lilly Annie b.1873 d.1958
Rachel b.1875 d.1962 m. Ernest STOCK
Charlie b.1878 d.1896
George (died aged 10 days) b./d. 1911 (I think)
Douglas b.1914 d.1982 m. Winifred b.1907. Rhodes
UNA b.1942
Marilyn b.1944
Glendon b.1945 m. Roger Mitchell.

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other Ann Burgess (married to R.Goss) was sister to Una Parson's great

rried to Capt. Ley) – i.e. Una & my father are 3rd cousins.

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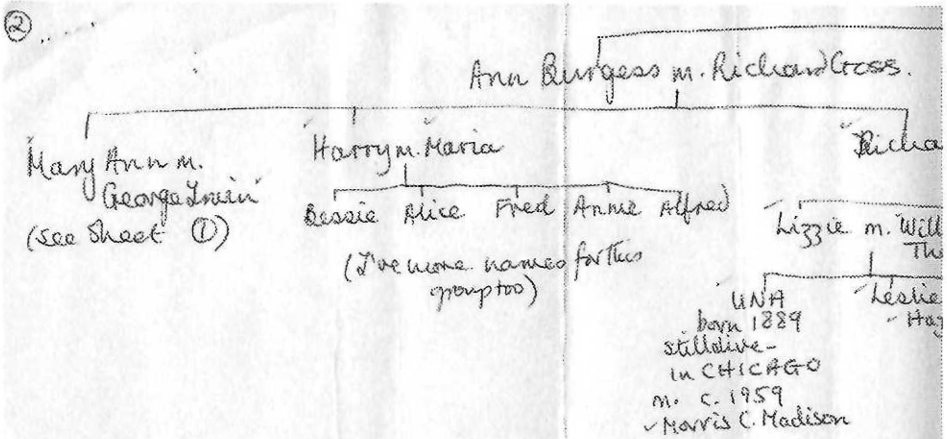
Ann Burgess m. Richard Cross.
Mary Ann m. George Irwin
(see Sheet ①)
Harry m. Maria
Bessie Alice Fred Annie Alfred
(I've none names for this group too)
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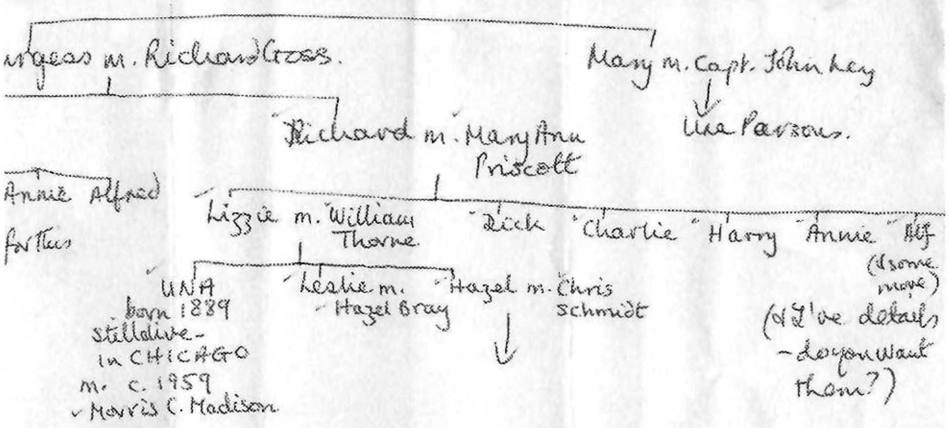
Lizzie m. Will
Th
UNA
born 1889
still alive -
in CHICAGO
m. c. 1959
Morris C. Madison
Leslie
Haz

Una Madison (née Thorne) emigrated to USA about
citizen for most of her life. I'm named after her. She m
when she was about 70 years old. Sadly he died 5 y

Ann Burgess
Una Madison's great grandmother is sister to Una
(and Ann Burgess is MY great-great grandmother)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Mary m. Capt. John Ley
Una Parsons.
Richard m. Mary Ann Priscott
Annie Alfred
for this
Lizzie m. William Thorne
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Charlie
Harry
Annie
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(& some more)
(& I've details - do you want them?)
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still alive -
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Leslie m. Hazel Bray
Hazel m. Chris Schmidt

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great grandmother)

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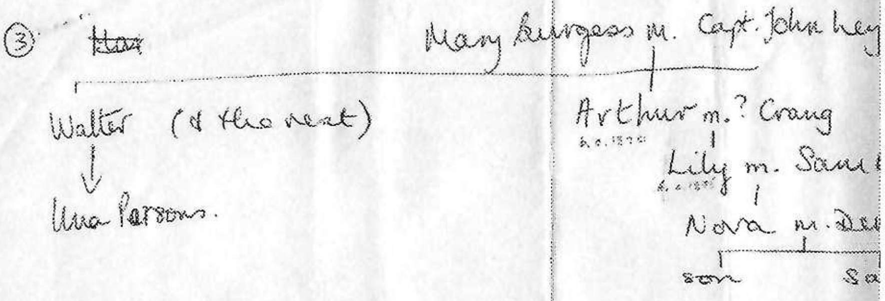
③ ~~Har~~
Mary Burgess m. Capt. John Ley
Walter (& the rest)
Una Parsons.
Arthur m. ? Crang
b. c. 1870
Lily m. Sam
b. c. 1895
Nova m. De
son
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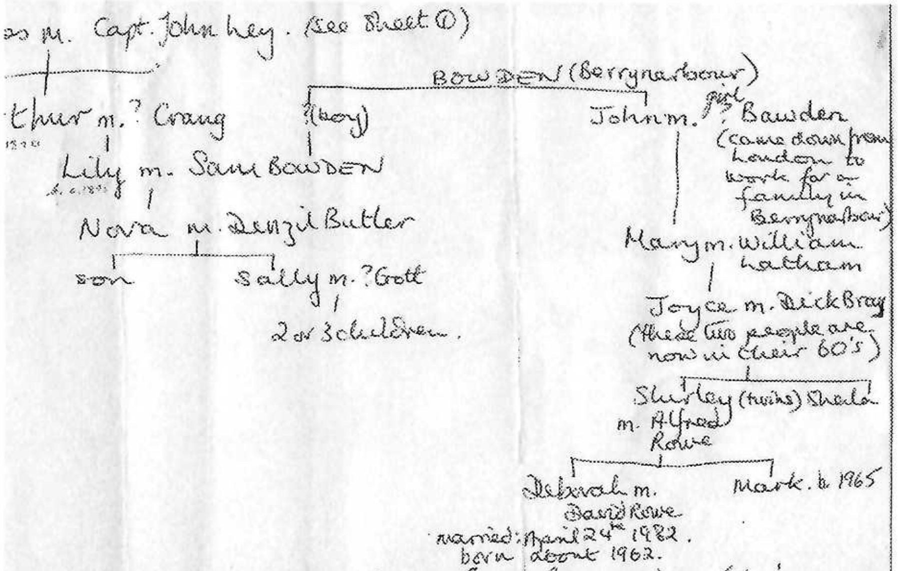
So you see we are not blood relations
reckoning – ~~Walt although~~ other than Una's second


s m. Capt. John Ley. (See Sheet ①)
BOWDEN (Berrynarbour)
thur m. ? Crang
?(boy)
John m. girl ? Bawden
(came down from London to work for a family in Berrynarbour)
Lily m. Sam BOWDEN
b. c. 1895
Nova m. Denzil Butler
son
Sally m. ? Gott
2 or 3 children.
Mary m. William Latham
Joyce m. Dick Bray
(these two people are now in their 60's)
Shirley (twins) Sheila
m. Alfred Rowe
Deborah m. David Rowe
married: April 24th 1982.
born about 1962.
Mark. b. 1965

lood relations to the Bowdens by this
Una's second cousin, Nova Bowden.

CM 13 (a)
Log 429

CM13(a)
Log 429

as from: 9. Oakwood Road,
Shefford,
Beds. SG17 5JZ
7th April, 1983

Dear Cousin David,

My apologies for the inexcusably long delay in following up my letter of last year. Only this week have I been able to settle down to sorting out the chaos of my records concerning my ancestors and numerous "off-relations", I have re-read the various details you have sent of your family - and the most exciting discovery has been, as you will see from the enclosed details, that my great-great-great grandmother was actually a WITHERIDGE prior to Marriage. We realised this from the details of her children - especially John, and his date of birth. If you could tell me from which male Witteridge she is descended - who is also a direct ancestor of yours - we would then know what sort of cousins we are to each other! (10th? !)

I am not sure that I can supply much, if any thing, that you do not already know. However, I am sending two charts - one of some of the Burgess connexions, and one to show how I am (connected to) descended from Mary Hay 'Witteridge'. I am, also, at long last, returning [illegible] family record you sent.

14th April.

My holiday has run out – and I have got no further with my searches – but I hope the enclosed will be of some help to you. My sister & I have begun browsing round the Churchyard, looking at tombstones, but time & the weather has prevented us getting more done: Next holiday – perhaps . . .

Meanwhile, I thought I had better write to you, before any longer elapsed.

Yours sincerely,

Una Stock.

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JOHN IRWIN 1791 m. MARY LEY WITHERIDGE

JOHN m. Susan Kidwell
1804-1875 1806-1884

Goss
Richard & Ann (née Burgess)
1815-1844 1815-1887

GEORGE m. Mary Ann Goss
1837-1878

RACHAEL m. A.E. Stock

DOUGLAS m. WG Medus

UNA

Una Stock (b. 1942)

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Panel A

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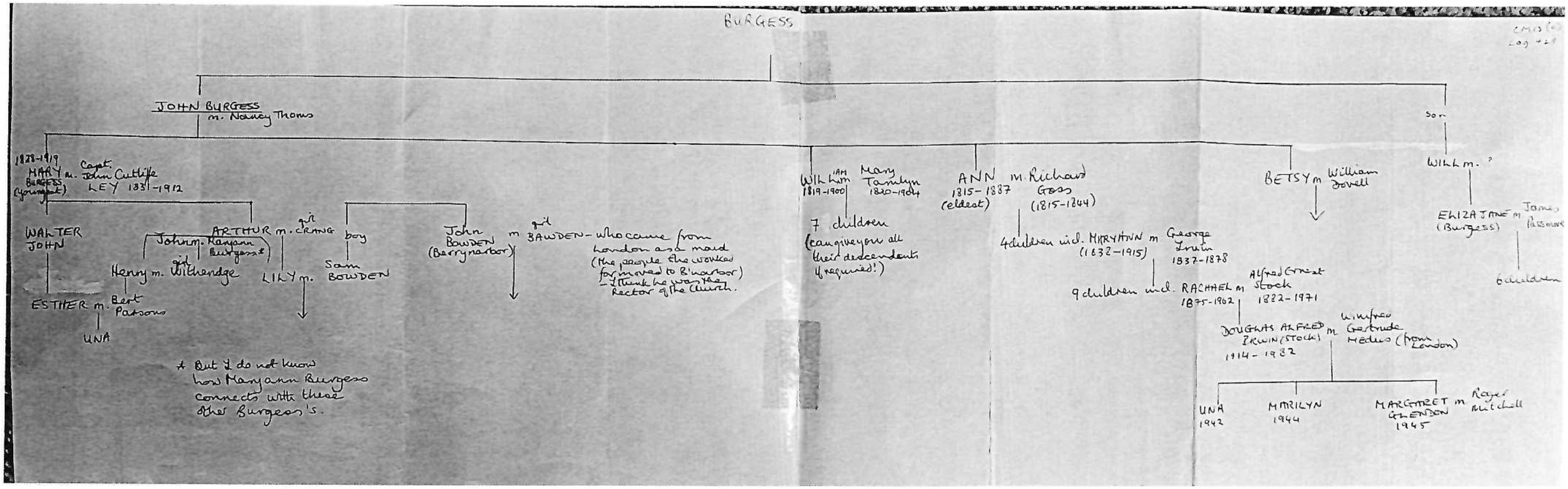
Panel D


BURGESS
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JOHN BURGESS
m. Nancy Thoms
1828-1919
MARY BURGESS (youngest) m. Capt. John Cutliffe LEY 1831-1912
WALTER JOHN
ARTHUR m. girl CRANG
John m. Maryann Burgess*
Henry m. girl Witheridge
LILY m.
boy
Sam BOWDEN
ESTHER m. Bert Parsons
UNA
John BOWDEN (Berrynarbor) m girl BAWDEN
William 1819-1900 m Mary Tamlyn 1820-1904
7 children
ANN 1815-1887 (eldest) m. Richard Goss (1815-1844)
4 children incl. MARYANN (1832-1915) m George Irwin 1837-1878
9 children incl. RACHAEL 1875-1962 m Alfred Ernest Stock 1882-1971
DOUGLAS ALFRED IRWIN (STOCK) 1914-1982 m. Winifred Gertrude Medus (from London)
UNA 1942
MARILYN 1944
MARGARET GLENDON 1945 m Roger Mitchell
BETSY m William Dovell
son
Will m. ?
ELIZA JANE (Burgess) m James Passmore
6 children

* But I do not know how Maryann Burgess connects with these other Burgess's.

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(can give you all their descendants if required!)

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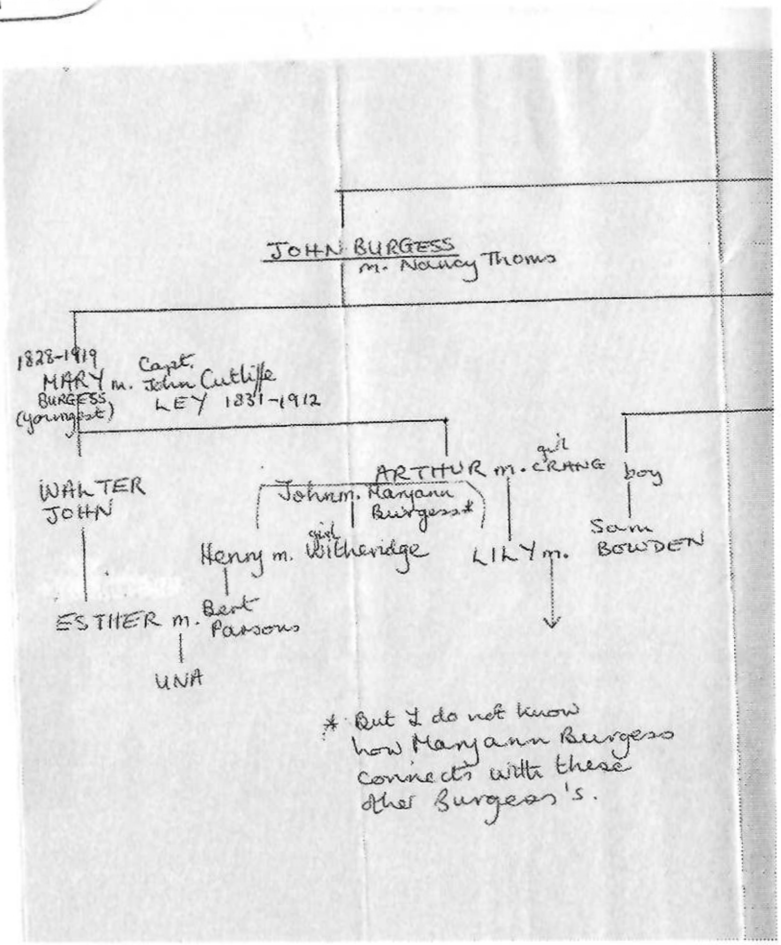
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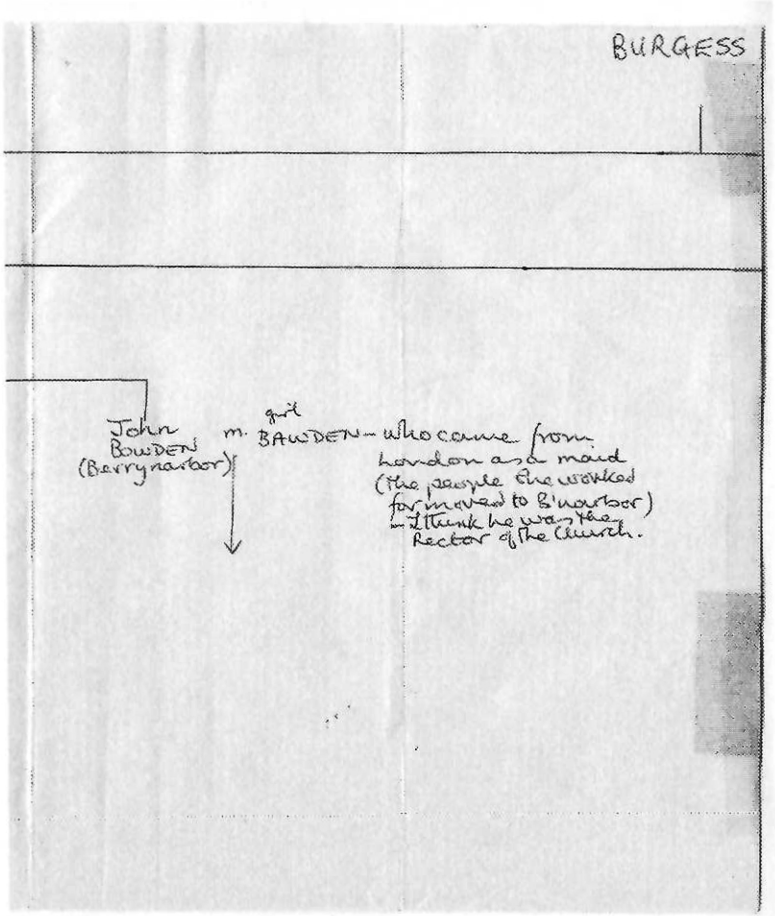
BURGESS
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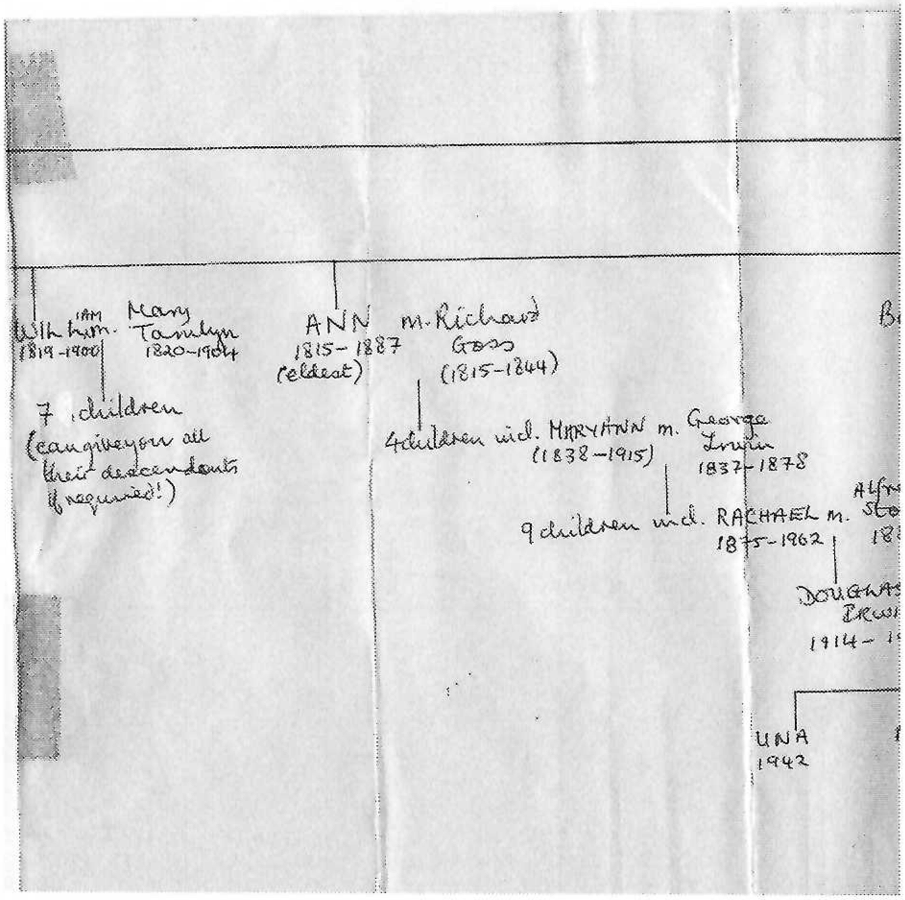

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1819-1900 1820-1904
7 children
(can give you all their descendants if required!)
ANN m. Richard Goss
1815-1887 (1815-1844)
(eldest)
4 children incl. MARYANN m. George Irwin
(1838-1915) 1837-1878
9 children incl. RACHAEL m. Alfr
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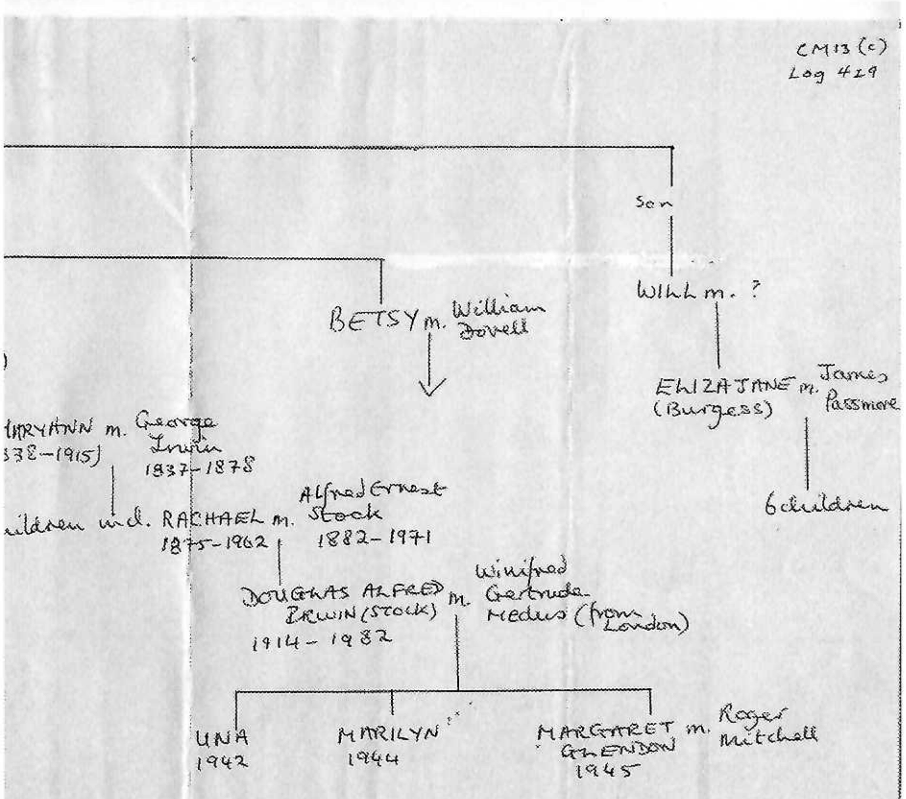
1914-
UNA
1942
B

Panel C



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6 children
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1914-1982
UNA
1942
MARILYN
1944
MARGARET GLENDON m. Roger Mitchell
1945

Panel D

[This record is by DEW + Una Stock (b. 1942)]

CM13 (d)
Log 429

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Ley Family No. JPW512-162-464

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

[Capt.] John Cutcliffe Ley (a)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1829? 31st July 1831 | |
| Marriage | c. 1857? | |
| Death | 7th June 1912 | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

CM13 (d
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Mary Burgess (a)

Father's Name: John Burgess

Mother's Maiden Name: Nancy Toms

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1829 14 Feb 1828 | Combe Martin, Devon (b)(c) |
| Death | 22 June 1919 | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) others?

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Elizabeth A. (b) | Birth | c. 1859 – | Combe Martin (b)(c) |
| | Married to Willie Lovering 1858–1903 | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | Thomas (b) (daughter called Una) | Birth | c. 1861 – | Combe Martin (b) |
| | Married to Winifred ? | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | Maryann (b) (Polly) | Birth | c. 1863 – | Combe Martin (b) |
| | Married to Preston Page (daughter called Una) | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | Henrietta (a)(b)2 | Birth | c. 1865 – | Combe Martin (b) |
| | Married to x spinster. | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 5 | Walter John (a) | Birth | c. 1869 – | Combe Martin (b) |
| | Married to Lucy Holloway or Rumsum? | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 6 | Arthur W. (b) | Birth | c. 1870 – | Combe Martin (b) |
| | Married to m. ? Craig | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 7 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | | | |

Una Parsons

8

9 Ma

10 Marr

Death

DEW's notes from other side:

(a) Inf. from Una Parsons

(b) 1871 Census of Combe Martin (LDS Microfilm), Doc. CM2 - Log 79

(c) 1861 Census of Combe Martin (LDS Microfilm), Doc. CM4 - Log 114

1 - Master mariner (b)

2 - Lived in Marine Cottage, Seaside, Combe Martin until her death (a)

CM 15
Log 435

CM 15
Log 435

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U. S. A.
May 7, 1983

Dear Una,

It was great to receive your letter with all the new information. I thought I should try to integrate your materials into the rest of my records right away. Usually I put such things aside while I continue other things I'm working on, but this time I decided not to let your letter get "cold."

I was delighted that you were able to tie your Irwin line into John Irwin and Mary Ley Witheridge. As I have now figured it out, that makes you and me fifth cousins.

Until your letter came, I had never made up my mind regarding the parents of Mary Ley Witheridge, although I had formed an opinion. So I got out my records and reviewed all the options again. Now I am reasonably sure she was baptized July 9, 1759 in Combe Martin, the daughter of William Witheridge and Mary Simons. This William Witheridge (bapt. Oct 15, 1727, in Combe Martin) was the son of William Witheridge and Rebecca Ley, and that is where I think the Ley comes from as Mary's middle name (though it wasn't given in the baptismal record).

The marriage of John Irwin and Mary Ley Witheridge took place in Berrynarbor, but no Mary Witheridge was baptized there between 1727 and 1777. According to the Rev Fred A. Lovell, who sent me the records in 1970, the only Mary Witheridge baptized in Combe Martin between 1731 and 1797 was the daughter of William and Mary, bapt. July 9, 1759; and her marriage does not show up in Combe Martin. So I'm convinced she is the one who married John Irwin in Berrynarbor.

My great-great-great grandfather, George Witheridge, was a brother of Mary Fry Witheridge, your great-great-great grandmother. At this point I don't want to go into all the details of my Witheridge ancestry back to George, or our common ancestry back to Thomas Witheridge (bapt. Feb. 12, 1554/5 in Berrynarbor), who married Johan Mogridge Oct. 8, 1580, in Berrynarbor. Some day later I'll take the time for this, but at this point it will have to suffice to say that I'm a fifth cousin of your two sisters and you.

Sent to Douglas 9/2/81

You also know, of course, that Una Parsons stems from a John Witheridge (one of my relatives) who married "Maryann" Burgess, which means that you are related to Una not only through the Burgess line, but also through the Witheridge line. I could figure out just how you and Una are related in this way, but here again, I don't want to take the time to do so at this point.

You said you didn't know how this Maryann Burgess ties into the other Burgesses, and neither do I. But I do have the names of Maryann's parents from her marriage certificate: David and Elizabeth. Two other children of David and Elizabeth, taken from census records, were Jane (b. ca. 1835) and Elizabeth (b. ca. 1840), both born in Combe Martin. David and Elizabeth were also born in Combe Martin, David about 1809 and Elizabeth about 1807. Unfortunately, I don't have access to the Combe Martin Parish Register, so I can't track them down any further at this point.

Before I close this letter, I want to tell you how sorry I was to learn of your father's death. When your previous letter arrived with the sad news, I did expect you to write again soon, and as time went on I lost track of the fact that I hadn't answered your letter. I know you and the others in your family have missed your father very much. I especially hope your mother is getting along well. As I implied in my previous letter, Elizabeth and I were greatly impressed with your father and were very fond of him, even though we were with him only one evening. How I am pleased to discover that he was my father's fourth cousin.

Sincerely, David Witheridge

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Log 495

Not ans.

CM 16
Log 495

28th July 1983

Dear David,

Thank you so much for your letter in May. We were so excited to discover the relationship with you & to learn that we are 5th cousins, & to discover therefore, that we too have a 9 times great Grandfather known to us - i.e. Thomas Witheridge. Next week one of the local postmen (a third cousin to me & and a 5th cousin to you!) is coming round to look at the tree - he is descended from the same 3 times Great Grandfather as I am: John Irwin who married Mary Witheridge. He'll be amazed to see the line going back to 1554! (you have given us this already)

I am now in Combe Martin again for 2½ weeks, & hope I might manage to follow up some more lines - & shall see if I can look in the Parish Register for Maryann Burgess's relations. It would be most satisfying to tie this family into our known Burgess forebears & relations.

One thing you have not given me is your own parents' names. I have all the Witheridges otherwise, in direct line, from your grandfather back to Thomas.

I have worked out my relationship to Una Parsons via the Witheridges - makes her, I think, a 7th cousin once removed to me. I hope to get down to see her, as she is now in contact with a Canadian Witheridge - & apparently she wants me to pick up the correspondence.

I have discovered I made a mistake over Una's grandmother's maiden name. I went over to the churchyard at Charles (a little hamlet some 10 miles or so south of here) & found her grave, which stated: She was Lucy Holloway 1869–1950. She was daughter of Joshua (1844–1877) and Ann (1844–1934) Holloway. She married Walter Ley. He is known to be buried with her, but the stone is not marked with his name.

My mother is getting along nicely – the large house & garden keep her busy, & she enjoys walking in the village most days.

We are enjoying a spell of unusually good weather – just as well at the moment, as major work is going on in our kitchen so everything is in a state of upheaval.

Thank you again for writing & for all the information you have supplied.

Yours sincerely,

Una Stork.

[Update after a long
break in their
correspondence]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
February 12, 1997

Dear Una,

I'm sure you remember the correspondence we had years ago about our common Witheridge ancestry. At that time I figured we were fifth cousins. Your family research was a great help in our sorting this all out.

Some time after that my wife Elizabeth developed Alzheimer's disease and later broke her hip, and I became her caregiver for several difficult years. In August of 1995 she died, and I have been putting my life back together again with good support from my family. Things are going well now, and my health is fortunately good.

The exciting news is that I am coming back to England in May for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of The Witheridge Society. It will be on the Bank Holiday weekend, May 3-5, in Tiverton. They had hoped to hold it in Witheridge, but found there weren't enough accommodations there.

The Witheridge Society is composed of Witheridge descendants who are interested in family history, along with their spouses and families. They publish a quarterly journal, but they meet only once a year on the first Monday in May. Although I am a member, I haven't been able to attend any of their meetings. Last May, however, they voted to name me Honorary Vice President of the society in recognition of my long and extensive research on the family. Last June the founder and Honorary President, Kim Cook, and her husband Roy came over to visit me for three weeks and presented me with a framed certificate!

A year ago I thought my traveling days were over, but I decided I couldn't miss the opportunity to see all the Witheridge relatives I had met on our three trips to England, as well as many others I haven't met. It's really going to be a "Grand Witheridge Reunion," with people coming not only from all parts of Britain, but also from the United States, Canada, Australia, and possibly other countries.

The purpose of this letter is to urge you to make a special effort to attend at least part of this event, along with any of your relatives who might be interested. I would really love to see you and have a chance to talk to you, and I know you would greatly enjoy meeting all the "Witheridges" who will be there.

I think a number of Witheridge descendants who live in Combe Martin will be going over to Tiverton for the meeting on Saturday, and if you would be n Combe Martin at that time, you might be able to go with them, depending on the space available in the car or cars. Una Parsons would probably know the plans.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in May,

Sincerely,

Feb. 22nd [1975]

Dear David,

Thank you so much for your letter - good to hear from you. First, I must offer you my condolences on the loss of your wife Elizabeth - a great loss under any circumstances but Alzheimer's is especially distressing.

I have noted May 3rd - 5th in my diary & greatly look forward to participating in the Witheridge weekend, even though my link is a little tenuous - but I love finding links. At the moment, I plan to come direct to Tiverton from my home on the South coast, for the lunch & get-together. I'll then go on to my mother in Combe Martin for Saturday night. It would be nice to link up with the coach trip when it gets to Combe Martin & again in Berrynarbor - & wherever the lunch stop is. I'll write to Richard Witheridge. I must tell him that the nearest railway station to Tiverton is Tiverton Parkway, & not Exeter as stated in the information. Tiverton Parkway is a mainline station with direct trains to main cities, including London. North Devon people find this quite useful - much better than slow train from Barnstaple to Exeter & then change. There is a new fast road from Barnstaple.

I'll be in Combe Martin at Easter & will see Una Parsons & ask her what she is doing.

Thank you again for contacting me & including me in the invitation.

All good wishes to you for a happy visit to England.

Una.

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April 16, 1997

Dear Una,

It was very good news that you are planning to be at Tiverton for the Witheridge celebration, and I am looking forward to seeing you again. And I thank you for your kind expression of sympathy. Elizabeth was a great and lovely person. I'll miss her on my trip, and many will regret not being able to see her again.

Kim and Ray Cook are taking me to Combe Martin from Tiverton on Monday, and Una Parsons has planned a gathering Monday evening of people to whom I'm related through several family lines. I have a strong connection to Combe Martin and Berrynarbor going back several centuries.

That's all I have time for now, but I just wanted to acknowledge your letter.

Sincerely,

David

Jean Tomlinson

documents

(Jean Redburn [b. 1920])

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
February 16, 1976

Mrs. Royal H. Tomlinson
687 E. Montana Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Jean:

Although I have never met you, I am taking the liberty of calling you Jean, because you are my second cousin. Your grandmother, Elizabeth (Betsy) Witheridge Chivers, was a sister of my grandfather, William Witheridge.

Over ten years ago, when I first became interested in genealogy, I wrote to your mother and got some information from her. Then in 1967 my wife Elizabeth and I visited your mother and father in Lansing. Perhaps she told you about us at that time.

Believe it or not, I have had the enclosed picture of your parents in my file all this time intending to send it to you. My genealogical activities went off in other directions, and I never got back to getting in touch with you.

As of Apr. 27, 2022, this picture has not turned up.
- Tom Witheridge

This coming summer I have been granted a 12-week study leave, since I have been in my present position for 25 years. My wife and I are now making plans to go to England for the summer. I'll be visiting local councils of churches and studying the ecumenical situation, but we'll also be able to do some genealogical research as we go.

In looking back at some of my old materials, I came upon this picture that I had planned to send you. It made me realize again that we really should plan to meet you and your husband before you or we should move out of this area.

See the next document!

Elizabeth and I would like very much to come over to your house some evening and get acquainted. I have a great deal of Witheridge genealogical material I think you would enjoy seeing. It's also likely you have some information about your own relatives that I should have.

We'd enjoy having either a note or a phone call from you suggesting a convenient time for us to get together. It's really a small world after all. How strange that we've been together in the Twin Cities for several years, but have never met!

We hope that all is well with your parents and that your own health is good. Enclosed is a picture of Elizabeth and me taken a few years ago.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

Dec. 1976

Dear Elizabeth & David.

Hope your trip to England was enjoyable & fruitful.

We've had a busy 5 or 6 months. We've been talking of moving to Ark. for some time & in July had the house in good shape so called the realtor. It sold 1 day after we listed & the people wanted possession by Aug 28. We rushed down here & rented a townhouse & started packing.

Our furniture arrived here Sept 1 & since we planned to build or buy, didn't unpack lots of boxes, so were quickly settled.

About Sept 19, had a call from a sister & went to Mich. to take care of my dad who had been in the hospital with pneumonitis & dehydration. While there I had a call from Charlotte that Neal's younger brother had passed away, so he drove up earlier than he expected.

My dad is coming along fine now although he's quite thin. I only wish I had the same problem.

We have bought a lot here at Bella Vista and our house is under construction. We hope to be in about April 1 & the address there will be 2 London Drive

I've mentioned to everyone about the information you'd like but can't seem to motivate anyone. I'll start writing again after the 1st of the year

and get our own family done.

My mother did write to say my Aunt Sarah had died & I'll have to find out the date for that.

Hope your Holidays are happy ones & pay us a visit when you're down this way.

As ever
Jean & Neal

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[Notes by EPW and DEW] 1976

Jean Tomlinson
husband retired (Postal inspector)
son, Dennis: engineer Ford – 3 children
White Bear Lake
dau, Patricia: Sec. to cardiology dept.
son: Mike - Lakewood Jr. Coll.

771-3262

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R - first block

12/13/76

Dear Jean and Neal,

Thanks for the letter with your Christmas card. We're sorry you have moved away from Minnesota just when we got acquainted, but we are sure you will enjoy it in Arkansas.

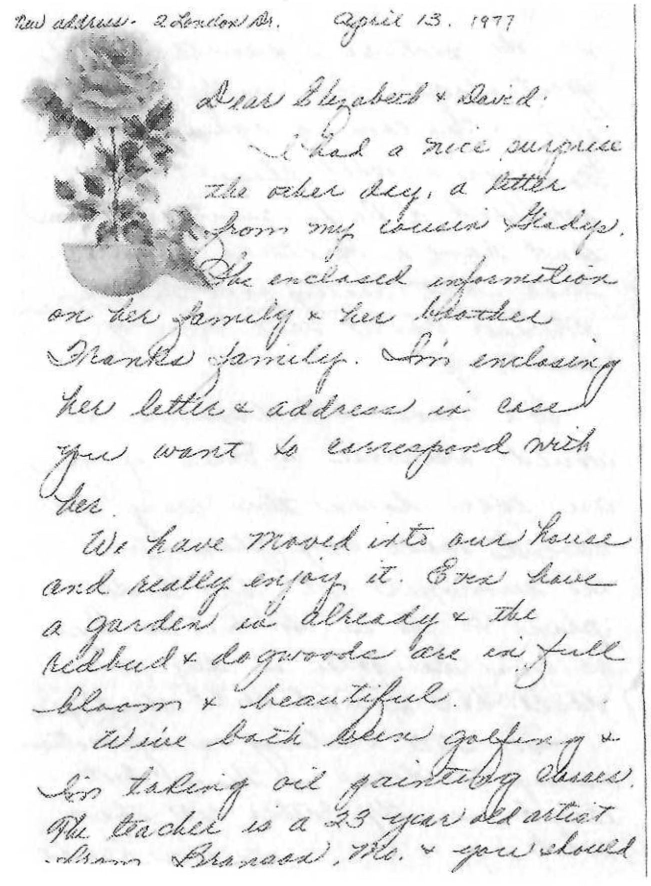
We hope everything is coming along well with your new house and that there will be no delay in getting in.

I'm not surprised that you are having trouble getting genealogical facts from relatives. Most people seem to be either too busy, disinterested, or just uncertain where to find the information.

We have many interesting things to tell you about our trip and many pictures we would like to show you if you ever come back for a visit. In particular, we saw the long row of houses where your grandparents and great grandparents lived high on a hill in Carnarvon. Two months later they were scheduled to be torn down, so we were just in time!

All our love,

Dave + Elizabeth



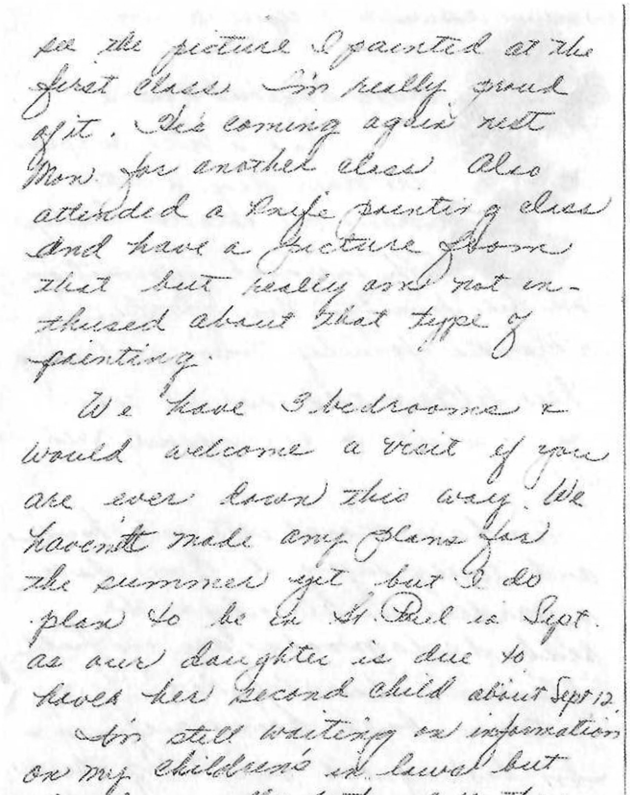
New address- 2 London Dr. April 13. 1977

Dear Elizabeth & David:

I had a nice surprise the other day, a letter from my cousin Gladys. The enclosed information on her family & her brother Franks family. I'm enclosing her letter & address in case you want to correspond with her.

We have moved into our house and really enjoy it. Even have a garden in already & the redbud & dogwoods are in full bloom & beautiful.

We've both been golfing & I'm taking oil painting classes. The teacher is a 23 year old artist from Branson, Mo. & you should



see the picture I painted at the first class. I'm really proud of it. He's coming again next Mon. for another class. Also attended a knife painting class and have a picture from that but really am not enthused about that type of painting.

We have 3 bedrooms & would welcome a visit if you are ever down this way. We haven't made any plans for the summer yet but I do plan to be in St. Paul in Sept. as our daughter is due to have her second child about Sept 12.

I'm still waiting on information on my children's in laws but they'd usually rather call than write.

as ever Jean & Neal

1/7/78 ©AG.

Dear Elizabeth & David:

I didnt get out many cards this year. We went to Mich. for Thanksgiving & I came home with a cold that turned out to be the flu. While there my mother died on Nov. 26. My dad is the one we expected to go first & he's still hanging on at 100 pounds & continuing to have his small strokes.

My folks were back with my sister Winnie & my mother had become impossible to handle so we were looking for a nursing home for her when she died very quietly & peacefully with 3 of us girls there. My dad is 87 & still with

Jean's sister, Winifred → Winnie.

We were in St. Paul baby sitting for Pat in Sept. Just stayed a couple of days after she was home from the hospital as her 3 year old resented anyone taking up her time. She had a girl, Dawn Michele on Sept 5. Labor Day.

(inside)

We also went up for X-mas with big plans for a least calling everyone & Pat, Wade & Dawn all had colds and as a result I'm back home with another cold. Guess I'll just have to stay away from the cold north.

Denny & Darlene hope to take a trip this spring & if so I'll be up to baby sit their 3. Peter 11 - Joel 9 - Lea 4. Then I should have time for some calling.

Neal is busy doing outside & inside painting for people who can't. He's also helping our neighbors on their house after they fired their contractor. When he's finished there he & another neighbor are building an office building for a realtor. They hire the subcontractors but oversee & do some of the work themselves. I hope he doesn't get too busy as I'd like to do some traveling.

Thank you so much for the picture.

Love

Jean & Neal

May 7, 1978

Dear Jean + Neal,

It looks as though we might be able to stop in Arkansas and see you on our way to a conference in New Mexico in June. It's a conference of staff members of councils of churches from all over the country. Elizabeth and I usually attend, but this is the first time it has been in New Mexico.

Our present plan is to go to Chicago and be with our son Tom on Saturday and Sunday, June 17 + 18. We would leave Chicago on Monday and go to De Witt, Ark. to be with a first cousin of mine on my mother's side.

We would get to Bella Vista on Thursday afternoon the 22nd and would have to leave on Friday afternoon in order to get to Las Vegas, New Mexico by Saturday night. My nephew and his family live there.

We hope you will be home and not too busy on June 22 and 23. If not, we might be able to reverse our direction and come to Arkansas after the conference – about July 5 + 6.

Please let us know soon whether this will work out with you. If it won't, we'll have to change our other plans, too. In fact if any of the others on our itinerary have conflicts we might have to change these dates, so they are only tentative at the moment.

We were sorry to hear of your mother's death. Elizabeth and I did enjoy meeting her so much.

Have you been up here this spring? We thought we might hear from you any time. By the way, perhaps you gave us the addresses of your children, but I don't seem to have them. Some day we should certainly get in touch with them.

We look forward to your reply and hope we can get together in June or July.

Love,

James + Elizabeth

Friday May 12,
1978

Dear David & Elizabeth,

I've been meaning to write for the past month to let you know my father passed away on April 5 at age 87. Winnie & Will had taken care of him till about the last 3 weeks when he became unmanagable and then he was in a nursing home.

Either time you'd like to stop is fine with us. Our daughter Pat - 2 children & our son Mike will be down May 31 for a week. We expect Win & Will sometime in June but since we have 3 bedrooms would have room even though they were here. I don't remember if you've met Win yet.

Their son Steve, who was going to Bethel College & started seminary has moved from Noonan, N.D. to Ellis, Kansas. He's administrator of a Good Samaratan Nursing Home there. Win & Will plan to visit them & stop here but we haven't heard if they'll be here first or last so, as I said, whichever time is best for you is fine with us.

We were in St. Paul less than a week at Christmas. I'd just gotten over 3 or 4 weeks of the flu when we left here & Pat's whole family had colds when we got there so I immediatly came down with one & we didn't visit anyone.

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Pat's address is

Mr. & Mrs. Gary L. Johnson
5745 Turtle Lake Rd.
St. Paul 55112. They
live in Shoreview.

Denny's is

Dennis Tomlinson
3865 Grand Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn 55110.

They were here for a week April 8. Mike is applying to the University of Ark. at Fayetteville and expects to move down in July. He's decided, at 22, to go to school & really work at it.

I'll give you some directions to our house. We're only about 5 miles south of the Missouri border. If you're coming in from the south or north, take U.S. 71. We're north of Bentonville

We now have road signs on the highway & you'll take Riordan Rd. which curves & climbs for about 1 mile to Chelsea (end of Riordan). turn left on Chelsea and about 1 city block will be London & we're right on that corner.

Looking forward to your visit

Love

Jean & Neal.

June 5, 1978 DAG

Dear Dave + Elizabeth:

We received your letter just before Pat + children + Mike came. I guess I'm just not used to small children all day and thought I'd have time to write while they were here. As you can see I didn't.

Dawn at 9 months is a delight + Wade at 3½ needs a lot of assurance that everyone loves him too.

We'll be looking for you on June 19. I'll have something easy to fix so plan to eat with us.

It usually takes us 13 hours from Pat's house in Shoreview + we drive 55 to 60 mph. Pat + Mike made

it in 12½ but they only stopped for lunch + gas + they may be a little heavier on the gas pedal than we are.

Mike was not accepted at the U. but went to talk to the Dean of admissions + was told to take some classes at Lakewood Jr College to bring his grade ~~average~~ average up + then they'd accept him. His fooling around has finally caught up to him.

See you soon Love Jean + Neal

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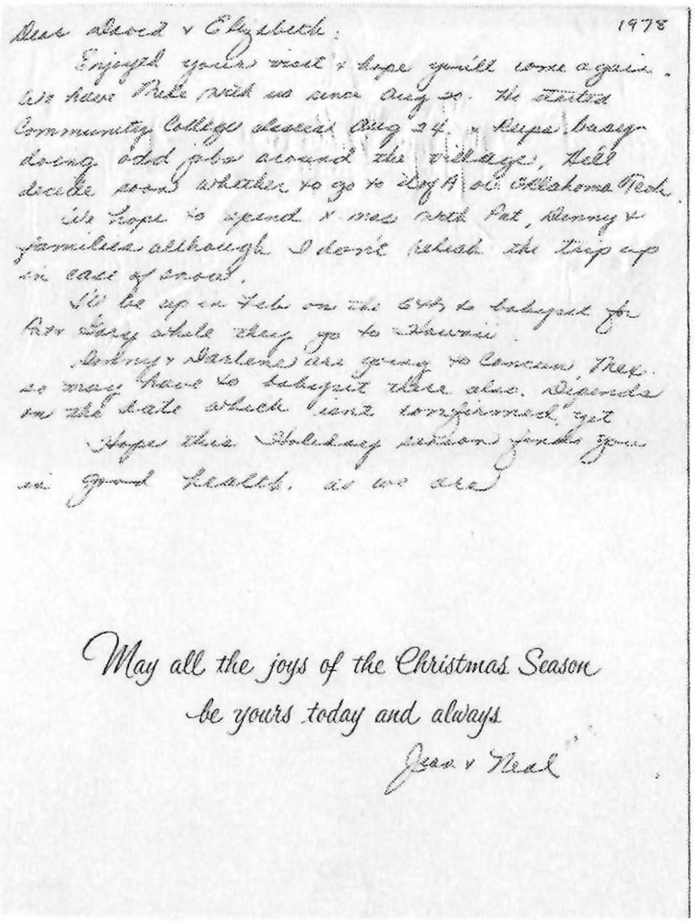


Dear David & Elizabeth: 1978

Enjoyed your visit & hope you'll come again. We have Mike with us since Aug 20. He started Community College classes Aug 24. & keeps busy doing odd jobs around the village. He'll decide soon whether to go to U of A or Oklahoma Tech.

We hope to spend X mas with Pat, Denny & families although I don't relish the trip up in case of snow.

I'll be up in Feb on the 6th to babysit for Pat & Gary while they go to Hawaii.

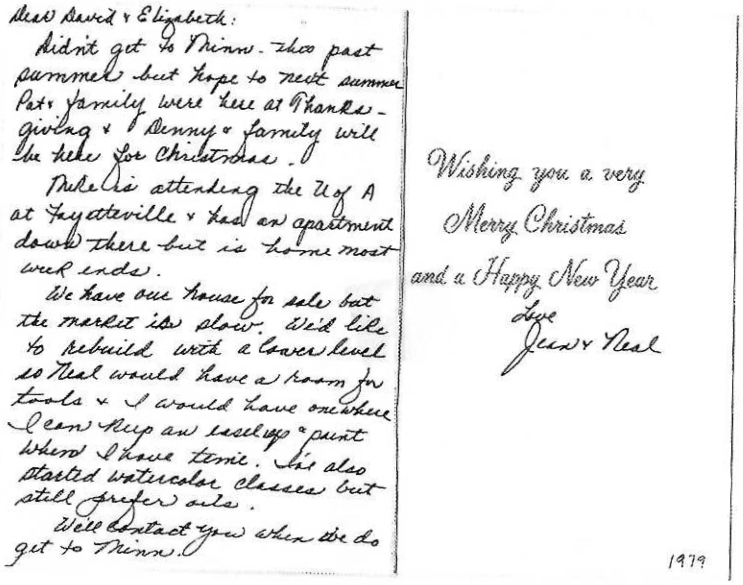
Denny & Darlene are going to Cancun, Mex. so may have to babysit there also. Depends on the date which isn't confirmed yet.

Hope this Holiday season finds you in good health, as we are.

May all the joys of the Christmas Season
be yours today and always

Jean & Neal

1978



Dear David & Elizabeth:

Didn't get to Minn. this past summer but hope to next summer. Pat & family were here at Thanksgiving & Denny & family will be here for Christmas.

Mike is attending the U of A at Fayetteville & has an apartment down there but is home most week ends.

We have our house for sale but the market is slow. We'd like to rebuild with a lower level so Neal would have a room for tools & I would have one where I can keep an easel up & paint when I have time. I've also started watercolor classes but still prefer oils.

We'll contact you when we do get to Minn.

Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

Love
Jean & Neal

1979

1979

Dear Elizabeth & David:

We've decided winter is no time to go north so we'll spend x-mas here with Mike. Denny & family will be down the Sunday after!

My sister Winnie's oldest son, Steve is now living in St. Croix Falls Wisc. He's administrator of the Good Samaritan Nursing Home there. He & his wife attended Bethel College & he started in the seminary before he decided he'd rather work with the elderly. I think you'd enjoy talking to him & I know he'd be interested in your geneology work.

Steve Karnes (Becky)
710 Maryland
St. Croix Falls Wisc
1-715 483-9527

Your 2nd trip to Eng sounds interesting. We've decided the summer is the best time for Minn. At x-mas we were too involved with the immediate family & didn't get a chance for visiting.

Hope to see you next summer.

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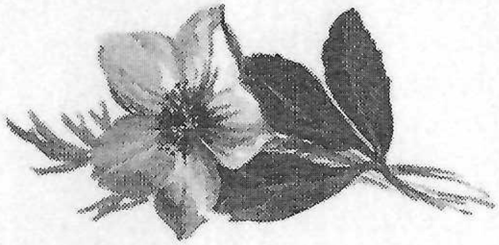

Remembering you especially
at this special time
for remembering.

Merry Christmas

Jean & Neal

1981

Dear Elizabeth & David:

Thanks so much for my grand-mothers picture. I have one of both my Redburn grandparents too.

This hasn't been the best of years for me. Developed a bad cough in April that the Dr treated as an allergy until I saw 2 other Drs who decided I had probably had a virus infection that developed into bronchitis.

We were at Pat's house in St Paul in July & only stayed a few days as my cough developed into a bad cold & Neal also got sick so we rushed home to our own Dr.

We probably won't get up again till next summer but will be sure to give you a call.

Plan on a trip to visit my sister Elaine, who has moved to Mobile, Ala then the 4 of us will go over to Leesburg Fla. to visit my sister Winnie who winters in Fla.

My brother George spends the winter at his place in Lake Havasu Ariz & summers at Pretty Lake in Mich.

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We hope to get to Ariz. next winter.

Mike is still attending U of Ark. but has changed his major from pre dental to merchandizing.

Thanks again for the picture

Jean & Neal

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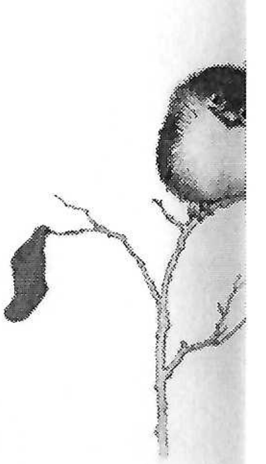

Dec, 1982

Dear Dave + Elizabeth:

We haven't done much traveling this year. Neal flew to Mich last of March when his brother had a severe heart attack + passed away.

Mike was married March 13. Spring break + we acquired a very nice daughter-in-law + a 6 year old step grand daughter with red hair, brown eyes + freckles.

My brother Ray + wife from Mich + sister Elaine + husband from Mobile Ala. converged on us Oct 1 + arrived within 1 hr of each other. Ray was here a week + Elaine 2 weeks + we had a great time.

Elaine is moving to Leesburg Fla Jan 3 + within a few miles of my sister Winnie so we plan to make a trip to see them

Love
Jean + Neal

1983

Dear David & Elizabeth:

We didn't get up to Minn. this year till just before Thanksgiving and then rushed home right after to get ahead of your second storm.

We were in an auto accident June 5. We had stopped in a left turn lane on a curve (& in rain) & a car coming toward us lost control & hit us head on. We had $3300 damage to our car & the other was totaled. Neal wasn't hurt at all & I had a badley sprained foot & 2 black eyes plus a bloody nose from hitting the windshield & dashboard. The 17 year old in the other car had a concussion & head laceration so we were all lucky.

Needless to say I've been a little nervous in a car especially if it's raining.

Our winter has been cold & snowy. Usually you can golf during Dec. but not this year.

We spent Christmas with Mike & his wife's family in Springdale, Ark.

Hope to go to Florida in Feb. to visit my 2 sisters Winnie & Elaine who now live in Leesburg. Also would like to visit the Epcot Center which we didn't see a year ago because Neal had a sore back & couldn't walk much.

Hope to get to St. Paul this next summer for a couple of weeks & will give you a call.

Love

Jean & Neal

1986

Dear Elizabeth & David

Made 2 trips to Mich. One in May when Neal's sister had by pass surgery & the other in July for the family reunion. Since Pat & family & Denny & family were also at the reunion we went to Milwaukee for a retired inspectors convention & saw several friends from St Paul & Minneapolis & skipped Minnesota.

Spent Thanksgiving in Florida with Ray, Elaine & Winnie. Don't know if you heard that Elaine lost her husband Sept 30. Had a massive heart attack @ 64yrs.

Plan to make a trip to Arizona after the first of year & visit Leo at Lake Havasu City. He was supposed to be in Fla too but became ill & had to cancel. He's expecting a grandchild in Dallas this month. Kim works for Texas Instruments there.

Mike got his degree in Food Science in July & works for Tyson Foods in Springdale, Ark. in their Research & development Lab.

May the blessings of Christmas be yours,
now and throughout the new year.

They are expecting another baby in June. Well spend Christmas with them. Denny & family may come down after.

Love
Jean & Neal

1986

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1987

*Silent night!*
*Holy night!*
*All is calm,*
*All is bright...*

Dear Elizabeth & David:

I imagine Jo keeps you up to date on the family. We have a new grand daughter Anna Lee born June 10 @ Fayetteville, Ark & a new grand daughter in law married to Peter July 31. All we know is her name is Christy ✓ & she's 6 years older than his 21. Denny & Darlene weren't too happy as he has 2 more years at Minneapolis College of Art & Design. He was on the Dean's list with a 3.7 average.

In a few years the age difference won't matter as much.

*May the peace and love of*
*Christmas be yours!*

Love
Jean & Neal

Dec. 1988

Hi

We didn't travel at all this summer. I was so busy with golf job I had for the 9 Hole assoc.

Denny was down twice with different members of his family + Pat came down with the 2 kids.

They're all growing up fast.

We did get to Mich for Roy's wifes funeral.

I imagine Elaine is keeping him busy. Now she has a partner for her activities. Everything she does is at a faster speed than I'm used to, but she's always been like that.

We also got together with Jo + Bruce

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for dinner + she was telling us how much she enjoyed her English pen pal vistors.

I remember, when I was in Nurses training, corresponding with a distant cousin who was also in training in England but I guess we were so busy at the time we lost track of each other. I know we had classes plus an 8 hour shift + worked 6 days a week.

Hope you are well as we are.

Love
Jean + Neal

1989

Dear Elizabeth & David:

Another year gone by & they seem to go faster these days.

We went to a Tomlinson family reunion in June & the day before one of my nieces had an open house for her graduating son so we also saw a group of my family. Elaine, Roy & Winnie were up from Florida so we had a mini reunion.

Our oldest grandson, Peter & wife live @ 3138 5th Av. So. Minneapolis He says its not a good neighbor-hood but all they can afford now. He calls occasionally & wishes we all lived closer. His other grand-mother lives in Fla.

On our way home from Mich. we stopped in St. Paul to see Denny & Pat for the week end.

Neal has developed ulcerative colitis & were having a time controlling it.

Jean & Neal:

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1990

r Elizabeth & David: 1990

Another year gone by & they do seem o faster all the time.

Neal's ulcerative colitis didn't respond treatment so he had surgery in re. We're now back to more normal ing. & hope to go someplace warmer s winter.

Neal went to his 50th High School reunion Charlotte, Mich Aug 24.

Elaine, Winnie & Roy had been in Mich ce May & June but we missed seeing Roy he had started back to Florida the week fore we got there.

*And Best Wishes*
*for a*
*Happy New Year*

As ever
Jean & Neal

← [Jan. 8, 1991]

Dear David.

I sent an application for the Witheridge Society to John Witheridge just before Christmas. Denny + Darlene sent me an early Christmas gift of a check in pounds + an application blank.

I also wish Jo + Bruce would go to England. She's still working but will be 66 in March. She hasn't said when she will quit.

We're having a bit of snow but its not sticking to the roads. In between cold spells the temperature goes up to the 55's + 60's.

Mike's 13 year old Phillip comes up and we play golf. He's getting so good he out plays me. Of course I think at 77 I'm lucky to be out there

I was doing a school project for Peter's son Mason who is 6 and in first grade. I'm sending a copy of the letter as we all got a big kick out of it. He usually calls me great grandma Jean but probably didn't have space for the great.
He goes to a small Catholic School near where he lives.

His mother + father separated quite awhile ago + may even be divorced by now. I don't like to question Denny + Darlene about it.

I took Flat Stanley to painting class + we took a picture of him there. He also went to Phillips 13th birthday party + I took several other pictures around here + also sent postcards from this area, a couple from England and Winnie sent me 2 from Michigan for him.

I'm also sending a picture we took at Ray's cottage last summer. Only Elaine was missing, She couldn't make it because she has a blood clot in her left leg + the Dr. said no.

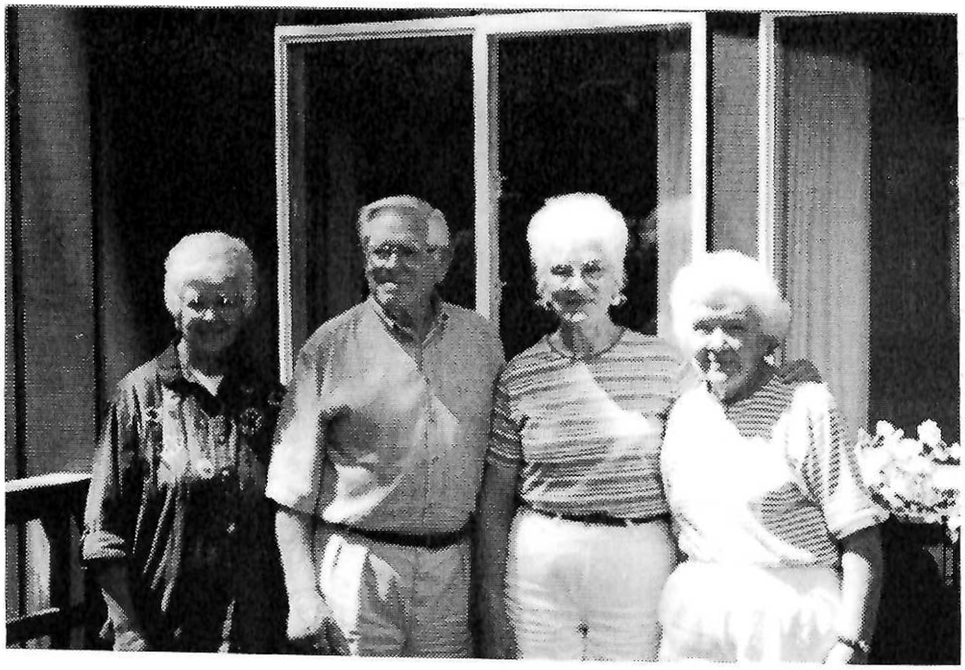
I'm not sure if anyone told you we lost our 2 brothers. George 10 years ago + Dale last Feb. They were in the middle of the family. George would have been 73 and Dale 71.

When I was a senior in High School Jo started Kindergarten so my mother had all 7 in school. I imagine she gave a big sigh of relief.

The doctor is having a little trouble stablizing my blood pressure so I go into the Bentonville hospital for exercise in their Fitness center. They monitor B/P's. Today is the day I go in. It's 3x a week.

I hope all is well with you

Love Jean



ca. 1990

L to R:
Winnie (Winifred [Winnie] R. Redburn [b. 1929])
Roy (Robert [Roy] Redburn [b. 1921])
Jo (Joyce Virginia Redburn [b. 1932])
Jean (Jean Redburn [b. 1920])

Shirley Walls
documents

No 18
Log 644

No 18
Log 644

2525 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
September 14, 1984

Dear Shirley, Walls

I was very glad to get your letter with the additional information about your Norman ancestry in North Devon. At this point I don't have a great deal to add, but I do have a little.

As I said in my last letter, I wrote to the Rev. John T. Williams, the rector at Combe Martin, about Gabriel Norman's baptism, and he replied with the following information. The only baptismal entry for a Gabriel Norman is:

12 January 1716 Gabriel, son of William Norman and Magdalen his wife

This is obviously your ancestor, so now you have his parents. My guess is that William was the brother of the Gabriel Norman I told you about last time, who was the son of Walter and was baptized in Combe Martin Mar. 18, 1693/4. Mr. Williams didn't go on to give me more information about William and Magdalen--marriage, baptisms, and other children--but we should probably ask him to look. Maybe you already know about William and Magdalen.

He did give these baptisms of children of Gabriel and Mary Norman, other than those I mentioned in my last letter:

Walter (31 August 1717) Richard (25 June 1720)
Nicholas (24 December 1722)
and from the Bishop's Transcripts:
John (3 April 1726) Mary (8 December 1728)

Your mention of the Slocumbe cousins in Francis Norman's obituary makes me believe that your Mary Norman did marry Henry Slocombe on May 3, 1812. Perhaps you are also right that the Francis at Watermouth Castle was the unacknowledged father of Mary's son Francis. Did you ever hunt for Henry Slocombe's family in the 1841 Census?

I was interested to note that Symonds is one of your ancestral lines in North Devon. One of my ancestors, William Witheridge, married Mary Symmons in Combe Martin on July 10, 1749. She was baptized in Combe Martin July 19, 1727, the daughter of George and Eleanor Symmons, but I do not know George's ancestry. How do you tie into the Symonds/Symmons line?

You also mention the tithe map apportionments for Combe Martin. How do you get access to these?

Each time Elizabeth and I were in Britain--in 1976 and in 1980--we hired a car and drove 4,000 miles through England, Scotland, and Wales. Part of our 1980 trip was through Northern Wales, and when you mentioned Cheshire and the Bishop of Chester, I got out my map of Wales and found we were not too far from Halkyn. One night we stayed near Llangollen in the lovely old inn, Ty'n-Y-Wern. Perhaps you are familiar with it. Elizabeth keeps saying it was one of her favorites of all the places we stayed in.

Another interesting item is that we have just discovered that Elizabeth is a descendant of the Grey family of Ruthin. Her ancestors were Sir Reginald de Grey, who had various offices, such as Justice of Chester, about 1270; and his son John de Grey, known as Lord Grey of Wilton (in Hereford), who was "Justiciar of North Wales and Keeper of the King's castles and lands in those parts" about 1315. We are now trying to learn more about that family and the area around Ruthin.

Hope to hear from you again.

Yours sincerely,

Editor's note:

These assumptions proved false. See the index entry for Grey family.

Tom Wltherbridge
April 28, 2022

No 21
Log 655

[about Oct. 4, 1984]

[about Oct. 4, 1984]

No 21
Log 655

Dear David,
I think we must be about 50th cousins. Thank you very much for details of my Gabriel. Having an unusual name certainly makes searching easier & more conclusive. Families certainly moved parishes more than we thought & when you think that the distances are only about 10 miles (apart from the very large parishes), You mentioned bay Symonds. Well the May family who married into the Norman family were descended from Symonds who I have traced back to Barnstaple area. Again it shows how families move. You certainly get more information from vicars than we do writing in this country. We have not been down to Devon for about 5 years, usually tend to go up North. Thank you again for details.

Re your Gray family. Have you done any research or written to the local record office. Ruthin castle is now a hotel which specialises in Medieval Banquets. We have been to a couple of these. One sits on benches the great Hall, eats food with daggers & drink mead. All

in the great hall

the food is c 17. A bit primitive but with the entertainment it is great fun. I have also been around the dungeons – all that is left of the original castle.

Lily Langtree used to visit Ruthin castle with the Prince of Wales (I expect you have heard of her – she did visit the states).

The Grey family were the English overlords. I do not know much about them. I think at a later date they have a reputation of cruelty. Again I can find out more about them if you want. I often visit Hawarden Record Office & the Denbigh Record Office is @ Ruthin. Probably could be cheeky & ask Ruthin Castle for some literature as well.

So far in my family I have no blue blood just Devonshire yeomen & farmers. My maiden name was Moses & although my great aunt said it came from Moses & the bullrushes. I think that Moses/Isaacs etc all found in Devonshire are from the Medieval Jews of Exeter when they were disbanded about c12. Anyway let me know if I can do anything @ Ruthin

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To open slit here

Sender's name and address

Mrs S. Walls
Bryn Hyfryd
Moel y Crio Halkyn
Clwyd UK
Postcode CH8, 8JN.

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Gerald Walters
document

[Mr. Walters never replied.]

Seacroft
Combe Martin

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U. S. A.
August 27, 1988

Dear Gerald, Walters

We were very glad to see you and the others in Combe Martin, even though it had to be a short visit. It was good that so many could be there that evening. Here is one of the pictures I took to serve as a reminder of the occasion.

I was glad to hear from Myrtle that the people from South Africa were in Combe Martin not long after we left England. Apparently they are planning to maintain contact with their ancestral home.

I wrote to Mrs. Kruger in April of 1987 using the address you gave me through Una. However, I never did get a reply from her. I now have a new address I got this summer in Combe Martin, probably from you. (35, Bonair Rd., Rondebosch) I'll write her again when I get a chance.

One thing I am uncertain about, and that is whether you were ever able to pass on copies of the Witheridge pedigree charts to Mrs. Kruger. I don't think she arrived there when you first expected her, so maybe the charts got mislaid. Please let me know in the enclosed envelope, and I'll send her some copies directly, if she doesn't already have them.

I'd be interested in knowing which members of the family were there. I assume that Mrs. Kruger was there and that others were with her. What did they do and what did they say about their family?

Thank you for helping me re-establish contact with them.

Yours sincerely,
David Witheridge

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Ada M. Witheridge
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2426 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405, U.S.A.
August 27, 1970

Mr. L. B. Witheridge
182 Bassaleg Road
Newport
Monmouth
England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

You will no doubt be surprised to get a letter from a Witheridge in the United States. Let me just say that I found your name in the British telephone directory in the New York City Public Library.

For the last few years I've been working on genealogy, and among other things I've been trying to reconstruct my Witheridge ancestry. Since my father was born in Wales, with his father coming from Devon, most of my search for the Witheridge line has been in England. This is difficult at such a distance, and I'm hoping you can be of assistance to me. At the same time, I think I can help you learn much more about your own family history.

As you can see from the enclosed list, I have already corresponded with a number of Witheridge families in England, and I am gradually picking up information about our ancestry. I believe most, if not all, Witheridges have a common ancestry, if we can get back far enough, though I have no illusions that this can actually be accomplished.

I'm hoping you will be willing to pass on to me all the information you have about your own ancestry. How far back can you trace your own Witheridge line, and what else do you know about the Witheridge family? Do you know the relationship of any of those I have listed on the enclosed sheet, and can you give me the names and addresses of any other Witheridge descendants? Up to now I have failed to locate anyone who has actually worked on this line, and the Society of Genealogists doesn't know of anyone, either.

Naturally, I wonder if you are related to the two others living in Newport--R. E. Witheridge at 85 Edward VII Avenue and Fenwick R. Witheridge at 37 Park Crescent. I haven't yet tried to reach R. E. Witheridge, but I have corresponded with Fenwick and he did not mention knowing you, although that may have just been an oversight.

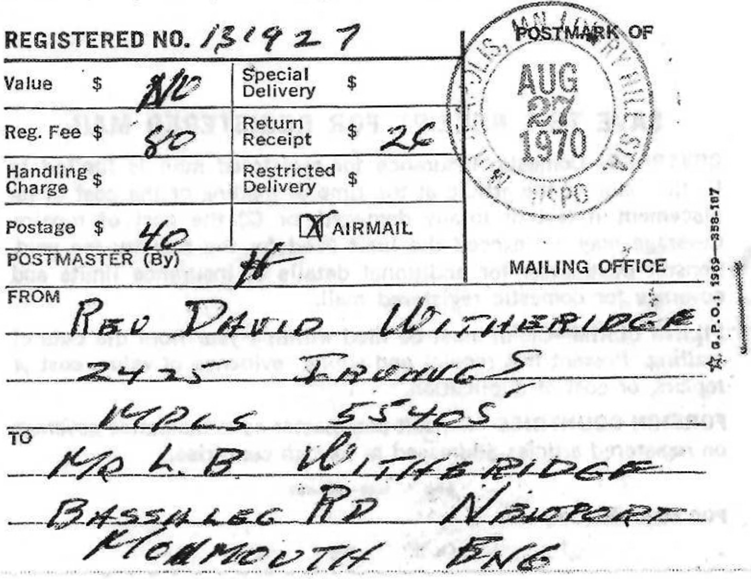
Just a word about myself. I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and began my professional experience as a heating and ventilating engineer with my father, after graduating from the University of Michigan. Four years later I decided to become a minister, and I entered the seminary. After nine years as a Baptist minister, I came to Minneapolis nineteen years ago to be the executive of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife, Elizabeth, also grew up in Saginaw and was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. Now she is the author of children's books, having written six. We have two sons. Jim is 23 and works for Goodwill Industries in St. Paul. Tom is 22 and works at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston.

I shall look forward to hearing from you soon and receiving any information you can give me about your family background. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge



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2425 IRVING S
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MONMOUTH ENG

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52, BASSALEG ROAD.
NEWPORT, MON.
TEL. NEWPORT 64795

8th Sept. 1970

Rev. David C. Witheridge.

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

Many thanks for your letter which was addressed to my husband.

I know that he would have been delighted to hear from you but I'm afraid I have to tell you that I lost him on 12th June last year, very suddenly, due to a heart attack.

He had of course, already heard about you & your "investigations" from his younger brother Fenwick with whom you have been corresponding. The R. C. Witheridge you mention is the eldest brother, then there is another younger one Colin & also one who died about 1944 & who left a son David. My husband's father had a brother who had three sons all of whom live in or near Newport. As you can see the family is gradually spreading - just like the ripples in a pond.

I shall contact my brother-in-law Eric & show him your letter although I have no doubt you will contact him yourself - I think that he might be of more help to you than myself.

I should like to tell you that my husband & I had been married for 23 years - wonderful years with many wonderful memories to look back upon. We have three daughters aged 20, 15 & 14 yrs. - the two latter being still at school & the eldest doing photography. As you may well imagine - without my daughters life would have been a very empty existence, but perhaps I should not say that because I have some wonderful friends & of course the family all of whom have been very good to us. In addition I am a State Registered Nurse & work part time in a local Toy factory - & this too has been of enormous help to me.

Finally I must add that my husband was a Master Mariner & for the past 9 yrs. had been a Channel Pilot. His father, who died in Sept. last year was also a Channel Pilot. To add to our troubles my husband's mother died only nine days after him so you can see the family as a whole, have had a difficult time recently.

I do hope that in time you will receive all the information you require to complete the family tree.

My warmest wishes to you, your wife & family. Yours sincerely, Ada M. Witheridge.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
January 5, 1975

Ada M.

Mrs. L. B. Witheridge
182, Bassaleg Road
Newport, Mon.

Dear Ada:

It's four years since you so kindly wrote to me in response to my letter to your husband. I should have written immediately expressing my sympathy and thanking you for the information, but I kept thinking I would wait until I heard further from Fenwick, but I've never heard from him since then.

Quite unexpectedly in December I received a Christmas card from Catherine Houtz, who lives in Bartlett, Illinois. However, she merely signed her name and gave no further information or clue as to what she had heard from Fenwick or when. It's six years since he told me his sister lived in Illinois, but he gave me the wrong address, so I was never able to make contact. At any rate, I'm pleased now to have heard from Catherine and have just finished a letter to her.

This also brought your letter to my attention again, and I decided to thank you and see if you would be willing to help me further.

As you can see, I have put together all the information I have on your husband's immediate family, and I'm enclosing a copy. Even though these are not your own brothers and sisters, I'm sure you can make some corrections and add some information to what is there. Would you please do this and return it to me? I'm going to send a copy to Fenwick, but just send back what you know without waiting to confer with him.

I'm also enclosing a similar form I'd like you to return with information about you, your husband, and your children.

The third item I hope you'll be willing to send me is a list of addresses of all the relatives of your husband whose addresses you know. By that I mean not only his brothers and sisters, but also any uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and any of your daughters who may be living away from home. I don't expect to write to all of these, but I like to have a complete and accurate record, and sometimes I do need additional information.

This reminds me that I have the name of an R. E. Witheridge at 51 Hafod Road, Ponthir, Caerleon, Monmouth. Several years ago I wrote to him, but the letter was returned with the notation that he was not known at that address. I have wondered if he was any relation to your husband and would appreciate knowing if you are acquainted with him.

1/5/75

As far as I can tell, I never did write to your brother-in-law Eric, whom I assume is R. E. Witheridge. Here, again, I was expecting to get what information I needed from Fenwick. However, I'll probably write to Eric now, but I'd appreciate it if you'd let me know if the address I have is correct.

I hope you and your daughters are well and happy. You are so fortunate to have them. Our two sons are getting along well. Jim, 28, is studying at the University of Minnesota here in Minneapolis. Tom, 27, is working on a psychological research project in Chicago. My wife Elizabeth had her seventh book published last spring, and now she is working on another.

Now I'll close and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Ada did not reply.]

The Abbey International
Students Club
27 Courtfield Gardens
London SW5
June 26, 1976

Dear Ada,

My wife Elizabeth and I have recently come to England to spend the whole summer on a study leave studying the ecumenical situation in Britain.

I had hoped to get a letter off to you before we started our trip, but I got too busy with preparations.

Now we are here and will be staying until September 2. At the moment we are in London, where I'm spending some time at the University of London library, the British Council of Churches, and other places.

On July 8 we shall hire a car and travel up through England, Scotland, and Wales for about four weeks. We'll be visiting local councils of churches, sight seeing, and of course seeing relatives.

Naturally we hope to stop off in Newport and meet you and your daughters, as well as Fenwick and Eric and their families. We expect to get to Wales about July 29 and stay until about August 3. I have Withridge and Allen

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relatives in Ynysybwl, Merthyr Tydfil, Aberdare, Swansea, and Bridgend.

We'll be heading for Devon after our time in Wales, so I thought it would work out best to come to Newport on August 3. But if that would not be a good time for you and the others, we could probably work out something else.

We'll be at this address until July 7, so if you replied right away, we'd probably get it here before we leave. Otherwise, you could write to me in care of the Rev. Eric Allen, 14 The View, Leeds LS8 1JL Yorks, where we'll be from July 13 to 15.

Our main address in Wales will be in care of Mr William J Roberts, 48 Thompson Street, Ynysybwl, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan CF3 73EN.

I've also written to Fenwick, and you'll probably want to confer with him about the suggested date. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
David E Witheridge

[These two pages appeared after DEW's June 26, 1976 letter to Ada M. Witheridge. The person who wrote them is unknown. DEW made the notes in pencil.]

Tel. Bk. 301 Cardiff & S. E. Wales - Oct. 1975

✓Witheridge Ada M. 182 Bassaleg Rd Newport OK 1976
RHIWDERIN 5495

✓Witheridge Fenwick E. 37 Park Crescent Newport OK 1976
(Peggy)
NEWPORT 62518

✓Witheridge H. J. 21 High Cross Lane Rogerstone ?
RHIWDERIN 4440

✓Witheridge Kenneth W. 8 Elan Close Bettws Newport OK 1976
Fenwick's father's son
NEWPORT 54487

✓Witheridge R. E. 60 Edward VII Avenue Newport OK 1976
[Ronald] Eric (Fenwick's brother)
NEWPORT 53646.

✓Witheridge D. J. 10 Manor Park Llantwit Major OK 1976
David -
James' son
LLANTWIT MAJOR 2165.

(over)

✓ Colin Witherity.
33 Sullivan Circle
Ringland
Newport

✓ Mrs. Ronald G. Meek (Joan)
169 Plymstock Road
Oreston
(nr. Plymouth)
Devon.

✓ Mrs. Janet Poyser
62 Preston Ave.
Newport

Annette Witheridge

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[1988 trip plans]

March 7, 1988

Dear Annette,

Kim has probably told you that we are coming to Britain on May 14 and will be there for a month. Kim and Roy have kindly offered to pick us up at the airport and return us there when we leave. We'll stay a couple of days with the Cooks then go into London for five days – from Monday, May 16, through Friday, May 20. On Saturday morning we'll be hiring a car for three weeks and driving through England, Wales, and Scotland.

We sincerely hope we can work out a way to meet you and have a good conversation when we are in London. We don't have anything scheduled so far, but we do want to attend a symphony concert one of the evenings and go to the theater another evening.

Perhaps you could be our guest for dinner at our hotel one of the evenings. We'll be staying at the Bedford Hotel on Southampton Row. Another possibility would be for you to come to our hotel for lunch, but I'm not sure how that would fit into your working schedule.

What you should do is to write and make two or three suggestions as to the best times for you and mention any times that would definitely be out. We have two other relatives we also want to see in London, one of them my seventh cousin once removed, Robin Witheridge, a young attorney. We may not be able to fit this all together until closer to our time of arrival or even after we arrive in Britain.

I'm ashamed to find that, as far as I can see, I never answered your lovely letter of March a year ago. My only excuse is that I'm working on so many family lines at the same time (my own and my wife's), and I had shifted over to my German ancestry on my mother's side for several months. I appreciate the details you gave on your own Witheridge background, but I haven't found any connection yet with any of the Witheridges in my records.

Miss Annette Witheridge
Flat B
2, Goring Road
Bounds Green
London N11 2BX
England

We're looking forward with great anticipation to our trip to Britain, and we hope you'll write and let us know if you think we can get together in London.

Yours very sincerely,
David + Elizabeth Witheridge

Annette

Flat B, 2 Goring Road,
Bounds Green, London N11 2BX.
March 19 '88.

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Thank you so much for your letter. Yes, Kim did say you were coming over - I'd really love to see you. I know the Bedford Hotel as Southampton Row isn't far from where I work in Fleet Street. Dinner sounds like a wonderful idea. When you get there, call me on 889 8873 - home or 353 8000 x 4090. If you're pushed for time, slot me in with Robin - I don't know him but we all have our name in common.

I was actually in New York at the end of January for five days covering the phantom of the Opera opening on Broadway. It was absolutely wonderful, I couldn't believe I was actually there. I also felt totally at home from the moment I left the airport - unlike Los Angeles which ~~is~~ I didn't like at all. I'm actually planning to have a week's holiday in New York probably the very last week of May so I can do some proper sight seeing. In January I managed to quickly dash up the Empire State Building and I had a quick look around the shops - that's the trouble with going somewhere to work!

Kim had a Witheridge get-together at the beginning of January. Unfortunately I couldn't make it as, as usual, I was working. But I understand it went very well. We're now working towards our first agm on May 2. I haven't had much time to do anymore research into my branch of the Witheridge family recently - our lives sound very much the same i.e. constantly on the go. Still I will do something before May.

I had a Christmas card from your relative Winnie in Wales, she seemed well. My mother lives about 50 miles or so from her so at some stage I know we will meet.

My sister Yvonne had her first baby, James, on Feb 29. Poor little thing will only get a birthday once every four years as it was Leap Year's Day. I went to see him last weekend - he's so tiny but absolutely gorgeous. I'm to be his godmother, which I'm very proud about. My brother in law's parents are very happy as it's their first grandson - the others have all produced girls. Mindyou, that's like my branch of the Witheridges, although if ever I have children I shall make sure the name gets in somewhere.

Well I had better close as I can smell my tea starting to burn in the oven. Can't wait to see you in May - have a safe journey over.

Anette Woaze.

September 19, 1988

Dear Annette,

Our lives have been very hectic since we returned from Britain, and we assume the same has been true for you. We arrived home with severe colds, which lasted several weeks. Then we found they were in the midst of a drought and heat wave – the worst in many years. So with our colds and the excessive heat, our energy level has been very low, and it has taken forever to complete all that needed doing after our trip – including the writing of many letters!

We greatly enjoyed meeting you and having a chance to get acquainted. Thank you for coming over to our hotel. The enclosed pictures will be a pleasant reminder of our time together.

I have a couple of items in my notes from our trip that I think you told me about. The first is a notation about Kate Worgan, whose ancestors lived in the Forest of Dean, where parish registers were not kept. It seems to me she was a friend of yours. I had intended to ask our friend Colin Chapman, an excellent genealogist, for some suggestions when we visited him in Dursley. But I had mislaid the note, so I had to let that go until we got home, and then I wrote him a note. We'll see what he says when he replies.

The second item is about Mrs. Megin Gear, who lives in Combe Martin and has a daughter, Elaine Gear, living in Coventry, as well as a son John. This probably came up because Gear is one of my ancestral lines in Combe Martin, so these Gears may be distant relatives of mine.

Do these notations sound like things you told me about? If so, please let me know and give me a little more information.

That's all for now. We'll be glad to hear from you when you have time. Best wishes!

David + Elizabeth

Col. Anthony Gilbart Witheridge (b. 1937)
documents

# Editor's Note

Considering how much trouble DEW went to in his search for living relatives in Britain (without even the courtesy of a response in many cases), the eagerness of Col. (back then still Maj.) Anthony Witheridge in the letter on the next page is truly remarkable.

Dad had written a letter to Anthony's father, George Albert Childs Witheridge (b. 1908), in Surrey, England, who subsequently mislaid it. However, George and Anthony remembered that Dad had described Mom as an author of children's books. Since he was stationed at the time in Amman, Jordon, Anthony used his contacts at the U. S. Embassy there to track her down through Atheneum, her New York publisher.

Is that a cooperative genealogical source, or what?

Tom Witheridge
May 1, 2022

P. S. Lest you harbor any doubt that Anthony was a prince among men, see also his unsolicited offer of help once again on August 3, 1982, completely out of the blue (later in this section).

[See also next page]

Major A G Witheridge
**XV. XIX. THE KING'S ROYAL HUSSARS.**
British Embassy, Amman
c/o Foreign & Commonwealth Office
King Charles Street
LONDON SW1

9 May 1973

Mrs Elizabeth Witheridge
c/o Atheneum Publishers
122 E 42nd Street
NEW YORK
New York 10017 (0-689)
U.S.A.

Dear Mrs Witheridge,

A couple of years ago, your husband wrote to my Father, G A C Witheridge of The Crossing, Brook, Nr Albury, Guildford, Surrey. Unfortunately, the letter was then mislaid, so we lost your address.

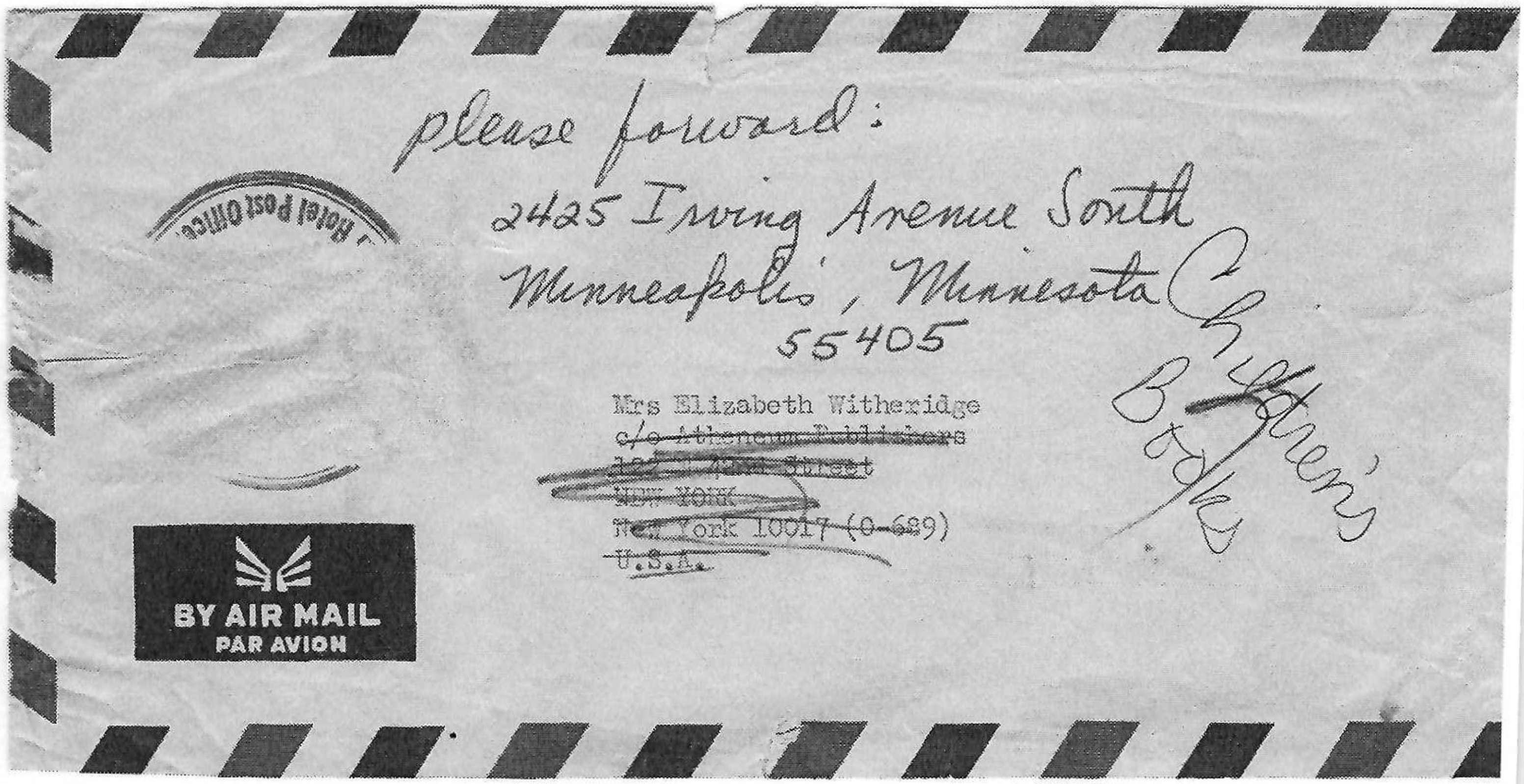
However, remembering that he mentioned you as a writer of children's books, I have been able to get your address through the United States Information Service Office in the Embassy in Jordan.

I trust that this letter will catch up with you and should be glad if your husband and you would get in touch. If there is any information you want about the Family, please let me know. I understand you have been through telephone directories and so on to get names; and I should, at least, be able to help in identifying these.

I look forward to hearing from you both.

Yours,

Anthony Witheridge



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Minneapolis, Minnesota
55405

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~~U.S.A.~~

Children's Books

Hotel Post Office

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
June 19, 1973

Major A. G. Witheridge
British Embassy, Amman
c/o Foreign & Commonwealth Office
King Charles Street
London SW1, England

Dear Anthony:

My wife, Elizabeth, and I were fascinated to receive your letter and were impressed with your ingenuity in locating us through Atheneum, her publisher.

I was very happy to hear of your interest in my project of Witheridge genealogy and offering to help. More than anything else in my genealogical correspondence I have found a lack of interest in such matters and an apparent unwillingness to make any effort to track down information that is surely available somewhere.

So your generous offer is most welcome, and I gratefully accept it. Enclosed are copies of letters I wrote to your father and his answers to me, inasmuch as his copies apparently were lost.

It appears that I made a few notations intending to write again to him and Gwendoline, but I obviously never did. So now I'll pick up the thread with you.

I am sending you a few genealogical charts and forms so you can study them and add any details or correct any errors you may find. I especially need exact dates and places wherever known. Items that may seem unimportant are often the very clues needed.

One of these sheets is for the latest addresses of any Witheridges or Witheridge descendants you know about. I may not write to all of them right away, but some day I may need to.

The one person I have found in England who has really joined me in earnest in my efforts to build up a Witheridge genealogical record is Celia T. "Kim" Cook (Mrs. Roy), whose mother was a Witheridge. She had always wanted to do something like this, and my correspondence inspired her to get started. She and I have written back and forth several times, and she has visited Somerset House in search of records and even spent a week out in Devon a year ago. She and her family live in Surrey, probably not too far from your father. (81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey)

I can't go into much detail now, as we are getting ready to go on a two-week trip. So I'll just send you the enclosed material and ask you a few more questions.

Please, as I said, fill in the enclosed charts with any missing details you know or can find. Also, give me all the addresses you can.

Of course, I am trying to get back to George Causey Witheridge of Devon (your great-great grandfather) and reconstruct his connections and relationships. What we need, of course, is the name of the towns where he was born and was married, as well as these dates. Because his son George Causey was born in London on May 11, 1858, perhaps he remained in London and died there.

Do you happen to know where your great-great grandfather was buried (also his wife) and where we might hunt for his obituary and that of his wife?

As I look at these materials now, I think we can get the birth record of your great grandfather on May 11, 1858, at Somerset House, and this should tell us a little more about his parents.

Now, just a question about the notation that three sons of Henry Witheridge went to Australia and came to England while serving in the First World War. Who would that "Henry Witheridge" be? A brother of your grandfather? If so, what other brothers and sisters did they have? How could we track down the Harold who returned to Australia? Through the military records in England or Australia? Perhaps because of your situation, you would be in a special position to help in this.

Now I must close. Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[These notes by DEW appear to have been made during DEW and EPW's first trip to England in 1976.]

George A. C. Witheridge

Inf. from G.A.C. Witheridge 7/5/76

Anthony Gilbert Witheridge – Françoise Mary Burnald
b. 28 Feb. 1937 b. 11 Nov. 1947
London Switzerland
m. 24 May 1968 d. Jean-Marc Burnald
Lausanne, Switzerland m. Betty – " –

1. Simon George Gilbert b. 1 July, 1970 - Aberfeldy, Scotland
2. Philip Charles b. 16 Feb. 1972 - Amman, Jordan
3. Ann Rose Basma b. 7 Nov. 1973 - " "
4. Clare Mary Magdalen b. 7 Nov. 1973 - " "

→ Major A. G. Witheridge
15 Armstrong Close
Fort Halstead
Sevenoaks
Kent

[DEW's notes during a visit with Anthony (then still a Major) and Françoise at their house in 1976.]

1976

Anthony Witheridge

XV. XIX. THE KING'S ROYAL HUSSARS.

[The original letterhead is embossed.]

Birth Cert. from Somerset House

Reg. Dist. Marylebone

Sub-Dist. – All Souls – Middlesex Co.

#145 Eleventh May 1858
45 Castle St. East

George Canning Witheridge

Father: George Canning Witheridge – Boot Maker journeyman

Mother: Mary Ann Witheridge, formerly Bussell

Informant – M. A. Witheridge, Mother
45 Castle St. E., Marylebone
10th June

See also next page →

[See note at top of previous pages.]

Anthony Witheridge

1976

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Marriage Cert. - Somerset House

Reg. Dist. - St. Pancras

Marriage at - Church of S. Barnabas in

Parish of St. Pancras - County of London

#482 - Dec. 25, 1907

George Henry Witheridge, age 23, bachelor,
railway servant, 26 Inkerman Rd.
Father: George Henry Witheridge, engineer

+ Sarah Amy Warren, age 22, spinster
clerk, 26 Inkerman Rd.
Father: Albert James Warren,
French polisher

Witnesses: Florence Warren
+ Albert James Warren Charles Aynes

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
April 24, 1977

Major and Mrs. A. G. Witheridge
15 Armstrong Close
Fort Halstead
Sevenoaks
Kent
England

Dear Anthony and Françoise:

I certainly thought we'd be writing to you sooner than this! It seems impossible that it's nearly eight months since we were all together in your lovely home. That was a delightful afternoon, and meeting you and your children was a special treat after knowing you for some time merely as names on a genealogical chart!

We think you'll be delighted to get these pictures--even if they are a bit late. You are such a good looking family, and we are glad to have these pictures to remind us of you often. Just one little problem: We can't remember which twin is which! Please tell us when you write.

Ann
and
Clare

I'll admit that I still don't know how our Witheridge lines tie together in the distant past, but I have confidence that some day we'll find out. I wish we didn't live so far from England, but with Kim's help and yours, progress should be better in the future.

I've just looked over some notations I made when we were there, and I remember now, Anthony, that you were disturbed because your great-grandfather's name was given as George Henry Witheridge instead of George Causey Witheridge on your grandfather's marriage certificate in 1907. This is a little unsettling, but we find so many errors in these records, that I think it is just a clerical error, rather than a different person than we had assumed.

You should eventually try to get the birth and marriage certificates of your grandfather's brother and two sisters to see what information turns up on them. Almost every such certificate reveals some new bit of helpful information. I'd be glad to have copies of whatever additional information you secure.

We do hope that this is still the proper address and that you are all well and happy. We know that you are very busy and that the children have grown and changed a great deal since last summer. Please let us hear from you one of these days.

With all our love,

David + Elizabeth

XV. XIX. THE KING'S ROYAL HUSSARS.

As from:-

5, Woodfold,
Fernhurst,
near Haslemere,
Surrey, England.

3rd August, 1982.

Dear David,

How are you & Elizabeth? I do hope all is well

How are your researches into family history? Have you been able to identify a "common ancestor"?

Since we met last, my family and I have had a couple of years based in Paris, where I was a student at the french army's staff college, then a short period in Germany, and now we are in England, though I am due to go abroad again in a few weeks.

If there is anything I can do for you in these next few weeks, while in England, to help with your researches, do please let me know.

Best wishes to you both,

Yours,

Anthony

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
September 4, 1982

Dear Anthony,

It was good to hear from you again, and I wish I could have answered right away; but we were just arriving home from a 3½-week trip east to New England and had a million things to do to get back to normal.

As always on our trips, we had amassed an amazing amount of genealogical material, practically all of it related to Elizabeth's lines going back to early Colonial days. This has taken a lot of time to acknowledge, sort, organize, record, and so on. I'm still far from finished, and it will be weeks before I'm through.

Before our trip I had received an interesting letter from a woman in England (near Bristol), Barbara Popplestone, who saw my name in the Journal of the Devon Family History Society. She comes from a long line of Gregorys, one of whom, John, married a Katherine Witheridge in 1627 in Littleham (near Bideford), which is also a place where one of your ancestors (Fanny Cawsey) was baptized. I wrote and told her what I knew about Witheridges and Cawseys in that area, and she has now replied with some interesting information.

You may have seen the sheets I sent to your father and Gwen about Christmas time, which showed what I thought was the proper information about the parents of your great-great-great grandfather William Witheridge (who married Fanny Cawsey). At that time I thought his parents were John Witheridge and Ann Evens and that he was baptized Nov. 6, 1791, in Littleham. Later, however, I happened to discover the family of William and Fanny Witheridge in the 1851 Census of Bideford. This showed that William was born not in Littleham but in North Tawton, and that Fanny was born not in Littleham but in Landcross (not far from Littleham).

When I got Barbara Popplestone's letter about Littleham and her offer to help at the Devon Record Office, I asked if she could find the baptismal records of William Witheridge in North Tawton and Fanny Cawsey in Landcross. She has since replied with the information shown on the enclosed sheets. The baptism of William on Feb. 7, 1799, was the only record of a Witheridge she could find at North Tawton, so now our problem is to find where his father, John, came from. (No mother is named.) My earlier assumption that William's mother was Ann Evens is wrong, as I have her burial record in Littleham in 1793. However, his father might still be the same John Witheridge, if we can discover a burial record of John's first son William (born in Littleham in 1791).

Regarding Fanny, Barbara Popplestone found four children of John and Elizabeth Cawsey baptized in Landcross, but not Fanny. Since Fanny's baptism in 1799 in Littleham fits right into the list, it is obvious that, although she was born in Landcross like the other children, she was baptized in Littleham. Perhaps they were without a clergyman at Landcross at the time. Then after 1802 the family moved to Northam where William and George were born. (John and Elizabeth were still living in Northam at the time of the 1841 Census.)

So, to answer your question: no, I haven't identified our common ancestor, but I am more accurate now in the information about your earliest ancestors. I haven't yet quite figured out how to go back to the next generation, but I'll keep working on it.

In the meantime, if this reaches you before you leave the London area, there are a few items you might try to secure at St. Catherine's House.

First is the marriage certificate of George Causey Witheridge andMary Ann Bussell about 1856. Then, if from that you get the age and parents of Mary Ann, you might find her birth record. Thirdly, you could probably find the birth record of Elizabeth Witheridge in 1838 in Northam.

As I re-read your letter, it sounds as though you may already have gone abroad again before my letter arrives. If so, or if you can't get to St. Catherine's House, please let me know, and I'll try to get these certificates in another way. I'm sorry I couldn't write sooner, but it was only yesterday that I finally got the enclosed sheets revisdd to include all the latest information from Barbara Popplestone.

How we wish we could see you and Francoise and your lovely children again! We were very unhappy not to see you all in 1980 when we were there. (By the way, the Family Nos. on the genealogy sheets are my numbering system starting with your first child, Simon George Gilbert Witheridge. I'll explain it to you some day, if you're interested.)

Best wishes to you all in your new assignment and location.

Yours sincerely,

1986

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

– with love from

Anthony & Françoise,
Simon, Pip, Ann & Clare.

Col. & Mrs A. G. Witheridge
c/o F.C.O. (Brasilia)
King Charles St.
London SW1A 2AH

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Anthony + Françoise Witheridge
Simon – 6
Philip – 4
Ann Rose } 2½
Clare Mary }

1988

How lovely it was to
see you again in the
summer.

To you both,

*May Peace, Joy and*
*Happiness be yours this*
*Christmas Season*

& our love

Anthony, Françoise
Simon, Pip, Ann & Cla

c/o F.C.O (Brasilia)
King Charles st
London SW1

1988

**The purchase of this card is**
**helping Dr Barnardo's to help a child**

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# Colonel Anthony Witheridge
## 1937-1998

Members of the Witheridge Society will be saddened to learn of the death, on the 19th December, 1998, of Colonel Anthony Witheridge, at the age of just 61.

Anthony was a truly remarkable man, for whom Roy and I had the greatest affection and respect. Beneath a quiet and modest manner lay a wide range of gifts and talents, personal and professional academic and artistic.

During his National Service, Anthony served in Suez and Cyprus, and then went up to Christ College, Cambridge, where he gained an MA in archaeology. It was while he was at Cambridge that his mother Connie (nee Gilbart) died.

After coming down from Cambridge, Anthony joined the 15th/19the The Kings Royal Hussars, in which he was to serve for some 35 years. Postings took him to various parts of the UK and Germany, as well as to Muscat (where he commanded the last camel troop), to Aden, Lebanon, Jordan, Lisbon Paris, Brasilia and Norway.

Anthony had a quiet yet deep faith, and in 1967, while attending Evensong at the Anglican Church in Zermatt, he met Francoise Burnauld. A year later they were married in Vulliens, and returned to England, where Anthony was posted first to Newcastle, and then to Durham University where he studied Arabic. Simon was born in Aberfeldy, Scotland, in 1970. After a posting in Lebanon, the family went to Amman, where Pip was born in 1972, and twins Ann and Clare in 1973.

By 1976, after a tour of duty in Northern Ireland, Anthony and the family were back in England, at Fort Halstead, Kent. It was here, during the visit of David and Elizabeth Witheridge from Minneapolis, that we first met Anthony, Francoise and the children, as well as Anthony's father, George, and step-mother Gwen.

We found in both Anthony and Francoise that lovely gift of gentle warmth which makes everyone feel welcomed and valued. George, Roy and the boys enjoyed some great rough-and-tumble in the garden, while David, Anthony and I tried to see if our respective family trees merged at any point.

Our contacts after that were intermittent, but I was delighted when the family joined the Witheridge Society. Sadly, Anthony was unable to come to any of the Witheridge Day meetings, as the date always clashed with his regiment's Memorial Day. He always took great pride in marching with the regiment on these occasions, but never more so than when he was joined by Pip, now serving in his father's former regiment.

Whether on the phone, or when we met, we enjoyed wonderful, wide-ranging conversations, in which he wore his learning lightly. His quiet modesty, tremendous integrity, warm interest in others, and unfailing courtesy, made him the epitome of an English officer and gentleman.

In 1991, the family moved to Little Manor, a beautiful, rambling 18th century house in Dorset, with a tributary of the Stour running past the gardens. Here again we enjoyed the lovely, warm relaxed hospitality which was the hallmark of Anthony and Francoise. He was greatly interested in his family history, and on this, and other occasions, was keen to learn more about our research.

Anthony retired from the Army in 1994, and embraced a wide range of activities with both joy and commitment. Having been a keen artist since his days in Muscat, he was able to spend much more time exercising his gift for painting. He gave devoted service to his local church of St. Mary the Virgin, where he occasionally preached, and became Deanery Treasurer and a member of the Diocesan Board of Finance. He also became a Trustee of Hanford School, and occasionally taught, providing cover for Francoise when she was unable to teach.

In the autumn of 1998, he was diagnosed as having terminal cancer. Despite this, he and Francoise organised and hosted a wonderful family party to celebrate the 90th birthday of his father, George.

Anthony died peacefully at home on 19th December, and his funeral was held at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, where he had worshipped faithfully.

His untimely death is a great loss, and we extend our deepest sympathy to Francoise, to Simon, Pip, Ann and Clare and to George.

Kim Cook

(Kim and Roy had planned to attend Anthony's funeral - both in a personal capacity and as representatives of the Witheridge Society. Unfortunately, Kim wasn't well enough to travel, but she has written to Francoise)

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# Family Group Sheet

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| **Name** | **Colonel Anthony Gilbart Witheridge °** |
| **Birth** | 28 Feb 1937 |
| **Death** | 19 Dec 1998 |

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| **Marriage** | 24 Jun 1967 |

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| **Spouse** | **Françoise (Jean-Mark) Burnard °, 2nd Cousin** |
| **Birth** | 11 Nov 1946 |
| **Flags** | ***, Denn, Long, Poole, Sanderson |
| **Father** | Jean-Mark Burnard ° (1917-1997) |
| **Mother** | Elizabeth 'Betty' (Eustace) Long ° (1917-) |

Children

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| **1 M** | **Simon George Gilbart (Anthony) Witheridge °, 2C1R*** |
| **Birth** | 1 Jul 1970 |

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| **Spouse** | Camilla Marjorie Philippi (?-) |
| **Marriage** | 5 May 2000 |
| **Children** | George Anthony Gilbart (Simon) (2003-) |

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| **2 M** | **Philip Charles Gilbart (Anthony) Witheridge °, 2C1R*** |
| **Birth** | 16 Feb 1972 |

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| **Spouse** | The Hon. Bettina Clare Vinson (?-) |
| **Marriage** | 9 Sep 2000 |

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| **3 F** | **Ann Rose Basma Mary (Anthony) Witheridge °, 2C1R*** |
| **Birth** | 7 Nov 1973 |

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| **4 F** | **Clare Mary Magdalane (Anthony) Witheridge °, 2C1R*** |
| **Birth** | 7 Nov 1973 |

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| **Spouse** | Amir Kamran Naghdi (?-) |
| **Marriage** | Oct 2002 |

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St. Mary The Virgin
Charlton Marshall

# Anthony Gilbart Witheridge

28th February, 1937 — 19th December, 1998

Tuesday, 29th December, 1998

If anyone would tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make a rule to yourself, to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it you turn it into a blessing. Could you therefore work miracles, you could not do more for yourself than by this thankful spirit, for it heals with a word speaking, and turns all that it touches into happiness.

*William Law (1686-1761)*

Pray for me,
As I will pray for thee,
That we may meet merrily in heaven

*Saint Thomas More*

## HYMN

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Form'd thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage;
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a covering—
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
Light by night and shade by day;
Daily on the manna feeding
Which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

***A few words by the***
***Reverend David Pennal***

## TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry.
Holy, Holy, Holy; Lord God of Sabbaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man:
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants:
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.
Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Day by day: we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

## READING

### *Dedication and Happiness*

To most of us religion is just part of our lives, one of many different interests. Our work, our holidays, reading, travel, religion, politics, all share our time and our interest. A rhythm of this kind, followed for many years, is hard to break. Yet, if we can pause to consider it with an unprejudiced mind, such an attitude is unsatisfactory and illogical.

If the universe was in fact created by a great Spirit who still controls and watches it, and if he wishes to raise mankind to be his children in contact with himself, then that is the only thing that matters. This statement cannot be contradicted. It is possible to say that you do not believe that God exists or cares for men, but it is not possible to say that, if he does exist and has plans for us, the fact is of no importance. To consider the time factor alone, we live on earth for a few years but God, if he exists, lives for ever and offers us also eternal life.

To regard religion as one among many social activities is rationally illogical. To say in conversation, "I am not a religious man", as one would say, "I don't play golf", is absurd. The question is not whether the speaker is this or that, but whether or not God exists, and on this question depends the whole of our lives.

*From 'The Way of Love' By General Sir John Glubb*
*(Glubb Pasha)*

***Read by ~~Paulo Lowndes Marques~~***
Michael Moore

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## PSALM 127.
### Nisi Dominus

Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it.
Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain.
It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
Lo, children and the fruit of the womb: are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.
Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant: even so are the young children.
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**TRUMPET TUNE . . . .** Purcell

## READING

If God is for us, who
  can be against us?
Since he did not spare his own Son,
    but gave him up for the sake of all of us,
    then can we not expect
    that with him he will freely give us all his gifts?
Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ—
    can hardships or distress,
    or persecution,
    or lack of food and clothing,
    or threats or violence?
No, we come through all these things
    triumphantly victorious,
    by the power of him who loved us.
For I am certain of this:
    neither death nor life,
    nor angels, nor principalities,
    nothing already in existence
    and nothing still to come,
    nor any power,
    nor the heights nor the depths,
    nor any created thing whatever,

will be able to come between us
and the love of God,
known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8: 31-32, 35, 37-39.*
*read by Penelope Scrope*

## ADDRESS

*by the Reverend John Isaacs*

## FRENCH PRAYER

Nous voici, Seigneur, rassemblés aujourd'hui autour de notre ami Anthony.

Tout au long de son existence il aura, inlassablement, recherché en toutes choses, la Vérité.

Sillonnant le monde, apprenant les langues des peuples qui l'habitent, découvrant avec respect leurs cultures, il s'est toujours émerveillé des beautés de la terre, car elles étaient pour lui les signes de Ta presence parmi nous.

Tolérant envers les hommes qui recherchaient Ton visage par des itinéraires differents du sien, il savait avec passion communiquer autour de lui l'exigence de Ton message et la force de Ton amour.

Il a été arraché trop tôt à l'affection des siens.

Nous Te prions pour que Tu l'accueilles auprès de Toi avec toute Ta tendresse.

*Amen*

***written and read by***
***Jean-Michel de Widerspach-Thor***

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## TRANSLATION OF FRENCH PRAYER

We are gathered together today, Lord, around our friend Anthony.

All through his life he tirelessly searched for the Truth in everything.

Travelling the world, learning the language of the people, discovering their culture with respect, he was always filled with wonder at the beauties of the earth, since for him they were signs of Your presence amongst us.

He accepted that there were those who searched for You along a different path than his own. He knew how, to reveal with passion, the urgency of Your message and the power of Your love.

Too soon was he separated from the love of his dear ones.

We pray that You will welcome him to Your side with all Your loving tenderness.

**A period of silence follows**

## HYMN

OF the Father's Love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

At His Word the worlds were framed;
He commanded; it was done:
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean
In their threefold order one;
All that grows beneath the shining
Of the moon and burning sun,
Evermore and evermore.

O that Birth for ever blessèd !
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Saviour of our race,
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First reveal'd His sacred Face,
Evermore and evermore.

Thee let old men, Thee let young men,
Thee let boys in chorus sing;
Matrons, virgins, little maidens,
With glad voices answering ;
Let their guileless songs re-echo,
And the heart its praises bring,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be,
Honour, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

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## THE PRAYERS

*Minister:* *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
*Minister:* *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Minister and People together*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

*Minister:* *Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord.*
People: For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
*Minister:* *Grant unto him eternal rest:*
People: And let perpetual light shine upon him.
*Minister:* *We believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord.*
People: In the land of the living.
*Minister:* *O Lord, hear our prayer;*
People: And let our cry come unto thee.

O FATHER of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, who in thy Son Jesus Christ, hast given us a true faith, and a sure hope: Help us, we pray thee, to live as those who believe and trust in the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting, and strengthen this faith and hope in us all the days of our life: through the love of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

## THE COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE COMMENDATION

*Minister:* Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*People:* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*The Minister, facing the body, says,*

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Anthony.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

## HYMN

FOR all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia !

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness, still their one true light.
Alleluia !

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia !

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia !

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia !

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia !

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of Glory passes on his way.
Alleluia !

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia !

## THE BLESSING

*The family will now proceed to the Cemetery.*
*We would love you all to come back to Little Manor.*

**ORGANIST**
*Peter Lattimer*

**TRUMPETER**
*Martin Ings*

**BEARERS**
*Edward Bond*
*James Davenport*
*Bear Grylls*
*Aidan Cooney*

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## Anthony

1937 Born in London to Constance (née Gilbart), and George Witheridge.
First school in Wales during the war.
St. Christopher's Prep. school, Hove.
Marlborough College, (first visit to Hanford).
National Service: first time abroad in Suez, followed by Cyprus.
Christ College Cambridge, reads archeology.
1956 Connie, his mother dies.
Joins the 15th / 19th The King's Royal Hussars in Barnard Castle.
Munster with the Regiment.
Muscat (commands last camel troop, and starts painting).
1967 Zermatt, meets Françoise at Evensong in the Anglican church.
Aden.
1968 Wedding at Vulliens, Switzerland.
Newcastle (cadet force).
Durham University, Arabic course.
1970 Birth of Simon in Aberfeldy.
Shemlan, Lebanon, F.C.O. Arabic school.
Jordan, assistant Military Attaché.
1972 Birth of Pip in Amman.
1973 Birth of Ann and Clare in Amman.
Fallingbostel then Omagh in Northern Ireland with the Regiment.
Fort Halstead, Kent.
Paris, Ecole Supérieure de Guerre.
Bielefeld.
Lisbon, Military Attaché.
Baden-Baden, British Liaison Officer to the French.
Brasilia, Defence Attaché.
Bovington.
1991 Little Manor becomes home.
Surprise extra posting to Norway with NATO.
1994 Retires: Deanery Treasurer, member of Diocesan Board of Finance, Hanford School Trustee (and occasional baby-sitter, preacher, teacher . . . )

## MUSIC

| | |
|---|---|
| Fantasma in F Minor . . . . | Mozart |
| Prelude and Fugue in C Major . . | Bach |
| Christe, Adoramøus Te . . . . | Monteverdi |
| In Dulci Jubilo . . . . . | Bach |
| Ave Verum Corpus . . . . | Mozart |
| Liebster Jesu . . . . . | Bach |

| | |
|---|---|
| Prelude and Fugue in C Major . . | Bach |

*There will be a retiring collection shared between the Dorset CancerCare and St. Mary the Virgin Church, Charlton Marshall and may be left on the plate at the rear of the Church, or may be forwarded to Colin J. Close Funeral Service, 7a Market Place, Blandford, Dorset DT11 7AU*

George Albert Childs Witheridge
documents

[One of DEW's blind letters to British telephone book Witheridges]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405 U.S.A.
September 25, 1969

Mr. G. A. C. Witheridge
19 Sandringham Court
London W.9, England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

You will no doubt be surprised to get a letter from a Witheridge in the United States. Let me just say that I found your name in the British telephone directory in the New York City Public Library.

For the last few years I've been working on genealogy, and among other things I've been trying to reconstruct my Witheridge ancestry. Since my father was born in Wales, with his father coming from Devon, most of my search for the Witheridge line has been in England. This is difficult at such a distance, and I'm hoping you can be of assistance to me. At the same time, I think I can help you learn much more about your own family history.

As you can see from the enclosed list, I have already corresponded with a number of Witheridge families in England, and I am gradually picking up information about our ancestry. I believe most, if not all, Witheridges have a common ancestry, if we can get back far enough, though I have no illusions that this can actually be accomplished.

I'm hoping you will be willing to pass on to me all the information you have about your own ancestry. How far back can you trace your own Witheridge line, and what else do you know about the Witheridge family? Do you know the relationship of any of those I have listed on the enclosed sheet, and can you give me the names and addresses of any other Witheridge descendants? Up to now, I have failed to locate anyone who has actually worked on this line, and the Society of Genealogists doesn't know of anyone, either.

Just a word about myself. I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and began my professional experience there as a heating and ventilating engineer with my father, after graduating from the University of Michigan. Four years later I decided to become a minister, and I entered the seminary. After nine years as a Batpist minister, I came to Minneapolis eighteen years ago to be the executive of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife also grew up in Saginaw and was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. Now she is the author of children's books, having written six. We have two sons. Jim is 22 and works in a youth center in San Francisco, on the West Coast. Tom is 21 and works in a hospital in Boston, at the other end of the country.

I shall look forward to hearing from you soon and receiving any information you can give me about your family background. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED MAIL

Shere 2660

The Crossing,
Brook,
Albury,
Guildford,
Surrey

Sunday 12th October, 1969

Dear Mr. Witheridge (which is a bit
like talking to my own reflection
in a mirror, and rarely happens
to me),

Thank you for your letter, which I was very interested to have. I wish you all luck in your researches, but am afraid I am not going to be able to be very helpful to you. I am one of the four sons (the eldest) of George Henry Witheridge, who died at the age of 83 three years, ago. My brothers are F.E.Witheridge, of St. Albans, Hertford-shire, and H.J.Witheridge, of Virginia Water (Surrey not Yorkshire), who appear on your list, and S.R.Witheridge, living in Zürich, Switzerland. The G.Witheridge, of Rosemead, Peaslake, who also appears on your list, is my wife Gwendoline, Rosemead being our week-end cottage, ~~whic~~ which she owned, and which we used when we were living in London. We have now retired, and are no longer living at Sandringham Court, but as you will see down in Surrey.

My father's father's name was George, and I knew him. He lived in London. My mother tells me that his wife, my great-grandmother, used to tell her that my father's grandfather was a lighthouse keeper on Lundy Island. He

Mother still living? Uncles or Aunts?

Mother still
living?
Uncles or Aunts?

would have been too old though, I think, to be the same lighthouse keeper on Lundy Island who figures in your list. Perhaps there were more than one of them. I have never heard that we have connections in Wales, but have always known about the Devon connection, and have indeed spent a night in Witheridge (the man I worked for once in one of my offices went one year to Devon for his holidays, and said when he came back that he wished he had gone somewhere else - every time he came in his car round a bend in the road he was confronted by a signpost which said "WITHERIDGE 2 MILES").

I am a retired Civil Servant, aged sixty, and served after leaving Cambridge in the Ministry of Education, during the War in the Admiralty, and finally in the War Office. My wife was Principal of the London College of Fashion till she too retired last year. My brother H.J. is Managing Director of a consortium of Banks ~~called~~ headed by the Midland Bank and including various Commonwealth banks, my brother F.E. is a Director of a subsidiary of Spicer's the papermaking firm, and my brother S.R. is Managing Director in Switzerland for an office machine firm called Addressograph Multigraph (an American firm I think).

I am afraid, as I say, that this will not be very helpful to you, but thank you for writing, and if you are ever in this country do please look me up. I should be happy to meet you.

Yours sincerely, and with good wishes -
G.A.E. Witheridge

August 19, 1970

Mr. G.A.C. Witheridge
The Crossing
Brook, Albury
Guildford, Surrey
England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

It's about ten months since I received your very interesting reply to my letter asking about your Witheridge ancestry. The pressure of my work has kept me from doing much on my hobby of genealogy, but now I am on vacation and hope to make a little more progress.

Fortunately, your letter accounted not only for yourself, but also for your two brothers on my list and the listing I had under your wife's name at Rosemond, Peaslake. I still have seven or eight names I want to check when I get the chance.

On the surface it may not appear that you are able to help much in developing the Witheridge family history and our connections with it and with each other.

However, you have given me some valuable information, and I'm sure you will be able to give me more. What I really would like to have you do is to fill in and return the enclosed form giving specific information about your parents and your brothers.

I am especially anxious to have the places and dates of your father's birth, marriage, and death. From these facts, or whatever you know of them, I can track down your grandfather and other connections. If you can't fill in the form soon, at least please send a note giving the information you know about your father.

[BINGO!]

You did not say so, but I'm wondering if you are a first cousin of another person on my list, Charles F. Witheridge, 45 Tintern Ave., Kingsbury, London N.W.9. When he wrote to me, he said his father's father was named George and that he had lived in London.

He drew the enclosed chart, which showed that his father, Charles James (b. 1890 in London) had a brother George, who died in 1966 at approximately age 82. Then he gave the names of his Uncle George's children, who could well be you and your brothers: George (G.A.C.?), Harry (H.J.?), Frank (F.E.?), and Stan (S.H.?). Is my surmise correct?

Please let me know as soon as possible, for if this is right, it narrows down the number of branches we are trying to trace back to a common ancestor.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Shere 2660

The Crossing,
Brook,
Albury,
Guildford,
Surrey

22nd August. 1970

Dear Vicar,

Thank you for your letter. I enclose the form you sent me, duly filled in - I hope you can read my somewhat untidy printing.

I am indeed a first cousin of the Charles Witheridge who sent you the chart, and I confirm what he says on it, and that the names of his Uncle George's children (my father) are the names of my brothers.

I wish you luck in your researches, and only wish I could be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,

G.A.C. Witheridge

(G.A.C.Witheridge)

P.S.

My wife was so shocked at the mess I had made of your "One Family Record" sheet that she insisted on re-typing it - it looks much better now.
The best of luck to you.

ONE FAMILY RECORD    Surname Witheridge    Family No. ____

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
GEORGE HENRY WITHERIDGE
Father's Name: CAUSEY
GEORGE ~~HENRY~~ WITHERIDGE
Mother's Maiden Name:
~~SARAH AMY~~ MA ~~WARREN~~

|  | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1883 | London |
| Marriage | 1907 |  |
| Death | d. 1966 |  |

Other Places of Residence:
~~LONDON~~ Nil
Other Wives:
None

MARGARET RUMSEY

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
SARAH AMY WITHERIDGE
Father's Name:
~~GEORGE HENRY~~ ~~WITHERIDGE~~ ALBE JAME WA
Mother's Maiden Name:
SARAH ~~AMY~~ ~~WARREN~~ ANN VICTORIA SART

|  | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 1884 | London |
| Death | still living |  |

Other Places of Residence:
Nil
Other Husbands:
Nil

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

(Give full names)

|  |  |  | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | George Albert Childs | Birth | 1908 | LONDON |
|  | Married to Gwendoline née HISCOCKS | Marriage | 1960 |  |
|  |  | Death | still living |  |
| 2 | Francis Edward | Birth | 1912 |  |
|  | Married to JOAN née EXELL | Marriage | 1938 |  |
|  |  | Death |  |  |
| 3 | HENRY JAMES | Birth | 1910 |  |
|  | Married to ALICE née SMITH | Marriage | 1955 |  |
|  |  | Death |  |  |
| 4 | STANLEY ROBERT | Birth | 1914 |  |
|  | Married to ETHEL née ? | Marriage | 1935 |  |
|  |  | Death | — |  |
| 5 |  | Birth |  |  |
|  | Married to | Marriage |  |  |
|  |  | Death |  |  |
| 6 |  | Birth |  |  |
|  | Married to | Marriage |  |  |
|  |  | Death |  |  |
| 7 |  | Birth |  |  |
|  | Married to | Marriage |  |  |
|  |  | Death |  |  |
| 8 |  | Birth |  |  |
|  | Married to | Marriage |  |  |
|  |  | Death |  |  |
| 9 |  | Birth |  |  |
|  | Married to | Marriage |  |  |
|  |  | Death |  |  |
| 10 |  | Birth |  |  |
|  | Married to | Marriage |  |  |
|  |  | Death |  |  |

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[This was typed by Gwen Witheridge, with data provided by her husband, George A. C. Witheridge. See previous document.]

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**GEORGE HENRY WITHERIDGE** m. 1907 SARAH AMY WARREN

son of

George Causey and
Margaret Rumsey

born 1883, London
died 1966, Laleham, Surrey.

[The birth certificate says 1884.]

daughter of

Albert James Warren and
Sarah Victoria Sartain

born 1884, London
still living.

CHILDREN.

1. George Albert Childs m. (1) Constance Gilbart 1935
   born 1908 London born 1909 died 1958
   (2) Gwendoline Marjorie Hiscocks 1960
   born 1908
2. Henry James m. Alice Smith 1955
   born 1910 London

3.
3. Francis Edward m. Joan Exell 1938
   born 1912
4. Stanley Robert m. Ethel Jones 1935
   born 1914

GRANDCHILDREN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Anthony Gilbart | son of G.A.C. |
| Robert | " " H.J. |
| Gillian | d. of F.E. |
| Frances Mary | d. of F.E. |
| John | s. of F.E. |
| Michael | s. of S.R. |
| Christopher | s. of S.R. |

There are at present 2 great-granddaughters and 1 great-grandson.

? My mother says that 3 sons of Henry Witheridge who went to Australia came to England while serving in the First World War. Two of them were killed and the third, Harold, returned to Australia.

[DEW made this preliminary chart based on his information as of about 1970.]

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DEW's note: no George Henry W. [Anthony]

no George Henry [Anthony] W.

GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. ______

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl.- place

4 George Causey Witheridge
b. May 11, 1858
pl. London
m.
pl.
d. Aug. 21, 1931
pl.

2 George Henry Witheridge
b. 1883
pl. London
m. 1907
pl.
d. 1966
pl. Laleham, Surrey

5 Margaret Rumsey
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

ANCESTORS OF

1 George Albert Childs Witheridge
b. 1908
pl. London, Eng.
m. (1) 1935 (2) 1960
pl.
d.
pl.
Spouse: (1) Constance Gilbart
(2) Gwendoline Marjorie Hiscocks

6 Albert James Warren
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

3 Sarah Amy Warren
b. 1884
pl. London
d.
pl.

7 Sarah Victoria Sartain
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No.____ on Chart No.__________

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DEW's note: Lighthouse Keeper on Lundy Island

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(Lighthouse Keeper on Lundy Island

8 George Causey Witheridge
b. Jan. 3, 1836
pl. Northam, Devon
m. 1882
pl. [Bideford dist.]
d. pl.

9 Mary Ann Bussell
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

10
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

11
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

12
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

13
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

14
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

15
b. d.
pl. pl.

16
b. pl.
m. d.

17
b. d.

18
b. pl.
m. d.

19
b. d.

20
b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

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b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

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b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

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b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

28
b. pl.
m. d.

29
b. d.

30
b. pl.
m. d.

31
b. d.

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
George Causey Witheridge (a)
Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | Devon? (a) 1831? |
| Marriage | | 1853? |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jack (a) | Birth | | Went to New Zealand (a) |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | Henry (a) | Birth | | Went to Australia* (a) |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | George Causey | Birth | May 11, 1858 - London, England (b) | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | Margaret Rumsey (c) | Death | Aug. 21, 1931 (a) | |
| 4 | Emily (a) | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 5 | Frances (a) | | | |
| | Married to | | | |
| 6 | | | | |
| | Married to | | | |
| 7 | | | | |
| 8 | | | | |
| | Ma | | | |
| 9 | | | | |
| | Marr | | | |
| 10 | | Birth | | |
| | Married | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |

DEW's notes from other side:

(a) Inf. from Charles Frederick Witheridge
(b) Birth Cert. - Somerset House (a)
(d) Inf. from Mrs. George Henry Witheridge (c)
(c) Inf. from G.A.C. Witheridge

* Three sons of Henry Witheridge who went to Australia came to England while serving in the First World War. Two of them were killed, and the third, Harold, returned to Australia. (d)

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## ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname *Witheridge* Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
George Causey Witheridge, Jr. (a)
Father's Name:
George Causey Witheridge (a)
Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth May 11, 1858 - London (b)
Marriage
Death Aug. 21, 1931 (a)
Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Margaret Rumsey (c)
Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth
Death

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 George Henry
Birth 1883 - London (c)
Married to
Marriage 1907 (c)
Sarah Amy Warren
Death June, 1966 (a) - Laleham, Surrey (c)

2 Charles James (a)
Birth 1890 - London (a)
Married to
Marriage
Cecily (?) Stratton (c)
Death

3 Eleanor (a)
Birth
Married to
Marriage
George Smith (a)
Death
One dau. - Janis (a)

4 Alice (a)
Birth
Married to
Marriage
Stephen ——— (a)
Death During War of 1939-45
No children (a)

5
Birth
Married to
Marriage
Death

6
Birth
Married to
Marriage
Deat

7
Married to

8
Married to

9
Birth
Married to
Marriage
Death

10
Birth
Married to
Marriage
Death

DEW's notes from other side:
(a) Inf. from Charles Frederick Witheridge
(b) Birth Cert. - Somerset House (a)
(c) Inf. from G.A.C. Witheridge

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD**

Surname Witheridge

Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

George Henry Witheridge (a)

Father's Name: George Causey Witheridge (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Margaret Rumsey (a)

Birth: Sept. 15, 1883 – London (a)

Marriage: Dec. 25, 1907 – London (a)

Death: 1966 – Laleham, Surrey (a)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Sarah Amy Warren (a)

Father's Name: Albert James Warren (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Sarah Victoria Sartain (a)

Birth: June 1, 1885 – London, Eng. (a)

Death:

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date / Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 George Albert Childs
Married to (1) Constance Gilbert (2) Gwendoline Marjorie Hiscocks
Birth: 1908 – London (a)
Marriage: (1) 1935 (a) (2) 1960 (a)
Death:

2 Henry James
Married to (1) Ann ——— (2) Alice Smith (a)
Birth: Jan. 31, 1910 – London (a)
Marriage: (1) (2) 1955
Death:

3 Francis Edward
Married to Joan Exell
Birth: Dec. 14, 1912 (a) – London (a)
Marriage: 1938 (a)
Death:

4 Stanley Robert
Married to Ethel Jones
Birth: Sept. 14, 1914 (a) – London (a)
Marriage: 1935 (a)
Death:

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Married to
Birth:
Marriage:
Death:

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Married to
Birth:
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Death:

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Married to
Birth:
Marriage:
Death:

DEW's note from other side:
(a) Inf. from G.A.C. Witheridge

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Charles James Witheridge
Father's Name:
George Causey Witheridge, Jr. (a)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Margaret Rumsey (b)

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | — — — 1890 | London (a) |
| Marriage | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Charles Frederick | Birth | — — — 1916 | London (a) |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | [one dau. – Jill, b.1946 (a)] |
| 2 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | | | | |
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| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 6 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 7 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 8 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
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(a) Inf. from Charles F. Witheridge
(b) Inf. from G.A.C. Witheridge

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[1976 trip plans]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
June 13, 1976

Mr. G.A.C.Witheridge
The Crossing
Brook
Albury
Guildford
Surrey
England

048-641-2660

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

It's about six years since I last wrote to you and received your reply, though I did have a letter from your son Anthony about three years ago.

Now I want to let you know that my wife Elizabeth and I are about to leave for England to spend the entire summer in England in a study leave. We arrive in London on June 16 and will be staying until September 2. So we certainly hope we can arrange to visit you.

For the first few days we shall be staying with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA. I think I mentioned to you that her mother was a Witheridge. Their telephone is 01-641-2994.

If you could call us while we are there, I think we could work something out.

From June 21 to 24 we'll be at a conference of ecumenical officers from all over Britain at a place called High Leigh in Hoddesdon, Herts. The telephone there is Hoddesdon 63244 and 63018. Prefix from London is 61.

Then from June 25 to July 7 we'll be staying at Lee Abbey International Students Club, 27 Courtfield Gardens, London SW5 0PQ. The telephone there is 01-373-7286.

After that we'll be touring around Britain and spending some time at Exeter and Cambridge, but we'll be back with the Cooks a few days from August 29 to September 2. So we do hope we'll hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

7/17/76 - Sent Thank you card -

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
April 24, 1977

Dear George and Gwen:

Greetings from your distant cousins in the middle of America! We had hoped to get these pictures to you long ere this, but better late than never, I guess.

We do think the pictures are very good, considering that they are prints from slides, which usually don't turn out as well as prints from negatives. You are all so good looking that you make a handsome family. And the one of the twins romping with Grandpa is especially appealing.

Our summer in Britain was one of the most enjoyable and enriching experiences of our lives. Being with you in your own home and later at Anthony's was a special privilege. Not many visitors to Britain have the opportunity to have such close relationships with friends or relatives in their homes.

As summer approaches we have a great longing to be in England again. Two of our friends (who don't even know each other) are leaving tomorrow for a 10-day tour of London and southwest England. The tour is sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society. One of them showed me the itinerary, and almost all the places mentioned were places we visited last summer.

We have shown the slides we took last summer many times, and we always think of you, of course, and the pleasant time we spent with you and the sightseeing we did with you as guides.

This has been a busy time for us ever since we returned home last September. In my 2½ months away, of course, my work got miserably behind, and I didn't really catch up until Easter.

Our health has been reasonably good, and we hope it has been the same with you. Spring is bursting out, and the drought of last summer and winter is beginning to turn around.

Before I close, George, I'd like to ask you to send me the current addresses of your brothers, Harry, Frank, and Stanley. The addresses I got from the telephone directory many years ago for Harry and Frank are probably out-of-date, or at least incomplete. I never did have an address for Stanley, except that he was in Zürich, Switzerland.

Now I'll say farewell for this time. Please reply and let us know how everything is with you.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

*THE CROSSING,*
*BROOK,*
*ALBURY HEATH,*
*GUILDFORD,*
*SURREY. GU5 9DJ*
*Tel. SHERE 2660*

Thursday 23rd June. 1977

Dear David and Elizabeth,

I am shocked to see that you wrote to us on the 24th April, and begin to see that Gwen may just possibly have had a point when she has said to me - as she has done, continually - "You really must write to David. It's ~~ages~~ since we heard from him." In my own defence though - and my own defence is a thing to which I constantly spring - I must say that she was a long time finding suitable subjects with which to finish her film, so that we could send you these two pictures. I hope you like them. We think that one of them is very nice, and the other is amusing - it will tell us something about your character which one you think is nice, and which you think is amusing. We loved your pictures of course. They are really excellent, and the one of the two little girls specially engaging. I don't know what it is though - these colour films always portray my hair in the most libellously white shade. It is the same with other photographs though, as well. "Who is this silvery haired old gentleman?" one of my friends said to me one day, seeing a picture of me. Since my father has been dead about twelve years, I couldn't say it was a picture of him, but looking back I do remember that his hair was about that colour.

We are glad you have both been well since you got back. We, as a matter of fact, at the beginning of this so-called summer - the weather has been awful - had a sort of virus infection which gave us the symptoms of a perpetual cold on the chest, and had the dubious effect of waking us up in the morning with our eyes gummed up and - when we managed to prise them open - flaming red. We looked like two characters out of Samuel Becket, the kind who live, on the stage, in dustbins. It went on so long we began to think we would never get over it, but we are all right now - apart from rheumatism and rickets - and hope to stay so during the rest of the summer, until winter breaks out again in - I should think - about a fortnight. As a matter of fact, we do ~~hope~~ specially hope for a fine summer this time: we are going for a family holiday with Anthony and family to a farmhouse in Wales. We are of course very much looking forward to it, but if we get a reasonable amount of sun it will ~~of course~~ be all that much the better. We are glad you enjoyed your stay in England so much. You were of course very lucky with the weather. If you had been here the early part of this summer you would have had to call much more heavily on your reserves of cheerfulness.

My brothers' addresses, for which you ask, are

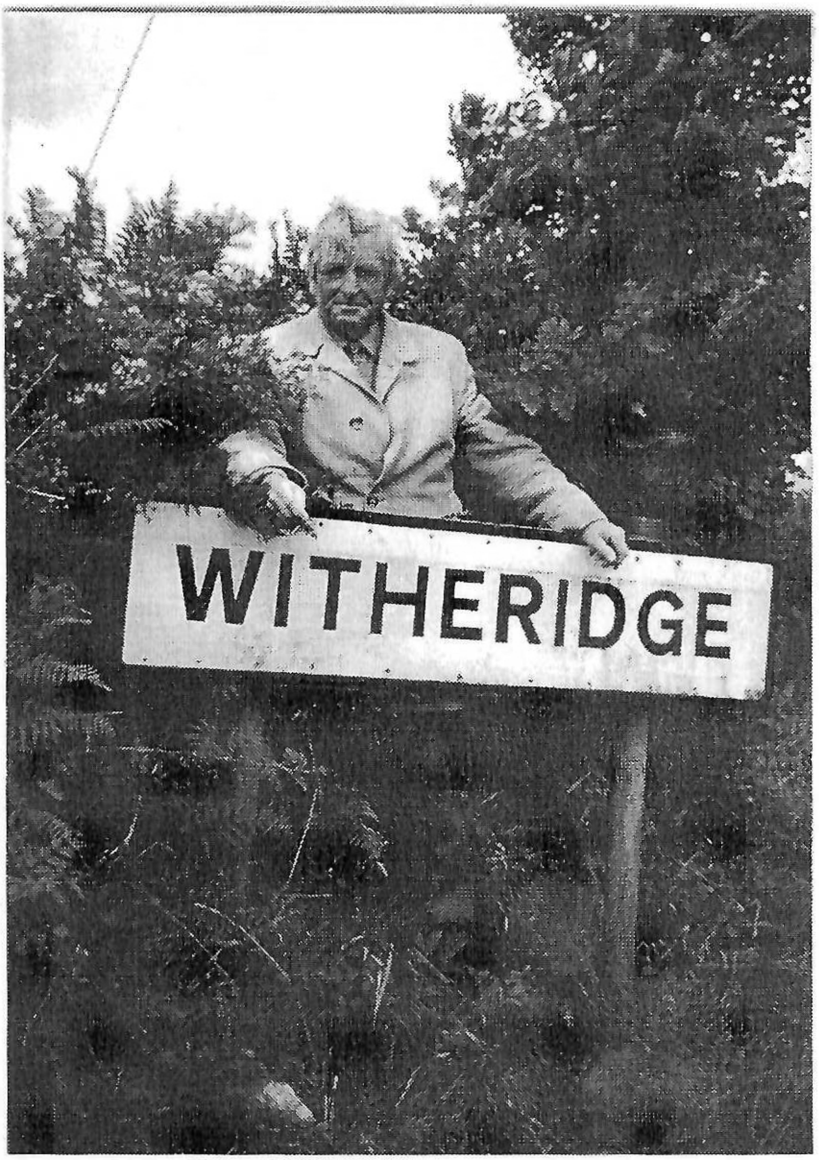
Harry. St. Andrews, Gorse Hill Road, Virginia
Water, Surrey.
Frank. 46 Sandpit Lane, St. Albans, Herts. AL14EZ
Stanley. 73 Spinnaker Drive, Whitby, Paremata,
Nr. Wellington, New Zealand (a long way further than Switzerland, and possibly a quieter place than Clun).

Thank you for writing, and for your charming photos, and we hope to hear from you again, and to see you if you are ever in these parts once more.

With love to you from both of us.

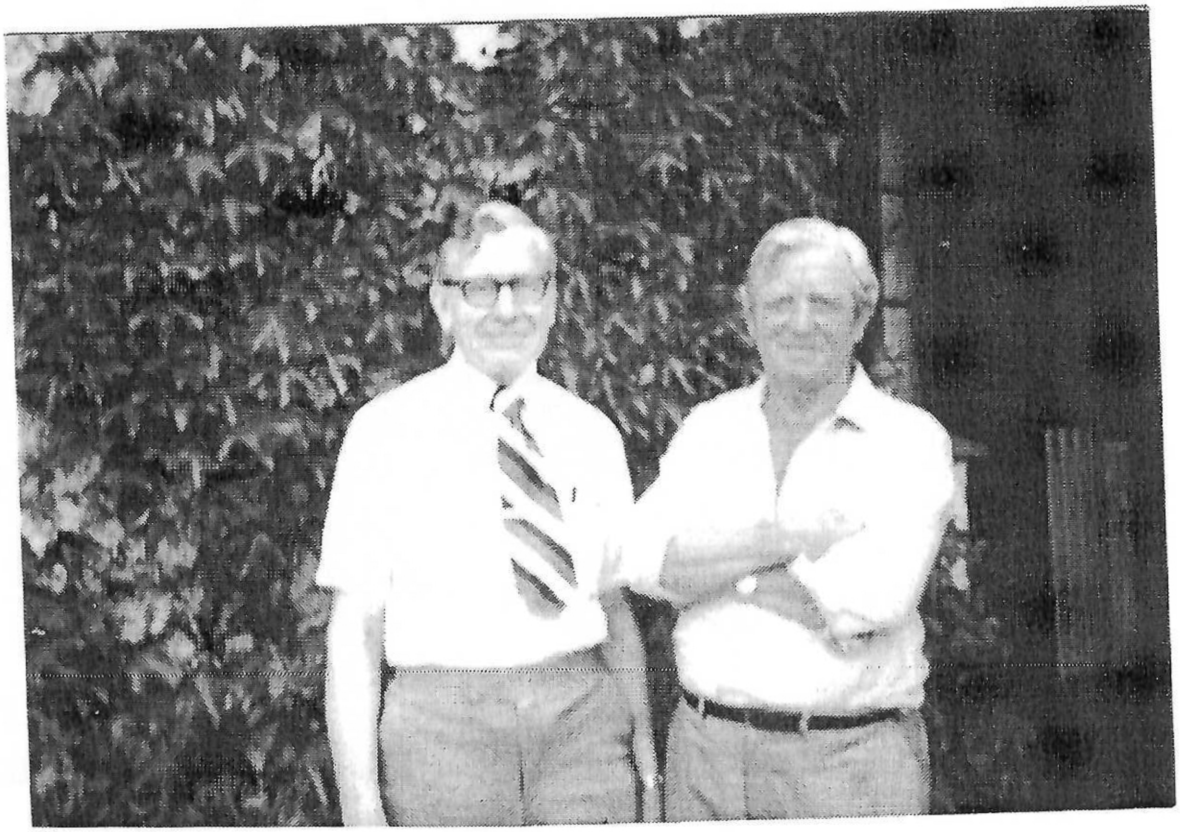
Geoff. and Gwen -

Who does your typing? (You will see that I do my own)



George A.C. Witheridge
1976

David + George Witheridge
The Crossing
Albury Heath
Guildford, Surrey, England
1976



[1980 trip plans]

May 17, 1980

Dear George and Owen,

On January 1st I retired from my position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. I greatly enjoy the relief from pressure, but I find that my time is still very full, and I still haven't caught up on all the personal matters I had neglected so long--like correspondence with friends and relatives!

In recognition of my 28 years of service they presented me with a generous monetary gift, and Elizabeth and I have decided to use it for another trip to Britain late this summer. It won't pay the entire cost, but it will help a great deal.

Now we are engaged in trying to develop our plans. Recently we got our plane tickets on the new non-stop flight from Minneapolis to London leaving here on August 2nd and returning October 2nd. Kim and Roy Cook will pick us up at Gatwick, and we'll spend the first several days with them in Sutton. For seven weeks we'll be hiring a car and driving through England, Scotland, and Wales. I've just produced the first draft of an itinerary that includes the many people and places we want to visit.

Naturally, a visit with you is top priority, and I hope we can work it out. When we pick up our car on Thursday, August 7th, we plan to head west toward Devon, but not before a brief excursion over to Canterbury, which we failed to see in 1976. We wondered if we could end up late that afternoon at Albury and spend the evening and the next morning with you. If you don't have room for us to stay with you overnight, you could probably find us a bed and breakfast place not too far away.

Does that sound like a good possibility to you? If August 7th is not a convenient date for you, we can adjust our schedule and work in a visit with you at another time. In fact, we may have to suggest a change if some of the others on our itinerary are unable to see us on the proposed dates.

We are wondering, too, where Anthony and his family are now living. If they are anywhere near where we are going to be, we'd love to see them again. Please give us their current address when you write.

This is all I'll say at the moment, because I have so many others to write to. We hope you have both been well and happy. We look forward to hearing soon whether or not this proposed date will fit into your summer plans.

Yours sincerely,

Shere 2660

The Crossing
Albury Heath
Guildford
Surrey GU5 9DJ

Monday 26th May. 1980

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter. I am glad you have achieved the lifetime ambition of the working man - to stop work. We shall of course be delighted to see you and Elizabeth again and are free on the 7th August - as a matter of fact we are pretty free all through August. Can you stop over Friday night as well? We would like you to meet my brother Harry and his family, and if you can stop Friday night we could have them over to lunch. Anthony is in Paris France doing a two-year course at the French Military Staff College, so unless you go over the Channel there is no chance of your seeing him this time, I am afraid.

Let us know as soon as you are certain of your dates, and we look forward to seeing you both. Gwen remembers she gave you gooseberry fool when you were here the last time. So you won't get that again, but there's no guarantee that you won't get a repeat on the other course (?courses).

With all best wishes to you both, and looking forward to seeing you.

George and Gwen

June 27, 1980

Dear George and Gwen:

Your letter was very welcome, indeed, with the assurance that you will be at home and can see us on Thursday and Friday, August 7 and 8.

The reason I haven't answered earlier is that I was waiting for a letter from a Mr. R. A. E. Witheridge of Parkstone, near Poole in Dorset. I had written him four weeks ago asking if we could see him late in the afternoon of Friday, August 8, on our way from Albury to Salisbury, where we thought we would spend the night.

So far he hasn't answered, so I decided to write and tell you we'd be very happy to have lunch with you on Friday so we could meet your brother Harry and his family. This would be a great pleasure for us, and it would give us a longer time to be with the two of you.

Whether or not we would stay overnight with you on Friday could be decided later when we find out if and when R. A. E. Witheridge can see us. If he can see us early Sunday afternoon, we could stop there on our way to Devon. If not, we'd just see him a little later than we had expected on Friday afternoon, and we could still get to Salisbury that evening.

Things are working out rather well with our itinerary, though there are naturally a few changes here and there. Now that the time is drawing near, we can hardly wait to see England and all of you again. We're sorry it will be impossible to see Anthony and his family this time.

Elizabeth says to tell Gwen that we'll be very disappointed if she doesn't serve us gooseberry fool again. That was one of the delights of our visit, and we'd consider it a great treat to have it again.

We'll be in touch with you once more by letter or phone for last minute information about our visit. Our address at the Cooks will be: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA. (Phone: 01-641-2904) You'd better send us directions on how to find your place. I think we'll be coming from Canterbury by way of Brighton, so directions for the best way from Brighton to your door would be a good idea. You could send them here if you write before July 20. Otherwise, it would be safer to send them to the Cooks' address.

Love and best wishes,

David + Elizabeth

Shere 2660

[This is by Gwen's hand. See her postscript to Jan. 26, 1981, below.]

The Crossing
Albury Heath
Guildford
Surrey GU5 9DJ

31. 7. '80.

Dear Elizabeth David,

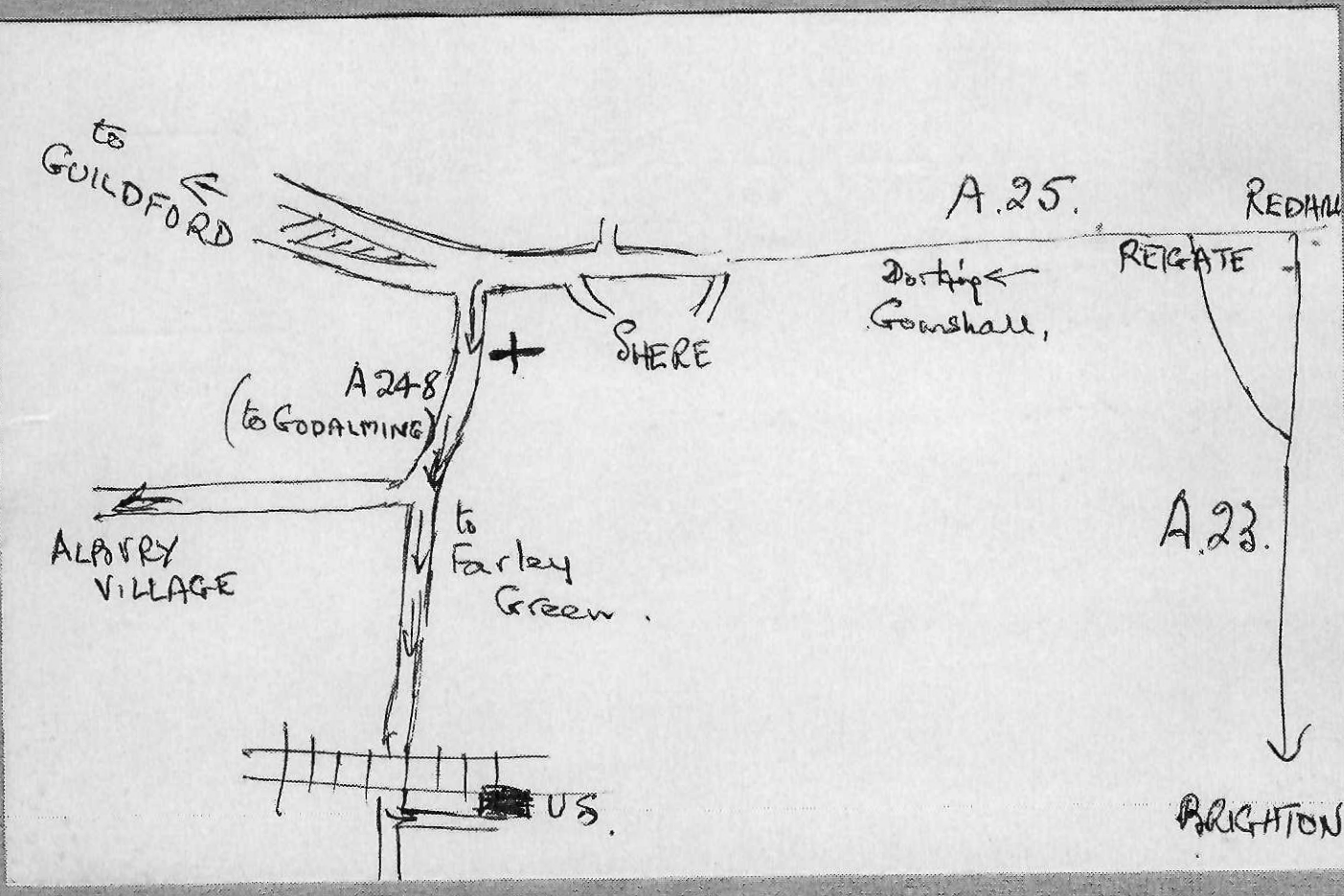
We are looking forward to seeing you next Thursday. You seem to be planning a rather roundabout route from Sutton via Canterbury and Brighton! However — I hope the little map will help you find us. Come from Brighton on the old London Road A.23 — do not stray on to the new road M.23 — it takes you too far east. You can get on to the A.25 at either Redhill or Reigate. It takes about 30 minutes from Reigate to our road end. You turn left off the A.25 just as the dual carriage-way begins and come up the hill to the level crossing.

If you decide to come direct from Canterbury – Then Canterbury to Maidstone and the A.25. begins there.

Our greetings to Kim and Roy – and a welcome to England to you both

from

George + Louie


to GUILDFORD
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ALBURY VILLAGE
to Farley Green.
A.23.
US.
BRIGHTON

1980

A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Glad to know
you had a
happy homecoming.

Love
George and Gwen.

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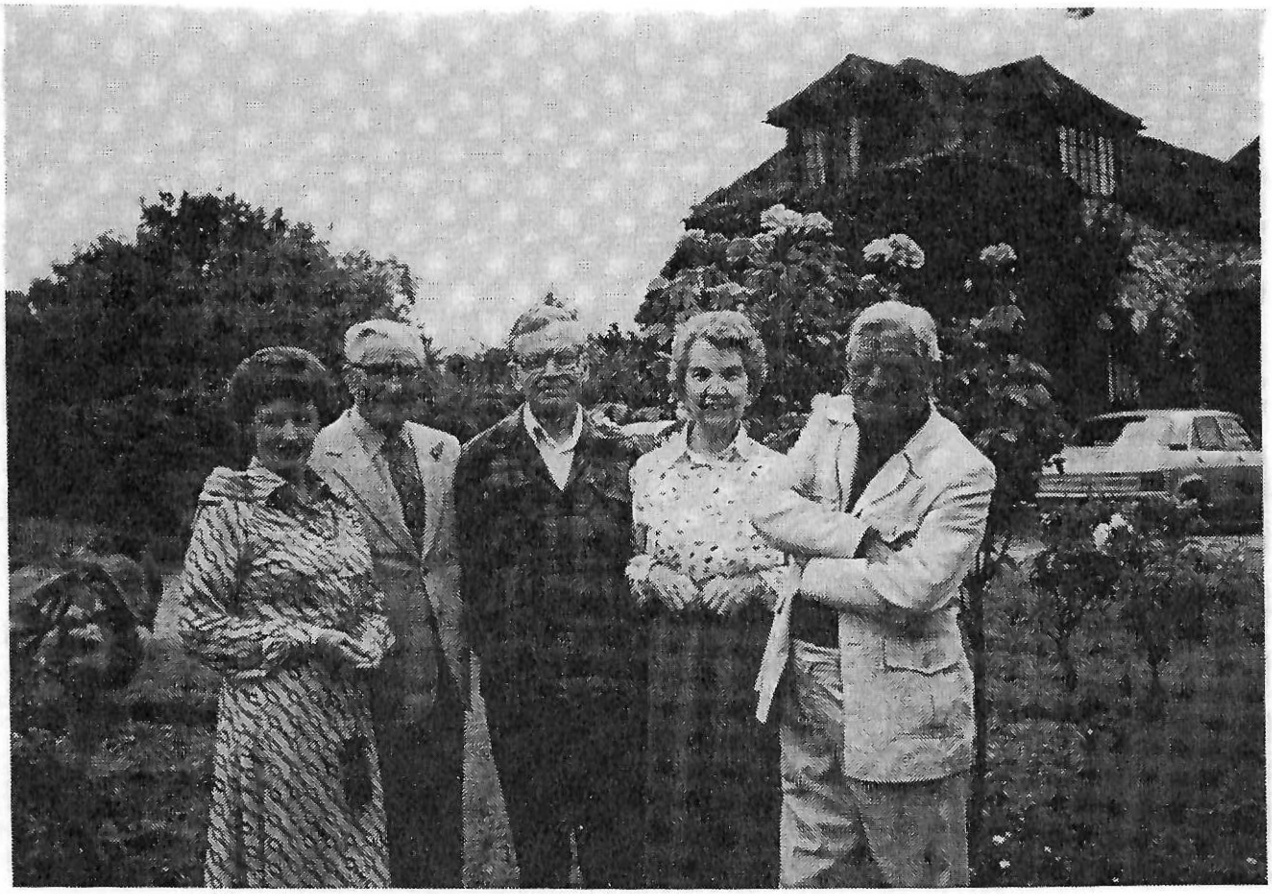

L to R: Possibly Alice (Toots) and Harry, DEW, EPW, George.
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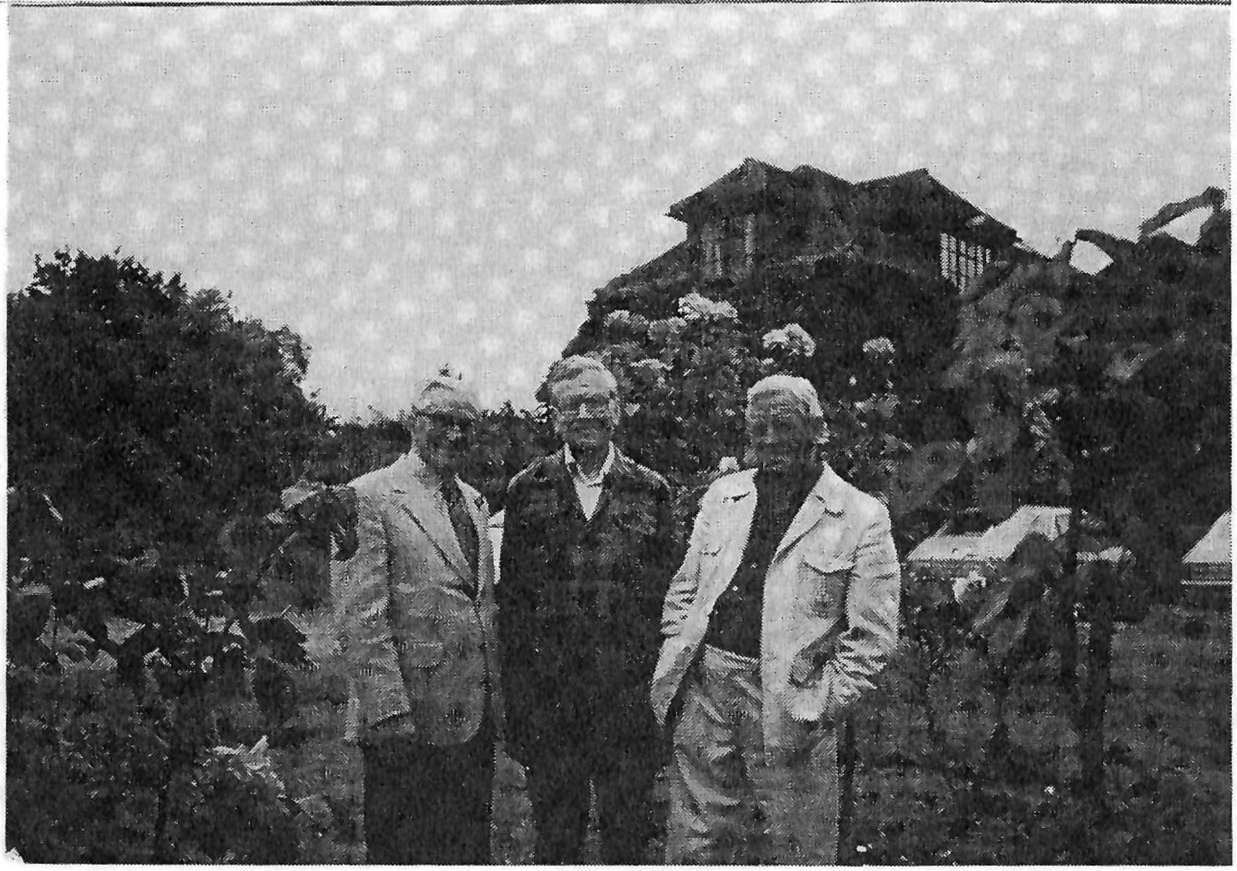


L to R: Possibly Henry (Harry) Witheridge (b. 1910), DEW,
George Albert Childs Witheridge (b. 1908)

Ans. 2/11/81

The Crossing,
Albury Heath,
Guildford,
Surrey, GU5 9DJ.

Monday 26th January. 1981

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Thank you so much for your Christmas greetings, and the charming photographs. I have only one complaint. Your camera, like every other camera I have encountered since I became of what is known as pensionable age, portrays me, entirely libellously, as having white hair and a fat belly. It isn't true! Talk about the camera cannot lie! It lies in its teeth every time it is pointed at me. "This is Harry, and Toots," I say when I show them to people, "and my wife Gwen you know, and who this silvery haired, pot bellied old gentleman, is I haven't the faintest idea." They may have thought, I suppose.

I am glad you found things on a relatively even keel when you got home. We have have a poor time since before Chrustmas, I am afraid. This awful 'flu has been laying people in the village low, and has taken a side swipe at us. Gwen particularly has been suffering, with face ache and everything - if you waited to hear her tell the full story of what comes down her nose you would go out and drown yourself. But, ~~lately~~, having enjoyed all this very bad health, lately we have been complaining that we feel a little better. It has been borne in on us somewhat forcibly though that we are now substantially into our seventies. Isn't it awful?

One bright shining star on the horizon - we are taking what is conventionally known as the holiday of a lifetime - of our lifetime anyway - in the Spring - will it come? We are going on a package tour to Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Tokyo. We didn't really want to go to Tokyo - we think the Japs are really rather nasty little people - but while we were there we thought we ought to go, firstly to say that we've been. This all starts at the end of February, for a month, when no doubt we shall come home to find the garden overgrown and the house (I hope not, and don't really think so) frozen up. Wish us luck.

We have been inoculated for cholera abd typhoid, we have taken a small piece of sugar - no doubt with some magic drops or something on it - against polio, we are going to be protected against malaria, and on the side I thought I might ask the doctor - they are so clever - to make us immune to the common cold, cold feet , and depresssion, What a hope.

I'm sure Gwen wants to add something, if only to thank you for her poncho pattern, so I will sign off here, with allgood wishes to you both for the New Year - which up to now, for us at least, has been twice as bad as the old one. Not for you, I hope. Good luck to you both and, as you know, we live on the Grand Canal - any time you're passing, drop in.

Good wishes.

George

I hope you can manage to read this! If only George would buy a new ribbon for his typewriter and learn to type!!

Thank you very much Elizabeth, for the poncho pattern. I have not yet tried my hand at it, but hope to.

[Col. Anthony, Francoise, + the children]

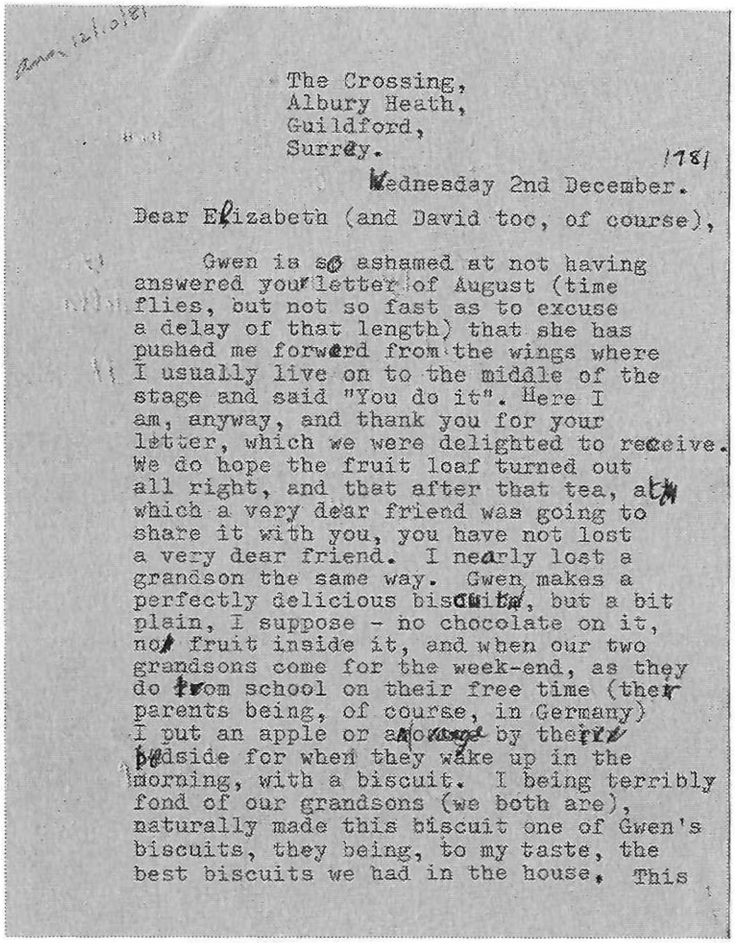
The family are still in Paris — except when the 2 boys are at school here — but they are having to move to Germany in June. They don't much look forward to that, but have been fortunate to be in France for 2 years.

We hope the new White House residents prove good ones!

Love to you both —

Gwen.

[Dec. 2, 1981]



Ans. 12/10/81

The Crossing,
Albury Heath,
Guildford,
Surrey.

1981

Wednesday 2nd December.

Dear Elizabeth (and David too, of course),

Gwen is so ashamed at not having answered your letter of August (time flies, but not so fast as to excuse a delay of that length) that she has pushed me forward from the wings where I usually live on to the middle of the stage and said "You do it". Here I am, anyway, and thank you for your letter, which we were delighted to receive. We do hope the fruit loaf turned out all right, and that after that tea, at which a very dear friend was going to share it with you, you have not lost a very dear friend. I nearly lost a grandson the same way. Gwen makes a perfectly delicious biscuit, but a bit plain, I suppose - no chocolate on it, nor fruit inside it, and when our two grandsons come for the week-end, as they do from school on their free time (their parents being, of course, in Germany) I put an apple or an orange by their bedside for when they wake up in the morning, with a biscuit. I being terribly fond of our grandsons (we both are), naturally made this biscuit one of Gwen's biscuits, they being, to my taste, the best biscuits we had in the house. This

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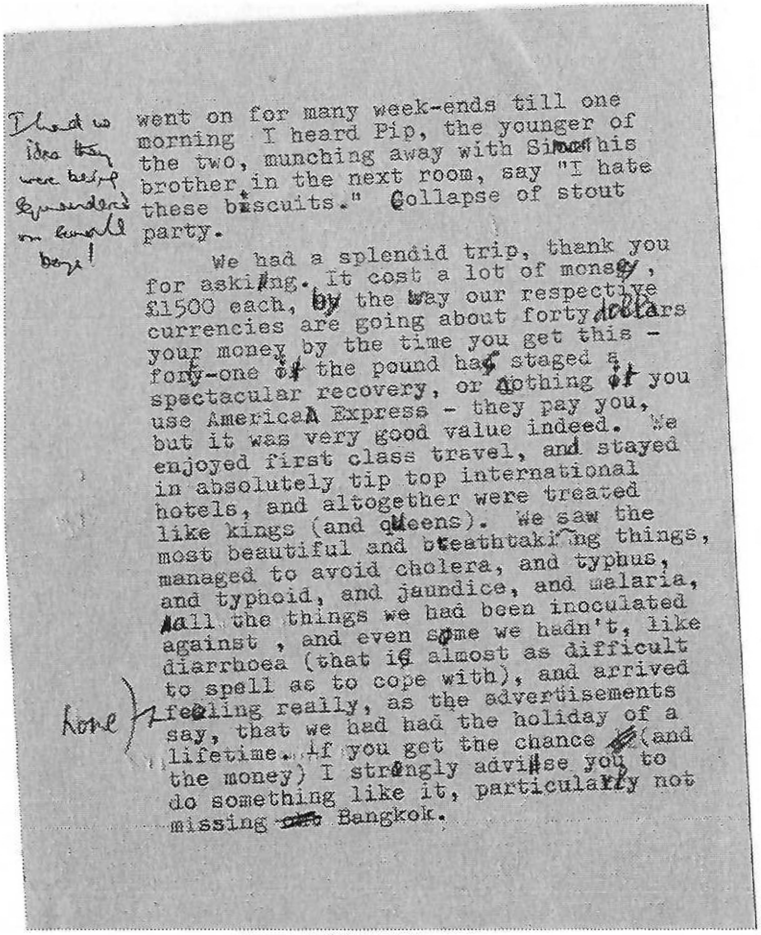
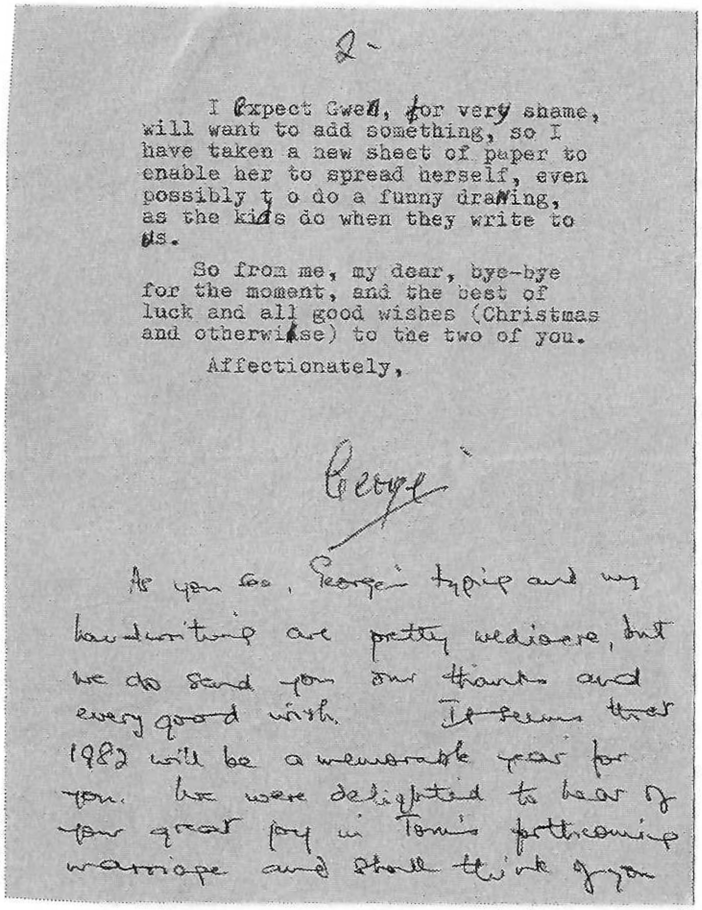


I had no idea they were being squandered on [illegible] boys!

went on for many week-ends till one morning I heard Pip, the younger of the two, munching away with Simon his brother in the next room, say "I hate these biscuits." Collapse of stout party.

We had a splendid trip, thank you for asking. It cost a lot of money, £1500 each, by the way our respective currencies are going about forty dollars your money by the time you get this - forty-one if the pound has staged a spectacular recovery, or nothing if you use American Express - they pay you, but it was very good value indeed. We enjoyed first class travel, and stayed in absolutely tip top international hotels, and altogether were treated like kings (and queens). We saw the most beautiful and breathtaking things, managed to avoid cholera, and typhus, and typhoid, and jaundice, and malaria, all the things we had been inoculated against , and even some we hadn't, like diarrhoea (that is almost as difficult to spell as to cope with), and arrived home feeling really, as the advertisements say, that we had had the holiday of a lifetime. If you get the chance (and the money) I strongly advise you to do something like it, particularly not missing Bangkok.



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I expect Gwen, for very shame, will want to add something, so I have taken a new sheet of paper to enable her to spread herself, even possibly to do a funny drawing, as the kids do when they write to us.

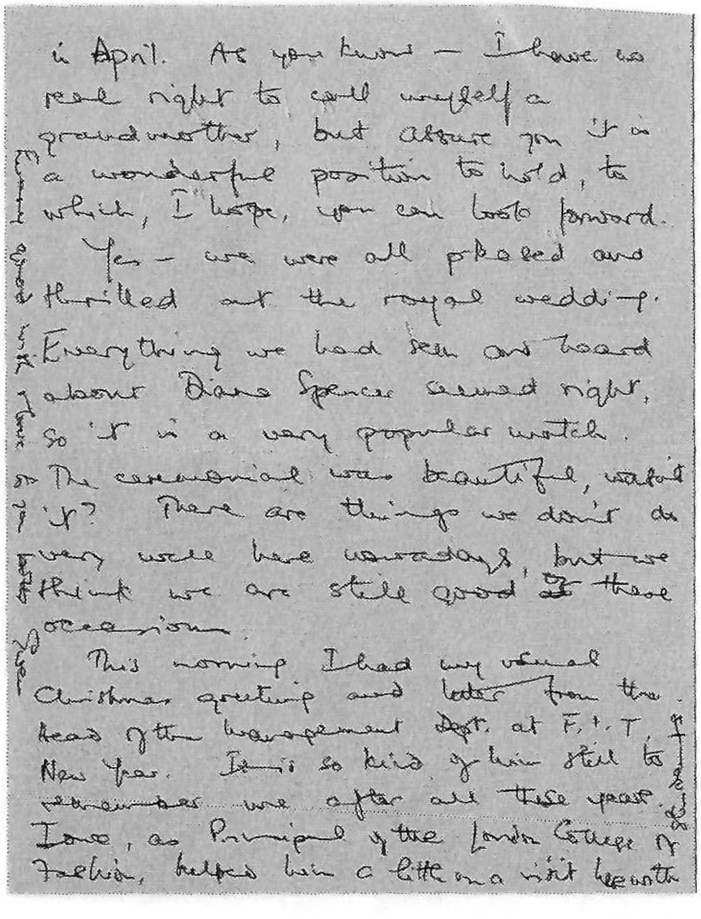
So from me, my dear, bye-bye for the moment, and the best of luck and all good wishes (Christmas and otherwise) to the two of you.

Affectionately,

George

As you see, George's typing and my handwriting are pretty mediocre, but we do send you our thanks and every good wish. It seems that 1982 will be a memorable year for you. We were delighted to hear of your great joy in Tom's forthcoming marriage and shall think of you

[The date was moved to June.]



in April. As you know – I have no real right to call myself a grandmother, but assure you it is a wonderful position to hold, to which, I hope, you can look forward.

Yes – we were all pleased and thrilled at the royal wedding. Everything we had seen and heard about Diana Spencer seemed right, so it is a very popular match. The ceremonial was beautiful, wasn't it? There are things we don't do very well here nowadays, but we think we are still good at these occasions.

This morning I had my usual Christmas greeting and letter from the head of the Management Dept. at F.I.T. for the New Year. It is so kind of him still to remember me after all these years. I was, as Principal of the London College of Fashion, helped him a little on a visit here with

Every good wish then to you both
Gwen

[Dec. 10, 1981]

Dec. 10, 1981

Dear George + Susan,

We did enjoy getting the letter from the two of you, along with the very lovely card from Hong Kong and the two family pictures from last year at The Crossing. They reminded us of the delightful stay we had with you.

It sounds as though your trip was very successful – everything you had hoped for. If we had lots of money, we would enjoy the same kind of trip. But I must say our priority is another trip to England if we can ever save up enough again.

Yes, we do look forward some day to being grandparents. Your story, George, about Pip and Simon was priceless. We know you love having them with you whenever possible.

Christmas will soon be here and already we look very much like the picture on this paper. About two weeks ago we had nearly a foot of heavy, wet snow all in one day. It did a lot of damage to trees, including the large old elm in our back yard. We were without electricity for over two days, along with 160,000 other families in the Twin Cities. Now we hear that Britain has just been hit with a very bad storm. We hope you escaped the worst of it.

Tom and Virginia will be here for several days at Christmas, and we are very glad. Jim, of course, will here, as he lives just a few blocks away from us. By the way, Tom and Virginia have now moved their wedding date to June 5th.

On the genealogy front, I am happy to report that last summer I was able to trace your Witheridge and Cawsey ancestry, George, back almost 200 years in Devon. As you can see from the family group sheets enclosed, I have located two sets of your great-great-great grandparents: John and Ann (Evans) Witheridge; and John and Elizabeth Cawsey; all living in Littleham in the 1790's.

Elizabeth says to tell you, Gwen, that the fruit cake didn't lose her any friends — in fact, it made a few new ones.

Now we wish you the best of Christmases and a New Year full of happiness.

Love

David + Elizabeth

凌霄飛舞
同志呈祥
甲寅、冬寫於雪虹軒

1981

Every good wish to you
both for Christmas 1981
and the year 1982.

Gwen & George!

2, The Old
Bakery.

Love to both,

George and
Gwen.

**An OXFAM Christmas Card**
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1982

*Have a*
*very merry Christmas*
*and a*
*happy New Year.*

Hope all is well with
you. We are moving,
in the New Year, to
a smaller house in
the village. Address

we've moved into a tiny house in the middle of the village.

2, OLD BAKERY MEWS,
ALBURY, GUILDFORD
SURREY – GU5 9AE.

Anthony is our Military Attaché in Portugal now.

1983

With

Best Wishes for Christmas

and the New Year

and hoping that you have not discovered too many more secrets of our dark past!

1953

Love to you

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1984

With
Christmas Greetings
and Best Wishes
for the
New Year

Love to you both
George and Vivien.

Simon was confirmed at Harrow School the other day, in the presence of his godparents. Anthony goes to Baden-Baden in the summer. Pix has been made a prefect! The twins go on their noisy, merry way, and Vivien and I seem to be holding our own. Hope all well ~~with~~ you and your family.

Sold in aid of
THE SURREY VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION
FOR THE BLIND
'Rentwood', School Lane, Fetcham, Surrey.
Telephone: Leatherhead 377701

1985

We do hope you and your sons are well. Any grandchildren yet?! Anthony is stationed in the Black Forest area in Germany, at the moment. He was transferred from Lisbon last midsummer. It seems likely that he may move next year to Brazil!! Meantime, all 4 children are still in school in England – the 2 boys at Harrow, the girls in a lovely Elizabethan manor house in Dorset. All growing big and adult! How the years fly by!

*The purchase of this card has helped*
BARNARDO'S *to help a child.*

Life will be easier for us when Harrow becomes co-educational – it is bound to happen, and they are all in the same school together, but it may not happen in our time.

A very Merry Christmas

and all best wishes for

A Happy New Year

George

1986

1986

*With Season's Greetings*
*and all Good Wishes*
*for the New Year*

Hope all well with
you. Anthony is
now in Brazil(!)
which makes things
somewhat complicated
when we are trying to

get the children out for
~~after~~ their Christmas
holidays — against
half the Indian sub-
continent at Heathrow
going home for
Christmas! Thank
goodness Christmas
comes but once a year!
Love to you all
George and Susan.

The boys are now at Harrow.
The girls at Sherborne Sch. Dorset.

*The purchase of this card has helped*
DR. BARNARDO'S *to help a child*

We do hope that all is well with you and all your family. We are beginning to realise that we were born some time ago, but on the whole, we manage to keep going!! George fell in the High Street a month or two ago and has had a troublesome arm in consequence and I had a difficult patch a year ago – a heart attack – but we are pretty well recovered. Indeed – we have fairly recently managed a very interesting visit to the U.S.S.R. with a number of your fellow countrymen (women!) in the party!

Antony and Francoise have been home for a few weeks but are back in Brasilia now. The children fly out this week and next for Christmas. How they do grow up! Both boys (17 & 15) are 6 feet plus and

The purchase of this card is
helping Dr Barnardo's to help a child

1987

Elizabeth and David.

With Season's Greetings
and all Good Wishes
for the New Year

and our love.

George & Joan.

The 14 year old twins quite young ladies. They are all very happy at school, fortunately. The parents are so far away.

My greetings and love
to you too. [illegible]

1987

[1988 trip plans]

Dear George & Gwen February 1, 1988

We were sorry to read of George's injuries and Gwen's earlier heart attack, and we hope your health is improving steadily.

I'm sure we mentioned at Christmas time that we were hoping to come to Britain this spring. Our plans are now materializing, and we expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. We'll spend about a week in the London area, then hire a car and drive through England, Wales and Scotland for three weeks.

I have just completed the first draft of our itinerary, and the way it works out we'll be starting with about three days in Essex. Then on Tuesday, May 24, we plan to leave Chelmsford and drive to Albury. We'll be taking a route north of London, as we want to stop on the way at a little town (or hamlet) called Sharpenhoe near Streatley in Bedfordshire. That is the place where Elizabeth's Norton ancestors lived for several generations around 1500, and we want to look around and see if there are any traces left. We expect to arrive in Albury sometime between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

[Actually not true; see Norton family in index. DEW decided they were not EPW's ancestors that far back.]

We have planned this visit on the assumption that you would have room in your present house to have us stay overnight and that Harry and Doris and Robert might drop in during the evening. If this is more than you could manage easily, perhaps we could stay with Harry and Doris and you could meet us there. If that would be too difficult for them, we could stay at a nearby inn or hotel, and you could all be our guests for dinner. Somehow we'll be able to manage this visit, for we must see you all again — we are very fond of you all!

[See John Witheridge (chaplain to Archbishop of Canterbury)]

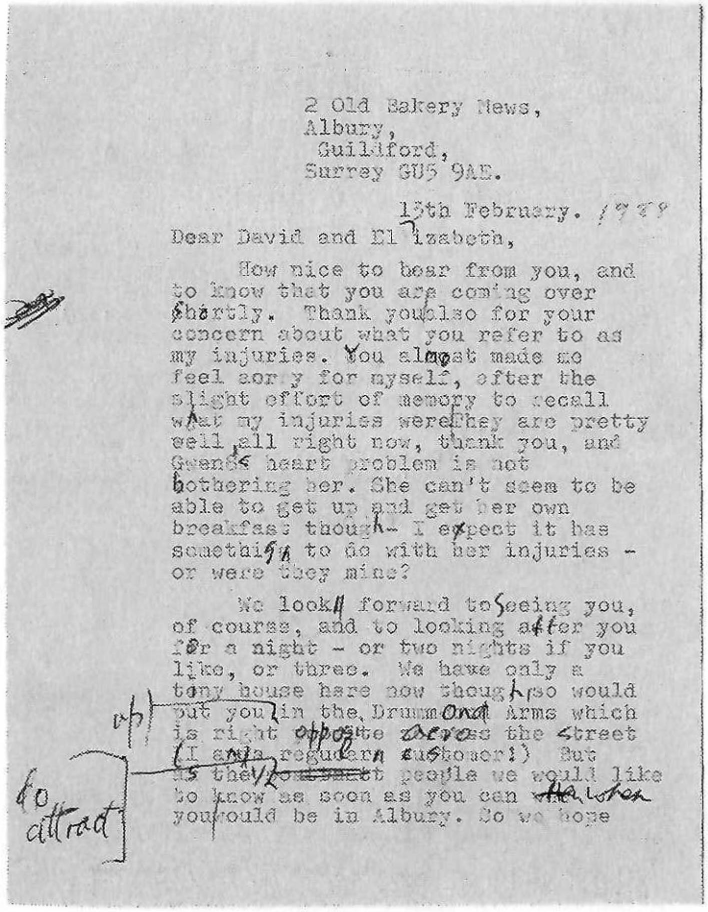
On Wednesday, May 25, we plan to head for Windsor and Eton on our way to Salisbury and Exeter. I'm writing to your nephew John at Eton to see if by chance we could meet him while we are there.

Please let us know soon whether May 24 will fit into your schedule so we can rearrange our itinerary, if necessary.

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

[Feb. 13, 1988]



2 Old Bakery News,
Albury,
Guildford,
Surrey GU5 9AE.

13th February. 1988

Dear David and Elizabeth,

How nice to hear from you, and to know that you are coming over shortly. Thank you also for your concern about what you refer to as my injuries. You almost made me feel sorry for myself, after the slight effort of memory to recall what my injuries were. They are pretty well, all right now, thank you, and Gwen's heart problem is not bothering her. She can't seem to be able to get up and get her own breakfast though - I expect it has something to do with her injuries - or were they mine?

We look forward to seeing you, of course, and to looking after you for a night - or two nights if you like, or three. We have only a tiny house here now though, so would put you in the Drummond Arms which is right ~~opposite~~ across the street (I am a regular customer!) But as they ~~consumate~~ people we would like to know as soon as you can when you would be in Albury. So we hope

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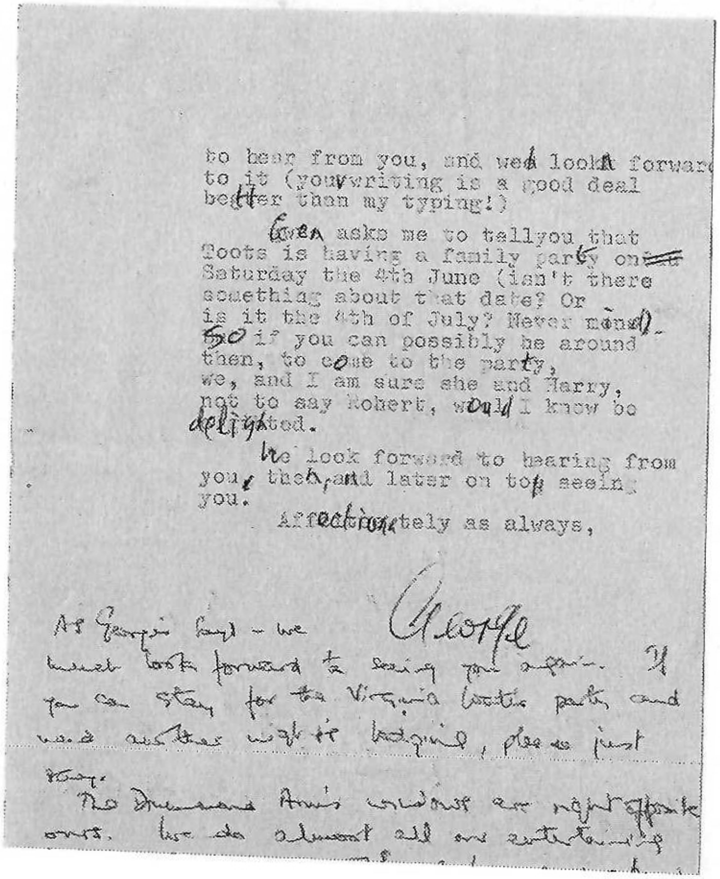


to hear from you, and we'd look forward to it (your writing is a good deal better than my typing!)

Gwen asks me to tell you that Toots is having a family party on Saturday the 4th June (isn't there something about that date? Or is it the 4th of July? Never mind). So if you can possibly be around then, to come to the party, we, and I am sure she and Harry, not to say Robert, would I know be delighted.

We look forward to hearing from you, then, and later on to seeing you.

Affectionately as always,

George

As Georgie says - we much look forward to seeing you again. If you can stay for the Virginia [illegible] party and need another night's lodging, please just stay.

The Drummond Arms windows are right opposite ours. We do almost all our entertaining

February 28, 1988

Dear Gwen + George,

Your kind note welcoming us again to Albury and offering to put us up in the Drummond Arms arrived a week or so ago, but I couldn't answer until I was able to change our itinerary so we can attend the Witheridge party at Toots' and Harry's. It took a little doing, but now we have it arranged so we can be there on June 4.

We have delayed our visit to Albury and Virginia Water until we go to Devon, Wales, and the Birmingham area. We'll be coming from Nuneaton on Saturday morning, June 4, and arriving in Virginia Water about 12:30. It will be a great pleasure to see you all again and to meet some Witheridges we have never met before.

We have two invitations to stay overnight, but I suggested to Toots and Harry that since they will be having a very busy day entertaining, we ought to accept your invitation to put us up at the Drummond Arms. On the following day, Sunday, we'll have a long drive ahead of us – all the way up to Scotland – so we'll have to get an early start. Elizabeth has a distant McComas relative who lives in Kirkintilloch near Glasgow, and we'd like to get there around 6:00 p.m.

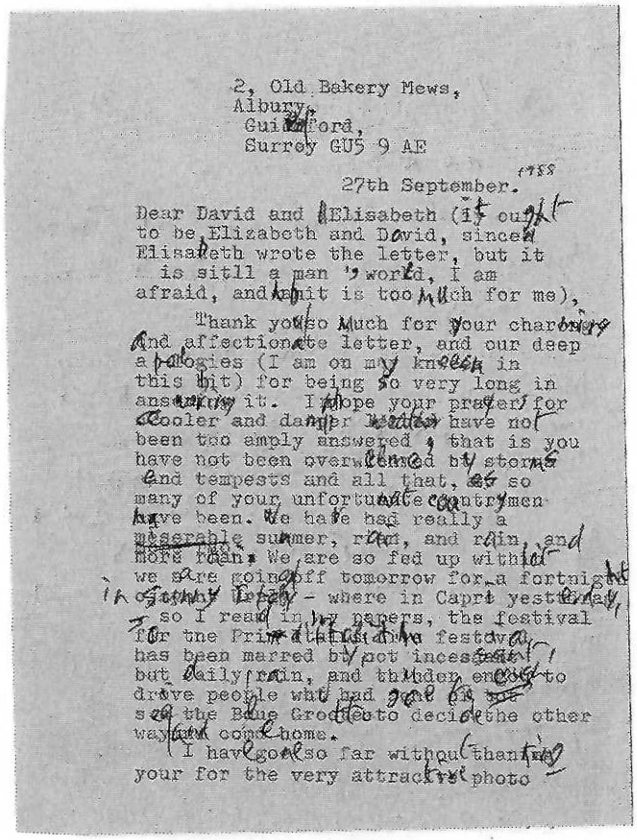
By the way, Kim and Ray Cook will be picking us up at the airport and also returning us there as they did in 1976 and 1980. We'll be staying with them a couple of days at the beginning and at the end of our stay, and they will always know where we are in case you need to reach us while we're in Britain. Their address is 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PT; ph. 01-777-6072.

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

Letter from Eliz. – 7/18/88

[Sept. 27, 1988]



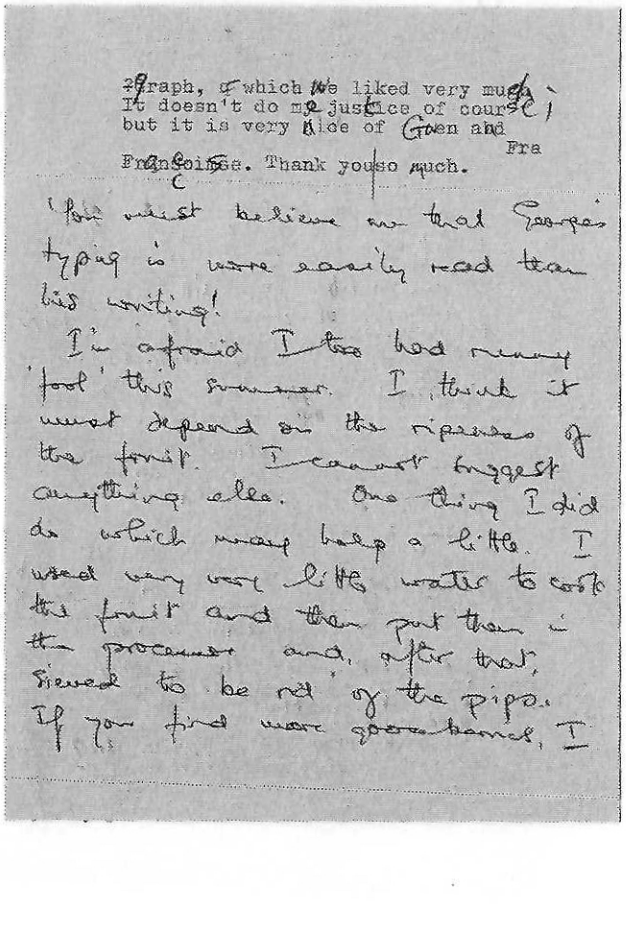
2, Old Bakery Mews,
Albury,
Guildford,
Surrey GU5 9 AE

1988
27th September.

Dear David and Elisabeth (it ought to be Elizabeth and David, since Elisabeth wrote the letter, but it is sitll a man's world, I am afraid, and that is too much for me),

Thank you so much for your charming and affectionate letter, and our deep apologies (I am on my knees in this bit) for being so very long in answering it. I hope your prayers for cooler and damper weather have not been too amply answered; that is you have not been overwhelmed by storms and tempests and all that, as so many of your unfortunate countrymen have been. We have had really a miserable summer, rain, and rain, and more rain. We are so fed up with it we are going off tomorrow for a fortnight in sunny Italy – where in Capri yesterday, so I read in the papers, the festival for the Prim[illegible] festival has been marred by not incessant, but daily rain, and thunder enough to drive people who had gone off to see the Blue Grotto to decide the other way and come home.

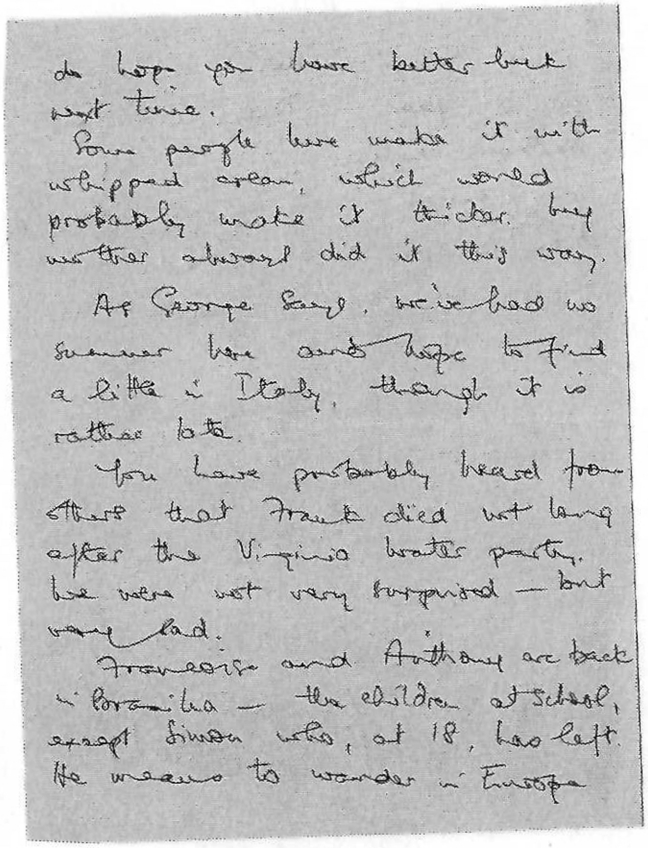
I have got so far without thanking you for the very attractive photo–



graph, which we liked very much. It doesn't do me justice of course, but it is very nice of Gwen and
Fra
Françoise. Thank you so much.

You must believe me that George's typing is more easily read than his writing!

I'm afraid I too had runny 'fool' this summer. I think it must depend on the ripeness of the fruit. I cannot suggest anything else. One thing I did do which may help a little. I used very very little water to cook the fruit and then put them in the processor and, after that, sieved to be rid of the pips. If you find more gooseberries, I



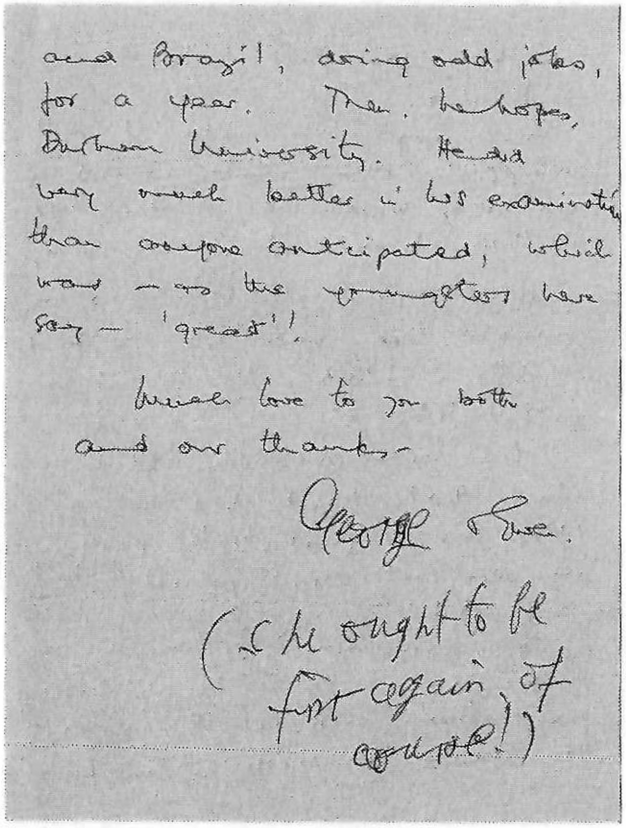
do hope you have better luck next time.

Some people here make it with whipped cream, which would probably make it thicker, but mother always did it this way.

As George says, we've had no summer here and hope to find a little in Italy, though it is rather late.

You have probably heard from others that Frank died not long after the Virginia water party. We were not very surprised — but very sad.

Françoise and Anthony are back in Brasilia — the children at school, except Simon who, at 18, has left. He means to wander in Europe



and Brazil, doing odd jobs, for a year. Then, he hopes, Durham University. He did very much better in his examinations than anyone anticipated, which was — as the youngsters here say — 'great'!

Much love to you both
and our thanks —

George Eve.

(She ought to be first again, of course!)

"….. and a Partridge in a Pear Tree"

1988

*With Season's Greetings*
*and all good wishes for*
*the New Year*

And love from
us both
George & Gwen.

It was good to see you
both again – even for so
brief a time. Hope all's well.

1988

1989

From both of us.

George

Antony and Françoise are back in England from Brazil. We don't know where they will be sent next. The elder boy, Simon is now at Durham University. The other, Pip, is Head of his house at Harrow and in the first 15. Their twins grow into young ladies!

Do hope all is well with you and yours - especially Rebecca.

Very love - Grace.

Barnardos
Together we can give young people a chance.

1989

*With Season's Greetings*

*and all good wishes for*

*the New Year*

and everything else we can think of. We hope all is well with you, and that Rebecca continues to make progress. We are well - up to now! - though increasing sadly in years. All love to you

1989

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# Charles Frederick Witheridge
documents

[DEW found him in a British telephone directory]

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FROM Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425. Irving Ave. So.
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TO Mr. C. F. Witheridge
45. Tintern Ave.
London N.W.9 England

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405 U.S.A.
November 2, 1968

Mr. C. F. Witheridge
45 Tintern Ave.
London NW9
England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

You will perhaps be surprised to get a letter from a Witheridge in the United States. Let me just say that I found your name in the British telephone directory in the New York City Public Library.

For the last few years I've been working on genealogy, and among other things I've been trying to reconstruct my Witheridge ancestry. Since my father was born in Wales and came to this country as a boy with his parents, most of my search for the Witheridge line has been in England, but this is hard at such a distance. I'm hoping you can be of some assistance to me.

As you can see, I've enclosed three family record sheets. One gives my own Witheridge ancestry as far back as I know it. The others are the earliest records I have of two other Witheridge families. Probably these three tie together somehow, but I don't know how. Maybe you are acquainted with one or more of these.

I'm hoping you will be willing to tell me how far back you can trace your own Witheridge line and what else you know about the Witheridge family. Could you give me the names and addresses of any other Witheridge descendants who have worked on Witheridge genealogy?

Just a word about myself. I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and began my professional experience there as a heating and ventilating engineer with my father, after graduating from the University of Michigan. Four years later I decided to become a minister, and I entered the seminary. After nine years as a Baptist minister, I came to Minneapolis seventeen years ago to be the executive of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife also grew up in Saginaw and was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. Now she is the author of children's books, having written six. We have two sons. Jim is 21 and works in a hospital here in Minneapolis. Tom is 20 and attends Oberlin College in Ohio.

I shall look forward to hearing from you and receiving any information you can give me about the Witheridge family in England. Thank you for any help you can give.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[June 20, 1969]

45 TINTERN AVENUE
KINGSBURY
LONDON NW9
ENGLAND.

20-6-69.

Dear Mr Witheridge

I really must apologise for the very long spell of time which has lapsed without writing to you. The reason is, I must confess, lack of information re' the subject "Witheridge Family Tree."

My wife and I have been trying to obtain some past history by visiting older members of our family but have not obtained anything substantial.

We did however visit "Somerset House" London (Records of births and deaths back to year 1837) in December 1968 to find the birth certificate of my Grandfather and was successful in finding same. Unfortunately we cannot trace my Great Grandfather George Causey Witheridge (Same Christian

(2)

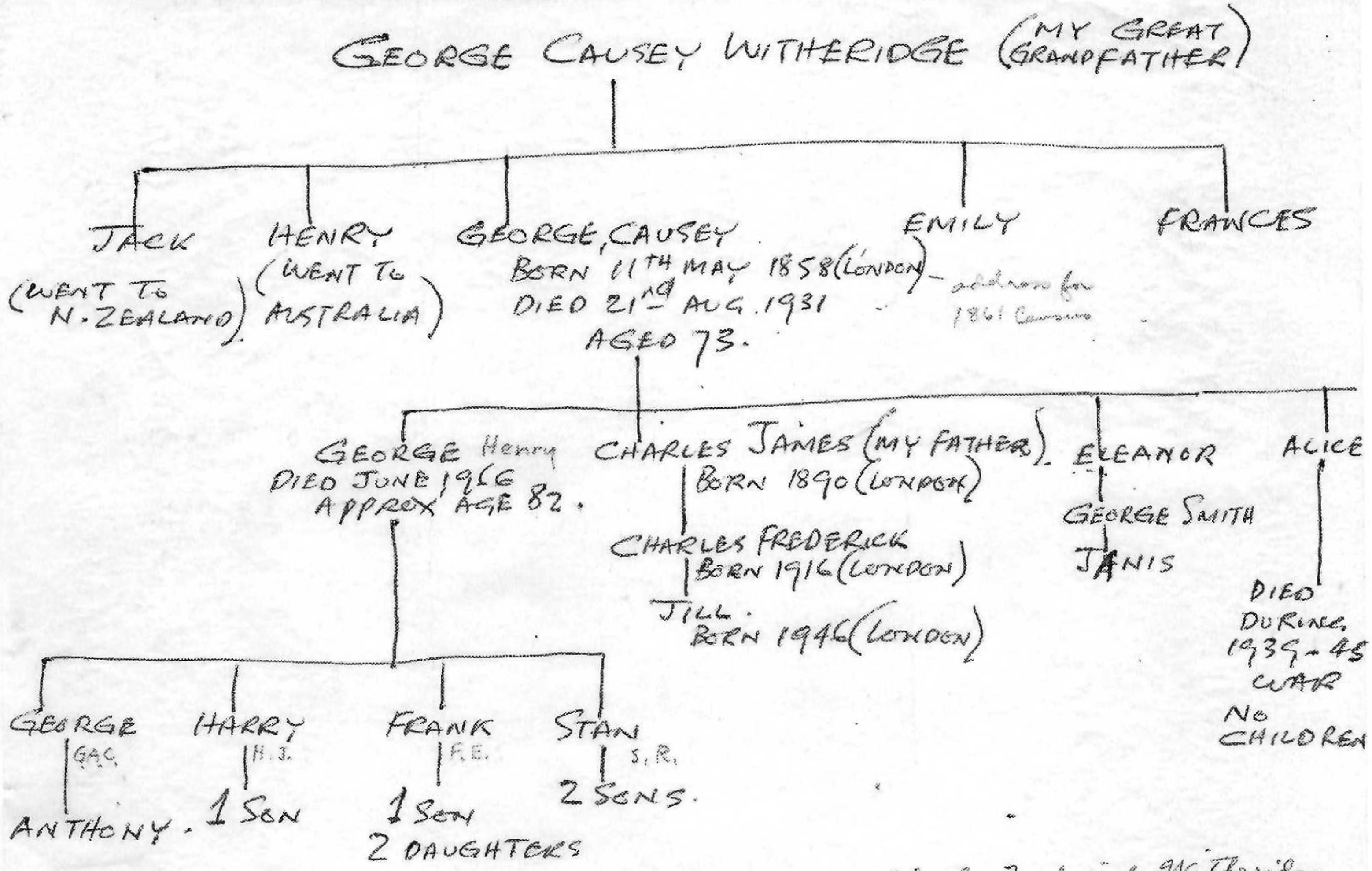
as his Son) as previous records
back only as far as 1837, but it
thought he came from Devon,
re I beleive the name Witheridge
quite common. There does exist
ay a village named Witheridge (in Devon).
I enclose for your information
retention my conception of my
ticular branch of the Witheridge
mily Tree.

Once more I'm sorry for this
ayed answer but sincerely hope it
help a little in your search.

Yours Sincerely
C.F. Witheridge
C.F. WITHERIDGE.

P.S. I am afraid I do not know of any other Witheridge decendant who has worked on genealogy.

[This was enclosed with the preceding letter.]


GEORGE CAUSEY WITHERIDGE (MY GREAT GRANDFATHER)
JACK (WENT TO N. ZEALAND)
HENRY (WENT TO AUSTRALIA)
GEORGE, CAUSEY BORN 11TH MAY 1858 (LONDON) DIED 21ST AUG. 1931 AGED 73.
address for 1861 Census
EMILY
FRANCES
GEORGE Henry DIED JUNE 1966 APPROX AGE 82.
CHARLES JAMES (MY FATHER) BORN 1890 (LONDON)
CHARLES FREDERICK BORN 1916 (LONDON)
JILL. BORN 1946 (LONDON)
ELEANOR
GEORGE SMITH
JANIS
ALICE
DIED DURING 1939-45 WAR
NO CHILDREN
GEORGE
G.A.C.
ANTHONY.
HARRY
H.J.
1 SON
FRANK
F.E.
1 SON
2 DAUGHTERS
STAN
S.R.
2 SONS.

– Charles Frederick Witheridge
June 20, 1969

July 7, 1969

Mr. C. F. Witheridge
45 Tintern Ave., Kingsbury
London N.W.9, England

Dear Charles:

(Or don't you go by this name?)

I was very happy to have your reply to my letter about your Witheridge ancestry. I was not surprised by your long delay, as I have found that practically all of the Witheridges with whom I have corresponded have had to start from scratch, since they could barely trace their line back to their grandfather.

My genealogical efforts have already led me to Somerset House, and I have obtained several birth, marriage, and death certificates from there. I am glad to know you have been there, and I hope that your presence in London will make it possible for you to check on other information there from time to time.

Since I have found no one yet who has delved into Witheridge genealogy, we are all going to have to do our share and inform each other of our discoveries from time to time. I have found two or three others who say they are willing to help, but results seem to come slowly.

You are right in making contact with all the older members of your family and putting down every scrap of information you can elicit. Such information disappears all too quickly.

As you can see from the sheets I sent last time, my great-grandfather came from Devon, as did several ancestors of those I have corresponded with. However, I have not yet been able to piece together any of these into a common line, though I am sure this will be possible some day.

Thank you for the chart of your ancestry. I have put this on the forms I use in my records. From your information I have several lines of attack to suggest.

First, have you seen a copy of your grandfather's obituary from August, 1931? I don't know how it was in London, but in American cities at that time there would surely be something printed either in some newspaper or in some trade journal, lodge magazine, or church news letter. From an obituary you may pick up some forgotten information about his own life or the names and places of residence of his relatives who were alive at that time.

The second thing I would try would be to locate your great-grandfather and his wife and children in the 1861 Census. Correspondence I had with the Society of Genealogists, 37 Harrington Gardens, London, S.W.7, indicates that these census records are

C. F. Witheridge

7/7/69

at the Public Records Office, which, according to one of my books, is at 120 Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2. The Society of Genealogists said the 1861 Census would give the exact age and place of birth for all persons mentioned.

If you could get this for your great-grandfather, you could then refer to the parish church records at that location for information about his parents and perhaps any brothers and sisters he may have had. A great many parish registers have been copied and are at the Society of Genealogists.

The book I mentioned said the census records for 1861 (and each decade thereafter) are at Somerset House and are not available for public inspection, but will be searched by the staff on payment of $1.50 for each address, but the exact address must be given. (How would you know their exact address in 1861?!) Maybe the 1861 records are at the Public Records Office, now that 100 years have elapsed.

The other Witheridges in London whose names and addresses I have are the following:

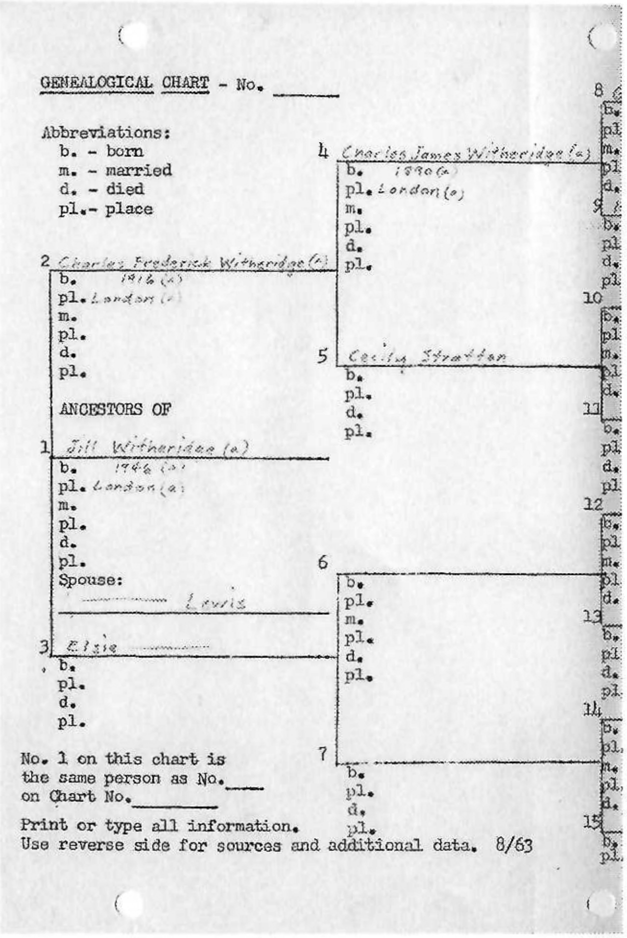
Dorothy Witheridge, 133 New Kings Rd., S.W.6
G.A.C. Witheridge, 19 Sandringham Ct., W9
Maisie I. Witheridge, 3 Beverley Rd., W4
M. R. Witheridge, 6/23 Madeley Rd., W5

Do you know or are you related to any of those? Maybe you would make an initial contact and see what they know about their ancestries. I have not written to any of them yet. On your chart you listed several relatives who are still living. Would you be willing to give me their addresses?

Again let me thank you for your help. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge



GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. ______

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl.- place

2 Charles Frederick Witheridge (a)
b. 1916 (a)
pl. London (a)
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

ANCESTORS OF

1 Jill Witheridge (a)
b. 1946 (a)
pl. London (a)
m.
pl.
d.
pl.
Spouse:
———— Lewis

3 Elsie ————
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

4 Charles James Witheridge (a)
b. 1890 (a)
pl. London (a)
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

5 Cecily Stratton
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

6
b.
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DEW's
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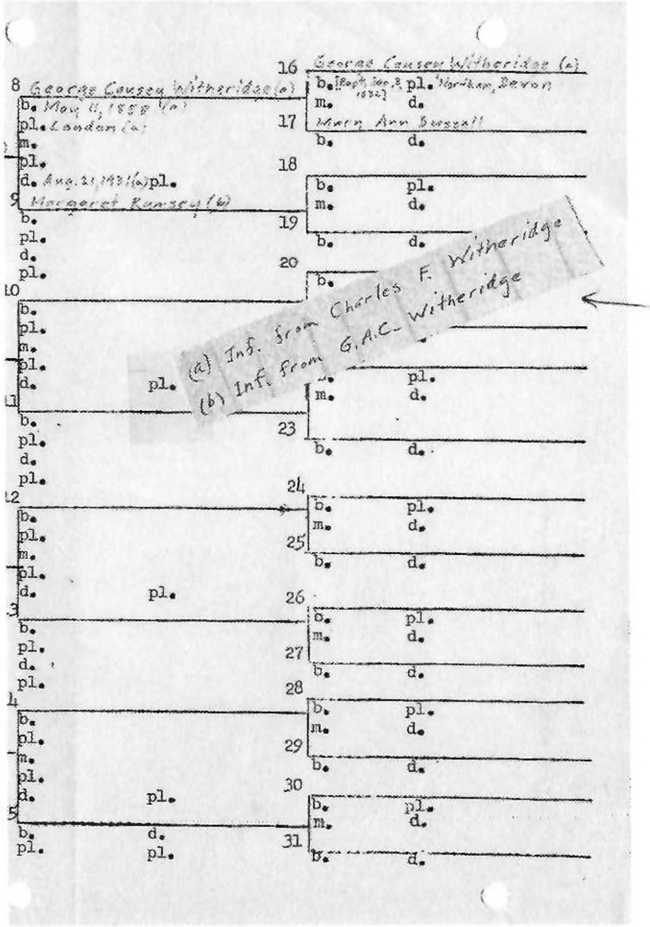

8 George Causey Witheridge (a)
b. May 11, 1858 (a)
pl. London (a)
m.
pl.
d. Aug. 21, 1931 (a) pl.

9 Margaret Kenzey (b)
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

10
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pl.
m.
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d. pl.

11
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b. d.
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16 George Causey Witheridge (a)
b. [Bapt. Dec. 3, 1832] pl. Northam, Devon
m. d.

17 Mary Ann Buzzall
b. d.

18
b. pl.
m. d.

19
b. d.

20
b.

(a) Inf. from Charles F. Witheridge
(b) Inf. from G.A.C. Witheridge

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m. d.

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[DEW's notes from other side]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
August 19, 1970

Mr. C. F. Witheridge
45 Tintern Avenue
Kingsbury
London N.W.9, England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

It's now a year since you wrote your very kind letter about your ancestry and I replied asking a great many questions. If I hadn't asked so many questions, you probably would have answered sooner.

You are probably as busy as I. For many months I've done practically nothing on genealogy. Now I'm on vacation and hope to catch up on my correspondence.

Your chart of your family connections was very interesting. Last October I got a letter from one of the others I had written to, Mr. G. A. C. Witheridge, who had lived in London, but now lives at The Crossing, Brook, Albury, Guildford, Surrey. He told me about his brothers and his father, and I have a strong suspicion he and his brothers are your first cousins George, Harry, Frank, and Stan, and his father is your Uncle George, who died in 1966. Am I right?

[George Albert Childs Witheridge (b. 1908)]

If they are your cousins, do you keep in touch with any of them? When I wrote to G. A. C. Witheridge, I enclosed a list of the other Witheridges I was aware of in England, including you, but he did not mention that he was related to you or knew you. Maybe that was just an oversight.

So far I've made contact with seven different Witheridges in England, not counting their various brothers and relatives. Unfortunately, no one knows anything about his ancestors beyond his grandparents.

The best information I've received so far was from the rector at the parish church in Combe Martin, Devon, where my great-grandfather was born and married. For a small fee he sent me the baptismal records of all the Witheridges and Blackmores in Combe Martin between 1817 and 1853, as well as some marriages and burials. (My great-grandmother was a Blackmore.)

If we knew where and when your great-grandfather was born, we could correspond with the rector there and have him search the parish register for information about your great-grandfather and other Witheridges who lived there.

If you have a copy of your grandfather's birth certificate, the address of his parents in London at that time (1858) is probably given. With this address we could get the names, ages, and birthplaces of everyone living there at the time of the 1861 census. I did this for my great-grandfather, as I knew his address in 1881. The 1861 census I find is at the Public Records Office, not at Somerset House.

By the way, you and I are just about the same age. I was born August 15, 1914. One of our sons was born in 1946 and the other in 1947, so they are about the same age as your Jill.

Thanks for writing. I'm eagerly looking forward to hearing from you again.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Nov. 17, 1970]

45 TINTERN AVENUE
KINGSBURY
LONDON
N.W.9.

17-11-70.

Dear Mr Witheridge

Re your letter dated 19th August 1970 to which I am now attempting to answer. I wish to apologise for my silence for which I must confess I have no excuse.

Referring to George Witheridge and his brothers, Harry, Frank and Stan in that order (the eldest being George, the youngest Stan who is about my age 54) they are my cousins, but unfortunately I see little of them although I do see my Aunt, their mother on occasions. Their father, George Witheridge (Sen) deceased is of

urse my father's late brother.
yes, we have a copy of my
randfather's birth certificate
n which the address of his
rents is given which is
5 CASTLE STREET, EAST, MARYLEBONE,
DON. My wife visited the
iblic Records office and looked
p the 1851 and 1861 Street
nsus records but unfortunately
there was nobody of the name
f Witheridge registered there;
so I am afraid. I cannot progress
ny further with my family
ree.

My wife and I spent a few
days in Devon in September
this year and visited the village

of Witheridge, Snaps are enclosed. We paid a call on the Vicar and his wife re the family tree but he informed us that no such name appears in the records back as far as the middle 1500's. He informed us of your postal enquiries of which we understand, he was unable to help. We hope you have greater success with your family tree.

Yours sincerely

Witheridge

C.F. WITHERIDGE.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
May 2, 1971

Mr. C. F. Witheridge
45, Tintern Ave.
London N.W.9
England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

I was very happy to receive your letter of last November with the pictures of the town of Witheridge. I wish I could have visited there with you. Yes, I have had correspondence with the vicar, who searched the parish records back to 1585 and found no baptisms, marriages, or burials under the name of Witheridge.

I appreciate the report made by your wife on her investigation of the 1851 and 1861 census records. It is strange that there was no Witheridge entry at 45 Castle Street, East, Marylebone, London, and at first glance it would seem that you had reached the end of the trail.

However, if I were there in London, I would proceed as follows: I would try to get the birth certificates of your grandfather's brothers and sisters Jack, Henry, Emily, and Frances in the hopes that the address of your great-grandfather on one of them might be where he was registered in the 1851 or 1861 census. In the case of the later children, if they were born after 1861, the 1871 Census Records at Somerset House might be checked.

Another approach would be to have a serach made at Somerset House for your great-grandfather's marriage certificate over a period of several years before the birth of the first child. This might give a clue to his place of origin, or at least his residence at the time of his marriage, as well as his parents' names. His approximate date of birth would also appear from his age at the time of his marriage. Let me know if either of these approaches brings any results.

I have recently discovered another Witheridge descendant in London (or rather near there in Morden, ~~Sussex~~ Surrey) who has taken an interest in Witheridge genealogy and is beginning to do some work on it. She expects to go to Devon in June to hunt in some of the parish records. If you find out anything further about the roots of your family in Devon, you might want to correspond with her. She is Mrs. C. T. Cook, 209 Lynmouth Avenue, Morden, Surrey, and her ~~xxxxxx~~ mother was a Witheridge. She is a niece of the Dorothy Witheridge I mentioned in an earlier letter.

As you can see, I have prepared family record sheets of your father's family, your grandfather's, and your great-grandfather's. I've compiled these from information you and your cousin, G. A. C. Witheridge, have given me. Of course, there are many gaps, and what I'd like to have you do is to fill in or correct any names, dates, or places you may know and return these sheets to me.

If you have the birth certificate of your grandfather, does it give the maiden name of your great-grandmother? Do you have any idea where your great-grandfather and great-grandmother are buried? This could be of help in our research.

Did you ever hear a report that your great-grandfather, George Causey Witheridge, Sr., was at one time a lighthouse keeper on Lundy Island? George A. C. Witheridge's grandmother (and yours) passed along this information. I wonder if there are any records of this anywhere? Would lighthouse keeper be a government job?

You will note that I have used the designation of George Causey Witheridge, Jr., for your grandfather. Neither you nor G. A. C. Witheridge used this in your letters, and I'm wondering if it is not so customary to use this designation in England.

As time goes on, I am more than ever convinced that we shall eventually be able to piece together the various strands of the Witheridge family. Thanks for your help. I hope you will be pleased with the results, too.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Five years on... 1976 trip plans]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
June 13, 1976

Mr. C. F. Witheridge
45, Tintern Ave.
London NW9
England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

It's about five years since I last wrote to you, and I hope you are still at the same address.

Now I want to let you know that my wife Elizabeth and I are about to leave for England to spend the entire summer in a study leave. We arrive in London on June 16 and will be staying in England until September 2. So we certainly hope we can arrange to visit you.

For the first few days we shall be staying with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA. I think I mentioned to you that her mother was a Witheridge. Their telephone is 01-641-2994.

If you could call us while we are there, I think we could work something out.

From June 21 to 24 we'll be at a conference of ecumenical officers from all over Britain at a place called High Leigh in Hoddesdon, Herts. The telephone there is Hoddesdon 63244 and 63018. Prefix from London is 61.

Then from June 25 to July 7 we'll be staying at Lee Abbey International Students Club, 27 Courtfield Gardens, London SW5 OPQ. The telephone there is 01-373-7286.

After that we'll be touring around Britain and spending some time at Exeter and Cambridge, but we'll be back with the Cooks a few days from August 29 to September 2. So we do hope we'll hear from you.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
April 24, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Witheridge
Mrs. Jill Lewis
45 Tintern Ave.
London NW9
England

Dear Charles and Mrs. Witheridge and Jill:

Elizabeth and I were very sorry we were unable to work in a visit to your house while we were in England last summer. At first we had hoped to see you during our first stay in the London area early in the summer. When that was impossible, we hoped to visit you around the first of September. The truth is that by that time we were worn out and simply unable to face a trip from Sutton up to the northwestern part of London.

I've been looking over our earlier correspondence, Charles, and hoping we can take up where we left off. We have two others now near London who can be of great help in our genealogical search. One is Kim Cook (Mrs. Roy), with whom we stayed in Sutton for a while last summer. Her mother was a Witheridge.

Kim is building up quite a store of information about every branch of the Witheridge family. Last fall she joined the Society of Genealogists, and she is able to spend time occasionally at St. Catherine's House and also at the Census Rooms of the Public Record Office. I think it would be especially nice if Jill and Kim could get acquainted and keep in touch with each other. As I said in my letter last June, her address is Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA; and her telephone is 01-641-2994.

The other person who has taken an interest in Witheridge family history is Anthony Witheridge, the son of your cousin George. He did some work last year on tracking down his (and your) ancestor George Causey Witheridge. He transcribed the record of all the Witheridge births in the St. Catherine's House index from 1837 through 1859 (except the fourth quarter of 1855, which was probably at the bindery).

Anthony also secured the marriage certificate of his grandfather, George Henry Witheridge, in 1907. He was a little disturbed because in that document George Henry Witheridge's father was given as George Henry rather than George Causey. I think that was merely a clerical error, but it will have to be checked further. I know you will want to keep in touch with Anthony, because you both have the same Witheridge ancestry through George Causey Witheridge. His address is Major A. G. Witheridge, 15 Armstrong Close, Fort Halstead, Sevenoaks, Kent. At least, that was correct last summer!

If you still have the letter I wrote to you, Charles, on May 2, 1971, you will find several suggestions I made to carry on the search for the place of origin of George Causey Witheridge (Senior).

If you do not have the marriage certificate of George Causey Witheridge and Mary Ann Bussell (look under both names in the index) about 1853, I think that would be the first thing to look for. I'd certainly like to have a copy of it.

Also, do you have, or could you locate, an obituary of your grandfather, whose death I understand was August 21, 1931. If so, I'd like to have a copy of that, too.

Again, let me say how sorry Elizabeth and I were not to be able to meet you last summer. The next best thing would be to receive your pictures in exchange for the one of us enclosed!

Yours sincerely,

David & Elizabeth Witheridge

P.S. I believe this is Jill's address now. What is your current address, Charles? And what is Mrs. Witheridge's first name, please? DEW

May 22, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Witheridge
Mrs. Jill Lewis
46, Tintern Avenue
London NW9

Dear "Relatives":

We were sorry not to meet you in 1976, but now we have another chance. In August we're coming to Britain. As of January 1st I retired from my position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, and at one of the recognition events they presented me with a generous monetary gift. Elizabeth and I have decided to use it for another trip to Britain, though it's not enough to cover the entire cost.

Now we are in the process of making arrangements for the trip. We just received our plane tickets on the recently established non-stop flight from Minneapolis to London, leaving here on August 2nd and returning October 2nd. During that time we'll be hiring a car for seven weeks and traveling through England, Scotland, Wales, and the Isle of Man. For two of those weeks we'll be in Devon digging into our genealogical past, as well as sight-seeing and visiting relatives.

As they did last time, Kim Cook and her family will meet us at Gatwick airport and take us to their home in Sutton for a few days. We'll also be with them several days just before we leave. In connection with our stay at the Cooks', we'll be spending a total of six days in London, and we hope we may be able to work out a way to meet you and have a good chance to talk.

It looks now as though the days in London would be Tuesday and Wednesday, August 5 and 6; Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26; and Monday and Tuesday, September 29 and 30. We would be spending a couple of nights in a hotel on each of those trips to the city. It occurs to me that the most convenient time of day to visit with you would be late afternoon and early evening on one of the days listed above. That would probably fit in best with your work schedule and our visiting of record offices, libraries, and tourist attractions.

Would it be presumptuous of us to invite ourselves to dinner at your house, Charles, or at Jill's? This was one of the pleasures of our last trip--seeing people's homes and eating at their tables. We could probably come by underground, with a short bus ride at the end.

I think that is all I'll say for now, as I have many letters to write to see if our suggested itinerary will be satisfactory for those we want to see. Please write and let us know if you will be at home during the time we expect to be in London. We do want to meet you after these several years of correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Not ans.

[July 16, 1980]

41, Beverley Drive
(Phone No. 01.204.3228) Edgware
Middlesex
HA8, 5NQ.

16-7-80

Dear David & Mrs Witheridge

Thank you for your letter regarding your impending visit to the U.K. this year.

Your suggestion regarding visiting us in August & September is doubtful. About this time of the year my wife, self and family take impromptu holidays and in consequence cannot tie ourselves to specific dates. Therefore under these circumstances I regret we cannot offer you the hospitality we should like to.

However we do hope you and your wife enjoy your forthcoming holiday in this country.

Yours Sincerely
Elsie & Charles
Witheridge

Charles G. Witheridge
documents

Charles G. Witheridge
Little Upcott Farm
East Buckland
Devon EX 32 OTD

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U. S. A.

July 26, 1988

Dear Charles + Vera,

We were delighted to meet you on our trip to Devon this year. It was very good that you could come over to West Buckland the day we were there. We enjoyed every minute of our visit that day, including the delicious food, and we wish we could have had longer to talk with each person. We wer also glad to see your lovely home and to see where you liv in relation to West Buckland.

Here is a copy of the picture we took of you two with John and Hilda. We think it came out very well, and we're glad to have it to remind us of our visit with relatives there. You and John are second cousins of my father, William Allen Witheridge, who was born in Wales, though his father was born in Combe Martin.

We had a wonderful trip to Britain, including our brief stays in Scotland and Wales. The countryside was beautiful, and we loved being with friends and relatives. The only problem was the weather. It was cold (for us), rainy, and windy almost all the time we were there, and both of us came home with bad colds. When we arrived, we found they were in the midst of a drought and a heat wave - many days over 90°F - and this has continued until now with only slight relief. Because of our colds and the heat, our energy level has been low, and we still aren't finished doing all the things that needed to be done after we got home.

We hope that all is well with you and that your weathe has improved over the summer.

Yours sincerely,
David + Elizabeth

343 Bright Street,
Sarnia, Ontario,
Canada, N7T 4G5.

December 30th, 1987.

Mr. C.G. Witheridge,
Little Upcott Farm,
East Buckland,
Devon, England.

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

Having been told that our family tree originated in Devon, we were most pleased to find your name listed in the South Devon telephone directory, during our vacation there this year.

We also discovered with pleasure, and visited, the town of Witheridge. We have just learned that a book is in preparation on the history of "Old Witheridge" to be published by Devon Books, a division of A. Wheaton & Co. Ltd, of Exeter. I mention this only in case you, as we, are interested in obtaining a copy.

You may be interested in the particular coincidence of your initials being the same as my father Clifford George Witheridge.

If you are aware of any Canadian relatives, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Paul & Kathy Witheridge

Mr. & Mrs. Paul R. Witheridge

Christopher R. Witheridge
documents

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
August 17, 1988

Dear Pam + Christopher, Witheridge

It's hard to believe that over two months have gone by since we returned from England. We did have a wonderful time, and we accomplished nearly everything we had planned. It was such fun seeing again the many relatives and friends we had met on our two earlier trips, and we especially enjoyed meeting you and others whom we had not met before.

We hope you will be pleased to receive this copy of the picture we took that afternoon at Harry's and Toots'. You have three very lovely children.

It's good to know that you have joined The Witheridge Society. I know Kim had wanted to organize such a group for many years, and now it will help us all discover and maintain our relationships with the various Witheridge branches.

We arrived home with bad colds that lasted several weeks. In addition, they were in the midst of a drought and heat wave here, so our energy level was very low for a long time. We still haven't finished everything needing to be done after our trip, including writing many letters! Best wishes to you all!

Sincerely,
David + Elizabeth

Flit End,
Joes Close,
Rear of School Lane,
Greenfield,
Beds.

26th September 1988

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Many thanks for your letter and the photograph of the family. It was a very pleasant surpsie hearing from you.

Your are the first Witheridge's I have heard with an American accent however I feel sure that you know far more about the Witheridge's than any of us!

I hope that you have got over your colds and are feeling better and the heatwave has died down with some rain at last.

We have just spent a month in Hungary with the whole family as Pam's mother is Hungarian. It was very interesting sampling a communist country at first hand, I don't know if either of you have been to any but I know that you are both well travelled.

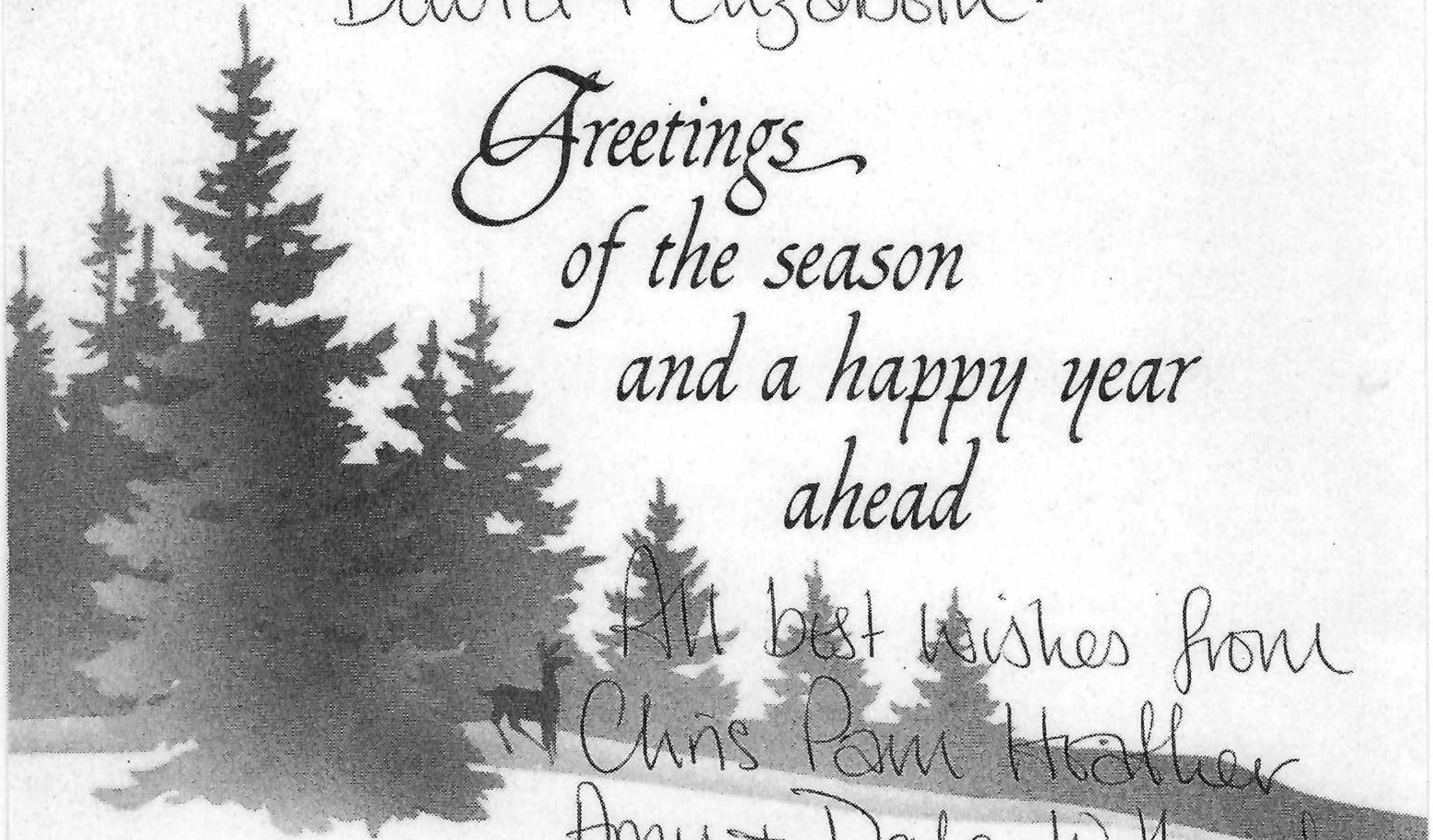
When are you coming to the UK again? Please write and let us know and we shall all look forward to seeing you again on your next visit.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Pam Heather Amy + Dale.

Chris, Pam, Heather, Amy and Dale.

To David + Elizabeth. 1988



Greetings
of the season
and a happy year
ahead

All best wishes from
Chris Pam Heather
Amy + Dale Witheridge.

1989

To
David + Elizabeth.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Best Wishes from
Chris Pam Heather
Amy + Dale Witheridge

We hope that you
are all keeping
well. + wish you
all the best in
1990.

Bessie Witheridge
documents

Witheridge
'Bridgemont'
397 Birmingham Road
Hertford Hill
Warwick CV35 7DZ
Phone: Warwick(0926)42092

16 Dec. 79.

Dear David E Witheridge

I have just come across your name and address on an old Christmas card given to me by Colonel George Witheridge some years ago. He suggested I might write to you, but the years have passed and I never got round to it. Having come across the card while doing my yearly check of Christmas card sending, I felt I should send you a card and a few lines.

I came in contact with George through the Army just after the war but after he retired, when we looked him up. We decided after lots of talk that we are related. He says I look very much like one of his sisters. However, life makes it that we only hear from one another at Christmas, that is how life goes, but this is me. BESSIE WITHERIDGE (Miss) 63 years and my brother and I have our home together he is LESLIE RICHARD, and he's older. At the moment he is semi invalid suffering from lung trouble. We are the only two with the Witheridge name on this side of the family. We were born and raised in WALSALL Staffordshire.

where there are some others or should I say "were" as we never did have much contact even in my Fathers time.

We came to Warwick 12 yrs ago because of our jobs.

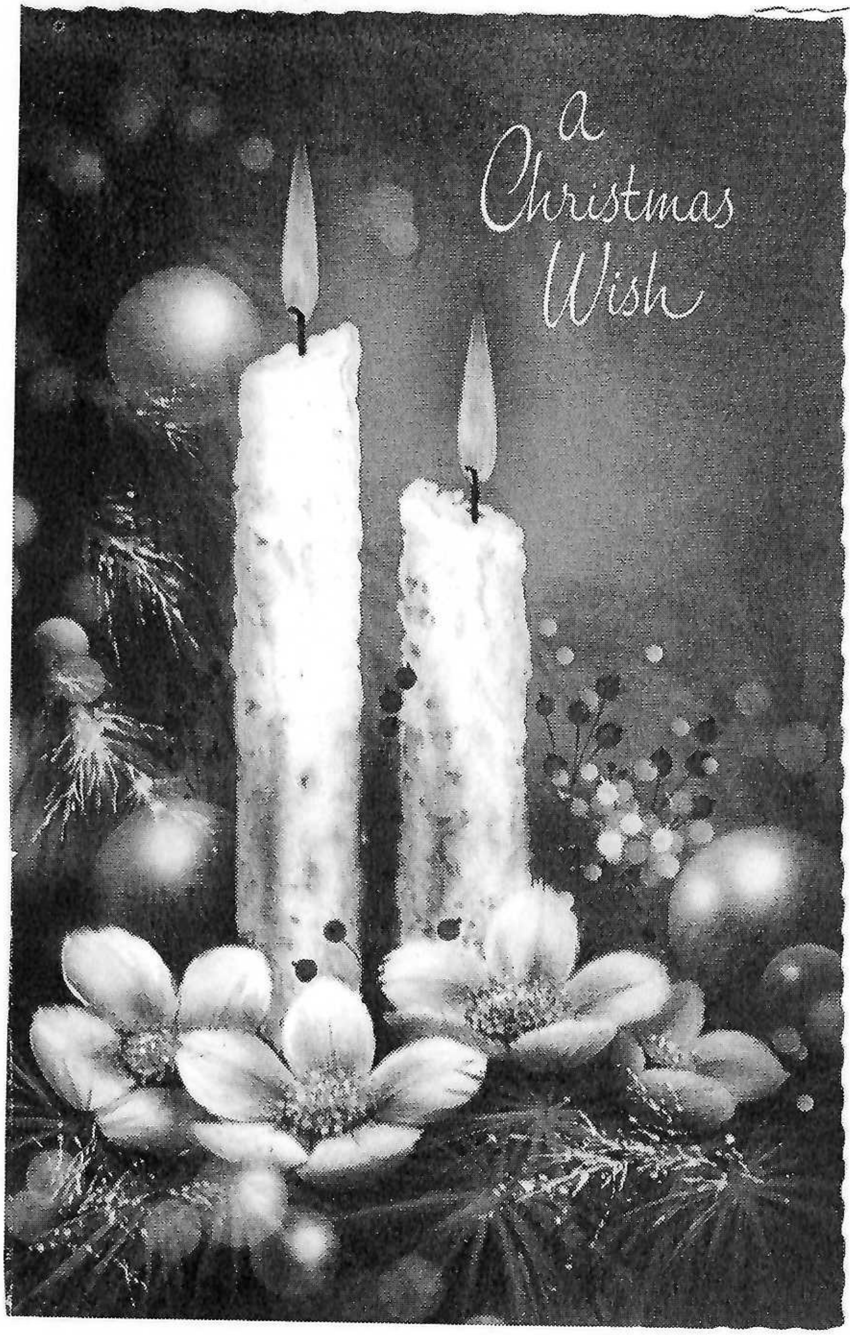
I show, breed and judge dogs, Cardigan Welsh Corgis and my writing is awful, I hope you can read this. We are of course retired now. Our Grandfather Withop was a steelworker and George thought that that was how they got down to Wales from Staffordsh.

It would take hours to write it all down. It has struck me that you may never receive this letter as you may have moved away. However if you do, perhaps you would like to drop us a line and we could go on from there.

Hope to hear from you.

Sincerely

Bessie Withop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Best Wishes
for a
Happy Christmas
and a
Good New Year

Bessie Witherite

[1980 trip plans]

January 10, 1980

Dear Bessie:

Thank you very much for your card and letter. I was delighted to hear from you, and I hope we can now keep our correspondence going. I've just retired, so now I'll be able to spend more time on my favorite hobby, genealogy.

In 1976 my wife Elizabeth and I spent 2½ months in Great Britain and had a very enjoyable time with George and Mary in their home. At that time George mentioned you and your brother and gave me your address, but I never had time to write to you. So I'm glad you took the initiative. Now that I've retired, we plan to return to Britain late this summer (about August 15), so we hope to be able to meet you and Richard.

← Lt. Col. George Witheridge (b 1908)

Perhaps George told you a little about me, but I'll mention that I am a Baptist minister, though I haven't been pastor of a church since 1951. At that time I came to Minneapolis to be the full-time executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, which I have been ever since.

Both my wife and I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan. I attended the University of Michigan and started out as a heating and ventilating engineer working with my father in Saginaw. After four years I decided to become a minister and went to seminary in Rochester, New York. Then I served as an assistant minister in Chicago and got a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Before coming here I had a short pastorate in a small town in Illinois.

Elizabeth is a former kindergarten teacher in Saginaw and is the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons. Jim has a job in Minneapolis and lives in an apartment with four other young men. Tom works in Chicago and is also studying for his Ph.D. degree at Northwestern University. Neither one is married.

When I first got interested in genealogy years ago, I got the names of 26 Witheridges in Britain from the British phone books in the New York City Public Library. I wrote to many of them, which is how I first got in touch with George.

Another one was a Dorothy Witheridge in London, who turned my correspondence over to her niece, Kim Cook, who is greatly interested in genealogy. Since then she has been my main contact and support in Britain. She and her husband and two sons live in Sutton, Surrey, and their home was our "headquarters" when we were there in 1976.

We picked up a great deal of genealogical material that summer, especially in Exeter and London. I now have information on my Witheridge and other ancestors back to 1556 in Berrynarbor, Devon.

George thinks you and he are related, and I think we all are if we can get back far enough in the records.

Would you please give me the information about your Witheridge ancestry as far back as you know it? I'd also like any information you have about brothers or sisters of your father, grandfather, and so on, as this often helps in establishing connections.

The list of Witheridges I copied from the British telephone books included several in Walsall and Meriden. I wonder if you can identify any of these for me. The first one is probably your brother.

Leslie R. Witheridge
Whinsill
Litchfield Road
Walsall, Stafford

A. J. Witheridge
Charlemont Road
Walsall, Stafford

A. E. Witheridge
36 Park Road
Walsall, Stafford
(Wrote in 1970; letter accepted by F. B. Witheridge, but no answer.)

T. J. Witheridge
7 Fairfield Ave.
Meriden, Warwick
(Post Office returned letter saying "Moved; left no address.")

We are very much interested in your showing, breeding, and judging of Cardigan Welsh Corgis. We have a great fondness for Norwegian Elkhounds, though we don't breed or show them. Our first one, Jarle, lived for 15 years, and our second one, Trygg, died of cancer at the age of seven. Now we're waiting for another, but our breeder is having a little difficulty producing a litter!

I'll close now and look forward to your reply with great anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Witheridge
'Bridgemont'
397 Birmingham Road
Hertford Hill
Warwick CV35 7DZ
Phone: Warwick(0926)42092

26 Jan 1980

Dear David,

How nice to hear from you. I wrote to you on the spur of the moment, wondering perhaps that you might receive it, as it was some time ago that George gave me your address. It must have been '76 after you were over here.

George did not tell me anything about you, just said that I ought to write as he thought I would like you ! I must write and tell him that I managed to at last. We only heam from him at Christmas time but this year we did not, I hope all is well there.

Now about us. Dick is nearly 67 and at the moment is a very sick man. He is suffering from Emphysema, badly, and there is no cure. There is also a possibility of TB as well. He is home with me and I am doing my best for him, but it is hard to see him suffer.

Me. I am nearly 63 and retired 18 months ago. Dick had already retired and we had high hopes of doing those things we had been unable to do while working, but there we are, that is life, we always seem to get it in capital letters though. We are both unmarried.

Dick always worked in Insurance, he is the Brainy one of the family. He was not accepted in the services.

After leaving school I worked in a shop until the outbreak of war and as I was already in the Territorial Army I was called up pretty soon after the start. I reached the rank of Warrant Officer II and after Demob I went back to the TA as a civilian, finishing up as a Civil Servant with the Ministry of Defence. My hobby has been the dogs, and in this Dick has joined but not quite so seriously.

We are what could be called the poorer Witheridges. I chuckled when I saw the Walsall ones you contacted. LR is not Dick but he is, so my Father said, 34 times removed cousin ? AJ and AE are related I think but they are "snobs" and did not want to know us. The Meriden one we do not know. Meriden is not far from here and they are not in the phone book. There was a report in the press some time ago that an old lady named Witheridge living in Stratford on Avon had been rescued from a fire in her home. I wrote to her to ask if she was in need of help but did not receive a reply. This could be the Meriden one, now in SOA, but again they are not in the phone book.

We cannot help you really on the family. For some reason not known, my Father, who was a very old fashioned man, never talked of his parents. We never saw them. There used to be framed photographs of them in the sitting room, but they vanished when we moved.

Somewhere along the line, I gathered that Gran or Grandad had been married twice, and the word Divorce reared its then ugly head. I suppose over the years as they were not there and not talked about, that side of our family life ceased to exist. Mothers family was large so at that time we did not lack Aunties and Uncles and cousins etc. The only Witheridge we can remember was Fathers brother George who also lived in Walsall and who we did see when we were very small, then I think they had a quarrel because the visits finished and we did not get in touch again as we left the district.

There is not a lot more I can tell you in a letter, perhaps, circumstances permitting, you will be able to visit us when you come over, we would like to see you, by then it may only be me.

Write again soon, but as Dick may be well enough to read your letter, do not say too much of what I have told you about him.

Kind Regards to you and your family.

Sincerely

Bessie Witheridge

[More 1980 trip plans]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
May 20, 1980

Dear Bessie,

I've wanted to write you for some time, but I've been very busy lately with two things in particular. One is trying to make arrangements for our trip to Britain in August, and the other is our new Norwegian Elkhound puppy.

We now have plane tickets on the recently established non-stop flight from Minneapolis to London leaving here on August 2nd and returning October 2nd. I am therefore in the process of putting together our itinerary to enable us to see all the people and places we want to see. We'll be hiring a car for seven weeks and touring through England, Scotland, and Wales.

At the moment it looks as though we'll be in the Birmingham area from Tuesday evening, September 2nd to Thursday afternoon, September 4th. I have two second cousins there who are Witheridge descendants, whom we met when we were there in 1976. One lives in Pensnett near Brierley Hill and Dudley, and the other lives in Birmingham on the south side of the city. We hope that while we're there we can fit in a brief visit to your house. We do so want to meet you and Dick and, among other things, see if we can discover any clues to our probable relationship. Please let us know soon if you expect to be at home during those days. Of course, we may have to make a slight change, if you or others can't see us when we have suggested.

Secondly, about our puppy. He is one of the finest Norwegian Elkhounds you could imagine. We call him Bokk, which was the name of our first Elkhound's father, whom our puppy also stems from. He is handsome, intelligent, and lovable, but he has kept us extremely busy for the past two months. We got him when he was eight weeks old, and he is now four months old. We'll show you a picture of him when we come over.

We don't know how it is in England, but there haven't been as many really good Elkhounds bred here lately as there used to be. That's why we waited nearly two years after our last one died before getting our new puppy. In 1976 we met an Elkhound breeder in Scotland, who gave us the names of several others, but we never tried to contact them. Do you happen to know of any highly-respected Elkhound breeders in Britain? Maybe you have a list or an advertisement in some kennel club publication. One of the names we have is of someone not too far from you. She is Mrs. Gill Cowper, 105 Bretforton Road, Badsey, Nr Evesham, Worchestershire. After her name is the notation, "Rothenberg Elkhound," perhaps the name of her kennel or a publication she handles.

Another breeder we may try to contact is Mrs. M. Lawton, Magerey Elkhounds, 23 Sheringham Road, Anerley, London SE20 7YH. That is not too far from Sutton, where we'll be staying for a few days at the beginning and end of our trip, with Kim Cook and her family, whom I mentioned in one of my letters.

Have you heard anything from George and Mary Witheridge? The letter we sent them at Christmas time finally came back marked "Moved away," so we don't know where they are. I wrote to one of his sisters and to his son, using the addresses from four years ago, and I hope at least one of them gets my letter and lets me know where they are. If you have heard from them, please send their address.

Now a few genealogical questions to give me a running start before we get there this summer. I have put the information you gave me on the kind of sheet I use, and I'm sending you a copy. I'd appreciate it very much if you would fill in anything you can and return it to me. For example, you probably know your father's and grandfather's first names and your mother's maiden name and other information about her. If you have your father's dates of birth, marriage, and death, I can do a little work at St. Catherine's House when we're in London. Do you know approximately when and where your Grandfather Witheridge died? By the way, were you christened Bessie, or is your name actually Elizabeth?

We're very sorry that Dick hasn't been well and hope he is feeling somewhat better. How fortunate he is to have you there with him! We do look forward to seeing both of you, and I hope we will get a letter soon, telling us if the September dates appear to be all right.

Yours sincerely,

Sent Bessie copy, 5/20/80

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

——— Witheridge *

Father's Name:

——— Witheridge **

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Marriage | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Leslie Richard (a)<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | 1913, Walsall, Staffordshire (a) | |
| 2 | Bessie (a)<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | 1917, Walsall, Staffordshire (a) | |
| 3 | Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | | |
| 4 | Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | | |
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| 10 | Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | | |

(a) Inf. from Bessie Witheridge

* Had a brother George, who also lived in Walsall (a)

** Steelworker. Married twice. (a)

← DEW's notes from the other side.

Print or type all information. Use reverse side for sources and additional data.

8/63

Witheridge
'Bridgemont'
397 Birmingham Road
Hertford Hill
Warwick CV35 7DZ
Phone: Warwick(0926)42092

25 JUNE 80

Dear David,

I started typing this letter and made such a mess of it I have had to redo it.

How nice to get your letter, I am pleased to hear that you have got your puppy at last, it is worth waiting to get the right one. Bring some pictures when you come, I would love to see them. I do not usually see much of the breed as mine are the Working Breed Group and are on a different day. My Serena won her first Challenge Certificate last week, she really pulled all the stops out as she can do when she feels like it. She is also the first Red bitch to have got this far for some years. The fashion has been for brindles. I do not know any Elkhound breeders but I have a Dog Directory and it has Mrs Newton in. You should get in touch with the British Elkhound Club whose Secretary is Mrs G Le Fleming.The Old Cottage Shingle Barn Lane.West Farleigh.Nr Maidstone.Kent.Tel Hunton 458.

I shall keep the first week in Sept very free and wait to hear from you. It is a pity it is not the week before as there is a very big Dog Show in Birmingham on 29th(Hounds) 30th(Working) and 31st. August. ?

I do wish we could put you up, but all we can offer is the double bed settee in the Lounge, which my doggy friends say is very comfy if you are interested.

No I have not heard from George and Mary, I did not even get a Christmas Card. They were talking of moving to Port Talbot I think it was. I do hope we do not lose touch.

I have filled in your form as much as possible, but I do not have much information. I have now got in touch with a definite relative in Walsall. One we lost touch with years ago, but it appears they are still inthe same place. I have written it on seperate slips of paper. I have asked Tom to get his father to tell us as much as he can, he says he has some papers 'upstairs' and will look through them, but when we can get him to do this I do not know. If I get anything I will let you know right away. I think they are a bit slow as they would not attach so much importance to it as you would. I intend to keep in touch with them. Tom is not doing very well at the moment as he is out of work having been made redundant. He is 46 and it is hard to get in another job at that age. Yes I was christened Bessie. Somewhere I have a copy of Dads marriage Certificate, but I have put it in a safe place and just cannot find it anywhere. It could give us a lot of Info if I could put my hands on it. I shall keep looking.

I ma pleased to say that Dick seems to be picking up and winning his battle with the TB.

Excuse my typing, I seem to be going faster than the machine,hence the mistakes.

We shall now look forward to hearing from you to say when you will be with us.

Very sincerely

July 10, 1980

Dear Bessie and Dick:

We were very happy to receive your letter with all its information, especially the news that Dick is feeling better. I'm writing to say our plans are somewhat changed, though I can't tell yet exactly what the final arrangements will be.

The first change is that we are coming to Birmingham a week earlier than we had thought, since August 27-29 are the only dates we can see my second cousins in that area. However, we'll probably return to the Birmingham area again the first week in September, as we want to have adequate time with you and with a couple of relatives of George Witheridge.

I have the sad news for you that George died a year or so ago, so that's why neither you nor we heard from him in recent years. I wrote to one of his cousins, and she passed my letter on to her son, Philip Hockway, who lives in Nuneaton and has begun to get interested in his family background. Philip reported that Mary is living in a nursing home in Wales. We knew that George had had heart trouble, but we thought Mary would go before he did. We're very sorry not to see him again.

The last we knew, his son Vernon was living in Market Harborough, but we haven't had any reply to our letter to him, so perhaps he has moved.

One good thing about our change of dates in Birmingham is that now we'll be there during the first day of the Dog Show, when the hounds will be shown. We assume that includes the Elkhounds, as they are usually classed with the hounds, though our breeder friends here don't think they really should be.

We are greatly excited about attending a Dog Show in England, and we hope you will get more specific information about the show and send it to us. We'd like to know exactly what time the Elkhounds will be shown and what else will take place on the 29th. It would be fun if you could go with us, Bessie, and give us the benefit of your experience in such things. Would you be free to do that? Perhaps we could drive around and pick you up, and you could help us find our way to the show.

We'll be staying with one of my cousins on August 27-29, but we'd love to stay at least one night on your double bed settee when we return the following week--probably Tuesday or Wednesday, September 3 or 4. Our exact schedule that week is still not certain. We'll also enjoy meeting your cousin Ivy. ?

(0922) 36407

Do you suppose we could stop and see Tom and Sidney Witheridge at Walsall on our way back from North Wales to Birmingham about the 2nd of September? Perhaps that would serve as an incentive for Sidney to look up the family papers.

We'll be in Surrey and London for the first few days of our trip, and we expect to do some research at St. Catherine's House, where the birth, marriage, and death records since July 1, 1837, are kept. I have in mind trying to get your father's birth certificate, which will show his place of origin, as well as his parents. You did give me his date of birth. It will help, too, if you can find your parents' marriage certificate.

With only three weeks remaining before we leave for England on August 2nd, you might prefer to address your reply to the place we'll be

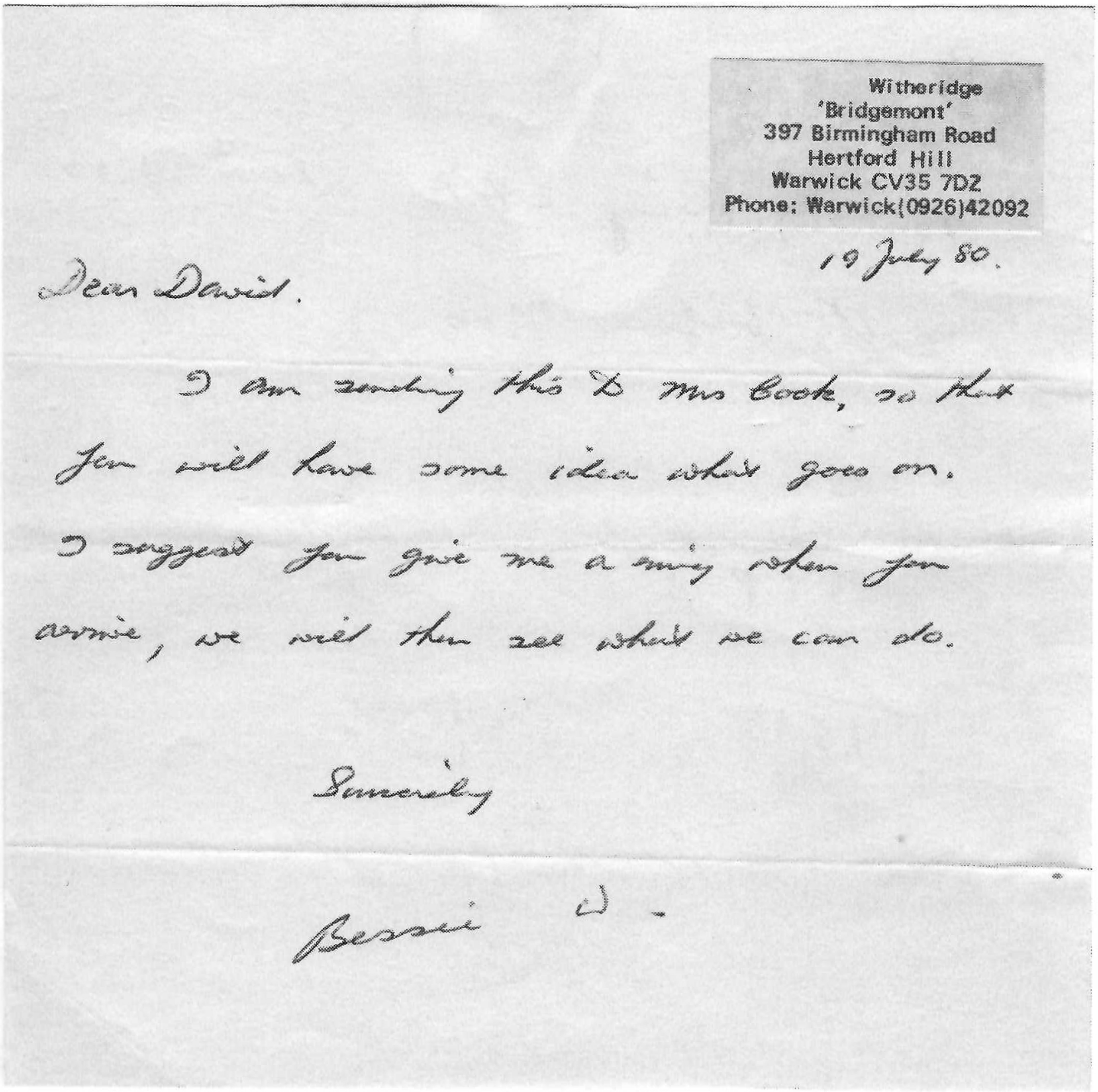
Call W.
2nd &
[illegible]

staying in the London area for the first few days. We'll be with Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA. During our stay in Britain she will always know how to reach us and forward our mail. We'll write you again after we get to England and know our schedule more completely.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

Editor's note:
They did go to the Birmingham dog show!
See Bessie's September 15, 1981, letter below.
Tom Witheridge, May 7, 2022



Witheridge
'Bridgemont'
397 Birmingham Road
Hertford Hill
Warwick CV35 7DZ
Phone: Warwick(0926)42092

10 July 80.

Dear David.

I am sending this to Mrs Cook, so that you will have some idea what goes on. I suggest you give me a ring when you arrive, we will then see what we can do.

Sincerely

Bessie W.

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107 Open Dog

108 Special Yearling Bitch
109 Novice Bitch
110 Post Graduate Bitch
111 Limit Bitch
112 Open Bitch
113B Brace

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10:30 to about 11:00

## ELKHOUNDS Judge Dr A Sneedon

Ring 33

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate—Dog

114 Minor Puppy Dog
115 Puppy Dog
116 Junior Dog
117 Novice Dog
118 Post Graduate Dog
119 Limit Dog
120 Open Dog

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate—Bitch

121 Minor Puppy Bitch
122 Puppy Bitch
123 Junior Bitch
124 Novice Bitch
125 Post Graduate Bitch
126 Limit Bitch
127 Open Bitch
128B Brace

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## FINNISH SPITZ Judge Mr R M James

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate—Dog

129 Minor Puppy Dog or Bitch
130 Puppy Dog or Bitch
131 Junior Dog or Bitch
132 Novice Dog or Bitch
133 Post Graduate Dog
134 Limit Dog

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate—Bitch

135 Open Dog
136 Post Graduate Bitch
137 Limit Bitch
138 Open Bitch
139B Brace

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## GREYHOUNDS Judge Mr R Parsons

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate—Dog

140 Junior Dog
141 Novice Dog
142 Post Graduate Dog
143 Limit Dog
144 Open Dog

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate—Bitch

145 Junior Bitch
146 Novice Bitch
147 Post Graduate Bitch
148 Limit Bitch
149 Open Bitch
150 Special Breeders Dog or Bitch
151 Special Beginners Dog or Bitch
152B Brace

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**Entries Close : Friday, 18th JULY, 1980 (Postmark)**

[These notes by Bessie were loose in the file, after her July 19, 1980 letter.]

HANNAH
~~HANNAH~~ HINDLE NÈE BIDDLESTONE

WE BELIEVE IS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND COUSIN

TO FATHER

SHE CAME FROM BEESTON NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

HANNAH'S DAUGHTER IVY LIVES IN. BRIDGENORTH

AND YOU WILL PROBABLY SEE HER AS SHE

WILL COME HERE WHEN YOU COME

TWO SISTERS ARE IN CANADA.

IVY DOES NOT HAVE MUCH INFO EITHER

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GEORGE HENRY. BROTHER OF ABEL

SIDNEY WITHERIDGE SON OF. GEORGE

THOMAS HENRY. " " SIDNEY.

SIDNEY LIVES AT 42. SCARBOROUGH RD.
PLECK. WALSALL. STAFFS.

THOMAS HENRY LIVES AT. 20 HOUGH RD
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TEL. 0922 36407

SIDNEY STILL LIVES IN HIS FATHERS OLD HOME

WHICH WE VISITED AS CHILDREN.

EMMIE EVANS NÈE WITHERIDGE Sister ~~BROTHER~~ OF

SIDNEY. NOW LIVES. 29 ASH ST. BLACKPOOL.
LANCS

[DEW and Bessie probably worked on these four records together in England.]

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

George Henry Witheridge (a)*

Father's Name:
William Witheridge (c)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Emma Beestlestone (c)

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1872 (b) | |
| Marriage | c. 1900 (b) | |
| Death | c. 1944 – Scarborough Rd Pleck Walsall. (b) | |

Death cert. at Catherine's

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Sidney (a)**
Married to Florrie Reynolds (b)
Birth Apr. 29 - 1924 – Scarborough Rd. Walsall (b)
Marriage
Death
[Son: Thomas Henry (born c. 1934) (a)
20 Hough Rd., Pleck, Walsall, Staffs.]
WS2 9BB

2 Emmie (a)***
Married to Jack Evans (a)(b)
Birth c. 1901 (b)
Marriage
Death
Lives in Blackpool – 79 years old 1980
(42 Scarborough Rd. Pleck, Walsall
(b

3
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

4
Married to

5
Marr

9
Birth
Marriage
Death

10
Marr.
Birth
Marriage
Death

DEW's notes on other side of page:

(a) Inf. from Bessie Witheridge

(b) Inf. from Thomas Henry Witheridge [(b) Inf. from Thomas Henry Witheridge]

(c) Birth cert. of Abel Witheridge (St. Catherine's House)

* Brother of Abel Witheridge, father of Bessie and Dick (a)

** Still lives in his father's old home, 42 Scarborough Rd., Pleck, Walsall, Staffs. [1980] (a)

*** Lives [1980] at 29 Ash Rd., Blackpool, Lancs.

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## ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname *Biddlestone* Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

[Bastlestone ?]

Biddlestone (a)

Father's Name:

Possibly a brother of Mrs. William Witheridge (Emma), mother of Abel

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Marriage | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

order?

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hannah (a)* | Birth | c. 1882 | Beeston, Nottinghamshire (b) |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | ~~Henry~~ Hindle (a) [Henry] | Death | Sept. —, 1970 | Wolverhampton (b) |
| 2 | Frank (b) | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | Ann (b) | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | Patience (b) | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 5 | | | | |
| | Married to | | | |
| 6 | | | | |
| | Married to | | | |
| 7 | | | | |
| | Married to | | | |
| 8 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 9 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 10 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |

DEW's notes on other side:

(a) Inf. from Bessie Witheridge

[(b) Inf. from Ivy Garbett]

* First or second cousin of Abel Witheridge (a)

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** [Proprietor of Black Boy Inn] Surname Hindle Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full) Proprietor of Black Boy Inn

Henry Hindle (a)(b)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name: 4 6 7

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1887 | – Darlington |
| Marriage | c. 1908 | [Darlington ?] |
| Death | c. 1946 | – Wolverhampton |

Other Places of Residence: Darlington (Chester St.)

Other Wives:

p. Catherine

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Hannah Biddlestone (a)*

Father's Name: Possibly a brother of Mrs. [illegible] (Cousin), mother of Hazel

Mother's Maiden Name: [died early & she was brought [illegible] married again [illegible]]

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. 1882 | – Beeston, Nottinghamshire |
| Death | Sept. —, 1970(?) | – Wolverhampton |

1970
88
1882

Other Places of Residence: Beeston, Nottinghamshire

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ivy (a) [Dowell] | Birth | Feb. 24, 1912 | – Wolverhampton, Staffordshire |
| | Married to Arthur Dowell Garbett (b) | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | Res. [1980] : Bridgenorth (a) |
| 2 | Dorothy ~~[dau.]~~ (a) | Birth | Apr. 3, 1909 | – Wolverhampton # |
| | Married to Corbett Beesley | Marriage | | Res. : Galt, Ontario Canada (a) |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | Mabel ~~[dau.]~~ (a) | Birth | Nov. 10, 1913 | – Wolverhampton |
| | Married to Douglas Dando | Marriage | | ~~Res. [1980] : Canada (a)~~ |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | Marjorie May (b) | Birth | Oct. 18, 1916 | – Wolverhampton |
| | Married to Norman Jones | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 5 | Olive (b) | Birth | Ap. 9, 1919 | – Wolverhampton |
| | Married to Thomas Darley | Marriage | | Galt, Ontario Canada |
| | | Death | | |
| 6 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 7 | | Birth | | |
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(a) Inf. from Bessie Witheridge
(b) Inf. from Guy Garbett

* First or second cousin of Abel Witheridge (a)

# Cantreyn High, Astley Abbotts, Nr. Bridgnorth, Shrewsbury, Salop WV16 4SS

## 144 Main St. E, Cambridge, Galt, Ontario, Canada

### 6 Ash St, Cambridge, Galt, Ontario, Canada a niece in her 80's called Maude Woodings (b) ← [a niece in her 80's called Maude Woodings]

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname *Witheridge* Family No. ______

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
ABEL Witheridge* (a)

Father's Name: ~~Abel~~ William Witheridge** (b)

Mother's Maiden Name: Emma Beestlestone

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | Jan. 18, ~~18~~ 1876 | - Wednesbury, Stafford (b) |
| Marriage | c. 1908 | - Walsall (a) |
| Death | 15-10-55 | - Walsall (a) |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

1871 + 1881 [illegible] Witheridge

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
ELLEN Teece (a)

Father's Name: THOMAS TEECE (a) (William

Mother's Maiden Name: (?) Ellen

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | Feb. 21, 1877 - | Walsall (a) |
| Death | 15-9-50 | - Walsall (a) |

Other Places of Residence: 35 [illegible] in 1908 (a)

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Leslie Richard (a) | Birth | June 18, 1913 | - Walsall, Staffordshire (a) |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | Bessie (a) | Birth | Mar. 8, 1917 | - Walsall, Staffordshire (a) |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | [son] (a) | Birth | 1919 (a) | Died as child |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | [son] (a) | Birth | c. 1915 (a) | Died as child (poison from garden [illegible] |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 5 | [son] (a) | Birth | c. 1911 (a) | died as young child |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 6 | William (a) | Birth | c. 1909 (a) | Died of pneumonia as a baby |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 7 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 8 | | Birth | | |
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(a) Inf. from Bessie Witheridge

(b) Birth cert. of Abel Witheridge (St. Catherine's House)

possibly a sister, Rose

* Had a brother George, who also lived in Walsall (a) Some connection with Coventry. Always was on the railway. Lived Tipton, Cradley, & Nunea

** Steelworker. Married twice.(?) (a) Iron worker (b)

or factory blacksmith

When he left school, he was apprenticed to the leather trade about 7 years.

At 21 got indentures & [illegible] well. but got [illegible] [illegible] as painter. Then got permanently as a shunter (switchman). (Nuneaton) Stayed with Bill - Moore St, Earlsdon, Coventry. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] RR. With Uncle George & Aunt [illegible] [illegible] Walsall & got job with RR as [illegible] delivery man. Then promotion to RR guard.

Probably Congregational.

December 5, 1980

Dear Bessie and Dick:

We still remember fondly the day we spent with you and your lovely dogs. It was such fun getting to know you and visiting about family and dogs. Thank you again for everything.

Life has been very hectic since we returned home on October 3rd. So much had been left undone before and during our trip, and then there were all the things to do before winter sets in.

We have wanted to write to you, but we decided to wait until we got these pictures made from our slides. It's quite a lengthy process--first having the slides made, then identifying and marking them all, then sorting and organizing them for showing, then deciding which to have prints made from. We couldn't have the prints made right away, because it takes about ten days, and we didn't want to remove the slides when we were apt to want to show them to people. But here they are now, and we think they came out pretty well. There's an extra one of Ivy and Arthur that you can send to them.

I've just spent a little time again looking over the information I have about your family. The important thing was that I was able to get your father's birth certificate at St. Catherine's House in London. He was born in Wednesbury at 2 Hope Terrace on January 18, 1876, as you said. His father was William Witheridge, but the interesting thing is that his mother's maiden name was Emma Beestlestone.

Now, I don't know how that would normally be pronounced, but I'm wondering if that is the same as the name of Ivy's mother (Hannah Biddlestone). In that case, Ivy would be related to you not through your grandfather's line, but through your grandmother's. That is, her mother, Hannah, might have been a niece of your grandmother, Emma.

If Hannah was the daughter of Emma's brother, for example, then Abel, your father, would have been Hannah's first cousin. If Hannah was the daughter of Emma's first cousin, then Abel would have been Hannah's second cousin. The next step would be to get the birth certificate of Ivy's mother. Ivy said she was born about 1882 in Beeston, Nottingham. If it isn't found under Biddlestone, it ought to be searched under Beestlestone.

The next step in tracking down the parents of your grandfather, William Witheridge, would be to get the marriage certificate of him and his wife, Emma Beestlestone, at St Catherine's House. This may have been about 1871, as Tom said his grandfather, George Henry, was probably born about 1872. This marriage certificate would identify the fathers of the bride and groom and also give their addresses. I'm going to see if I can get Kim Cook to look up this marriage certificate for me the next time she's at St. Catherine's House. Otherwise, I'll have to apply for it by mail, but it's more expensive that way. Perhaps Kim could also look up the birth certificate of Hannah Biddlestone (Beestlestone?) for me.

Now a word about our wonderful Elkhound puppy, Rokk. At 10½ months old he continues to impress us with his beauty, intelligence, and good disposition. He was overjoyed to see us after an absence of two months, but he soon settled back into our household as though nothing had happened. He's a real part of the family.

You may remember that we were going to see our breeder friend, Isabel Clarkson, up in Scotland, who had just had a lovely litter of six Elkhounds. We saw them when they were only 15 days old, and they were darling--very active and beautiful. We enjoyed her older dogs, too.

We were so impressed with the copies of the "Dog World" you showed us, that we asked the porter of the London hotel we stayed in to order us a couple of copies, so we could show them to our friends here. We were pleased to see in one of them (September 26) that Serena had placed first in the Darlington Show, though we chuckled over her limping during the challenge.

We hope Dick's physical condition is a little better, and we wish you both a pleasant holiday season and year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

[See "Dog World" reference in DEW's Dec. 5, 1980 letter.]

30—DOG WORLD, September 26, 1980 Darlington championship Show

## Cardigan Welsh Corgis

**Jun D**(6): 1 Hall's Baileswood Hopcyn at Brynhall, 11 months br/w, head of good proportions, dark eye, good ear carriage, good bone and length. Movement could be better; 2 Serginson's Golden Brandy of Marycliffe, 12 months r/w who is improving all the time. Nice head which if filling out, good reach of neck, length of body bone and feet. Movement could be better; 3 Tonkyn's Beckrow Blue Vision, 6 months blue merle giving a lot away. I like a lot. Good head, reach of neck and length of body, well off for bone, nice feet. A baby and a lot to learn. **Post grad D** (7): 1 Dodd's Wendac Jaunty, 13 months dark br/w, nice head and ears, dark eye, good bone and length, nice feet, well trimmed nails, movement could be better. Res CC; 2 B Hopcyn at B; 3 Page's Sanja Late Night Extra of Grangefield, br/w, not helped by his novice handler, a great pity. Good head, reach of neck and length, excellent tail carriage. **Limit D** (9): 1, CC, Bailes' Baileswood Gethin, br/w in excellent condition, lovely Cardigan, well balanced, nice head, dark eye, good length of body, deep brisket, good bone and feet, well trimmed nails, moved with drive, in excellent coat; 2 Dodd's Wendac Javelin, unlucky to meet above. I have judged before, I liked him as a baby and see no reason to alter my opinion. Litter brother to res CC, same remarks apply; 3 Jones' Sardis Alexander, 4 years r/w, lovely head, eyes of shade to fit his colouring with kind expression, good ears, reach of neck and length, movement OK. **Open D** (6): 1 Bailes' Baileswood Geraint, litter brother to my CC winner. Good head, dark eye, good reach of neck and length, well off for bone. Today was excited and lifting his tail which spoilt his outline; 2 Johnson's Wendac Black Special of Jontays, 3 years, br/w, responds well to his new owner. Good head and reach of neck, length and movement; 3 Aynscough's Grangefield Midnight Chimes of Andersley, b/w, good head but would like a darker eye. Rather light in bone but good length and movement. **Jun B** (8): 1 Littlefair's Katrina of Doldrum, 12 monts r/w of quality who today won her Junior Warrant. Good head, reach of neck, length, bone and movement. Nice waist with well muscelled thighs; 2 Serginson's Marycliffe Ceri, br/w, favourite of mine, lovely outline, good head, dark eyes, ears which she uses, reach of neck, length, good bone and movement; 3 Dodd's Wendac Sugar 'N' Spice, 9 months br/w, good head, dark eye, length and bone, in good coat, really covers the ground moving. Three nice bitches, could change places any time. **Post grad B** (7): 1, 2 repeat. **Limit B** (6): 1 Witheridge's Downholme Serena of Bridgemont, red s/w, nice head, eye to shade of coat, would like heavier bone, good length, level topline, deep brisket, good reach of neck. I consider her rear the best today. Unfortunately when it came to the challenge was limping and had to pay the penalty; 2 Tonkyn's Cavalay Silver Slippers, tri, favourite of mine, improving all the time. Nice head, good length, level topline, good bone and movement; 3 Read's Baileswood Eiddwen, 4 years br/w I have always liked but have seen her in better condition. Good head, ears, reach of neck, length and movement. Rather light in bone. **Open B** (7): 1, CC and BOB, Thomas's Ch Ringinglow Mory's Treasurer, I gave this bitch BOB earlier this year where CCs were not on offer and now I have had the privilege of awarding her another CC. Light br/w of 4½ years. In beautiful condition as always, lovely head, good ears which she uses, good reach of [illegible] bone and movement; 2, res CC, Page's Grangefield Extra Special, b/w, beautiful outline, nice head, good reach of neck, level topline, dark eye, good ear placement, bone and movement; 3 Page's Veritas Mistral of Grangefield, other of 2, now 5½ years but in good condition. Br/w in good coat, good head, dark eye, reach of neck and level topline, deep brisket, good bone and movement. All exhibits were in clean condition. Some nails and teeth needed attention. We appear to be losing the well muscled thighs, some exhibits were narrow behind and cow-hocked when standing.

SALLY VERITY (Judge)

1980

With All Good Wishes
for
Christmas and the New Year

From Bessie Dick

will be writing.

1980

Arthur and Ivy Garbett

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Dear David and Elizabeth, Jan 12th 81

How nice to hear from you again, we did enjoy our day together.

I guess you have been pretty busy since you got back, I should imagine that you are only just about settled in again.

The photos were great, poor Dick said how old he looked on them, but I told him it was the haircut, he does not always have it so very short. Ivy and JIM were very pleased to get theirs. They had a 3 car crash just before Christmas, they were the one in the middle and the car is a write off, so they were not able to come over to see us. They themselves are alright, a bit shaken up but no injury.

I have not heard a word from Thomas Henry Witheridge, but after numerous phone calls with no reply to the old lady I told you of and tried to get when you were here, I wrote and received a phone call from a friend of hers to say she died in September, she must have been in hospital when we were ringing her. However the friend is her executor and has all her papers. So here you are for your records.

Her maiden name was Marlow (Maud) her mother was my Fathers sister. That is all I have at the moment, Mrs Carr (the friend) told me that she had Mauds birth certificate but it was only one of the small ones with not much on. I shall write to her later on to see if she can let me have any of the family papers when they are finished with. The will is in favour of Arthur- the friend who has lived with her for a good many years, he apparently sold up his own home and joined in with Maud for companionship. The Home is half his anyway.

This Beetlstone Biddlestone is interesting, over the ages names do get changed by speech do they not. The only time I visit London is for Crufts so I cannot help you by doing any research. I will get on to Ivy again and get her to see what she can find.

So pleased Rokk is coming up to expectations and pleased you were able to see some puppies when you were over here. I never did see a critique for the Elkhounds at the show you went to, perhaps the judges notes got washed away. I think Renas little limp was because she was tired, it was a hec of a journey and we had had to hang around waiting for judging. She has won 2 more 1sts and another trophy since then. We went to the Ladies Kennel Association Show which was held at the big National Exibition Centre not far from here. The show used to be in London but they moved a couple of years ago, and it has paid off because they had the biggest entry in any dog show in the world Bigger than the one you went to. Sorry about that, this machine is going crackers. I cannot remember the entry but I was there both days stewarding for Beagles and Pembroke Corgis. Cardigans were in the ring early, so I was able to work it all in to show Rena. My friend was judging + BEAGLES AND PEMS and she had big entries and we were shattered afterwards. She emigrated to Canada on the 22nd Dec. I gave her your address and she says she will definitely call in if she is anywhere near. I had a letter yesterday and she tells me that she is already being asked to judge both in Canada and the States so she will be around and about. She is over there working with dogs. Here is her address Miss M A Cole. R.R.3 Wellesley. Ontario. N0B2TD Canada.

Dick is still about the same, he caught a bug from somewhere and had to go on antibiotics for a week and as I got the doctor quick when he said he had a sore throat we cleared it up alright. He just says now that he is very tired. We just had a very quiet Christmas.

I do not think that there is any more I can say, except take care of yourselves and write again when you have time.

Very sincerely

Bessie - Dick

[Unfortunately, this sympathy letter from DEW, dated Mar. 22, 1984, was a faint carbon copy on dark paper, so this copy is almost illegible.]

Dear Cousin, March 22, 1984

As you can imagine, we were greatly distressed to get your letter with the sad news of [illegible] death. We had so hoped that his health had [illegible] and he would be with you for a much longer time, even though your last letter said he was often very tired. [illegible] glad we [illegible] that we came there last summer and were able to meet him! We did like him so much. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming days.

Yes, Cousin, you did answer my last letter about the middle of January. It was good to have the [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]. We hope [illegible] enjoys her new situation in [illegible] and we'll be looking forward to hearing from there.

I've tried to add the information about Maud into my genealogical records but all I could find is that your father had a sister, whose name you thought was Ann. I assume that Ann married someone named Morton, and that Maud was their daughter. Is that right?

[illegible] add [illegible]

Sincerely yours,

[illegible]

[illegible] ans. 8/18/81

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30 March. 81.

Dear David and Elizabeth.

Thank you for your sweet letter which arrived yesterday, and excuse me answering so soon, but I just had to when I found the enclosed when sorting some boxes out. How it got in the particular box with doggie papers I do not know, but it tells a lot so I had to let you have it. It is a copy we did for George. The paper is very old hence the copy. ←[Lt. Col. George Witheridge (b. 1908)]

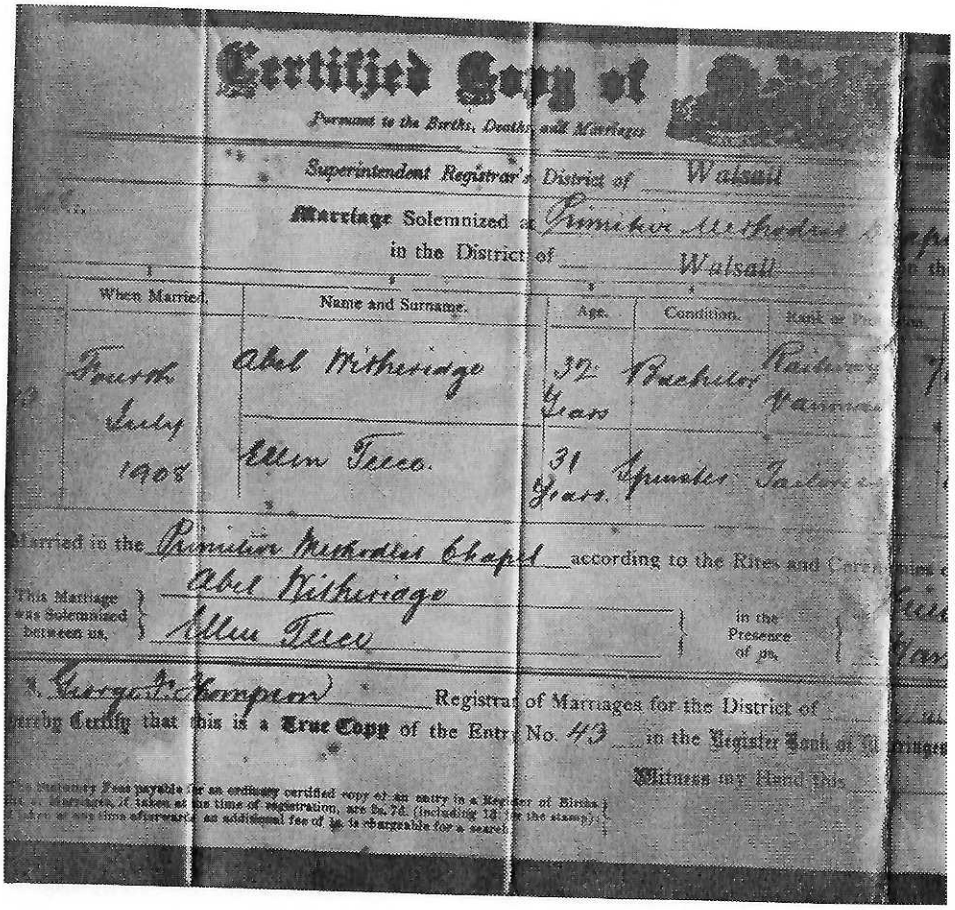
For David DORA MARLOW. DADS SISTER
MAUD MARLOW HER DAUGHTER.

Elizabeth, Max is OK except he is losing his coat, he is getting very bossy as well, I suppose he knows he is now the man of the house. He can be a little devil when he is in the mood. Hope Robb is coming along well, give him a pat for me.

A short letter, but as I said, I just had to write.

Very Sincerely
with love.

Bessie.



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Pursuant to the Births, Deaths and Marriages

Superintendent Registrar's District of Walsall

**Marriage** Solemnized at Primitive Methodist

in the District of Walsall

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fourth July 1908 | Abel Witheridge | 32 Years | Bachelor | Railway Vanman |
| | | Ellen Teece. | 31 Years. | Spinster | Tailoress |

Married in the Primitive Methodist Chapel according to the Rites and Cere

This Marriage was Solemnized between us, Abel Witheridge, Ellen Teece

in the Presence of us,

I, George F. Thompson Registrar of Marriages for the District of

hereby Certify that this is a **True Copy** of the Entry No. 43 in the Register Book of

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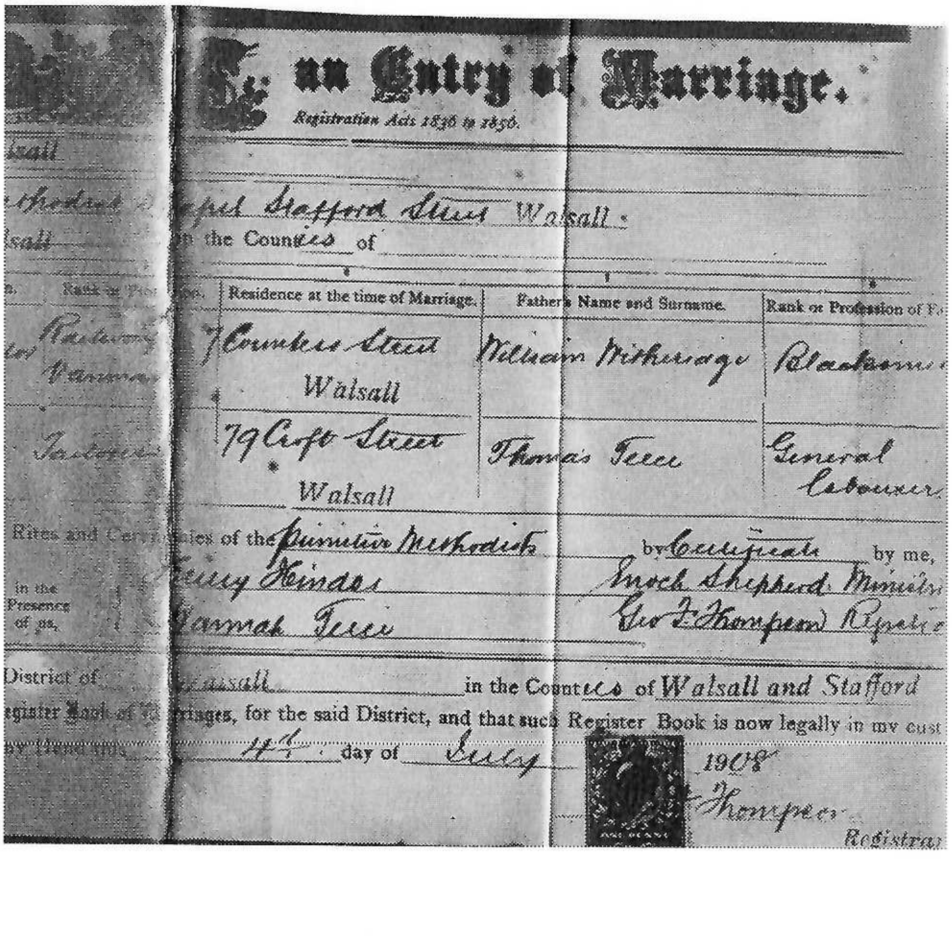

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| Railway Vanman | 7 Crumble Street Walsall | William Witheridge | Blacksmith |
| Tailoress | 79 Croft Street Walsall | Thomas Teece | General Labourer |

Rites and Ceremonies of the Primitive Methodists by Certificate by me,

in the Presence of us, Henry Hinds, Hannah Teece

Enoch Shepherd Minister

Geo F. Thompson Registrar

District of Walsall in the Counties of Walsall and Stafford

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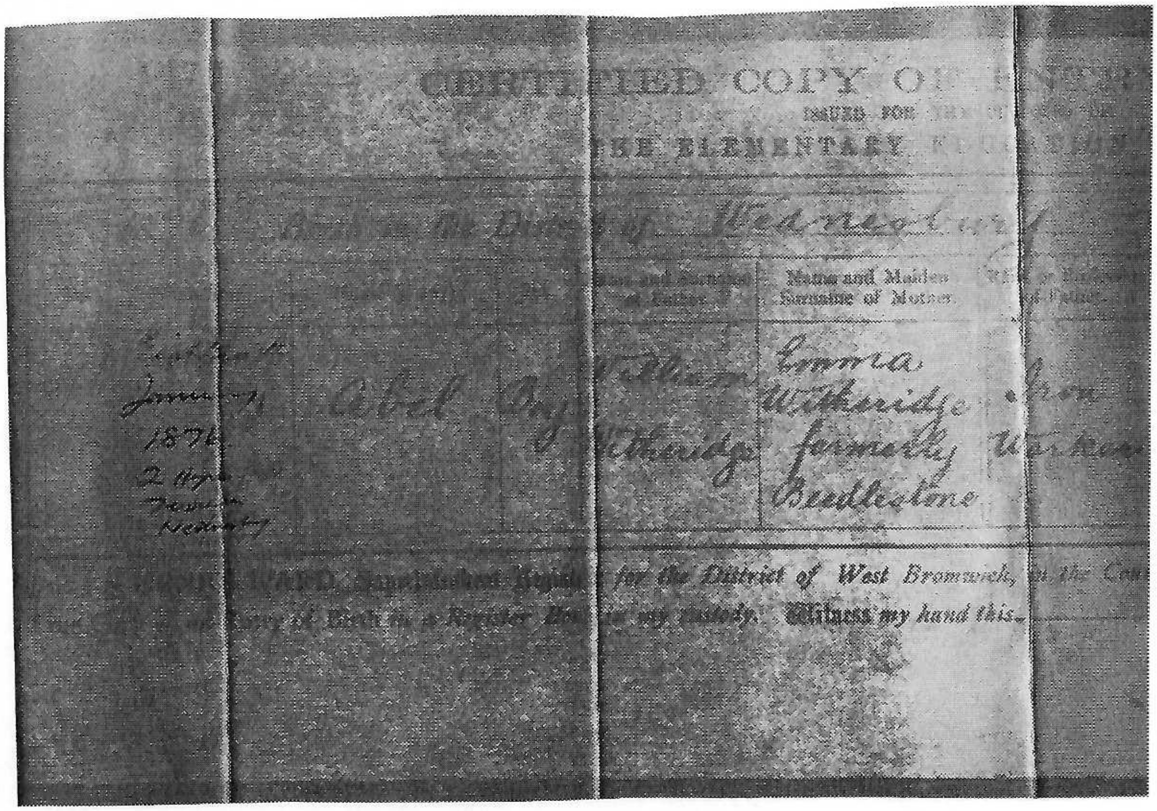
Registrar



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| | Eighteenth January 1876 2 Upper Trinity Wednesbury | Abel | Boy | William Witheridge | Emma Witheridge formerly Beedlestone | Iron Worker |

WARD, Superintendent Registrar for the District of West Bromwich, in the Coun

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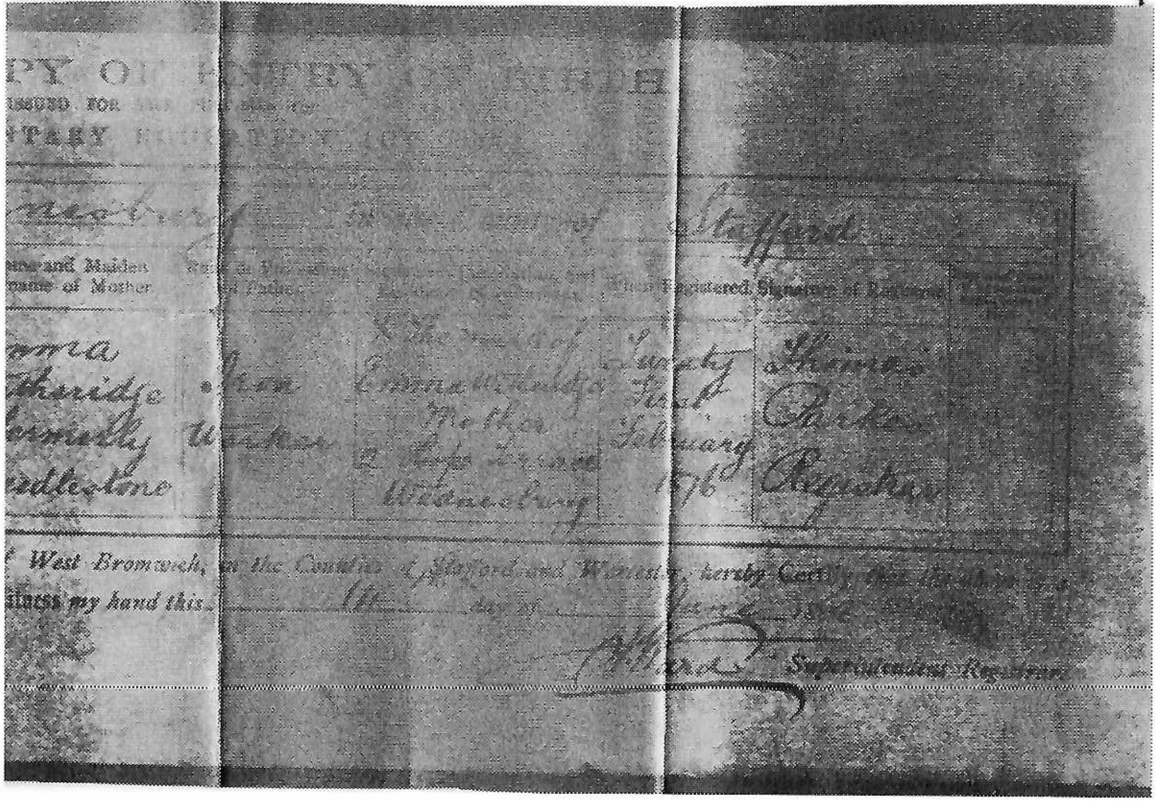

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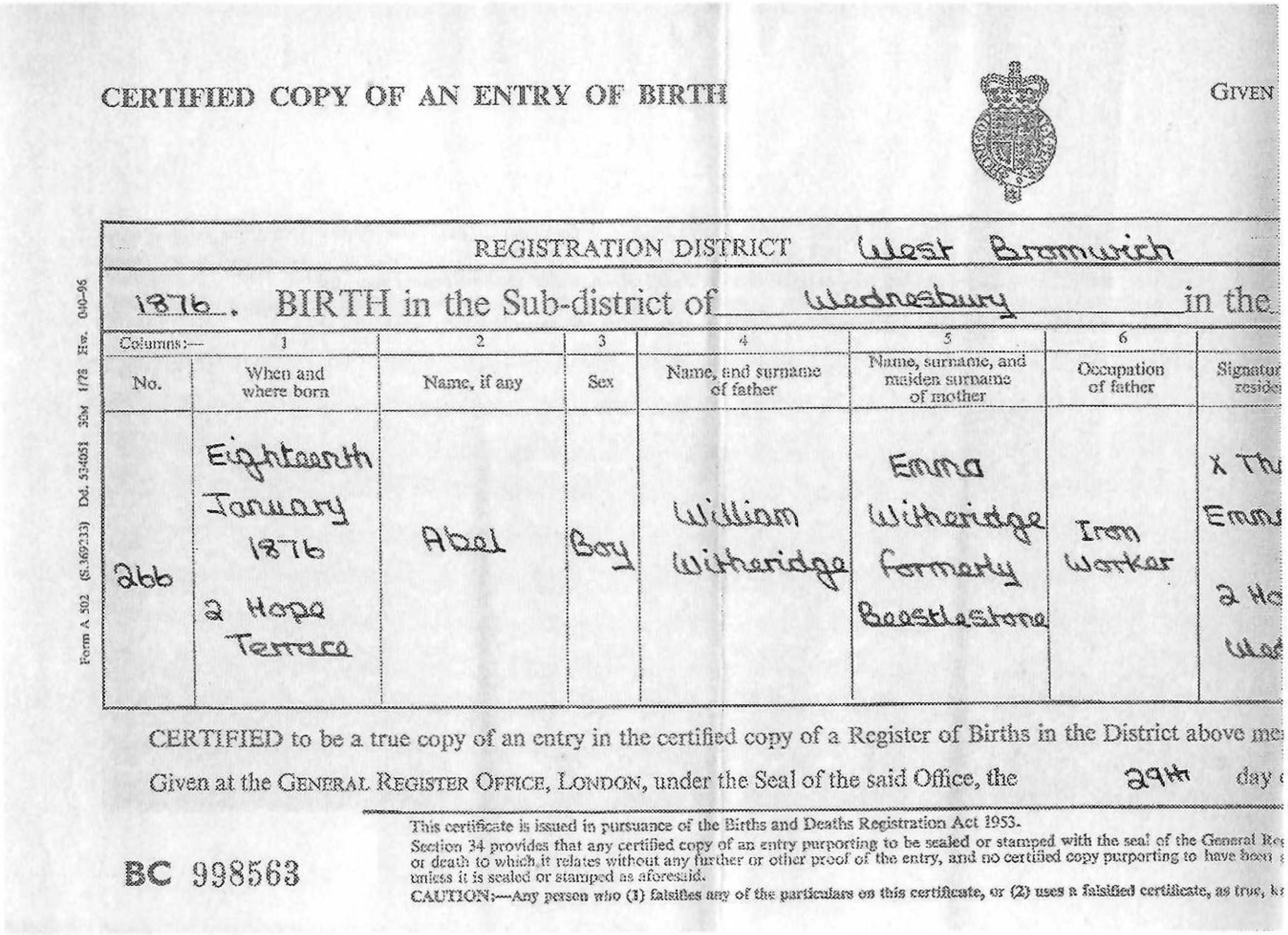
West Bromwich, in the Counties of Stafford and Worcester, hereby Certify that the above is a

Witness my hand this 14th day of June 1896

Ward Superintendent Registrar



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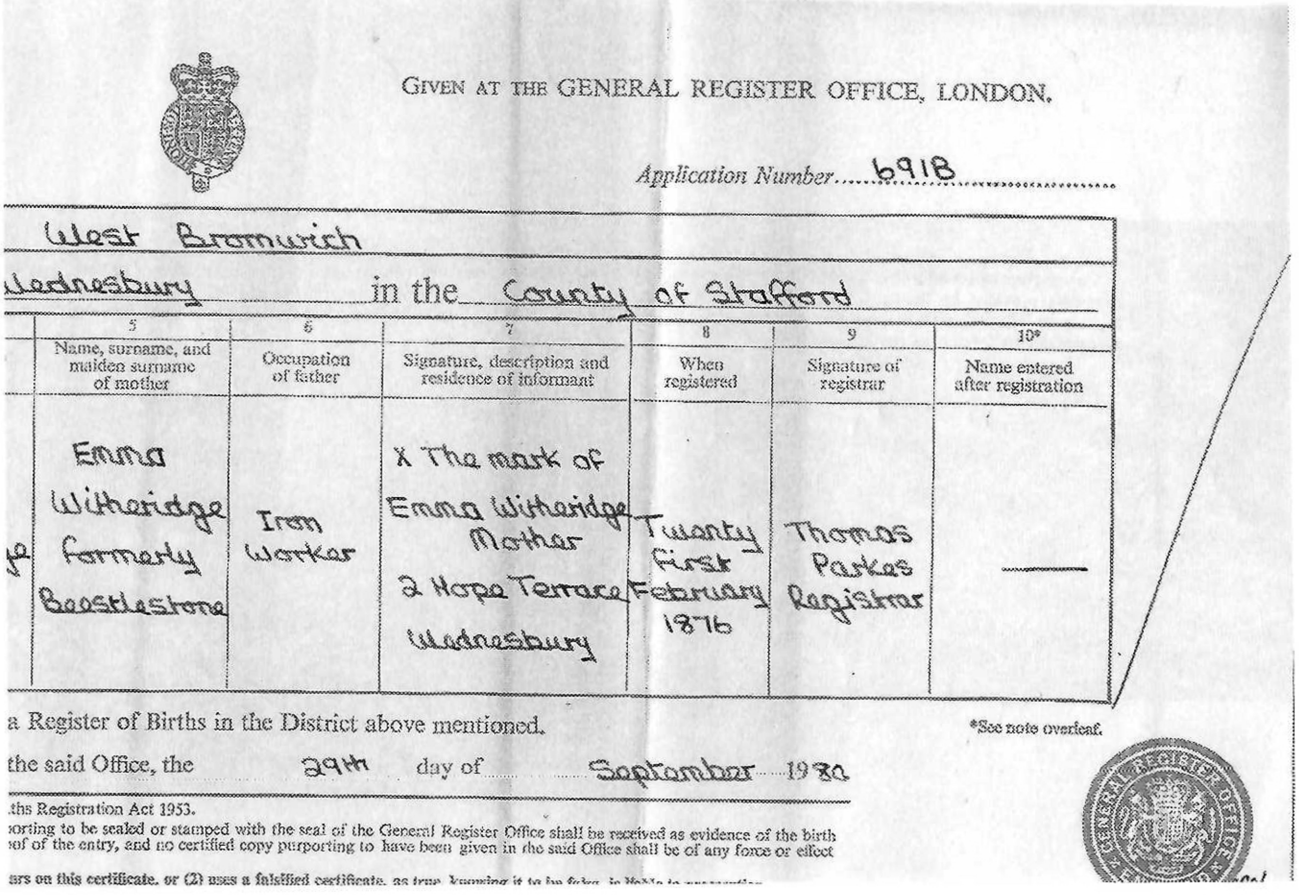

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Wednesbury in the County of Stafford

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August 18, 1981

Dear Bessie,

I'm glad Elizabeth decided to write to you, but it makes me realize how negligent I have been in not thanking you long ago for the certificates you sent way last spring. I did appreciate getting them, and I have added the new information to my genealogical record sheets.

It was very interesting comparing the 1886 birth certificate of your father with the one I got in 1980. His mother's maiden name was given as Caddlestone in 1886, which sounds more reasonable than the Castlestone given in the 1980 certificate. Caddlestone also fits better with the Ciddlestone you gave me as the maiden name of your father's cousin, Hannah Hindle.

I was also happy to get your parents' marriage certificate, which confirmed their ages, occupations, addresses, and fathers' names and occupations. It disclosed that they were married in the Primitive Methodist chapel, which may help in further searches for vital records. It was good to get the names of the witnesses: Henry Hindes (don't you suppose that should be Henry Hindle?) and Hannah Isaac (Was this Ellen's sister?).

My next step is to get copies of the 1871 and 1881 censuses of Wednesbury on microfilm from the Mormon Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City and see what further I can find out about the family of William and Emma (Caddlestone) Witheridge. I'm not sure just when I'll get around to that, however.

As Elizabeth said, we do think of you often, Bessie. I just wish I could find time to write more often.

Love,

David

Answered
10/15/81

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9/15/81
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My Dears,

How nice to hear from you both. It was rather funny as the evening before I received your letters, I was doing a bit of clearing out of papers and noticed your last letter,(which I did not clear out) and wondered when I should hear from you, and there was your mail.

I was thinking of you as I was getting ready to go to the show you went to at Birmingham. We had a very good day. Rena won the Reserve Challenge Certificate, was only beaten by her half sister. Her half brother won the Reserve dog CC and Sammys Grandchildren won I think it was 4 firsts in their classes, they are still puppies. Her half sister was BOB. You know what the weather was like at that show last year, well it was just the opposite this year, it was so very hot, and we were glad we were judged early in the day.

As you say it had been a hard year, but I have found my real friends and have been out and about a lot since Dick died. I have judged a breed show, 3 Any Variety shows including fun classes. I have even judged Obedience. That was at the Newfoundland Water Trials where they have and Obedience Class. Usually they have about a dozen dogs taking part just for the fun of it, but bless me, there was an entry of 37. We had 4 hrs in the ring in the hot sun, but it was really good, and I had to judge it a bit more seriously than I thought as there were so many good ones. I have also Stewarded about 6 times, I have organised 3 Any Variety shows, 2 Breed shows, one a Ch Show which is next week I have also exhibited, and I am judging Pembrokes in December, for the first time, it is rather a closed shop in Pembs, it will be intersting to see what sort of an entry I get. Oh something else. Rena went Best in Show at the Cardigan Assn Open Show. It was just about the last thing I expected as I had already thought another bitch would beat me. However when I went over it, I realised what could happen. The Judge I knew well, but she had never seen Rena, and went mad about her. She had a good day that day, showing like a bomb.

The wedding was good wasn't it. I watched it on colour TV and in the afternoon we had a street party, no not in the street, but in a neighbours garden. It was good fun. I reckon that is about the only time ALL of these neighbours will get together.

Will you give my congratulations to your son. You must be very thrilled about it. The day will soon be here and I hope all will go off as well as you would wish.

Now David,

✓ Henry Hindes is correct. He was the husband of Phoebe, my mothers sister and a lovely man to boot. Hannah was also a sister to mother. I have heard nothing from the Witheridge in Walsall, somehow I did not think we should.

It is a nasty day here today, a bit chilly this morning, but it has now come on to rain and it is not nice at all. I reckon I shall be lighting the fire later on.

Oh thinking of cold. Elizabeth, you know that little white cape you wore when you were here. Have you got the pattern for it. I liked it so much and have looked out for a pattern, but no luck.

I am writing this while waiting for a lady of 70 yrs to come, she has bought 2 puppies from my friend and one wants the ears taping. She said she could only come after lunch as she had 3 horses to exercise. At 70, she does not look it, and she is a very sweet person.

[See the → next four pages]

I am enclosing a card I bought way back in June. It is funny our two are so close together on it. I have been saving it to send to you.

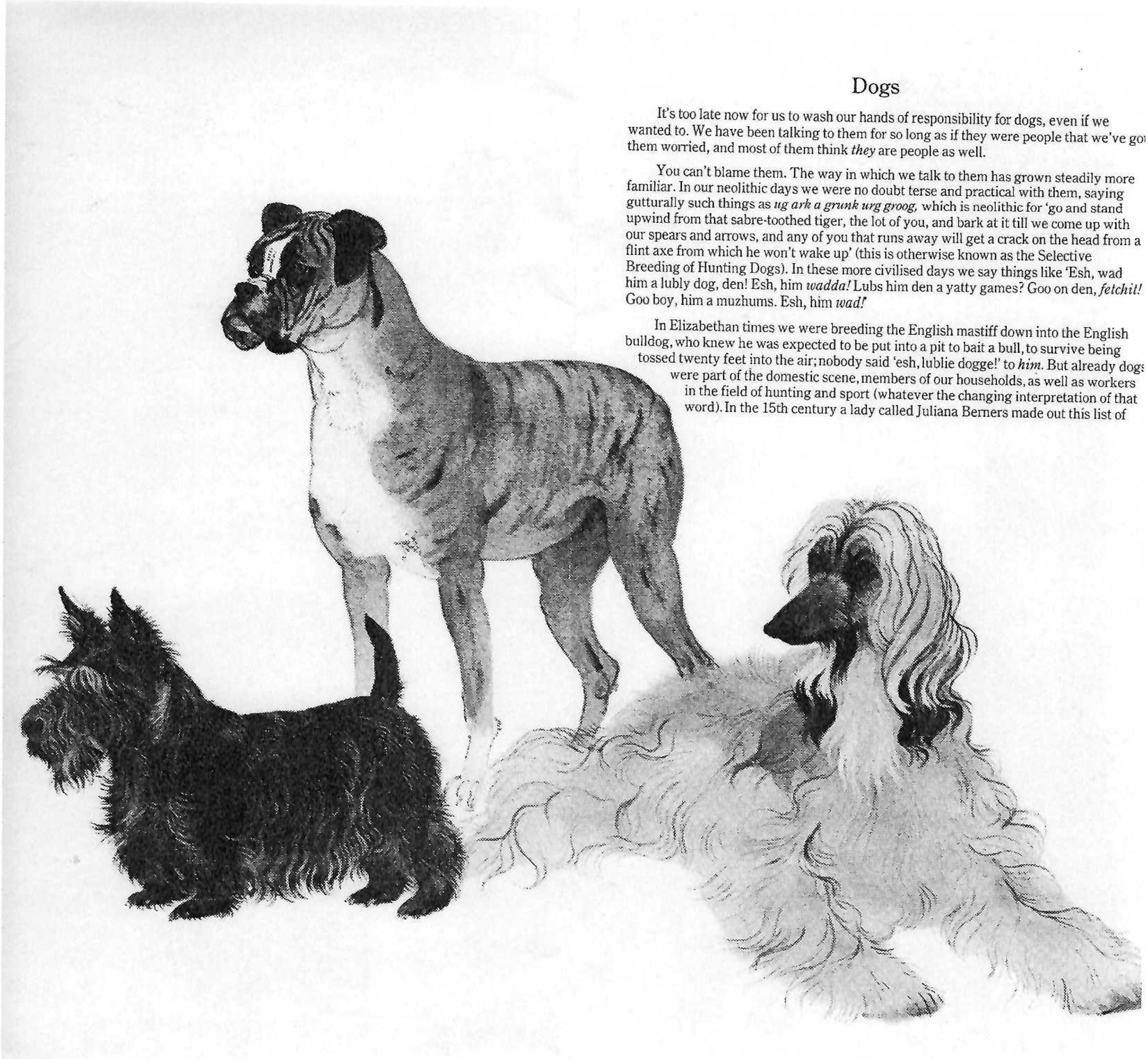
Must stop now.

Write again soon won't you, and take care of yourselves.

My Love to you.

Bessie D.

[This is the large card mentioned by Bessie in the previous document.]



## Dogs

It's too late now for us to wash our hands of responsibility for dogs, even if we wanted to. We have been talking to them for so long as if they were people that we've got them worried, and most of them think *they* are people as well.

You can't blame them. The way in which we talk to them has grown steadily more familiar. In our neolithic days we were no doubt terse and practical with them, saying gutturally such things as *ug ark a grunk urg groog,* which is neolithic for 'go and stand upwind from that sabre-toothed tiger, the lot of you, and bark at it till we come up with our spears and arrows, and any of you that runs away will get a crack on the head from a flint axe from which he won't wake up' (this is otherwise known as the Selective Breeding of Hunting Dogs). In these more civilised days we say things like 'Esh, wad him a lubly dog, den! Esh, him *wadda!* Lubs him den a yatty games? Goo on den, *fetchit!* Goo boy, him a muzhums. Esh, him *wad!*'

In Elizabethan times we were breeding the English mastiff down into the English bulldog, who knew he was expected to be put into a pit to bait a bull, to survive being tossed twenty feet into the air; nobody said 'esh, lublie dogge!' to *him.* But already dogs were part of the domestic scene, members of our households, as well as workers in the field of hunting and sport (whatever the changing interpretation of that word). In the 15th century a lady called Juliana Berners made out this list of domestic dogs: 'a Grehoun, a Bastard, a Mengrel, a Mastif, a Lemor, a Spanyel, Raches, Kenettys, Teroures, Butchers' Hounds, Dunghylle Dogges, Tryndel-taylles, Pryckeryd Currys and small Ladyes' Poppees'.

Once there was just Dog (the way there still *is* just Cat, in spite of our attempts to label and tame cats as well); but now dogs have faithfully followed us into our human, post-Tower-of-Babel welter of nationalities. There are German dogs that sound like towering 19th-century historians or philosophers – Schnautzer, Schipperke, Appenzeller (although this last could be a Swiss wine; 'I think you'll find a light Appenzeller '67 goes very well with game').

There are French dogs that are straight out of a mediaeval tournament with striped tents in a forest-fringed meadow: Bouvier des Flandres, Griffon Bleu de Gascogne, Griffon Fauve de Bretagne, Chien de St Hubert (St Hubert is the patron saint of dogs. He was out hunting on Good Friday, saw a cross growing from the antlers of a stag, and decided to become a monk).

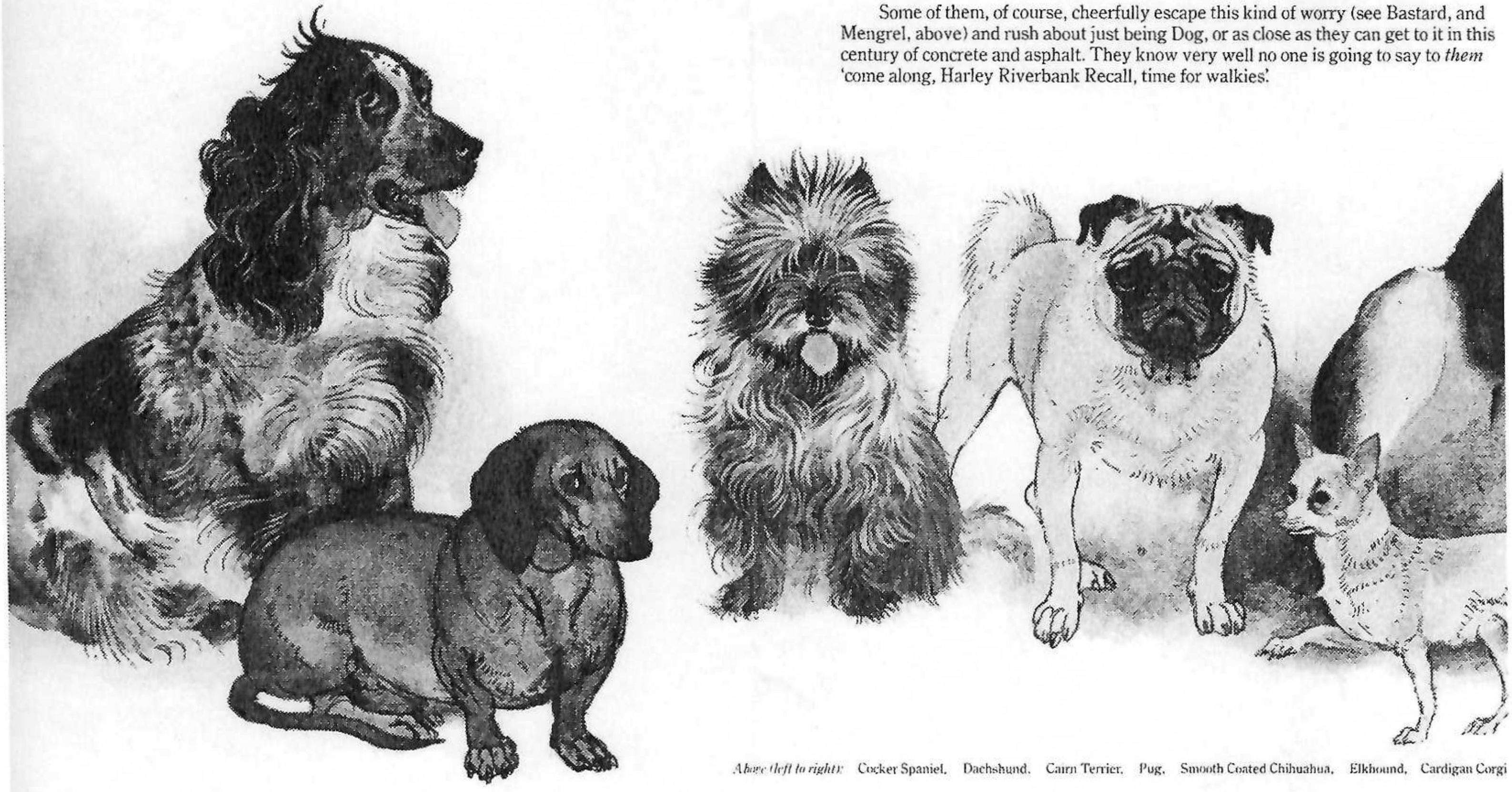
Dogs labour under the human names of Australian Kelpie, Vastgotaspitz, Dandie Dinmont, Xoloitzcuintli, Abruzze Maremma, Dalbodog, Grand Loulou (surely a famous courtesan in 19th-century Paris?), Groenendael (surely a cheese?), Kuvacsz (means 'armed guard of the nobility' in Turkish), Sydney Silky (master-mind of a gang of crooks, hissing softly 'ah, Inspector, I thought you'd walk into it. I should drop that gun if I we you . . .'); and there are all kinds of oriental noblemen – Shih Tzu, Lhasa Apso.

Add to this that a perfectly ordinary spaniel (named, as a matter of fact, Tertius, Latin for 'third', because he is the family's third dog, what could be simpler?) can have parents called Weirdene Questing Strathspey and Coritan Primrose, that his dam's da was called Coritan Lucky Christmas, among his great-grandparents were Questing Sudden Moon, Questing Shipshape, Coritan Merryworth Meditation, and among his great-great-grandparents were Questing Fuchsia, Joywyns Blue Boy, Sicklesmere Sil Dollar and – wait for it – Harley Riverbank Recall – and you can see why dogs have t worried, who-am-I look in their eyes.

And there's another thing that makes them still more confused. Whilst admitting them into our human world like this, as though they were people, we have at the same time laid down impossible standards for the shape they should be. There is an almost limitless list of Faults for which a dog can miss winning even a Third in Novices' Clas a dog show; it can be scorned by the judges for having a *snipy muzzle, dish face, sway-back, roach back, hare foot, steep angulation, cowhocks;* it can be *undershot, set too low,* or maybe have something wrong with its *flews* (the hanging lips of a bloodhound), its *frills* (long hair on its chest), its *feather* (long hair on legs and tail), its *leather* (the sk of the ear) or its *flag* (the tail, usually of a setter).

You don't see the judges at the Miss World competition marking down contestant for having the *teeters,* being *short in the gam, top-heavy, under-witted,* or suffering fro *oversmile.* But dogs have to put up with all this, and like it.

Some of them, of course, cheerfully escape this kind of worry (see Bastard, and Mengrel, above) and rush about just being Dog, or as close as they can get to it in this century of concrete and asphalt. They know very well no one is going to say to *them* 'come along, Harley Riverbank Recall, time for walkies'.



*Above (left to right):* Cocker Spaniel, Dachshund, Cairn Terrier, Pug, Smooth Coated Chihuahua, Elkhound, Cardigan Corgi

But most dogs with any breeding at all are a little confused by this double life, and seek relief in some kind of fantasy. Many poodles, for instance, like any member of some financier family originally founded by a poor nobody, choose to forget that the word *poodle* comes from the German *pudel,* the Dutch *poedel,* related to our own word *puddle,* and that they once splashed happily about in water – *dirty* water, at that. Now they think they are this banker called Henri de Grandville, with a house in Paris, a hunting-lodge near Fontainebleu, and a villa near Vence, and a little black book containing the names of various elegant females.

Many spaniels think they are a foolish but amiable male model, with slightly old-fashioned, Thirties-type good looks, smoking a pipe, photographed in profile wearing chunky cardigans for knitting patterns. They think they are called Vernon Wilde, or Bellamy Norton. As they get old, even if they are male, they think they are somebody's Aunt Clara, dressed in black bombazine, lying on a sofa eating chocolate creams, but every now and then going to the piano and singing high screaming sort of songs much too difficult for them.

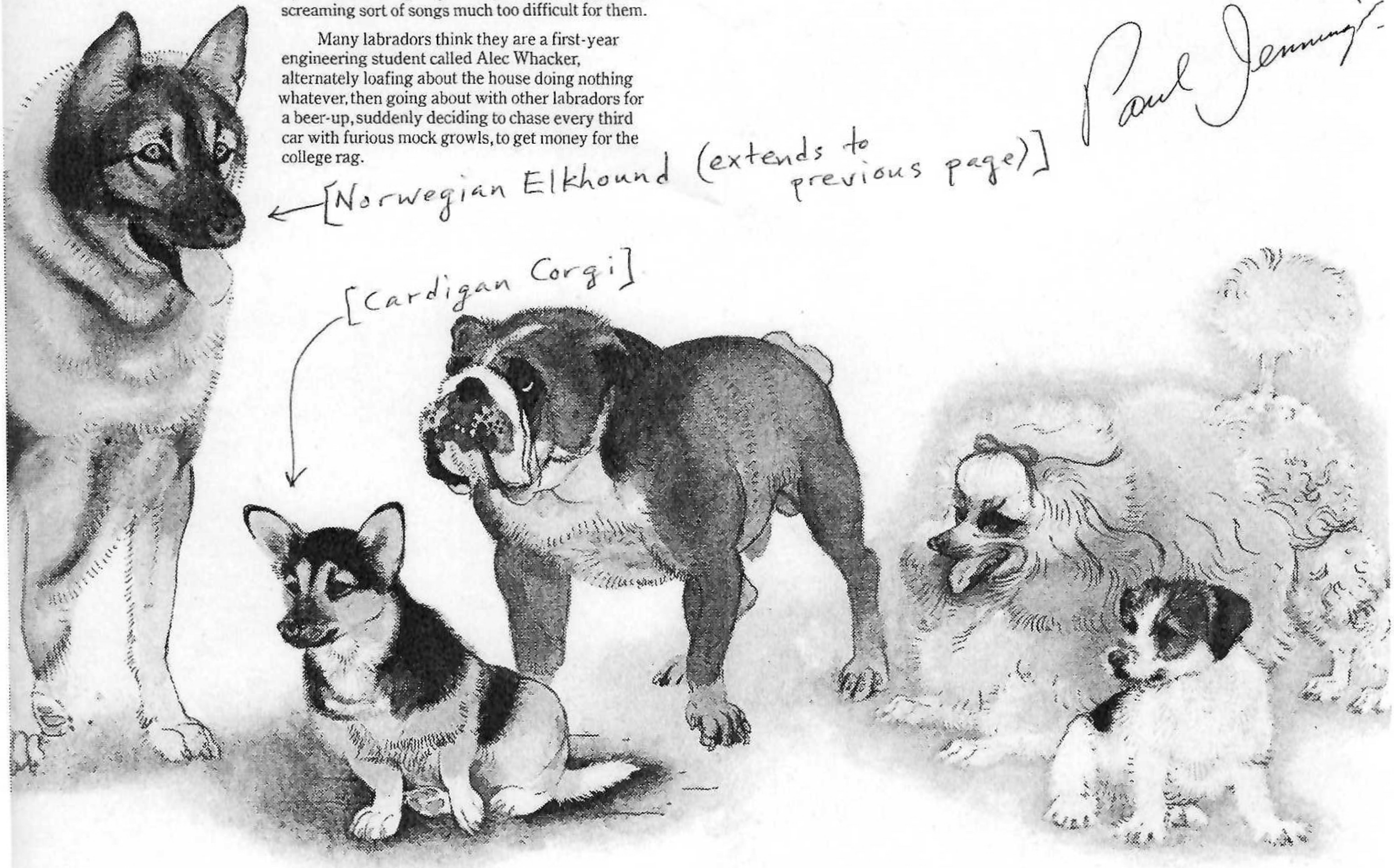
Many labradors think they are a first-year engineering student called Alec Whacker, alternately loafing about the house doing nothing whatever, then going about with other labradors for a beer-up, suddenly deciding to chase every third car with furious mock growls, to get money for the college rag.

Many Airedales, perhaps because they would so *like* to be just Dog but have to li in second-floor flats, get to thinking they are a misanthropic, collarless farmer living al alone in some run-down moorland farm; when anyone comes they mutter unintelligibl to themselves, *ah've no getten thi bloody grote, so heave thisen out or ah'll coom an thros thee, a grrr a grom thee.*

St Bernards think they are John Sebastian Bach. Many terriers spend a lot of tim thinking they are Dog until they hear through the mist a voice calling 'Lampshine Crumpet of Knickerbocker' (or something), 'come here at once!' and this causes them, quite often, to gnaw the legs off chairs.

But somehow they manage to live with it. They lead the blind, they help the sportsman and the shepherd, they fill ordinary people's lives with interest, not to mention love. They look into our eyes, sometimes, with an expression that seems to sa 'why, you might almost be a dog'. The sincerest form of flattery.

Paul Jennings.



[Norwegian Elkhound (extends to previous page)]

[Cardigan Corgi]

odle. Jack Russell (Puppy). *Front (left to right).* Shih Tzu. Rough Collie. Beagle (Puppy). Scottish Terrier. Boxer. Afghan Hound.

[DEW + EPW's Norwegian Elkhound]

With love to ROKK

from

RENA.

[Bessie's Cardigan Corgi]

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1981

Dec. 16, 1981

Dear Both.

You talk of 10ins snow, I can match you, our difference being that you are organised for it. I had a frozen pipe, and the little porch outside the back door came down with such a crash at 6-30 am yesterday, the weight of the snow was too much. Thank goodness the dogs were not out.

Will write more in the new year, but I do want you to get one of these cards. That will be twice it has crossed the sea, as my friend brought them over from Canada.

My love to you both

Bessie

[Jan. 27, 1982]

Ans 3/22/82

27 Jan 82.

397 BIRMINGHAM RD
HERTFORD HILL
WARWICK
ENGLAND

Elizabeth my Dear,

A quick little note to you to let you know that your lovely cape has arrived safely. It is beautiful, I shall treasure it for always. Thank you so very very much.

Seeing about your weather in the press, I have thought about you. I do hope you are alright, and I hope this card will get to you soon. The sun is shining here today, it is cold and frosty but lovely, the snow has now gone, thank goodness. I was without water for a week, it was horrible but I thanked my lucky stars that I was not like the people in Yorkshire with the floods.

Must stop to catch the morning mail.

Thank you again.

All my love to you both

Bessie W.

March 22, 1982

Dear Bessie,

Yes, I have some genealogical news for you. From the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) I was able to get a microfilm of the 1871 Census of Wednesbury, and I found your grandfather, William Witheridge!

He was unmarried, 33 years old, listed as a "Lodger" with an 80-year old widow at 1 Hope Terrace. He was the only Witheridge in Wednesbury at that time, and he is obviously the right person, because his occupation was listed as "striker" (metal worker), and the address is right next to his address when your father was born: 2 Hope Terrace.

The best thing about the 1871 Census is that it gives the birthplace of each individual, and his is given as Devonport, Devon, which is a suburb of Plymouth. This means you may be a relative of one or both of two other families we've met in Britain. They both have their roots in the Plymouth area. One is Kim Cook in the London area (formerly in Sutton, Surrey, and now in West Wickham, Kent). The other is Philip Hookway, whom we visited in Nuneaton, just before coming to your house.

I have a list of Witheridge births from the Index at St. Catherine's House, and it lists a William Moses Bowden Witheridge, born in 1838 in the Plymouth Registration District. He's probably the one, and I'm going to send for his birth certificate, which will take us one more generation back. Little by little we put it all together!

Love, Dave

Ans. 10-22-82

[July 15, 1982]

Miss B. Witheridge
'Bridgemont'
397 Birmingham Road
Hertford Hill
Warwick CV35 7DZ
Phone: Warwick (0926) 42092

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15 July 82

Dear Elizabeth and David

It is the 15th of July and I really must write to you, it is really ages since I wrote and since I had a reply from you. I am not quite sure where to start except that I am wondering if the wedding went off alright, I do hope so, and that you all had a simply lovely day.

Just looked at your letter and I feel worse still, it was written March 22nd Do please forgive me. Reading a bit more of your letter you are saying the same to me. ?!

Sorry to hear about the death of your friend, it would be a sad blow to you.

In our last letters we talked of snow, I love Rokko pictures, I bet he had a great time. Mine all grew terrific coats and now you cannot see the place for dog hairs as they have all had a good moult. Since Apl we have had lots of heat. I used to be able to stand it, but now it seems to drain all my energy away. It is cooler at the moment as we have had 3 days of thunder storms.

Ivy - Jim are still having problems. Jim has had another car crash. The 4th I think. They now have no car, so I have not seen them. They cannot get over here either to see their solicitor. I shall have to ring and see if they are OK. I am not supposed to know about the car as far as Jim is concerned, Ivy called me one morning when he was down the garden. Jim really should not drive his reactions are very very slow.

Rena the so and so did not produce. We are going to try again in Sept. This time I shall keep her right away from the others. She is so mad and loves a scrap, I think she absorbed them, as she was showing at about 4 weeks then there was nothing. At the moment she looks lovely but I am getting very fed up with getting 2nd place. I have said that if I do not make her a champion before she is mated again, I shall not take her in the ring again. She should have been made up ages ago, she is far better than a number who are now Champs. I think judges are afraid to make up a Red one over the Brindles.

My friend who went to live in Canada is back home for good, she had a very raw deal and is very bitter about it. After all her effort moving over there, the so called friend had a row with her husband and they parted leaving Margaret high and dry. She is now trying to sort a new life out. I have suggested she might come here. I think she would like to, but it will all have to be talked out. She has got to be sure it would work this time. I feel that the biggest snag is age. She is early 40, I am 65. Still we shall see.

We are going to the National Working Breeds Ch Show on Saturday. Dai and I always used to steward. Another friend Frank and his wife take me to some of the shows and Frank stewards with me. We are doing St Bernards, Mastiffs Hungarian Pulis and Kommondors. I shall also leave him to it while I show Rena. The show people paid us a big compliment, said we were their best Stewards.

I am doing quite a lot of judging again this year, including Obedience now. I do wish I could drive and afford a car, I should be able to be independent then, I hate having to be beholden to people, I always feel guilty somehow.

The Witheridge connection from Hall Green and Leamington have not been in touch again, perhaps they will connect when the holidays are over. I shall not be quite so hectic then.

Your jigsaw is piecing together. The Walsall W's have never got in touch again. The 'Lodge' sounds like Dads Dad! Keep it up Dearie you must be enjoying it. At least one good thing came out of your hobby. WE MET.

Must stop now dears. Take care of yourself, let me know about the wedding won't you.

My love to you both and Rokk.

Bessie.

[This card to DEW and EPW
is from Ivy Garbett (b. 1912).
Her husband, Arthur Dowell Garbett
(b. ca. 1906), died in a car crash
in Oct. 1982.]

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WOODLAND FLOWERS:
Bramble or Blackberry, Red Clover, Feverfew, Marsh Marigold or King Cup, Scentless Mayweed, Buttercup

Cantreyn High
Cross Lane Head
Bridgnorth
Nov 5th 1982

Dear Elizabeth & David,

How very nice to receive your very kind letter, your sympathy has helped a lot, yes it was a terrible tragedy, he phoned me from Bessie's then said, Well soon be with you my love. but it was not to be.

All I know is a heart of Gold is resting at Gods Will.

Brokenhearted Ivy XX

WARWICK. 1982

Dear David & Elizabeth,

Since Lena produced 8 puppies on 19 Oct, as you can imagine I have not had a moment and now they are 8 weeks old they wake me at 6am, I am worn out, but they are lovely, all red. The only difficulty is selling them, there seems to be no sale at the moment for Cardigans. I am keeping 2. I was keeping 1 anyway but as I lost pretty Sheba last week, her kidneys finally packed up, I shall now keep another.

Ivy is taking Jim's death pretty hard. There is still an inquest to come, I suppose they are trying to work out what happened. Ivy thinks he had a heart attack but the police Sgt happened to drop it out that he did not. I have not told her. It is all very difficult, life can be very hard can't it.

I hope you are both fit and well. Best wishes to you for a very happy Xmas. and my love to you all.

Bessie Witlock

Will write more fully in the new year, I want to catch the post.

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1983

It's a real pleasure
To wish for you today
The very happiest Christmas
In every possible way.
Hoping its special magic
Continues all year through
Bringing lots of happiness
Especially for You!

Happy Christmas

With all my love

Bessie W

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1984

LONG TIME NO HEAR. I DO HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU.

WILL WRITE AFTER CHRISTMAS

Bessie W.

December 16 1985

Dear Bessie,

Once again we send you our warmest good wishes at this Christmas season. We think of you often, even though we haven't written, except at Christmas. The darling picture of your two dogs sits on our living room table and evokes much comment.

How is your new home working out? We hope you enjoy it as much as you did when you first moved in. It sounded like an ideal place for you.

Winter came early this year. We had 30 in. of snow in November, and have now had a total of 35 in., a record for this early in the season. The average snowfall here is only 48 in. per year. We've also had some bitterly cold weather.

Tom and Virginia will be home from Chicago for Christmas. Jim still lives in Minneapolis, so we'll all be together.

Our best news is that, if all goes well, Tom and Virginia will present us with a grandchild in April. Virginia called the other day and said the new test they give — amniocentesis — showed that the baby is doing very well and that it is a boy!

Last year you said the Birdsalls had moved. We expected to get their new address on their Christmas card, but last year they didn't send a card, and this year their card had no return address. When you get a chance, would you please send us their address, so we can write them again?

We keep busy in our church as always. In addition, Elizabeth gives talks in the schools about writing books, and I spend a great deal of time on genealogy.

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

[Prof. J. Neville Birdsall and his wife,
Irene Adams (b. 1925)]

1985

To wish you a Merry Christmas
and a happy and prosperous New Year.

LONG TIME NO HEAR. I HOPE ALL IS WELL
I'm OK

Love

Bessie W.

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1. CLINTON AVE
HAMPTON MAGNA.
WARWICK. ENGLAND

1986

Dear Elizabeth and Dennis.

Well that is one more year gone, and I do not know where, It seems ages since I heard from you, I hope you are alright, I'm OK, quite well in fact,

I just heard from. Irene that Kathleen has another son. As I told you they fetched me there last Xmas and Kathleen suggests they will again. That would be nice.

Nothing much to tell you really, life goes on, I just thank my lucky stars that I am as I am.

All my Love to you.

Bessie Wittle.

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1987

1. CLINTON AVE
HAMPTON MAGNA. WARWICK.

Dear Beth.

If there is not a postal strike you may get this.

I will try to write you a letter in the New Year. There is not much news.

I am at the moment OK thank goo

I hope you are both keeping well.

Had a day in Leamington with Ire
in the summer, very enjoyable.

Hope Rook is still going strong, I've
got 4. Old Sal is now 11 but as live
as a 2yr old.

All my Love to you.

Bessie Wittle.

[1988 trip plans]

February 25, 1988

Dear Bessie,

We finally have the itinerary of our trip in Britain fairly well figured out. We expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. After about a week in the London area, we'll be hiring a car for three weeks and driving through England, Wales, and Scotland.

We'll be starting in Essex, where Elizabeth's Plumt ancestors lived. Then we'll spend four or five days in Devon, followed by several days in and near Wales. On June 2 and 3 we'll be in the Birmingham area, including a short visit with Irene and Neville Birdsall, but we won't be able to see you at that time, because we have to go back to the London area for an annual family gathering of George and Harry Witheridge and their close relatives on Saturday, June 4. Then it's way up to Scotland for four days from June 5 through 8.

We hope very much that you'll be home on the evening of Thursday, June 9, as we'd like to accept your kind invitation and stay with you that night. We'll be coming from ~~Dunfermline~~ Motherwell north of Edinburgh with a short Mickleover stop in Kendal. It's hard for me to determine driving times in Britain, but I think we'd be arriving about 5:30. We need to leave at 9:00 o'clock the next morning, as we'll be returning our rental car that afternoon in London. On the way we want to stop in Buckinghamshire to see a place where Elizabeth's Baldwin ancestors once lived. We know this is a very tight schedule, but our whole trip seems to be that way, as we have many places to go and people to see.

We're glad to know you still have the Cardigans, as we know they mean so much to you. We thought of you a few weeks ago when we watched the Westminster Kennel club dog show in New York City on cable TV. There was a beautiful Cardigan that had won best-of-breed competing in one of the major groups. The best of the whole show was a cute Pommeranian. Rokk is doing very well, and we hate to leave him for a month, but we're hoping his breeder, whom he knows and loves, will be able to keep him during that time.

Please let us know soon whether or not June 9 will work out all right for you. If not, we'll have to try to change our itinerary in some way. We're looking forward to seeing you.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

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1. CLINTON AVE. HAMPTON
MAGNA. WARWICK.
3 MARCH 88.

Dear Elizabeth and David.

Just a short note to say your dates are OK, it will be lovely to see you even if for only a short time, I don't know how you cope with such a journey, I would be collapsing half way.

I am enclosing a map of how to find me, it is quite easy from my old home.

At the moment I am suffering with arthritis in my knees making walking a bit of an effort but never mind I'll get over it I hope.

Sorry such a short note but I want to catch the post.

My Love to you both,

Bessie W.

August 21, 1988

Dear Bessie,

You probably wonder why you haven't heard from us since our trip to England. The fact is, we're way behind in everything. We arrived home with very bad colds, probably because of the cold, wet weather we aren't used to in May and June. Then we found they were in the midst of a severe drought and heat wave here. So with our colds and the excessive heat our energy level was very low. As a result we still haven't finished everything needing to be done after our trip, including a great many letters!

We had a most wonderful time in Britain and accomplished almost everything we had planned. We drove 3,000 miles through England, Wales, and Scotland without a bit of car trouble. Above all, we enjoyed seeing our many relatives and friends.

Thank you again for being so kind to us as your guests. We think of you often, but it was delightful to see you again and have a good chance to talk, as well as being with the dogs. Here is a copy of the picture I took at the Birdsalls. It will be a good reminder of our visit.

Are you aware that Kim Cook has connected you up with a Witheridge family tree that goes all the way back to Arthur Witheridge and Johan Edgecombe in Ermington, Devon, about 1585? I didn't know this until we got back to their house at the end of our trip. I don't have a copy of this, but it is through your grandparents, William Witheridge and Emma Beedlestone. Maybe you should write her about it. I know she has information on some relatives of yours who descend from the same family.

Best wishes to you in the coming months!

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

WARWICK 1988

Dear Both.

Thank you for the photo it was rather nice wasn't it.

Hope you have got over your trip now.

I have not been in touch with Kim Cook yet, I keep meaning to get her address from Irene. You probably know she is on the move again. (Irene I mean) } [Irene Adams (b. 1925)]

All is well here, life just plods along.

I hope you get this before Xmas I seem to have lost track of time so I am late doing my cards.

My Love To you both.

Take Care of Yourselves

Bessie W

Season's greetings
and best wishes
for the
New Year.

Folder

# 1.64 a

Edward Allen Witheridge
documents

# Editor's Note

The first document in this section of folder 1.64a is a special advertising section of the Port Townsend, Washington, *Leader*, which was published on June 3, 1937. Five and a half pages of the newspaper were purchased by Edward Allen Witheridge (DEW's Uncle Ed) and his partner, Oscar Hetzel, owners of the city's largest retail hardware, appliance, and furniture business — Olympic Hardware — to promote the store's eighth anniversary sale.

The store appears to have thrived in spite of the Great Depression.

Tom Witheridge
May 10, 2022

Port Townsend Leader

VOL. XLVI. PORT TOWNSEND, JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1937. NUMBER 22.

# Olympic Celebrates Eighth Anniversary

## COMPANY HAS LARGE RETAIL PAYROLL HERE

### Olympic Marked by Steady Growth and Improvement —New Stock Added Yearly and Departmentized.

One of the Olympic Peninsula's most progressive stores, the Olympic Hardware & Furniture Co., has grown steadily until it now supports the largest working staff and payroll of any retail business in Port Townsend.

Each year, under its present management, the Olympic has added new stock, enlarged its floor space, improved its operation and otherwise made shopping more convenient for its many customers. Its latest improvements have been most revolutionary of all, and the store is now ready for the public—at its best.

With a one-week, store-wide sale, the Olympic will celebrate its eighth anniversary under its present ownership, starting June 5 and lasting until June 12.

**Balcony Came First.**

The first improvement made to the store was the addition of a balcony in the rear to accommodate a furniture department, but as the years passed this proved inadequate, leading to many other changes. That balcony is now the business office of the store.

Later, the basement was opened as a stock room, and that part of the building has been changed into a display room for off-goods and close-out items, and is used for the large and complete stock of pipe-fittings, plumbing accessories and electrical wiring devices.

In 1934 the Olympic was pressed

niture department of the store, and this need was taken care of by securing the rear half of the W. H. Hill clothing store, which was used for bedroom sets, floor lamps, overstuffed sets and other major items. Increased business and the desire for even more space followed, and when the Hill clothing store moved to its new location in the Central Hotel building recently, the hardware enlarged even more, taking in the entire space occupied by the clothing firm.

This space is now used exclusive for furniture, rugs of various kinds and draperies and is about as extensive as the hardware department which originally was the entire store.

**Decided to Remodel.**

When the added space next door was acquired the Olympic's management decided that would be an opportune time to remodel the store in general, so it was then that an entire new front was installed and the store completely departmentized, preparatory to the eighth anniversary sale event which starts Saturday of this week.

E. A. Witheridge and Oscar Hetzel, managers and owners of the business, have endeavored at all times to give greater values and carry a complete stock of high-grade, dependable merchandise, including the better-known nationally advertised products. They have also endeavored to meet big city competition and give the best in service and quality.

They now feel their store is so arranged that buyers can shop more easily, and they invite country customers to make the Olympic their headquarters while in town.

In addition to actual store improvements, the Olympic has added a large truck for delivery service and the latest type of office equipment to aid in handling accounts and meeting the present complex system of taxes and accounting.

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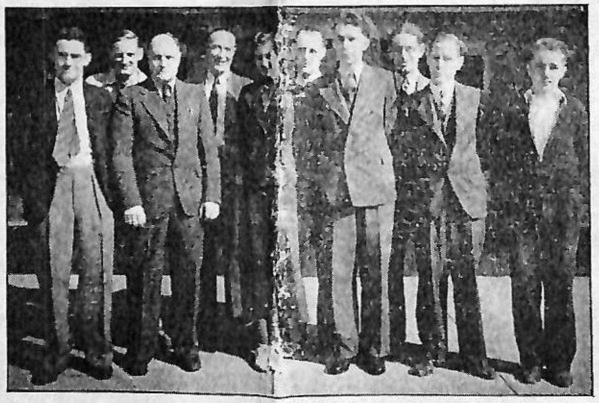
**TOO SOON**

Professor—Now, at what speed does light travel

Student—Pretty fast, sir. Any

### Large Staff of Olympic Hardware



The Olympic Hardware & Furniture Co has the largest staff of employes of any retail business in Port Townsend. They are, left to right, Earl W[illegible]lander, office manager; Joe Smerer, delivery and installation man; E. A. Witheridge, co-manager; [illegible] Hane, sporting goods and general sales; Leslie Andrews, secretary to the managers, and assistant the head accountant; Louis Hanson, in charge of oil heaters; Oscar Hetzel, co-manager; Ben Gilbe[illegible] in charge of home appliance department; Edw. Metcalf, store display; and John Donovan, clean-up and general utility.

### Aggressiveness Is Keynote of Large Store's Progress

Statistical surveys, merchandising authorities and progressive firms in the larger centers of population tell us that the day is over when a firm may sit back on its

transportation, radio and fore telephones, buyers will no longer listen to the old story of buy at home and get "stung."

The Olympic Hardware & Furniture Company is one of the Port Townsend firms that have in the past few years made aggressive efforts to go out after the business

sell merchandise to people who need what they have to sell.

With this contact and by steady advertising the Olympic Hardware & Furniture Company tells the people what merchandise is on its shelves, so that the patrons of this territory may see the benefits of trading with a progressive home store—one that isn't operating un-

### Record Set in This Paper for Most Ad Space

The Olympic Hardware & Furniture Co. uses five and one-half pages of advertising in this issue of The Leader to inform the Jefferson County public of its 8th Aniversary sale and what merchandise is on its shelves.

In doing so the Olympic sets a record for taking the greatest amount of advertising space ever carried by a single firm in a single issue of this newspaper. It has chosen to use The Leader to put its message over to the public because from past experience the company has learned Leader ads pay.

In conjunction with the Olympic's advertising The Leader is co-operating by carrying news on the store's growth, its personnel and recent improvements.

### Marriott to Rescue As Lad, 9 Years Old, Falls Into Cistern

Tommy, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, had an experience last Thursday afternoon that he would rather not have to live through again.

While playing with other youngsters back of the Orthopedic Thrift shop he suddenly disappeared from sight as he was walking backward through high grass. Investigation by his playmates revealed he had fallen into an old cistern, the opening of which was only 24 inches in diameter, although it was considerably larger under ground, and 10 or 12 feet deep.

Tommy's playmates ran to his home and told his mother, who in turn rushed to the Puget Sound Power & Light company office.

### Remodeling of Olympic Store Provided Jobs

**PORT TOWNSEND MEN WERE GIVEN WORK OF MAKING CHANGES.**

The recent job of remodeling the Olympic Hardware & Furniture Co. was accomplished with materials purchased from Port Townsend firms as far as possible and a large number of local men were provided with work in connection with the pretentious renovation.

Remodeling of the store front, one of the major items to add attractiveness, was done by Gus Wolter and Charles Lewis of Port Townsend.

Work of setting the large panes of glass in the building's new front was accomplished by the Building Supply Co., and all the lumber for the project was furnished by the Port Townsend Lumber Co. and Building Supply Co., both locally-owned institutions.

The many new cabinets which were installed to bring about the store's complete inside changes were built by Hans Miller and John DeLeo. Canopies to accommodate display of major items and interior cabinet work and finishing work was done by Robert Allan.

Wm. Pray & Sons did the outside canopy painting and painting of the sections for major items. The interior painting in the new furniture room was done by W. M. Smith. H. C. Norwood was responsible for the interior decorations, bath display and balcony painting.

Sherman Cumings did the paperhanging, James Neely the plastering, and Runyan the sign painting.

George Rothus, store engineer of Marshall-Wells Co., came here to lay out the floor plan and departmentize merchandise. He designed the display racks, tables and other

OSCAR E. HETZEL
President
Manager Furniture Department

# THE OLYMPIC HARDWARE & FURNITURE CO.

The largest and most attractive Hardware and Furniture Store on the Olympic Peninsula invites you to see this newly renovated store, and help celebrate the

EIGHTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY
Of the Store Under the Present Ownership

This is truly a Port Townsend concern, is absolutely independent of outside interests and is 100 per cent owned by Oscar E. Hetzel and Ed. A. Witheridge.

ED. A WITHERIDGE
Secretary-Treasurer
Manager Hardware and Housewares Department.

## VISIT OUR BARGAIN BASEMENT

*See the Merchandise Demonstrations*

"White Elephant" items closed out at ridiculous prices

Liberal trade-in allowances

Easy time-payment plan on Furniture, Refrigerators, Ranges, and larger items.
Furniture and Floor Coverings

## This is the 8th Birthday
of this Progressive
Olympic Peninsula Store

And we're going to celebrate! Open house for everybody! You're invited now. We've lots of surprises for you! And we're going to give you a generous slice of any of them. And every one of those slices means a slice off the cost to you. Will you get your share? Of course! We'll be looking for you.

## Only Outstanding Lines Carried
IN
## Furniture and Floor Coverings

Automobile Accessories
Hardware
Plumbing Supplies
Electric Appliances
Paints and Varnishes
Sporting Goods and Fishing Tackle
Water Systems
Refrigerators
Wallpaper
Chinaware and Gifts
Ranges and Oil Heaters
Radios
Poultry Supplies
Furniture and Floor Coverings

## Sale Starts June 5 at 9 a. m. and ends June 12

FREE SHOPPING BAGS

FREE TIRE COVERS

# Hetzel Has Been In Business Here Since Feb., 1926

WAS ORIGINALLY WITH MARSHALL-WELLS WHOLESALE HARDWARE COMPANY.

Oscar Hetzel, president of the Olympic Hardware & Furniture Co. and manager of the furniture department of that well-known business house, came to Port Townsend February 1, 1926 and became associated with Robert Beatty in the store, then owned by W. J. Buhler.

Mr. Hetzel was born in Almond, Wisconsin, where he lived until he was a young man. Then, with ambition to make his own way in the world, he left the home town and the general store where he was employed to seek opportunities offered in a larger city.

He chose Duluth Minn. as his city and the Marshall-Wells Wholesale Hardware Co. as his field of activity and was with the Duluth branch of that company until 1920, when he was transferred to the Portland, Oregon branch as assistant manager of the saddlery and shoe findings department. He remained in Portland until coming to Port Townsend in 1926.

It was in 1927 that Mr. Beatty went into business for himself. It was then that E. A. Witheridge, another former Marshall-Wells man and a friend of Mr. Hetzel's for many years, came to Port Townsend. Mr. Hetzel and Mr. Witheridge became partners in the Olympic Hardware firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Hetzel have one daughter, Carol, who is now employed in Seattle. Mrs. Hetzel is also a former resident of Almond, Wisconsin.

# Mox Goldwater Buys Interests Of Price Frame

DEAL FOR DELMONICICO OPERATION WAS CLOSED DURING LAST WEEK.

Women want...
ECONOMY...
BEAUTY...
CONVENIENCE
SHELVADOR
excels in All Three

SENSATIONAL Economy . . . Not alone Low-First-Cost plus Low-Cost-of-Operation, but Greater Refrigeration Capacity and Faster Freezing that makes an instant hit everywhere . . . Startling beauty . . . a triumph in modern styling . . . Unsurpassed Convenience . . . Only Crosley has the Shelvador . . . the world's greatest refrigerator convenience. See the new built-in Thermometer . . . the 18-point Temperature Control and other exclusive up-to-the-minute Shelvador features. It's TODAY'S BEST BUY.

Good Housekeeping Institute

$124.50 and up

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Your Choice of Many Stunning Styles

New, attractive designs in Rich Spanish Leather grain Samsonhyde; Modish Eggshell White; Simulated Walnut Woodgrain; Black Samsonhyde; Chess and Checker top.

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1937's Newest and Smartest Designs

## *Famous* SAMSON BRIDGE TABLES

*De Luxe* MODELS $2.98

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*Two of these* combination ash trays and glass holders (regular $1.00 value) included *without extra charge* during this special sale!

**Antique Ivory**

New Florentine tables in Ivory, Dark Green, Chinese Red, or Black. Tops have rich, hand-tooled Italian Leather designs. Beautiful!

**Your Choice** NEW, Florentine Hand-tooled Leather Design, very beautiful; Simulated Walnut Woodgrain; Two-toned Spanish Grain; Antique Ivory; Woodgrain Chess & Checker tops.

Come in and See These Beautiful Tables Marvelous Strength

**Famous Samson Features**

Samsonhyde tops are washable, color-fast, beverage proof. Wet glasses leave no rings; hot tea or coffee will not spot tops. Tables will support 200-lb weight.

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Syrup Jug
White Shelf Paper
Stove Toaster, Pyramid
Stove Toaster, Flat
Stainless Knife or Fork
1-quart Measure
Decorated Tray
Rubber Force Cup
Maple Rolling Pin
Dish Dryers, bright wire
40 Paper Napkins

Dustpan
Mop
Nail Brushes
Bowl Strainer
Scrub Brush
Potato Ricer
Glass Reamers
Kitchen Fork

Coping Saw
Screwdriver
Aluminum Cup
Sandpaper
Rat Trap
Dish Mop
Egg Whip
Butter Spade

24 Clothes Pins
Butter Mold
Meat Tenderer
Egg Slicer
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Fly Swatter
Vinegar Bottle
Tea Strainer

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# HOME FURNISHINGS SPECIALS for OUR EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY!

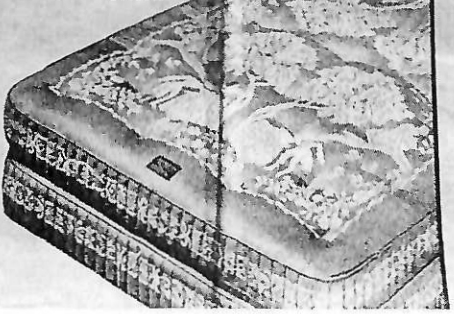
DO YOU STAY AWAKE UNTIL YOU TAKE "SOMETHING"?
OR DO YOU GO RIGHT TO SLEEP ON A BEAUTYREST?

## Sleep on a Simmons *Beautyrest*

### For 30 Nights at Our Risk » » »

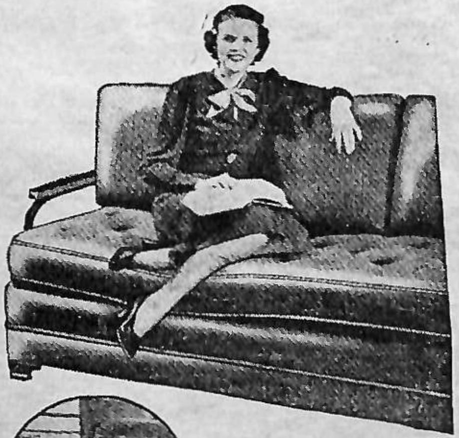
No other mattresses can give you the refreshing, completely restful sleep you get with a Beautyrest. No other mattress gives you "Floating Action"—837 separately pocketed coils that instantly adjust themselves to every body movement. But don't take our word that the Beautyrest will make you feel like a new person. We will deliver this famous Beautyrest to your home, and you may sleep on it for 30 nights at our risk. Then, if you don't think it is the finest mattress you've ever slept on, return it and it will be destroyed; your money will be cheerfully refunded. Don't delay because this offer is for only a limited time.

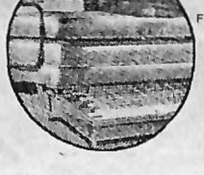
**New Tapestry**
**Damask Covers**
**Choice ROSE-TAN**
**BLUE-GREEN**
**ORCHID**



**First Showing**

## *New Tiltaway*
## STUDIO COUCH

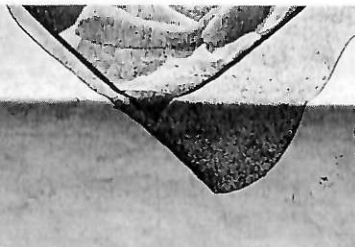




For sleeping merely tilt the front upward
Has spacious built-in Bedding Box

**$49.50**

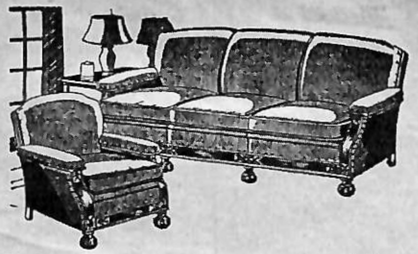
The Tiltaway is a smart new model, designed by Simmons. It adds new comfort and convenience to the many recognized advantages of studio couches. Be sure to have us demonstrate the Tiltaway. You will delight in its handsome style and many handy features. Durin the day the tubular back rail supports the pillows at comfortable si ting position. For sleeping, merely tilt the front upward, the [illegible]



$39.50

$49.50

[illegible] it in position. No need to [illegible] side furniture. A spacious *Bedding Box* is concealed in the couch for convenient storage of pillows, sheets and blankets. Tiltaway comes in a selection of lovely covers. Has Simmons inner spring mattress and coil spring base. Arm rests and legs have Walnut finish. It is possible that after this sale the price on this couch will be higher. We urge immediate action.



Modern Brown Upholstered Davenport and Chair. New style cant-sag construction. Sturdy, handsome
Was $129.50. This Sale, only

**$99.50**

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| **Smokers** | **98c to $14.75** |
| **Chromium Tables** | **$2.25** |
| **Card Tables** | **98c** |

We have a few Tables left that we can feature at 98c, and when these are gone we cannot replace them, as the prices have advanced, and our cost will be equal to the above prices.

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| **Unfinished Chests** | **$4.85 and $5.95** |
| **Unfinished Chairs** | **98c** |

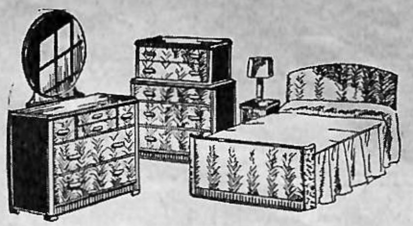
# GIFTS

*To Be Given Away During Opening Day*
*Saturday, June 5*

## Drawings Will Be Held Each Hour from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Each customer who visits our store and registers during the first day of our Anniversary Sale will be entitled to participate in the drawings. Customers need not be present at the drawings. Following are a few of the valuable gifts:

**10 A. M.—Round, latest style Mirror.**
**11 A. M. —??**
**12 Noon—Jiffy Sweeper.**
**1 P. M.—Modernistic Alarm Clock.**
**2 P. M.—??**
**3 P. M.—Newest Style Table Lamp.**
**4 P. M.—??**
**5 P. M.—???**



## 4-piece Bedroom Suite

Walnut Finish

**$49.50**

Two new and exquisite Bedroom Suites, especially priced for this Sale. They are as follows

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| One $99.50 Suite now | $89.50 |
| One $93.50 Suite, Special | $83.50 |

## FLOOR COVERINGS

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| 9x12 Felt Base Rugs Featured at only | **$5.75** |
| Half of 6x9 Rugs, Samples, Going at | **$1.25** |
| 6x9 Grass Rugs, only Six left going at only | **$1.98** |

Good for Sun Porch or Camp Use

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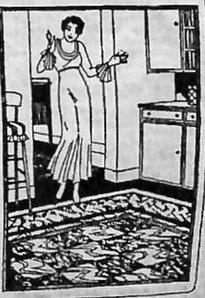
| Felt-Base Linoleum, per running foot | **33c** |
| Armstrong's Inlaid Linoleum, per running foot | **93c** |

EXPERT LAYING SERVICE
For Linoleum



# OLYMPIC HARDWARE AND FURNITURE COMPANY

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## Olympic's Floor Layout Pleasing And Convenient

### NEAT ARRANGEMENT IS KEYNOTE OF STORE'S LATEST RENOVATION.

Pleasing to the eye and convenient to store customers is the new floor plan of the Olympic Hardware & Furniture Company, which Saturday will start its 8th anniversary sale. Neat arrangement of displays is the keynote now that renovation work has been completed.

The new front of both the hardware and furniture departments allows the store to "show its best face", and once inside the building, customers find various groups of articles arranged attractively, everything within sight and easy reach

Located in the front part of the hardware department are such major items as washing machines, refrigerators, ironers and stoves. Then, proceeding down the left side of the large room, one passes the fishing tackle department, guns and ammunition, other sporting goods and then builders' supplies. Alongside the stairs in the rear is the tire rack and still farther back are found bolts, and other hardware of that nature and finally the paint department.

Arranged down the right side of the hardware department are dishes, gifts, electrical appliances and house furnishings. Beyond these departmens are the bathroom fixtures steel goods and finally the glass department.

On various sized tables and racks found such articles as Pyrex, aluminum wear, anamel wear, picnic supplies, automobile supplies, electrical fixtures, outboard motors, sporting goods, small tools, woodworking equipment, oil and batteries for automobiles, seasonal goods, etc.

Under the new arrangement there is ample room between the various counters and tables to permit freedom of traffic about the store. A large wrapping counter is located in the rear.

Mainly large items of furniture, including tables and chairs, bedroom sets, davenport and chair sets, rugs and draperies and lamps are arranged attractively in the furniture department.

## Burglars Enter Three Homes and Ludecke's Cafe

### Mr. AND MRS. M. C. DeLEO ENCOUNTER MAN IN THEIR HOME.

Burglars who entered three Port Townsend homes and a restaurant Saturday night made off with a total of about $32 in cash, a watch and some bottled goods, those whose places were burglarized reported.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. DeLeo reported arriving home about midnight Saturday to find the lights on and a man standing in the living room. Before Mr. DeLeo could chase him the burglar ran to the door and disappeared. As near as could be ascertained, about $15 in cash, a lady's watch and

# Garden Tools

WITH EACH LAWN MOWER bought during our Eighth Anniversary Sale we will give FREE, one Carborundum Sharpener, to assure your having a sharp Mower all the time. They are worth 40c for the 14-inch size, and 60c for the 16-inch size.

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| Long-Handled Grass Trimmers, for around walks and borders. Regularly priced at $2.75. Featured, while they last, at | $1.98 |
| BAMBOO RAKES, Fine for the Lawns, each | 15c |
| 5-foot BAMBOO GARDEN POLES, Large, strong ones, each ......5c; 6 for | 25c |
| SMALL BAMBOO GARDEN STAKES, Painted green, each ............3c; 6 for | 16c |

Every Garden and Flower Bed Should Have These

THE SILENT YARD MAN

## REALLY SILENT

At last—a really quiet lawn mower! It's the Silent Yard Man the greatest advance in lawn mowers in the last 50 years. The Silent Yard Man is also easy to operate remarkably simple to adjust reasonably priced. Come in and see it and let us arrange for a demonstration.

## We Have Just Received a Closeout Shipment of Getsum Guns and Liquid and at Prices Way Under the Market

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| PINT CANS, WITH GUN, WERE $1.25, NOW PRICED AT | 95c |
| PINTS OF LIQUID, regularly 50c, now | 25c |
| LILLY'S TOBACCO SPRAY WITH OIL SOAP, 35c Size Now | 19c |

This Is Good for Aphis and Such Pests

### TOOL DEPARTMENT

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| HACKSAWS WITH BLADES, for | 39c |
| COMBINATION PLIERS | 19c |
| HAMMERS, 16-ounce Good Quality, Each | 35c |

**NEW CHANEY HAMMERS**

The Ones That Hold the Nails And You Can Do the Work Otherwise Done by Two

$1.49 and $1.59

**HAND SAWS**

Standard Lengths and of Exceptional Quality

98c and $1.65

### Garden and Lawn Equipment — Sprays and Poultry Supplies

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| Lillie's Mite Killer, Half-Gallon Cans, reg. 75c, only.. | 59c |
| Cream Separator Oil Per quart | 25c |
| Cream Separator Oil Per gallon | 75c |

Bring Your Own Container

### CHICK FEEDERS

| | |
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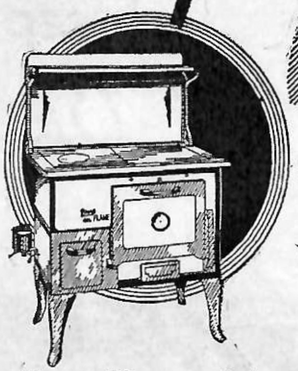
| 12-inch Size | 15c; for 25c |
| 18-inch size | 19c |
| 24-inch size | 23c |
| 36-inch size | 69c |
| 48-inch size | 98c |
| Chick Founts for Fruit Jars, each | 9c |

## You have never seen a mattress like this . . .

**PERFECT SLEEPER**

It has *No Tufts*

# Tomorrow's range is here



**LANG**

oil flame RANGE

The new oil flame range is the result of more than 20 years planning, trial, and research by Lang to give you TOMORROW'S range TODAY.

This new Lang oil burning range is designed for the utmost in economy, efficiency and durability. Its top of chromium metal and nickel assures you strong and quick heat.

Equipped with the famous H. C. LITTLE NOISELESS OIL BURNER, this range by Lang operates with a maximum of efficiency. Available in apple green, ivory, white

*An ultra modern range by Lang.*

**$136.50 Up**

# WALL PAPER

Olympc Paste Wax

Regular 30c

Now Only 19c

LINSHINE ·

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Standard Lengths and of Exceptional Quality
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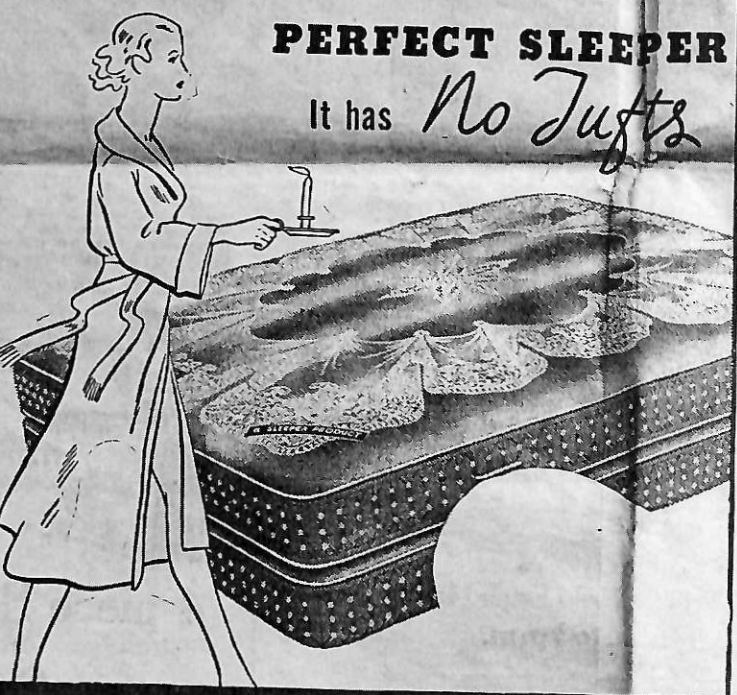

## THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN SLEEP EQUIPMENT!

● And no tufts MEANS no tufts in this genuine SLEEPER mattress It is tuftless *all the way through*, because of its patented, exclusive spring unit which anchors its insides from the inside out—not pulled together with makeshift cords from the outside in!

SLEEPER tuftlessness is far more than "skin deep." Do not confuse these genuine Sleeper patented no-tuft mattresses with some which feature just a smooth top. Merely eliminating dust-catching surface grooves, knots, and bunched-up cover and top padding isn't enough. It is equally important to keep the inner padding from being compressed in spots, and the springs from being restrained by stitched-thru cords (tufting).

Genuine SLEEPER mattresses are *tuftless through and through*. No concealed inside tufting. Not an ordinary tufted mattress with an improvised outside covering. Yet its "innards" can't shift into bumps and hollows. Its springs can't become jumbled. Nothing is "tied down" or under strain. No other mattress at the price will out-last "out-dress", or "out-comfort" it. Let us tell you personally why this PERFECT SLEEPER mattress is by all odds the most practical mattress made—and the ONLY genuine tuftless *all the way through* mattress!

## $42.50

# WALL PAPER

### We Have Many Patterns to Select From, and You Can Buy Your Paper Here for Less

If you select 7c paper, a 10x12 room will cost only $1.46 for walls, ceiling and border. Mail order prices for the same price paper is $1.66.

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| 9c Paper for 10x12 room (their Price $2.00) Our Price only | $1.66 |
| 11c Paper for 10x12 room (their price $2.32) Our Price only | $1.94 |
| 18c Paper for 10x12 room (their price $3.48) Our Price only | $3.16 |

BUY YOUR PAPER AT HOME and save. Any full rolls, unused, can be returned without cost to you.

### We Offer During This Sale Only

Two Pounds of Paste Free with Each Room Job

**Olympc Paste Wax**
Regular 30c
**Now Only 19c**

**LINSHINE**
For Linoleum Floors

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| Pints, reg. 70c, now | 59c |
| Quarts, reg. $1.25, now | 98c |

**Old Painter Kalsomine**

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| 5-lb. package, 65c value, only | 39c |

**Olympic Wall Size**

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| 1-lb. box, usually 35c, only | 25c |

**Johnson's Glo-Coat**

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| Pints, regularly 59c, Now 2 for | 59c |

JOHNSON'S AUTO WAX
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AUTO CLEANER AND POLISH

**Free Gift!**
30c can of JOHNSON'S protective AUTO WAX
With 1 Pint JOHNSON'S AUTO CLEANER and POLISH
*Only* 59¢
Regular 85c

**Karnu Body Cleaner**
(Closeout Item)
**Now Only 29c**

**Karnu Polish**
(Closeout Item)
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# Olympic Staff Is Trained to Render Service

### REGULAR PERSONNEL NUMBERS TEN, INCLUDING TWO MANAGERS.

During the many years the Olympic Hardware Co has been in operation it has grown steadily and the staff has been increased as business demanded, until today there are ten regular members of the store's personnel, including Oscar Hetzel and Ed Witheridge, co-managers.

All members of the organization are trained in their particular departments to give advice often needed by patrons in making hardware or furniture purchases. An equally competent office staff handles the store's many acounts.

Mr. Witheridge and Mr. Hetzel are introduced elsewhere in this issue of The Leader, and following are brief sketches on each of the other members of the store's staff.

Miss Leslie Andrews has the honor of being the only female member of the organization and serves as secretary to the manager and assistant in the accounting department. She has been with the store about two years following her graduation from Quilcene high school and a business college training course. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews, well known residents of the Crocker Lake district, and has been a resident of Jefferson County during her entire life.

Earl Helander, office manager of the store, has been in its employ for the past five years and prior to that worked over three years for Martin Bros. Service here. He came to Port Townsend in 1926 and before that attended the College of Puget Sound at Tacoma and played with a circus band. He is married and has two children, Robert and Richard.

Carl Hane, in charge of sporting goods, came to Port Townsend in 1928 to work for the Gardiner-Beatty Hardware and joined the Olympic's staff in 1929. He has been associated with the hardware business all his life and was actually born in the back end of a hardware store 48 years ago. His father before him was in the business and Carl has worked as a plumber and tinsmith. Before coming here he worked at Spokane, Cashmere, and Wenatchee and at the latter city was connected for three years with Weld & Wade, one of the biggest retail hardware stores in the west. During the World War he was in the army for 23 month, 18 months of which were spent overseas. He is married and has one daughter, Joan.

Louis Hansen is the man in charge of oil heaters and stoves and is a son of the late H. L. Hansen, former owner of the store, so was brought up in the hardware business. He worked in the store

# More Eighth Anniversary Specials . . . .

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| Everready Rustone, for cleaning rust and alcohol from Radiators | 59c |
| Garage Extension Cords, with Guards and Rubber Sockets | $1.19 |
| Bug Screens for Cars (not all models available) | 59c |
| Auto Tire Patches or Boots, only, each | 5c |
| Auto Tube Patches, per package | 9c and 29c |

## Auto King Motor Oil

**2-Gallon Cans 98c**

100% DISTILLED
WAX FREE
NO HARD CARBON
2 GALS
Auto King
MOTOR OIL
Guaranteed
AUTO KING

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| In Two-Gallon Service Cans, Suitable for Carrying Gasoline, or use as a Utility Can. Can worth 65c; both for | $1.19 |
| Five Gallons of Motor Oil, in Square Cans | $2.35 |

## *Electric Department Features*

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| Duplex Outlets, each | 9c |
| Single Pole Switches, each | 9c |
| Plates for Either One, each | 7c |
| Unit Flashlight Cells, each | 5c |

### KITCHEN OR BATH LIGHTS

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|---|---|
| With Porcelain Receptacles, Chain Pull Operated. Assorted types and colors of Bowls, only | $1.29 |

### PORCELAIN BATH RECEPTACLES

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| With Chain Pull and Convenience Outlet, Equipped with Half Shades, only | $1.09 |

## « « Clocks » »

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| Alarm Clocks, Knights, featured at only | 98c |
| Kitchenette with Thermometer on dial, regularly $1.98 (limited number at this price) now | $1.59 |

## Baseballs - Softballs

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| Good Baseballs for practice and kids' play. Regularly retails for 69c. Only | 39c |
| Soft Balls, 12-in. size inseam, regulat'n size. reg. 75c | 59c |

## Cutlery Department

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| Paring Knives for only, each | 9c |
| Butcher Knives<br>Good Quality Steel | 25c, 35c and 49c |
| Bread Knives, only | 49c |
| Pocket Knives, large assortment to choose from | 25c up |

### RAZOR BLADES OF ALL KINDS

Featuring During This Sale Our New Rugby Blades, to Fit Gillette Razors

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| Fifty Blades for only | 39c |

**PORCELAIN BATH RECEPTACLES**
With Chain Pull and Convenience Outlet, Equipped with Half Shades, only ........ **$1.09**

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Fifty Blades for only . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .39c

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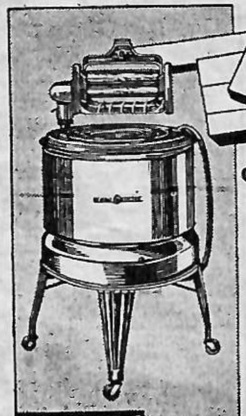
TO THOSE WHO KNOW AND APPRECIATE QUALITY——

## VALUE!



**JUST ONE CONTROL**

on this

**GENERAL ELECTRIC**
**WRINGER**

Control starts and stops rolls—applies and relieves pressure—directs drainboard. Washer illustrated also features ACTIVATOR—Permanent Lubrication, and Quiet Operation.

*MADE BY GENERAL ELECTRIC AT BRIDGEPORT, CONN.*

AS LOW AS
**$49.95**

Model AW-21P (with pump) 6 Single Sheet Capacity

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**A FEW PENNIES A DAY BUYS ANY ONE OF THESE FINE VALUES**

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## VALUE!

**NOW YOU CAN HAVE**
# FIRST CHOICE IN REFRIGERATORS
**AND SAVE 3 WAYS**

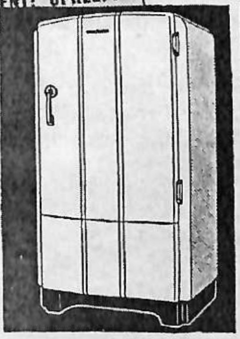
**GENERAL ELECTRIC**
***Triple-Thrift***
**REFRIGERATORS**

save on PRICE! CURRENT! UPKEEP!

*Automatic*
### THRIFT UNIT
*Sealed-in-steel in all models*

You can now have the finest, thriftiest of all refrigerators and save on price, on operating cost, on upkeep. It always cost less *to own* a General Electric and now it costs less *to buy* one.

Compare the cost, conveniences, cold-producing capacities, styling and endurance—and you'll find a General Electric is the biggest refrigerator buy of the year. Every minute of every day somebody buys a G-E.



**Full Family Size, $149.50**

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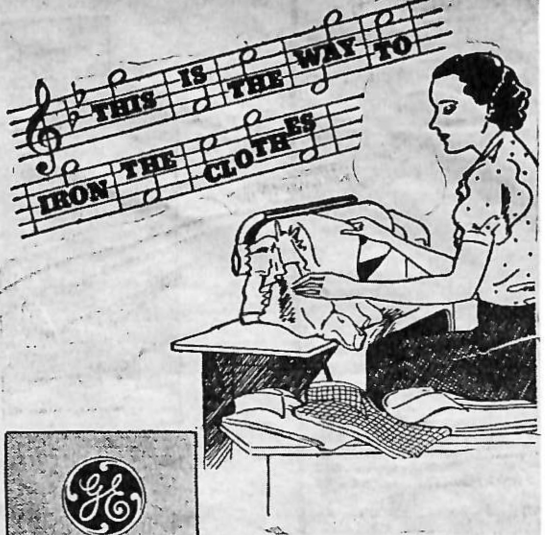
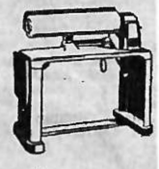


**GENERAL ELECTRIC**
**ROTARY IRONER**

- EVEN IRONING PRESSURE
- CONVENIENT KNEE CONTROL
- FLOATING ROLL
- PRESSING CONTROL

**Why not relax . . . sit down while you iron? Don't take our word for it. Try it, and see how easy it is to cut your ironing time in two!**



**ASK FOR A DEMONSTRATION**

**$69.95**

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# Witheridge Has Many Years in Hardware Line

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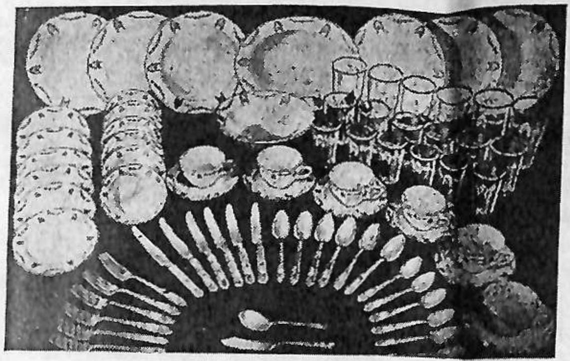

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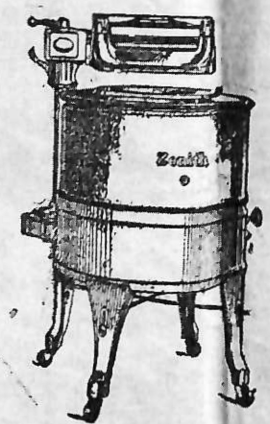

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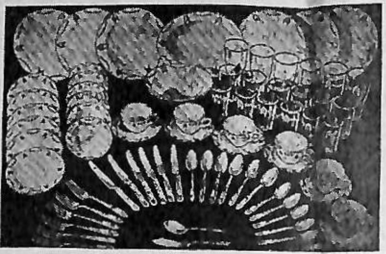

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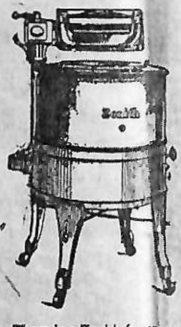

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## Glassware and Gift Sections

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| 5-piece Glass Bowl Sets, in Clear, Pink, Blue and Green, only | 89¢ |
| Blue and Clear Salt and Peppers | 15¢ |
| Measuring Cups | 15¢ |
| Ash Trays | 15¢ |
| 10-oz. Tall Clear Glass Tumblers, Regular 10c, now (No less quantity sold) | 6 for 45¢ |
| Wines, Clear Stemware, regular 2 for 15c, now | 6 for 39¢ |
| Tom and Jerry Mugs | 2 for 15¢ |
| White with Red Lines Platonite Sugar and Creamers, set | 15¢ |
| Refrigerator Sets, 4 Jars with Revolving Stand, set | 79¢ |

Odd Glassware and Dishes will be displayed in our basement, and closed out at attractive prices. Also a clean-up on open patterns, now discontinued. If you want some extras in these patterns, it will save you considerable if you buy now.

## HOUSEKEEPING ACCESSORIES

### WASHBOARD S

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|---|---|
| GLASS BOARDS, usually sold for 75c, now | 49c |
| BRASS BOARDS, usually sold for 65c, now | 45c |
| WHITE METAL BOARDS, usually sold for 55c, now | 35c |

All subject to Stock on hand.

WASTE PAPER BASKETS, only ......19c

### Folding Steel Frame Window Screens

| | |
|---|---|
| Small size, 12x33 inches | 39¢ |
| Larger size, 15x37 inches | 55¢ |

### LADDER STOOLS

While they last ........ 89¢

Just what you need for the kitchen, and for odd painting jobs.

**$25.00** Allowance for Your Old Sewing Machine

To apply on the purchase of a New Home or Westinghouse Sewing Machine. Balance in payments as low as $5.00 per month.

**SEMI-PORCELAIN CUPS**

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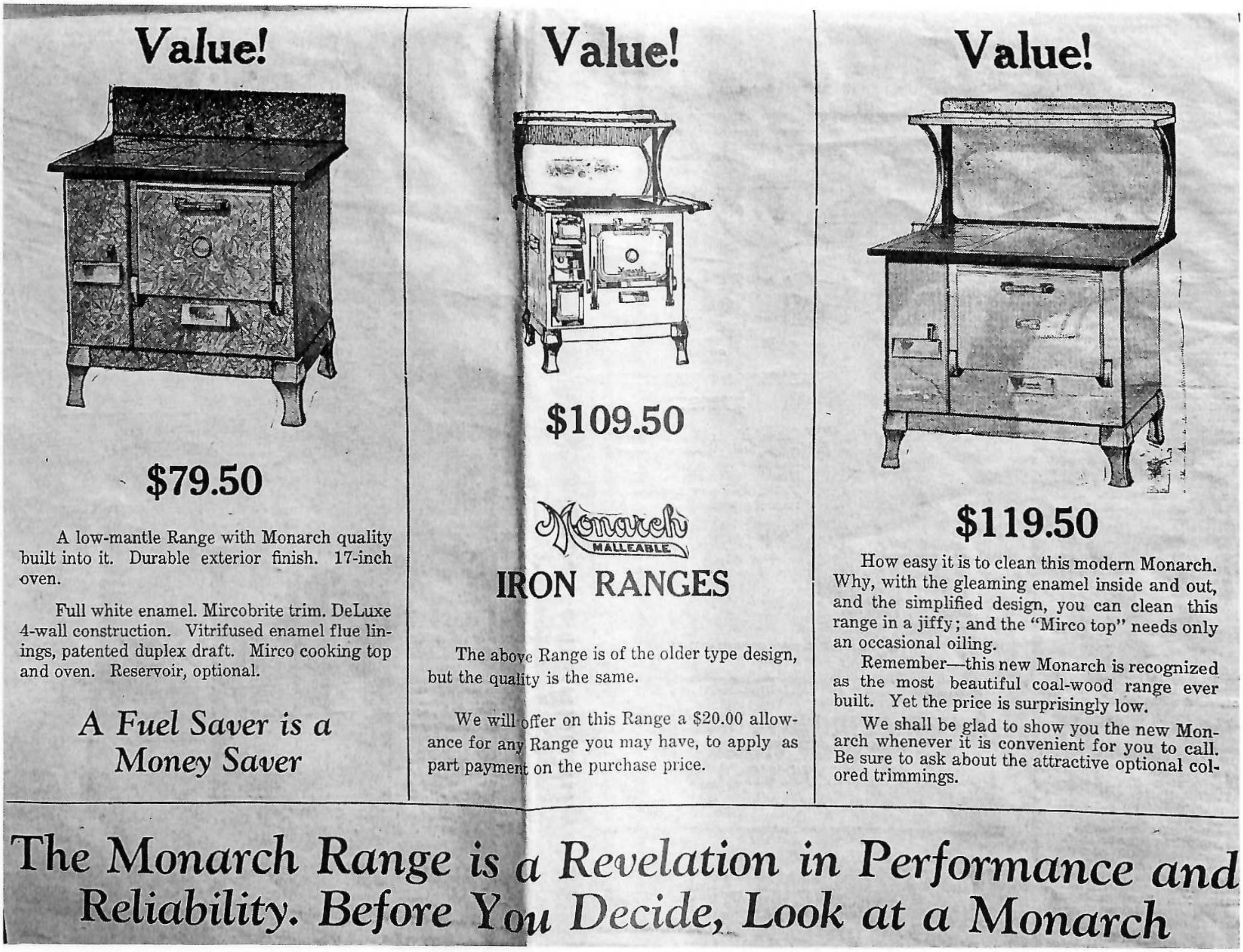
Sturdy, large size. American made.



## Value!

**$79.50**

A low-mantle Range with Monarch quality built into it. Durable exterior finish. 17-inch oven.

Full white enamel. Mircobrite trim. DeLuxe 4-wall construction. Vitrifused enamel flue linings, patented duplex draft. Mirco cooking top and oven. Reservoir, optional.

*A Fuel Saver is a Money Saver*

## Value!

**$109.50**

Monarch
MALLEABLE

## IRON RANGES

The above Range is of the older type design, but the quality is the same.

We will offer on this Range a $20.00 allowance for any Range you may have, to apply as part payment on the purchase price.

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**$119.50**

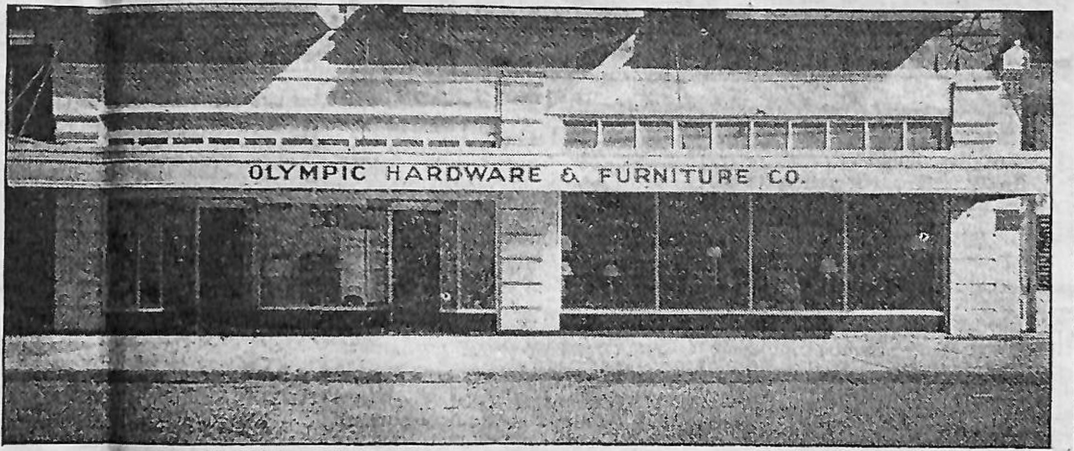
How easy it is to clean this modern Monarch. Why, with the gleaming enamel inside and out, and the simplified design, you can clean this range in a jiffy; and the "Mirco top" needs only an occasional oiling.

Remember—this new Monarch is recognized as the most beautiful coal-wood range ever built. Yet the price is surprisingly low.

We shall be glad to show you the new Monarch whenever it is convenient for you to call. Be sure to ask about the attractive optional colored trimmings.

*The Monarch Range is a Revelation in Performance and Reliability. Before You Decide, Look at a Monarch*

# Changes Made in Hardware's Front



The above photograph shows the front of the Olympic Hardware & Furniture store as it looks today, after the recent remodeling was done to take in the former W. H. Hill Clothing store space next door. The newly-acquired space is used exclusively for furniture, rugs and draperies, and is reached through the hardware department. Also changed was the front of the original part of the store. The establishment is now completely modern in both appearance and layout.

## Stings from the Yellowjacket

### From Camp Cape George

PAUL WERLE, Reporter.

"A Long Life Means Keep Your Chin Up."

Wonderful, swell, beautiful weather we're having, what? Yeah, a fellow can just about smell the old fire smoke in this warm wafting breeze, too. Ah, yes, soon the fire

C'mon you fans, we can use a few more of you out at those softball games. It doesn't cost a cent, and even at that you get more than your money's worth. Gee, you at least ought to remember that it is your own local ball league.

Say, didn't the rhody crop turn out swell this year? Bigger and better blooms and lots of 'em. If the visitors were disappointed it was through no fault of Mother Nature; she did her darndest.

—o—

Our short wavers here at Cape George are all set and ready to go the minute that alternating current

Calling at the Hillside this week were Rev. McIvor of Quilcene, Mr. and Mrs. Darius Dayton and son and Beatrice Peace of Hoodsport, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Eldridge.

## Events of Festival Were Broadcast by Oil Co. Announcer

The public was kept informed on various festival events Friday and Saturday through the courtesy of the Standard Oil Company of California, which sent a special an-

## Pound Party of Orthopedic Now Under Way Here

BOXES TO RECEIVE ARTICLES OF FOOD PLACED AT VARIOUS STORES.

The Port Townsend Orthopedic Unit Tuesday morning placed boxes in various stores of the city to receive articles of food in the annual Pound Party of the organization.

Such foods as oatmeal, sugar, and dried fruit, etc. that are donated will be later turned over to the Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle. The boxes will be collected June 10.

Anyone wishing to give food articles may make donations at the Orthopedic Thrift Shop instead of at the stores, if that method is found more satisfactory, the committee announces.

## New Drivers' License Applications Are Out

New application forms were issued Friday by License Director Harry Huse by which motor vehicle drivers may obtain renewals of operators' licenses.

The new highway code provides that every person who now has an operator's license may obtain, before August 1, a renewal without examination, after that date persons applying for renewals must submit to examination.

The new forms are for persons who have been licensed in the state during the past two-year period ending July 31. If the applicant has not had a license during that time, he must either obtain one expiring in July, 1937, and also a re-

2426 Irving Avenue So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 21, 1963

Dear Uncle Ed,

In the last few months I have become interested in compiling whatever information I can find on our family history. It seems to me that very few families have much information to pass on to their children, when really this would be easy to do if we would just pull together all the available information and put it down on paper.

When I was in Saginaw a week or so ago I got all the information I could from John and from Margaret Lushlow and George Chivers. I hope that you have some other facts to contribute. I understand you were able to make a few contacts while you were in England.

John Meredith Witheridge (b. 1922)

Margaret Fairless Allen (b. 1894)

From printed forms I have seen, I have developed the enclosed forms on which to record the information. I would be very grateful if you would go over them and correct or add any information you have. There is a family record for you and for your father and two grandfathers. I would like to have these back and have enclosed blank forms on which you can make a copy to keep.

Then there is a Genealogical Chart made out for Robert, that I would like completed as far as you have information and returned to me. You can keep a copy for yourself.

Robert Edward Witheridge (b. 1916)

Finally, I would like whatever names and addresses of relatives you can provide, starting with Robert's. I would like any of your first or second cousins or their children. Do you have the addresses of any of Elijah Allen's family? What addresses do you have of relatives in England or Wales? Do you know of any addresses of your Aunt Susie Witheridge Adams' descendents? I have an address for a George Adams, 4 Mountain Road, Cwmaman, Aberdare, South Wales. Is this correct?

Susanna Witheridge (b. 1866)

I should be pleased to have any other interesting information you discovered on your trip abroad. I have secured a couple of very good maps of England and Wales, and some books from the library, and am enjoying getting acquainted with the places where our ancestors lived.

We hope you are well, and Mabel also. We have had a good year. The boys are growing so fast, especially Tom.

Mabel = Mable, uncle Ed's first wife

We look forward to hearing from you one of these days.

Sincerely,

**OLYMPIC** HARDWARE AND FURNITURE CO.
*Complete Home Furnishers*

PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON

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Mr and Mrs David E Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave So
Minneapolism Minn.

Dear Dave and All.

Received your letter with the clipping o Port Townsend which I was happy to get but this write up does not do our fair city Justice and puts us in a bad light and we are a very historic city from many angles and , colorful past with good repoerts and and maybe someday we can show you what we really are and invite you allout to see for your self and many peiple who come are surprized at our location, beauty. eather and so on.

I have not forgotton your request about the family tree and will have it for you some day and we plan to go to California for Christmas and then get more details to fill it out.

John Meredith Witheridge (b.1922)

I gave John a list oof Witheridges in London area which I was unable to contact and he was going to write the, for information. We had a wonderful time with the relatives I met but Our time was cust short as Mable was not well and got a bad cold and her heart which is not good went bad so we came home sooner than we planned. They were very gracio us to us and showed us a lot.

[Ed and Mable went to England in 1962 (see Ed's Feb. 20, 1964 letter)]

Do You take the National Geographic Magazine and of you do and will look at September I think you will find an article about Devon and you will note a map showing a town ca;;ed witheridge which I did not know about so wrote the town Clerk and ha no reply yet after a month waiting and maybe you couul write them too for family there is any.

Have a nice thanks Giving and Christmas and hope you will plan a trip west some day and we might go back east so day.

Love to all

Mable and Edward

Ans. 12/13/63

**OLYMPIC** HARDWARE AND FURNITURE CO.
*Complete Home Furnishers*

[Feb. 20, 1964]

PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON 2 20 .1964

Dear David:

I am sorry that I have been so long answering your letter but wanted to go to Calif and we did for Christmas and fillied in some of them. I did not have one for John Witheridge who lives in Long Beach Now. He was born April 23, 1885 in So Wales England.

I dont know if I answered all your questions or not but have done my best. If you want information about the Allen side , you could write Mrs Millie. (Wm. f Robert ) 48 Thomson St Ynysybwl , Glamorganshie, So Wales Angland I Stayed a week with them when in England In 1962 but did not get much family history,

Eva Mildred Allen (b.1896)

Did you see in the august National Geographic an articel about devonshire England, and the map showed a Town Witheridge, and you could possibly get family history there, I never know of this town before and our cosuins did not mention it when we were there.

Town of Witheridge, Devon

We hope you are all in good health and see your boys are grown up, Our Grandson Robert goes in the Army on the 25th of this month, and Larry will Graduate in June; and Joan has two children a gril Laura, 5 years and Lance a boy 3. The boy was born on Mables Birthday and Larry's also , quite a coincidence.

Mable has not been too god as she has a heart ailment and arthritis and her memory is failing. I am OK for my age and cannot complain,

Love to All

Ed and Mable

PS Hope you can come out this way some time and see some of God's Real country.

# Editor's Note

The next documents — four one-family records and a preliminary ancestor chart — should be viewed with caution, despite Dad's efforts to fill gaps and correct errors. With the exception of the record for George and Almeada (made by their daughter, Esther Mary Duda [b. 1915]), the documents were made by Edward Allen Witheridge (b. 1891), Dad's Uncle Ed.

This was some of Dad's earliest raw data on the Witheridges and related lines, and he revised it over time as better information became available. I haven't tried to document every change; to do so would be time consuming and pointless.

Tom Witheridge
May 10, 2022

From Edward A. Witheridge - 1964

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** **Surname** Witheridge **Family No.** ____

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**
Robert Edward Witheridge
**Father's Name:**
Edward Allen Witheridge
**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Mab~~el~~ le Doris Wright

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| **Birth** | Sept. 6 1891 | Sherodsville Ohio |
| **Marriage** | June 24th 1914 | |
| **Death** | | |

**Other Places of Residence:**
Port Townsend, Washington
**Other Wives:**

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**
Lois Elizabeth Garrison
**Father's Name:**
Glenn Charles Garrison
**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Ida May Pøyfair

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| **Birth** | Dec 24th 1875 | Humansville Missouri |
| **Death** | April 27 1948 | |

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**Other Places of Residence:** Sherwood , Ore.
**Other Husbands:**

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Joan Lorraine | Birth | April 19, 39 | Port Angeles, Clallam, Washington |
| | Married to | Marriage | Nov.29 1957 | San Fernando, Los Angeles County California |
| | Ronald William Shaw | Death | | |
| 2 | Robert Allen Witheridge | Birth | March 22 1942 | Port Angeles, Clallam, Washington |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | ~~Larry Glenn Witheridge~~ | Death | | |
| 3 | Larry Glenn Witheridge | Birth | April 6th 1946 | Port Townsend, Jefferson, Wash. |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
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HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Robert Edward
~~Edward~~ ~~Allen~~ Witheridge
Father's Name:
Edward Allen
~~William~~ Witheridge
Mother's Maiden Name:
Mary Jane Allen
Birth Date ~~May 21 1891~~ 1916 Place Saginaw Mich ~~Shoreditch... Ch~~
Marriage June 24 1914
Death
Other Places of Residence: Saginaw Mich
Portland Ore
Other Wives:
None

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
~~Mable Doris Wright~~
~~Lois~~ Lois Loraenne Jamison
Father's Name:
Glenn Garason
~~James ... Wright~~
Mother's Maiden Name: Ida Mae Porfair
~~Rose Quincey~~
Birth Date ~~April 6 1890 Bay City Mich~~
Death April 19 - 1914
Other Places of Residence: Saginaw
Port Townsed Wash
Other Husbands:
None

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Robert EDWARD Witheridge Birth 4 22 1942 Port Angeles Wash
Married to Marriage April 19 37 Oregon City Oregon
Lois Loraine Garison Death 10(?)

2 XNaXXXerrXXmaX Birth XpXXIXX19XX1939XXEDXXXXXXXINXXXMXMX
Married to Marriage
Ronald Death

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[See the preceding editor's note.]

From Esther Mary Duda - 1964

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname WITHERIDGE Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
GEORGE ALLEN WITHERIDGE
Father's Name:
WILLIAM WITHERIDGE
Mother's Maiden Name:
MARY JANE ALLEN

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | MARCH 4-1887 | Wales |
| Marriage | SEPT-8-1908 | MICHIGAN |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:
ST. CHARLES + SAGINAW Mich
Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
ALMEADA MERRILL
Father's Name:
MERRILL
Mother's Maiden Name:
AMELIA MERRILL DOTY.

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | SEPT. 15-1891 | DENVER Colo |
| Death | SEPT. 5-1960 | |

Other Places of Residence:
ST CHARLES - SAGINAW Mich.
Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ESTHER MARY DUDA | Birth | JAN. 12-1915 | SAGINAW Mich |
| | Married to ANTHONY FRANCIS DUDA | Marriage | DEC. 8-1934 | SAN FERNANDO, CALIF |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
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HUSBAND (Name in Full)
William Witheridge
Father's Name:
John Witheridge
Mother's Maiden Name:
Clara

Date Place
Birth Sept. 16, 1856
Marriage Sept. 28, 1877
Death Aug. 9, 1925 - Inglewood, Calif.
Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Mary Jane Allen
Father's Name:
William Allen
Mother's Maiden Name:
Christiana Richards

Date Place
Birth Jan. 13, 1857
Death Dec. 8, 1942

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Elizabeth Jane
Married to John Thomas
Harry Ralph
Birth June 11, 1878
Marriage ←
Death Jan. 31, 1942 - Inglewood, Calif.

2 William Allen
Married to
Edith Sophia Nemitz
Birth Jan. 23, 1881 - Porth, So. Wales, England
Marriage June 16, 1909 - Bay City, Mich.
Death May 25, 1963 - Saginaw, Mich.

3 Clara
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death
Died at 6 month

4 John Allen
Married to
DoRA PaLMeWA Henry
Birth - april 23 - 1885
Marriage - 8-28-1919 -
Death -

5 Christina
Married to Richard
William [illegible] Jenkins
Birth Aug. 16, 1888
Marriage Aug. 19, 1908
Death (8-29-1963 William Jenkins)

6 George Allen
Married to
Alameda DOTY
Birth 8-4-1887
Marriage Sept 11 - 1906
Death

7 Edward Allen
Married to
Mable Dory Wright
Birth Sept. 6, 1891
Marriage Jun 24 - 1914
Death

8 Clara Mae
Married to [redacted]
Allen Ray Marquis
Birth May 18, 1894 - Sherrodsville, Ohio
Marriage June - 1 - 1925
Death

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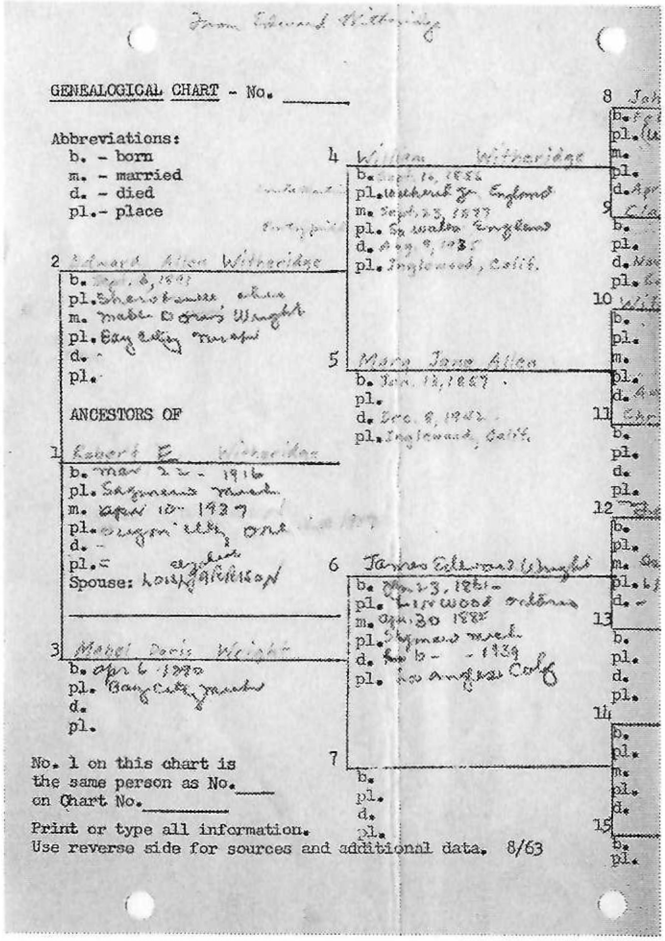

From Edward Witheridge

GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. ______

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl.- place

4 William Witheridge
b. Sept. 16, 1856
pl. [illegible] England
m. Sept. 23, 1877
pl. So. Wales England
d. Aug. 9, 1935
pl. Inglewood, Calif.

2 Edward Allen Witheridge
b. Sept. 6, 1891
pl. Sherbrooke Que
m. Mabel Doris Wright
pl. Bay City Mich
d. -
pl.

5 Mary Jane Allen
b. Jan. 12, 1857
pl.
d. Dec. 8, 1942
pl. Inglewood, Calif.

ANCESTORS OF

1 Robert E. Witheridge
b. Mar 22 - 1916
pl. Saginaw Mich
m. April 10 - 1937
pl. Oregon City, Ore
d. -
pl. -
Spouse: LOIS HARRISON

6 James Edward Wright
b. Apr. 23, 1861
pl. Linwood Ontario
m. Apr. 30 1885
pl. Saginaw Mich
d. Feb - 1939
pl. Los Angeles Calif

3 Mabel Doris Wright
b. Apr 6 1890
pl. Bay City Mich
d.
pl.

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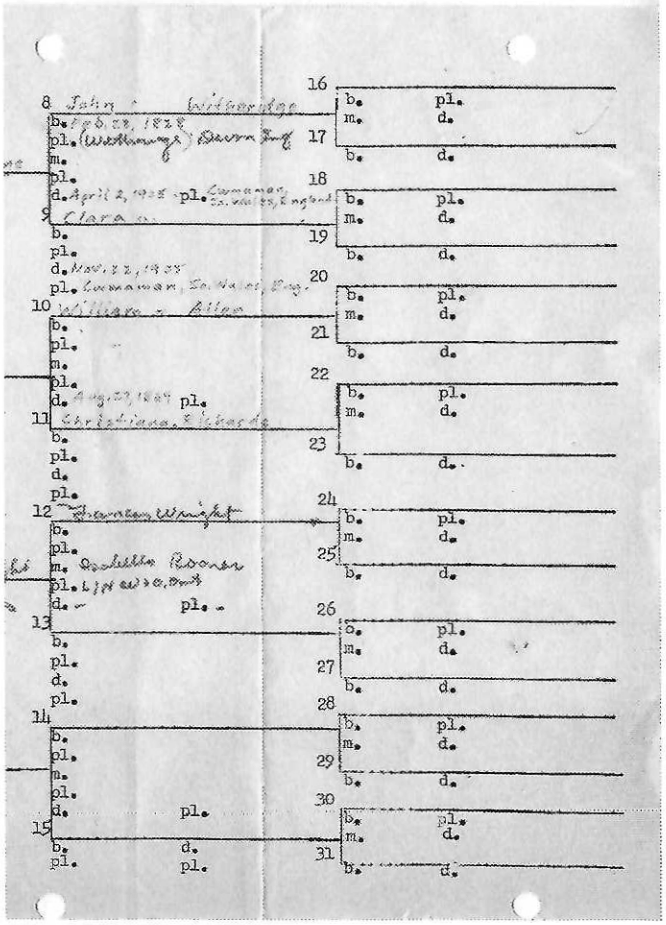

8 John Witheridge
b. Feb. 28, 1828
pl. ([illegible]) Devon Eng
m.
pl.
d. April 2, 1928 pl. Cwmaman, So. Wales, England

9 Clara
b.
pl.
d. Nov. 22, 1928
pl. Cwmaman, So. Wales, Eng.

10 William Allen
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. Aug. 27, 1887 pl.

11 Christiana Richards
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

12 [illegible] Wright
b.
pl.
m. Isabella Rooney
pl. Linwood, Ont.
d. - pl. -

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b.
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d.
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b. d.
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b. d.

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b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

2425 Irving Avenue So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
October 11, 1964

Dear Uncle Ed,

I am still hunting for distant relatives and digging back into the past for ancestors. Thank you for the information you sent last spring. The pressure of other activities keeps me from pursuing all my leads very rapidly, but I am pleased with the progress I have made in only a year and a half. Actually, I am working on all of my ancestral lines, as well as all of Elizabeth's, so that the task is almost endless.

Rev. Arthur Vincent Allen (b. 1890)

Rev. Elijah Richard Allen (b. 1862)

Arthur Allen gave me some very good information on the Allen side of the family, including a short autobiographical sketch by his father, Elijah, which told some things about the early days of the Allen family in Wales.

Eva Mildred Allen (b. 1896) (Milly Roberts)

Over a month ago I wrote to Mrs. E. M. Roberts in Ynysybwl, Glamorganshire, but I have not yet received an answer. Probably I asked too many questions!

Susannah Adams (b. 1890)

On the Witheridge side I am trying to track down some information through another first cousin of yours and my father's--Mrs. Susannah Adams August. I wrote to her about six weeks ago and am still waiting for an answer.

Jennifer (Jenni) Edith Mark (b. 1943)

Enclosed is a picture of our family, taken a couple of years ago. The girl is my sister Louise's daughter Jennifer, who has been attending Macalester College in St. Paul and is now a senior. For her first two years there she lived with us and commuted, but now she lives on campus. Do you have any pictures of you and Mabel, and of Robert and his family?

My hunting for information turned up another Witheridge family out east, and we are trying to discover whether or not we are related back a few generations. All we know so far is that both their ancestors and ours originally lived in Devon.

Keith Witheridge

My correspondence has been with G. Keith Witheridge, 51 Goodrich Rd., Annapolis, Md. 21401. His father, Thomas North Witheridge, is 91 years old and lives in Wyoming, Pa., but at that age his memory is not very good. Keith's grandfather was John Phillip Witheridge, who was born in Devonshire, but died in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

Emma Witheridge Garman

The real reason I am mentioning this is that Keith has an aunt, Mrs. Emma Witheridge Garman, living at Somerset Manor, 1005 E. Illinois St., Bellingham, Washington. According to the map, Bellingham is not a great distance from Port Townsend, but I guess it is not too easy to get there by car.

Some day, however, you may find it possible to visit Mrs. Carmen and discuss her family history and ours. Or you may want to write to her and get acquainted that way. I plan to write to her myself. I believe she will be 87 years old this month. If you do make contact with her, I'd be glad to get a report.

The next time you write, I'd also appreciate your telling me more about my Grandfather and Grandmother Witheridge--your Father and Mother. You realize, of course, that I knew them only slightly when I was a very young boy. Just ramble on about what they did, what they were like, where they lived, and so on. If you have the negatives of any early snapshots, I'd be very pleased to get a few prints.

By the way, sometimes you spell Mabel's name "Mable" and sometimes "Mabel." Is one of these a typographical error, or does she use both? I'm sorry to hear that her health has not been good, but I hope she is somewhat better--and that you are well these days.

Again, thanks for your help in my little project.

Sincerely,

[Mar. 5, 1965]

Port Townsend, Wash.
98368

March 5 1965

Dear David and Family:

Right off I want to appologize for not writing you sooner in reply to your letter and concerning the family history, But Mable has been quite ill and I have been so tied up with her and other things I seemdd to be unable to write and will answer some now and more later.

Mable has had heart trouble, a fibrating gear and with the hardening of the aorta which supplies the blood to the brain and she cannot remmmber anything of the present but lives in the past about Bay city and Saginaw and wants go go back home almost every day to see her old ho home and per folks and grandparents and we tell her they have gone years ago and the old home is no more but she still thinks we are not telling h her the facts. I have a lady part time with her now and her sister Pearl is here and stays some da days . she lives about 1/2 mile away.
Mable has fainit in spells when the Oxygen doesnt get to her brain and I have to give it to her and keep a tank at home all the time. Sometimes she is hard to control and seems to have a drive to be going, walking around the house amd yard . So I Guess we have our problems and only hope and pray for the help of God and his guidance in all things.

I wrote the Mrs Garman in Belling ham and never received a reply and we hope this summer to go to Bellingham and look her up unless you heard from her. Its about 100 miles or so and we cross the sound on a ferry which is the shortes route there.

Cousing Millie in Wales said she sent you a letter with all the Information she had and hope it was very useful.

I am getting some information together about your grand father and will send it when done and also some photos of them , the last we had and of us too.

We hope that you are both Ok and that the boys are fine too, Our grandson Robert is in the army in Texas, the Motor tank division. been in about one year now and has one more to go on his draft. Larry is going to college to learn architecture. he is 18. and 6 ft 8½" tall. Grand daugher Joan has a girl 6 and a boy 3.

We havent seen the family since last summer when thet were here for our golden wedding and glad it was last year and Mable was able to have it and this yer she wouldnt I am sure, she even forgets the one we had last year.

We are having wonder ful sprimg weather here now and we had some snow in December and January but was gone in one day as it dont get very col here and very few freesing days in high 30's and 40rths, I note there has been some rough weather in maddle west recently

Aunt Christina had a rib broken last week as she was out with her son Richard and was hurt and is in sacramento hospital for 3 weeks in a cast she was up visiting Aunt Clara Marquis for a while when it happenend

Cose with love and best wishes and will write you as soon as I can with other informatio and photos.

Uncle Edward.

Edward

[Mable died]

8/27/65

Dear David all.

Your aunt Mable Passed away Wednesday and we were grieved & for Her. She Has been ill for a long time but recently Very Bad & Had Heart other complication.

She is now at rest where she will Have a new Home, With God & Savior for which We are Happy.

Love
Uncle Edward

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## *In Remembrance*

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## *Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father, who art in heaven;*
*Hallowed be Thy name;*
*Thy kingdom come;*
*Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven;*
*Give us this day our daily bread;*
*And forgive us our trespasses,*
*as we forgive those who trespass against us;*
*And lead us not into temptation;*
*But deliver us from evil;*
*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,*
*and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*In Loving Memory of*

MABLE D. WITHERIDGE

April 6, 1890 August 23, 1965

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Friday, August 27, 1965, 8:00 P.M.

First United Presbyterian Church

Port Townsend, Washington

Rev. James L. Unger, Officiating

Inurnment by Cremation

**Arrangements by**
**Owyen Funeral Home**
**Port Townsend, Washington**

[Dec. 22, 1966]

12/22 — 66

Dear Elizabeth + David. I Had thought
I Had advised you of our Marriage
Sept 3rd
I am Very Happy to Have found
such a Wonderful Lady who is a
fine christian + church worker +
Loves children + her grand children
+ great ones adopted Her at Wedding.
We were married at Robert Paton at
Granada Hills + Had a Very nice Wedding
+ former Minister from Here living in
calif now Robert married us. We
are Exceedingly Happy as Margaret
is a Wonderful Companion. Excellent
House Keeper + Home Maker. + We like
the same things in many Ways. She
was no Stranger to Me as We Have
Known each other for 30 years in church
+ MC. Her Husband passed away 3 years
ago. + Her last son was married Aug 13th
She Has 3 other Sons in the East + South
+ 5 grand children. We are living at
my (own) House on Reed St + Her son lives in
Her Home down town. a few Photos
show Her + others.

To wish you Christmastime cheer

and much happiness

in the New Year

All to you + your

Best of
Family

Margaret + Edward

Left to right:

1966
photos

Edward, Margaret,
Margaret's son (Larry)

Margaret, Edward,
Christina Witheridge (b. 1888)

Margaret, Edward,
Kathleen Jean Monnelly (b. 1936)

[Edward and Margaret travel to England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland]

12/9/67

Dear ones all;

Well I have been going to write you earlier about our trip to England, Wales, Ireland & Scotland But been so busy of late but we did have a wonderful time in England. First our visit to Witheridge, Devon a very old city But clean & interesting Buildings All Painted White & streets clean Wonderful Old Church understand 1000 years old & city as old but we were unable to get too much information as folks we ~~tal~~ talked too are of present generation & did not seem to know much of past, The St John Baptist Church (C of E) is in wonderful repair Wonderful Stained windows. altar & organ. still used for regular services. It Rained while there we looked over old Church Grave yard But found no Witheridges also we did not see Rector or records of past.

We drove over to William John Witheridge's
farm & Had a wonderful
Cordial & interesting visit.
She (Rhoda) showed me your letter &
was glad to see me as your uncle
& this opened way for lots of
information about the family.
He Has a son Married & lives near
~~[illegible]~~ ~~next~~ door a Daughter. &
another one we did not meet.
They are really fine People.
~~gave~~ Made us a dinner before
We left, on a Big Farm Table
3 ft x 10 ft & set me at the Head.
They Have 160 acres all cultivated
Cattle & sheep of registered stock. Nice
Buildings. Beautiful setting, Rolling Hills
& green Valley. Will send Photos
of them when I get some more made
Cousin Bill Robert ~~[illegible]~~ His father
drove us over there & we are glad
as we could not Have done it
alone in 2 days. It would Have

been a Week + then doubtful
as its out of ways.

Bill made us a Chart of
this family going Back to
our father grandfather + Connection
So we were 2nd Cousins as I
See it. We went 12,000 miles
in all flew over + Back + would
liked to stop off in Miami. But
could not get Room. We took + Brought
170 Slides + many Pictures of trip.

The Roberts were ok except
Cousin Milly who is Having some
Troubles + had operation for gall
Bladder last year. + ~~Still getting~~
getting check ups.

Hope this little missile tells
you some news + close
with Best Season Greetings
Margaret Edward

[More on their trip]

[Dec. 18, 1968]

12/18/1968

Dear Dave + Elizabeth:

We haven't written you for a long time + I appologize for not doing so.

I am also sending you the family$^{2}$ chart W. Roberts made out while we were there. which Is very good + complete, Rhoda Witheridge Gave No 8 William. You can use + Return some time..

Located after the photographs below

It appears my Grand father John Had a Brother William who is the one on the chart #2..

Our Dad was Born in the Witheridge. Devon Area But not at Witheridge But on a farm. All

Witheridge could not settle ~~a farm~~.
Farms So. Grand father John ~~John~~
Went to Cornwall with Dad
& seems There is where He
Met Mary Jane Allen (~~[illegible]~~ our
Mother & Then He went to
Wales to coal mines to
work..

I Had Hoped to get
Information about Witheridge
England but Those We
asked did not Know of
Old History or the Beautiful
Old Church There that We
visited & Took Pictures.. Under-
stand city is about 900 years old
Time of Norman Invasion.
Its center of churches in the
area.. If We Had More
time, would liked to Have
Talked with the Church Rector

Vicar who lives on Church
Grounds. I understand
from Rhoda There was
a Witheridge years Back
Who was a High Church
Officer + was Buried in
Combe Martin, we Had planned
to go to cemetery + see His
Burial place But it was
raining real Hard + we
did not go there (20 miles)
but started Back to Wales
Via Lynmouth + Bristol sea.
Beautiful Trip.

This would be a fine Place
for you folks to go sometime
+ you would Have Wonderful
time with Robert + other
Relatives in Wales + Devon
We Had 6 Days + Wished it
Was more.

We Went to No. Ireland

Where Margarets ~~fol~~ folks
are + where she was Born
+ stayed with Her niece +
saw Her sister + Brother +
sister of Her first Husbands
family.

N. Ireland is a Very
Pretty Country. We toured
to Dublin + over to
Shannon air base to fly
Home

I Had Cataract operation
of My Eyes, one in Sept +
last in October + cannot see
too good to Write well, but
Hope to get New Glass next
Week Dec. 16th

Margaret is fine +
a Very wonderful Wife +
Help Mate + We enjoy our
life So Much together

as she & I like the same
things & Interests
Church Work, and Travel
as we can, a good nurse
too. Keeps my eye well
Bandaged & Helped me
get around. Just
Driving a little now til
I get New Glasses.
~~With~~ a merry christmas
& New years to you all

Margaret Edward

PS. We Had a Wonderful
Visit with Cousins John &
Rhoda & son Georg. His
wife & sister

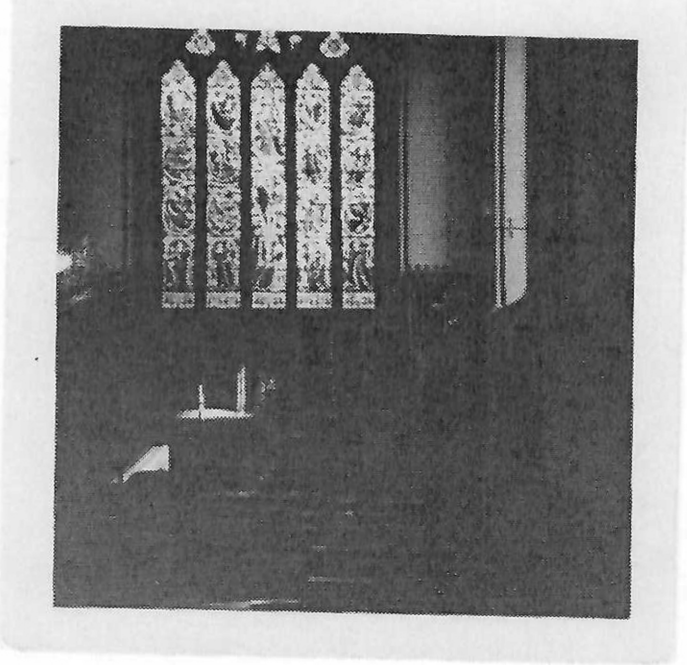
~~Th~~ they Put on a So called
lunch before we left. They
Had a Big 8ft Table
of wood planks & old style
Farm Type, But the

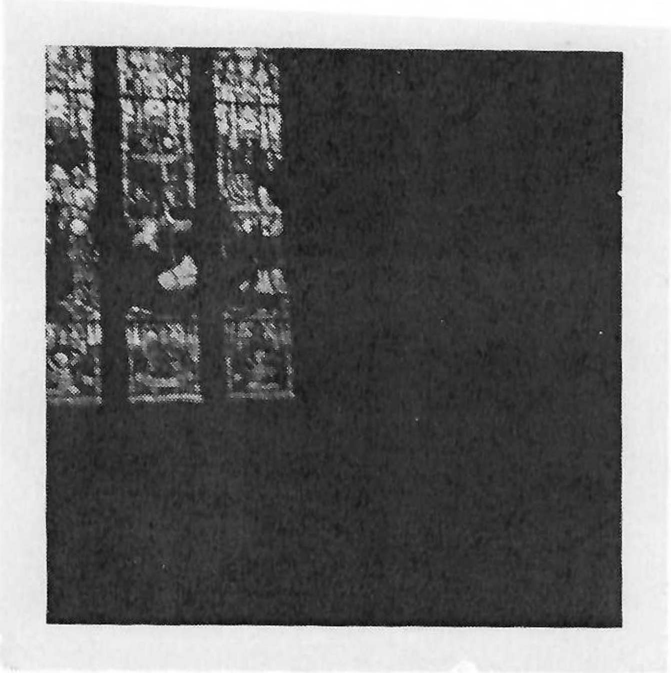
Put on a Banquet.
Chicken - Veal, Vegatable
Salads. and make a
Couple Big apple (Tart)
Pies.. Took Pictures of them
& If you will will send
them to you.

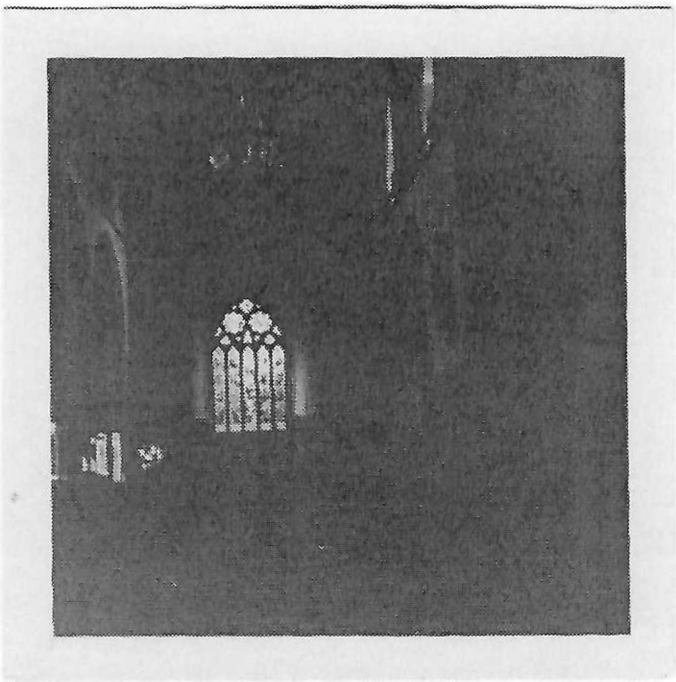
The letter she got from
you was just the thing
that got us off to such a
fine visit. They Have
Wonderful Frizian Cattle
Top Grade also new sheep
Strain for Better Wool.

He is also a Hunt club
Member -

Ed



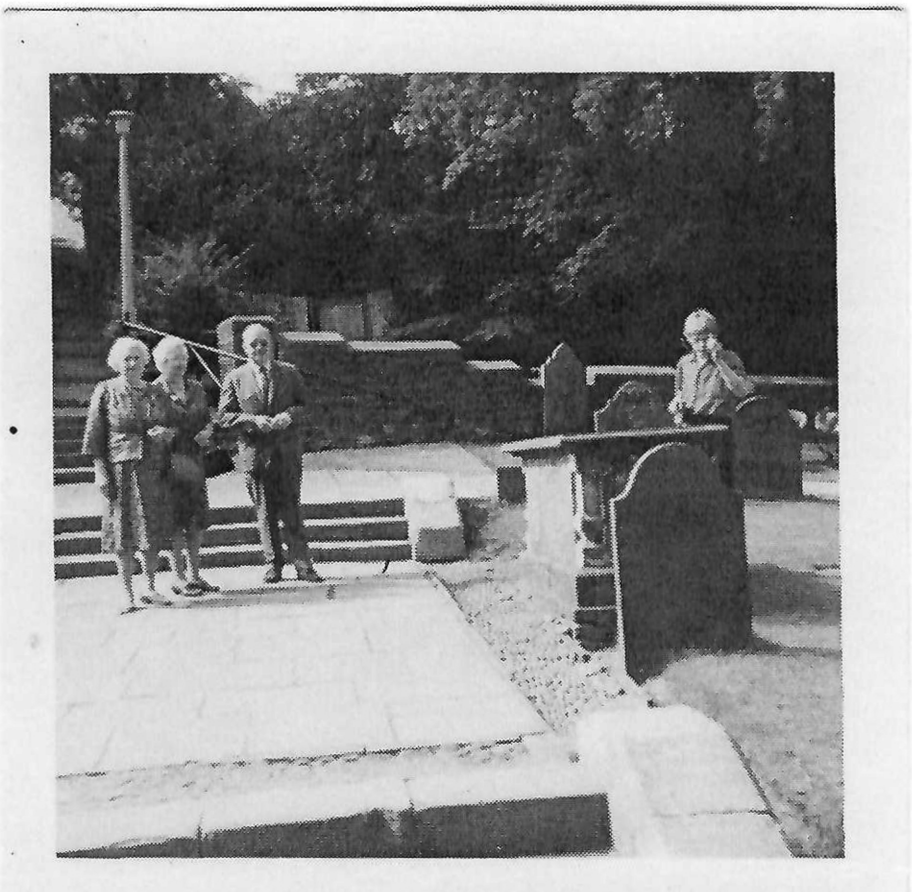




Windows at St. John
the Baptist Church,
Witheridge, Devon, 1967

Farm area near
Witheridge, Devon
on a dark, rainy day,
1967

Margaret with
Bill Roberts
(William [Bill]
Tudor Roberts [b. 1921])
at Bath, Somerset,
1967



Milly Roberts (Eva
Mildred Allen [b. 1896])
with Bill Roberts
and Margaret at
Llandaff Cathedral,
Cardiff, Wales,
1967

Abbot's building,
Glastonbury
1967

Church near Kilrea,
Northern Ireland

Margaret at her
birthplace near
Kilrea

Edward Allen Witheridge
about 1937

Margaret and
Edward at home
(undated)

# Editor's Note

The next document is the Christmas 1968 letter from Dad to his Uncle Ed, thanking him for "the chart of the Witheridge family drawn up by Bill Roberts [William (Bill) Tudor Roberts (b. 1921)] when you were in England" in 1967.

Actually, Bill made two Witheridge charts — both of which follow Dad's Christmas letter here.

The first chart shows the descendants of John Witheridge (bapt. 1828) and Clara Blackmore (bapt. 1822) through their daughter, Susanna Witheridge (b. 1866), and her husband, John Adams (to the best of Bill's knowledge at the time).

The second chart shows a related Witheridge line, apparently descended from John's (bapt. 1822) brother, although the details weren't immediately clear. On the copy he received from Uncle Ed, Dad crossed out the married couple proposed by Bill Roberts and substituted "Edward Witheridge" and "Mary." This second chart connects to a West Buckland, Devon, farm that was still in Witheridge hands as recently as 1988. See "William John" and "Charles George" on the left side of panel "2A"; "Rhoda," aka Hilda (Mrs. William John Witheridge), was Dad's first contact at the farm.

I found additional copies of both charts in the very last "Witheridge" file in Dad's banker boxes, which was labeled "Wm. John Witheridge, Middle Stoodleigh." As of today I still haven't figured out all of this, but I shall. When I do, expect another editor's note!

Tom Witheridge
May 12, 2022

[See the preceding editor's note
and the following ancestor charts.]

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[Christmas]
1968

Dear Uncle Ed & Aunt Margaret,

I was delighted to get your letter with the chart of the Witheridge family drawn up by Bill Roberts when you were in England.

How we wish that Elizabeth and I had been able to make the trip with you! Some day we hope to go. It sounds as though you saw many lovely places and met some wonderful people.

You said you took some pictures of the Witheridge family in Devon. We would certainly be pleased to have copies and to reimburse you if you will let us know how much they cost.

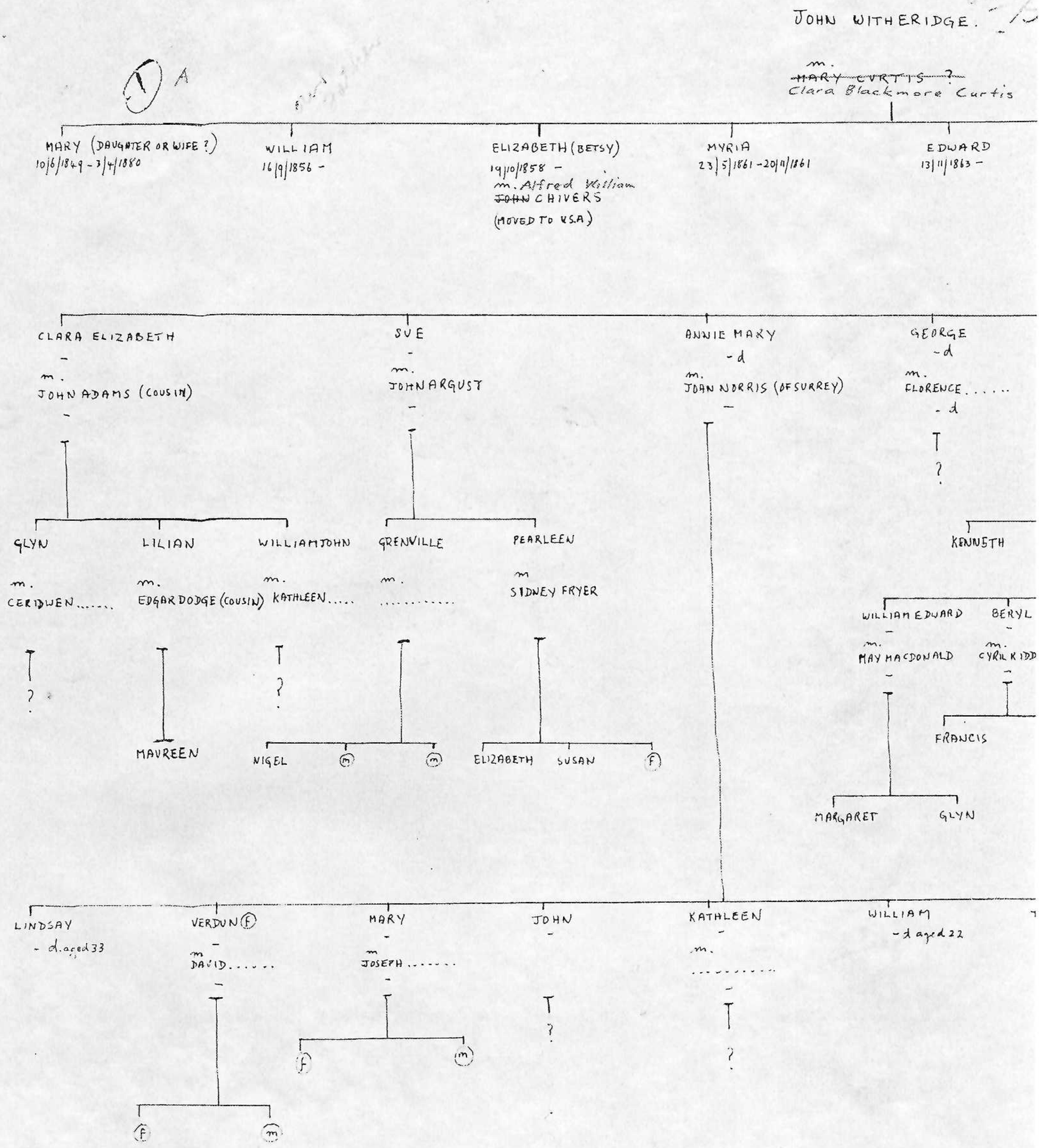
I am going to make photocopies of the chart before I return it to you. There is a great deal of information here I'll want to transfer to my own records.

There is one discrepancy I still have to reconcile. I'm not sure your grandfather John was a brother of William John's grandfather William. From Somerset House in London I have the birth certificate of their William, which gave his father as John Witheridge and his mother as Jane Percey.

From Somerset House I also have the marriage certificate of your grandfather John, which says that his father was Edward Witheridge. Maybe John and William were cousins instead of brothers. I'm still trying to determine this.

We'll be looking forward to hearing from you and receiving copies of the pictures. Best of christmas wishes to both of you

[See the preceding editor's note.]


JOHN WITHERIDGE.
m.
~~MARY CURTIS~~ ?
Clara Blackmore Curtis
(1) A
MARY (DAUGHTER OR WIFE ?)
10/6/1849 - 3/4/1880
WILLIAM
16/9/1856 -
ELIZABETH (BETSY)
19/10/1858 -
m. Alfred William ~~JOHN~~ CHIVERS
(MOVED TO U.S.A)
MYRIA
23/5/1861 - 20/11/1861
EDWARD
13/11/1863 -
CLARA ELIZABETH
m.
JOHN ADAMS (COUSIN)
SUE
m.
JOHN ARGUST
ANNIE MARY
- d
m.
JOHN NORRIS (OF SURREY)
GEORGE
- d
m.
FLORENCE .....
- d
?
GLYN
m.
CERIDWEN ......
?
LILIAN
m.
EDGAR DODGE (COUSIN)
MAUREEN
WILLIAM JOHN
m.
KATHLEEN .....
?
GRENVILLE
m.
............
NIGEL
m
m
PEARLEEN
m
SIDNEY FRYER
ELIZABETH
SUSAN
F
KENNETH
WILLIAM EDWARD
m.
MAY MACDONALD
MARGARET
GLYN
BERYL
m.
CYRIL KIDD
FRANCIS
LINDSAY
- d. aged 33
VERDUN F
m
DAVID ......
F
m
MARY
m
JOSEPH .......
F
m
JOHN
?
KATHLEEN
m.
..........
?
WILLIAM
- d aged 22

[See the preceding editor's note]

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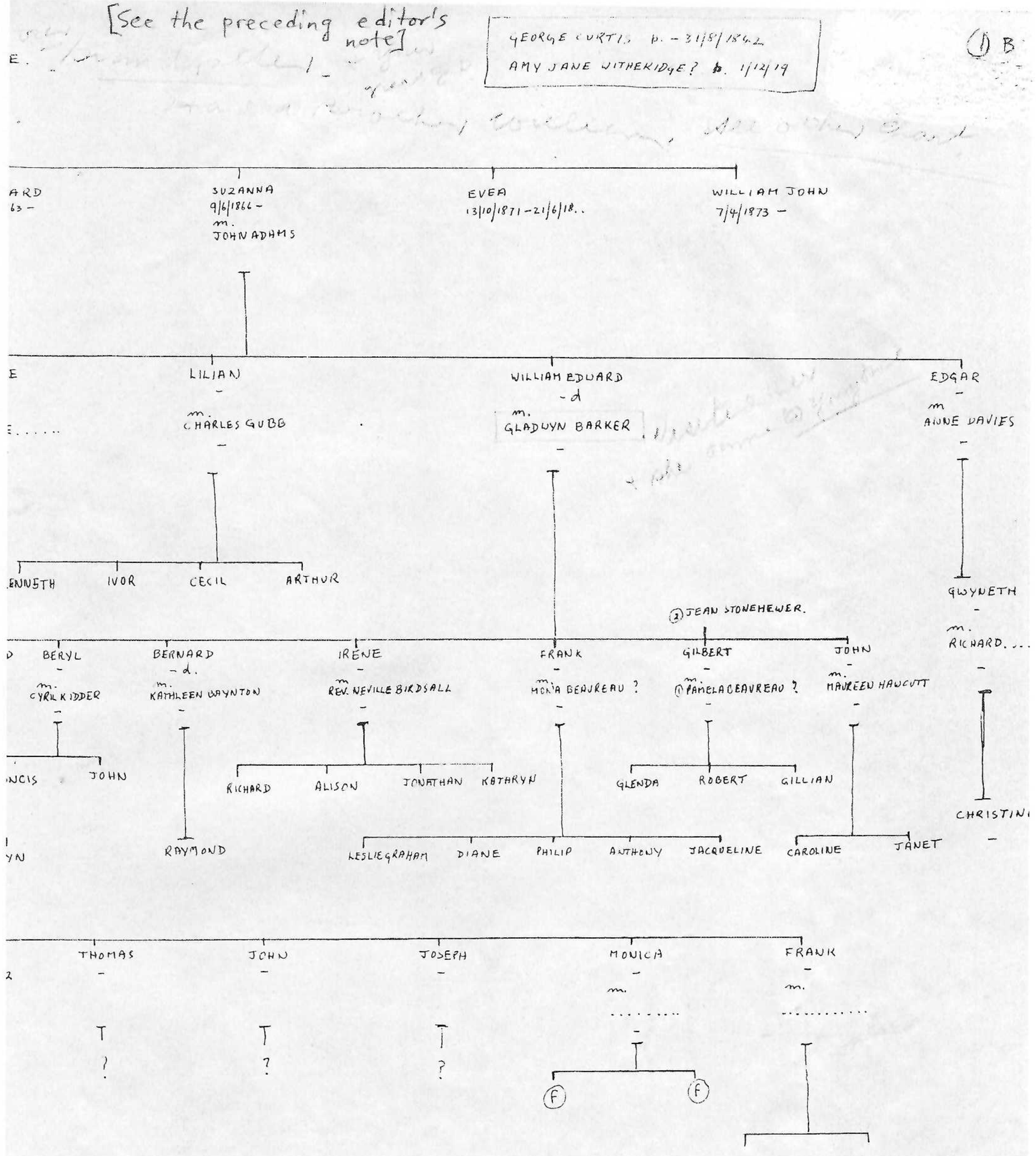
GEORGE CURTIS b. - 31/5/1842
AMY JANE WITHERIDGE? b. 1/12/19
E.
ARD
63 -
SUZANNA
9/6/1866 -
m.
JOHN ADAMS
EVEA
13/10/1871 - 21/6/18..
WILLIAM JOHN
7/4/1873 -
E
E......
LILIAN
-
m.
CHARLES GUBB
-
WILLIAM EDWARD
- d
m.
GLADWYN BARKER
-
EDGAR
-
m
ANNE DAVIES
-
ENNETH
IVOR
CECIL
ARTHUR
GWYNETH
-
m.
RICHARD....
-
② JEAN STONEHEWER.
D
BERYL
-
m.
CYRIL KIDDER
-
BERNARD
- d.
m.
KATHLEEN WAYNTON
-
IRENE
-
m
REV. NEVILLE BIRDSALL
-
FRANK
-
m
MONA BEAUREAU ?
GILBERT
-
m.
① PAMELA BEAUREAU ?
-
JOHN
-
m.
MAUREEN HAWCUTT
-
NCIS
JOHN
RICHARD
ALISON
JONATHAN
KATHRYN
GLENDA
ROBERT
GILLIAN
CHRISTIN
-
YN
RAYMOND
LESLIE GRAHAM
DIANE
PHILIP
ANTHONY
JACQUELINE
CAROLINE
JANET
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THOMAS
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JOHN
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JOSEPH
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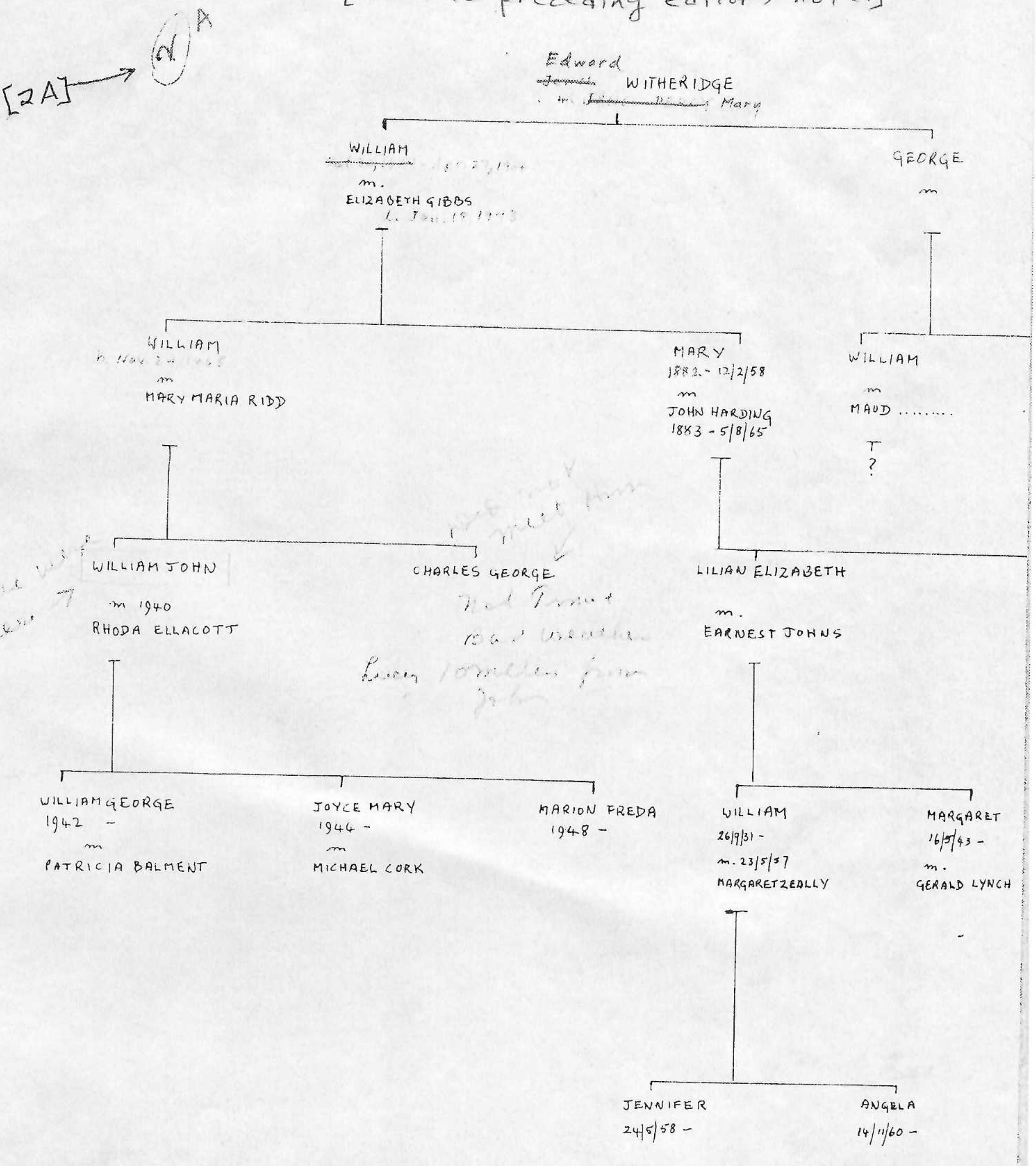
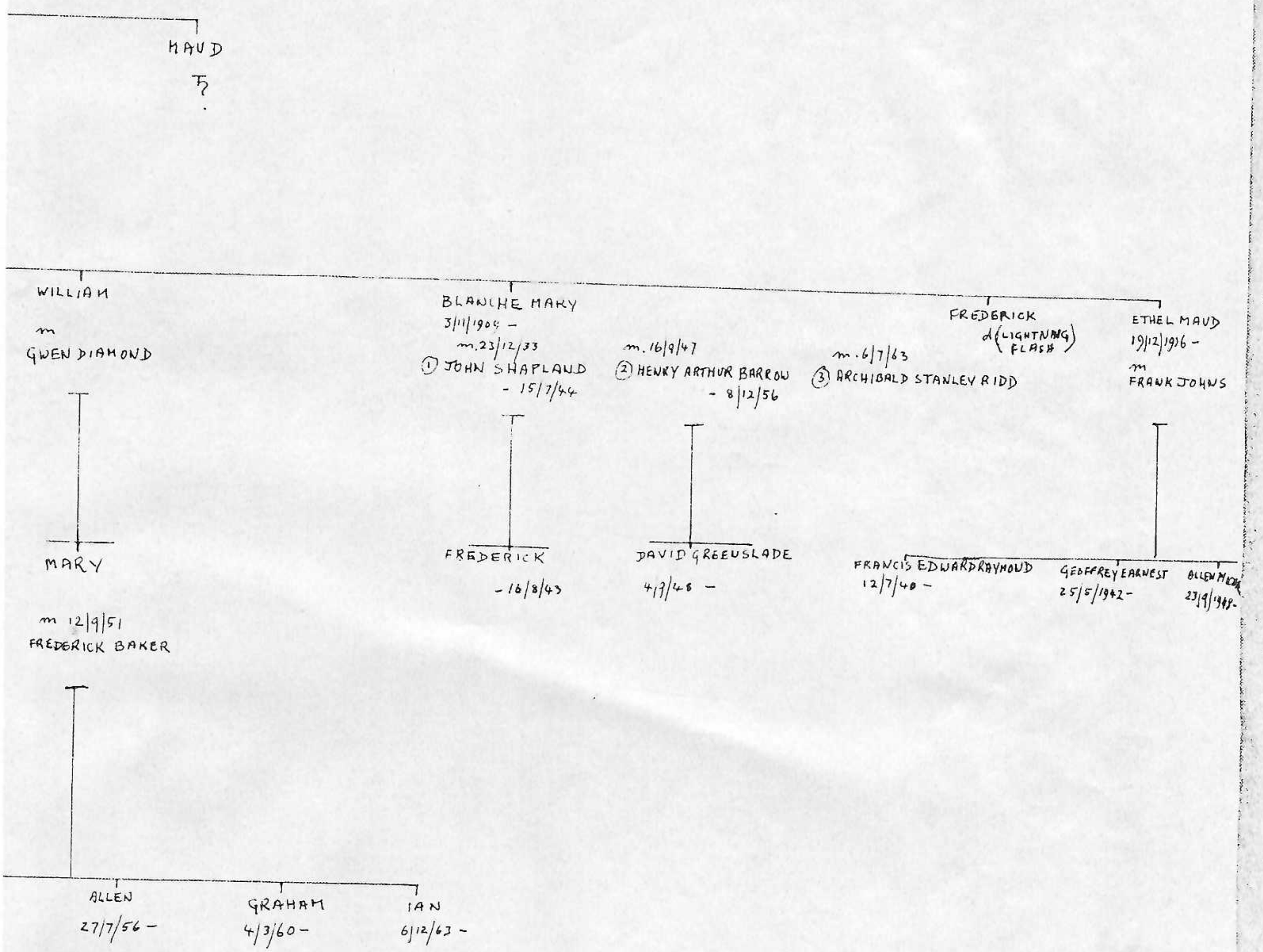


A
Edward
~~[illegible]~~ WITHERIDGE
m. ~~[illegible]~~ Mary
WILLIAM
m.
ELIZABETH GIBBS
GEORGE
m
WILLIAM
m
MARY MARIA RIDD
MARY
1882 - 12/2/58
m
JOHN HARDING
1883 - 5/8/65
WILLIAM
m
MAUD ........
?
WILLIAM JOHN
m 1940
RHODA ELLACOTT
CHARLES GEORGE
LILIAN ELIZABETH
m.
EARNEST JOHNS
WILLIAM GEORGE
1942 -
m
PATRICIA BALMENT
JOYCE MARY
1944 -
m
MICHAEL CORK
MARION FREDA
1948 -
WILLIAM
26/9/31 -
m. 23/5/57
MARGARET ZEALLY
MARGARET
16/5/43 -
m.
GERALD LYNCH
JENNIFER
24/5/58 -
ANGELA
14/11/60 -

[See the preceding editor's note.] ② B


MAUD
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WILLIAM
m
GWEN DIAMOND
MARY
m 12/9/51
FREDERICK BAKER
ALLEN
27/7/56 -
GRAHAM
4/3/60 -
IAN
6/12/63 -
BLANCHE MARY
3/11/1909 -
m.23/12/33
① JOHN SHAPLAND
- 15/7/44
FREDERICK
- 16/8/43
m. 16/9/47
② HENRY ARTHUR BARROW
- 8/12/56
DAVID GREENSLADE
4/7/48 -
m. 6/7/63
③ ARCHIBALD STANLEY RIDD
FREDERICK
d (LIGHTNING FLASH)
ETHEL MAUD
19/12/1916 -
m
FRANK JOHNS
FRANCIS EDWARD RAYMOND
12/7/40 -
GEOFFREY EARNEST
25/5/1942 -
ALLEN M
23/9/1948 -

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 17, 1969

Dear Uncle Ed:

Your New Year's letter came at a busy time, of course, and I put it aside until I had time to do the work I wanted to do on the chart you had sent in December. It wasn't until last week that I finally got around to it and had photo copies made.

Here are your copies of the charts. They are certainly a great help, and I thank you for sending them. I'm only sorry I kept them so long.

You will note that I have made a few notations where I had a little more complete information. There are still a few discrepancies and uncertainties on the charts, but that only gives us something more to work on!

I notice you had a chance to talk to Gladwyn Barker Adams (Mrs. William E.) while you were at Ynysybwl. Did you by any chance get her address, and if so, would you please send it to me?

I wrote a letter to the rector of the Combe Martin church and just had an answer from him. Among other things he confirmed from parish records that your grandfather, John Witheridge, was baptized in Combe Martin on Feb. 8, 1828, and his parents were Edward Witheridge and Mary (or Mercy).

Your grandfather married Clara Blackmore in the Combe Martin church on Oct. 20, 1855. Clara Blackmore was baptized there on Dec. 8, 1822, and was the daughter of William Blackmore and his wife Susanna.

The pictures you sent were wonderful and made your trip seem so real. We especially enjoyed seeing the ones of Margaret and agree she is a lovely wife for you.

We are glad to know that your cataract operation came along so well, and we trust that by now you are seeing well again.

Elizabeth's books are published by a New York publisher, Atheneum. The most recent one, And What of You, Josephine Charlotte, is about a slave girl back in Maryland about 1814. The one before that was [redacted], about a blind boy. And the one before that was Never Younger, Jeannie, which was really about the farm on which Elizabeth grew up, just outside Saginaw. She's now working on one about an Indian boy, which won't be out for a couple of years, probably.

Ed -

8/17/61

We are going to mail one of the books to you so you and Margaret can read it first and then send it on to Laurie and Lance Shaw. I have an address for them (12619 Gladstone St., Sylmar, Calif.) but perhaps this is out of date now, anyway.

By the way, the latest address I have for Robert is 16245 San Jose Street, Granada Hills, Calif. Is that still correct? I sent him a letter and a genealogical chart a couple of years ago, but have not heard whether he ever got it. At that time Kathleen Monnelly was living with them. What is she doing now?

Thanks again for the pictures and chart. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you again.

Love,

[Uncle Ed and Margaret changed planes in Minneapolis on their way to visit one of her sons.]

[Mar. 22, 1972]

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22nd March 1972

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Thank You for calling us, as we know this is a busy time for you. We will arrive in Minneapolis at 5.15 P.M. by Northwest Airlines # 70. We have a 2 hr wait there before leaving for Kansas City. Will be nice to meet you and visit. Hoping you have a joyous Easter Season.

Affec.

Aunt Margaret and Uncle Ed.

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Aunt Margaret and Uncle Edward.
Uncle Ed had just come out of the hospital when this was taken.

Palm Sunday
3/26/72

Dear Aunt Margaret + Uncle Ed,

It was so good to hear from you and to know that you will be coming through Minneapolis. It has been a long time since we have seen you, Ed, and we are especially anxious to meet Margaret. We almost feel as though we know you through your letters and pictures, Margaret.

I was glad to be able to talk to Robert and to find that you had not yet set the date. We thought that maybe you thought you had told us and would be sitting out at the airport wondering where we were!

Please let us know the date as soon as it is set, and we will meet you at the airport and have you as our guests for dinner at a restaurant there.

We're glad flowers are blooming there, but we had a couple of inches of snow here this morning — Palm Sunday!

We'll have lots to talk about when you come.

Love,
Elizabeth + Dave

Christmas 1973

# Holiday Greetings

4th Dec 1973

Dear David and Elizabeth,

It doesn't seem possible that another year has gone by, time goes so fast for us. We have had a pretty good year. Uncle Ed's eyesight leaves a lot to be desired, but we are thankful for what little sight he has. We had a 3 week vacation in Northern Calif. Monterey and Carmel, to be exact, weather was beautiful. We didn't go to Southern Calif, as we had just had a visit in August from Bob and Lois.

We had hoped you folks could get out this way. Uncle Ed would be so thrilled, so we will keep hoping. We just celebrated

# Holiday Greetings

the 100th Anniversary of our Church. and we had a wonderful time. Uncle Ed was honored at a banquet last Tuesday evg. He had 23 years as Sunday School Superintendant. and over 30 years on the Session.

We hope you and your family will be together for Xmas. and have a wonderful New Year.

Much love.

Uncle Ed and Aunt Margaret

[June 2, 1974]

6/2/74

Dear Uncle Ed + Aunt Margaret,

Guess what! If you're going to be at home about the 6th of July, we'd like to drop in to see you for a couple of days.

Here is the situation. We're going to attend a national conference of council of churches executives at Estes Park near Denver from June 24 to 29. Because we'll be that far west, we decided it would be a good idea to continue on to the state of Washington to see you and your lovely area. It could be several years before we'd have this kind of chance again.

What we plan is to stop in Salt Lake City for a few days on the way. That is why we would probably arrive in Port Townsend about Saturday, July 6. We thought we'd spend Sunday with you, and possibly Monday, before starting out again for home via the Wolds' Farm in Spokane and Yellowstone Park.

Now, if you're not going to be home at that time, please let us know, so we can change our plans and our itinerary. This is all I'll say right now, as I hope we'll be seeing you soon. Please let us know right away if you'll be home around July 6th.

With love

Dave + Elizabeth

June 6th 1974

Dear David & Elizabeth,

So happy that you are going to visit us. We will be home all Summer. Your Uncle Ed, has very limited eyesight, cannot read at all; so we cannot get very far these days. Robert and Lois may be here also, but they stay with Bobby. So we have plenty of room for you. Have a Good trip, and will expect you, when we see you. Your Uncle can hardly wait, he was so excited, when I read your letter to him.

Love to you both

Aunt Margaret and Uncle Ed.

[DEW's interview with his Uncle Ed — July 8, 1974]

Interview of David E. Witheridge with Edward A. Witheridge at Port Townsend, Washington 7/8/74
(also with Pearl Wright Ditzel, sister of Mable Witheridge, Mrs. Edward A., who knew Edith Hemity in Bay City.)

The Witheridge family left Sherrodsville, Ohio, when Ed was about 7 years old — about 1898. Ed had one year of school in Sherrodsville.

His father worked in a mine, but lived on a farm, which they rented. It was about 4 or 5 miles from town. They grew crops on the farm — they had cows, pigs, hay. It was a pretty good sized place.

The name of the people who owned the farm was Toots. The Toots had just built a house — they had another place.

Ed and the other Witheridge children all were in school there. [My father] Will would have been between 7 and 17 years of age at that time.

Sherrodsville was a mining town — a nice little city. The Jenkins family was there first. Grandpa Witheridge went there to work in the mine.

The Witheridge family lived there ten years. They probably attended the Methodist Church and Sunday School — rode there on a wagon. It was the only church in town.

They had their own cows and milk. Maybe it was only a mile from town.

Christina, Ed, and Clara all were born there.

The George Allens lived in a different place near them. They lived in Sherrodsville at least from 1880 to 1885, as Pearl and William Allen were both born there.

The Allens were there first and got the Witheridges to come to Sherrodsville. [They had been all packed and ready to go to Australia.]

George Allen wrote and said there was lots of work and a good job in Ohio. At first the Witheridges lived in a house in Sherrodsville. Then Mr. Zoots let them move in and take care of the farm.

The Allens moved to various towns in Ohio, Del Roy was about 7 miles from Sherrodsville. The Allens stayed in Ohio until 1901 at least.

Grandpa Witheridge then went to St. Charles, Michigan, to work in the mine. They had found good coal there. Friends in Sherrodsville wanted to go there and asked the Witheridges to go with them. They stayed in St. Charles until about 1904.

They lived on the Adams farm on the edge of the city. They first moved in with the Adams. It was a big house.

For a while they thought Will was going to marry Grace Adams, a daughter in the family. But the Adams moved away and they lost contact. Will would have been 17 or 18 years old. He may have finished school there

First they moved about a mile into the country. Then they moved to a house downtown in St. Charles. Ed doesn't remember the street name where they lived.

Will and John worked at the mine. George was too young. Will was a tipple man, weighing cars of coal.

George Chivers lived with the Witheridge family at that time.

They attended the First Baptist Church in St. Charles. Rev. Spouse was the minister. He was a small, short man. Ed was baptized there, and probably others of the children, as well.

William Mertz taught the boy's class. About 12 boys all were baptized on the same Sunday.

Ed did not know the Nash family in St. Charles.

About 1904 The Witheridges moved to Saginaw. Grandpa worked a while in the mines there. Then someone set off an explosion early, and a piece of coal hit grandpa in the head. It knocked him out, and they didn't think he would live. He never went down in the mines again. He worked at tipples and so on. From then on he worked all, but not down in, the mines.

Then he was janitor at the First Baptist Church in Saginaw for quite a while (7 or 8 years).

Ed was about 13 when they moved to Saginaw. They lived on Warren Avenue. It was a mile or so from the center of the city. The area was not built up.

Ed graduated from Saginaw High School in 1911. He was on the track team and won a gold medal for the 100-yard dash. He also played baseball and football. He was a pretty good athlete.

Ed was still in high school when Will and Edith [my parents] were married.

Elizabeth Witheridge married John Thomas, a miner in Ohio. They may not have come to St. Charles right away when the rest of the family did, but they did live in St. Charles a while. They never had any children. Elizabeth divorced him because of a drinking problem, probably in Saginaw. Thomas worked in the mines in Saginaw also.

Later Elizabeth married Harry Rolph in Saginaw. She was unmarried quite a while between marriages. After they were married, they had their own house.

Harry Rolph fought in World War I. He came back and married Elizabeth (after 1919) in Saginaw. Harry remarried after Elizabeth died. He died about 1970 in California, but not the Los Angeles area. He lived further north for some time.

John Witheridge (Ed's brother) met and married Dora in Los Angeles. She was a close friend of Dr. Amal. who had moved out to California from St. Charles. Dora work for Dr. Amale for a while. [Dora was born Oct. 30, 1876, according to the family Bible of William and Mary Jane Witteridge

John started singing in Michigan. He joined a musical group [sextet (?)] singing all kinds of music. He traveled all over the country. John went to California about the time of the first World War. Ed visited John and Dora when he first went West. Ed also visited Dr. Amale.

Vera (John's second wife) had been married first to someone by the name of Allen. Her children's last name is Allen. She has a son John and a daughter who teaches doctors at the University of California (Berkeley?

None of the Witteridges were in World War I. At the end of the war Ed was called, but just before he was to report, peace was declared, so he didn't have to go.

George Witteridge (Ed's brother) was born in Tylorstown Wales, Mar. 4, 1887. He married Allie Merrill, whose father was a druggist in Oakland, Calif. [Her mother also is listed as Mrs. Doty]

George and Allie were married in Saginaw. Allie came to St. Charles first, then to Saginaw. Mr. Doty had a sawmill in St. Charles.

George's second marriage was to Florence Neil in Las Vegas. It was in 1966 at the end of August, a few days before Ed and Margaret (his second wife) were married. Ed and Margaret were married at his son Robert's house in Granada Hills, California.

Christina Witheridge (Ed's sister) was married to William Jenkins on August 19, 1908, in Saginaw, Mich. He was an electrician working mainly on mines and houses. For a long time he worked for Roslyn Hotel in Los Angeles. His father, Richard, was a mining superintendent.

Christina's son Richard lives in Sacramento. He once worked in the hotel in Port Townsend, Washington. About 1935 or 1936 Richard married Pearl Greenfield in Port Townsend. Her family lived in Oakland, but she lived with Sanford Lake in Port Townsend and worked for him.

Ed left Saginaw about 1920 and moved to Portland, Oregon, where he worked for Marshall Wells. At first he lived in Portland, and then he moved to Lake Grove, a small town near Portland.

About 1927 he moved to Port Townsend. Oscar Hetzel, his partner, had gone to Port Townsend a year earlier.

"Shadrach Richards, born April 29, 1880," is the original notation in the family Bible later owned by William Witheridge and Mary Jane Allen.

Also see
DEW's notes,
starting on
the next page.

Ed Witheridge - 7/8/74 [DEW's notes for the preceding narrative]

Ed Witheridge - left Sherrodsville about 1898
about 7 yrs. old.
Father worked in mine - lived on a farm (rented)
had cows, pigs, & crops. about 4 or 5 miles from town
Name of people who owned farm Foots
Other children all were in School there

Jenkins were there first

Probably attended Meth. Ch. & S.S. on a wagon
Only Ch. in town.

Family lived there 10 yrs.

George Allen was there first & got Witheridges
to come to Sherrodsville [They had been
all packed & ready to go to Australia]

Went to St. Charles, Mich., to mines. Found good coal. Friends in Sherrodsville
wanted to go there & asked them to come
Left St. Charles about 1904
Lived on Adams farm on edge of city.
First moved in with Adams - big house.
[Thought William was going to marry Grace Adams].
but moved away & lost contact
Then moved to house down town in St. Charles -
First moved about a mile in the country.

Will, John, worked in mine. Jo. too young.
Will was a tipple man - weighing cars of coal

First Baptist Church - Rev. Spouse at that time
Small short man - Ed Baptized there, Probably other children
Monty taught the boys' class - about 12 boys
all baptized same Sunday

About 1904 - moved to Saginaw - worked a while in
mines there - Then someone fired a shot pre-
maturely & piece of coal hit father in head, knocked him out. - He never
Didn't think he would live.
went down in mines again - Worked at tipples, etc.

From then on worked at mine but not down in. Then, was janitor at Bapt. Ch. in Saginaw for quite a while (7 or 8 yrs.)

Ed was about 13 when moved to Saginaw
Lived on Warren Ave.
Grad. 1911 from Sag. High.
Lived a mile or so from center of city not built up
Track – gold medal. 100 yd. dash. Played baseball + football Pretty good athlete

Eliz + John Thomas – mine in Ohio – married there
They may not have come to St. Charles right away. Never had any children
Eliz. divorced him, drinking problem.
prob. in Saginaw
Thomas worked in mines in Saginaw also.
Eliz. married Harry Rolph in Saginaw
Harry Rolph fought in W. W. I. Came back + married Eliz. (after 1919) in Saginaw

Harry lived after Eliz. Remarried + he died about 1970. In Calif. Los Angeles area
Lived farther north for some time

John met and married Dora in Calif. (Los Angeles)
She was close friend of Dr. Small from St. Charles. (Dora b. Oct 30, 1876) (fam. bible – Wm + Mary Jane)
John joined a musical group – septet (?) singing all kinds of music, traveled all over country
Went to Calif about time of 1st W. War

Dora's first marriage was Allen. (Children's name is Allen (Son – John + dau., who teaches doctors at Univ. of Calif. (Berkeley?)

Geo. born in Tylorstown, Wales Mar. 4, 1887
Allie Doty
Merrill was her name – Her father was a ~~prof.~~ druggist in calif. (Oakland)

Geo. + Allie married in Saginaw
Allie came to St. Charles first then to Saginaw

Doty had sawmill in St. Charles.

Neil was Florence's last name.

George married Florence in Las Vegas.
1966 - end of Aug. Few days before
Ed + Margaret.

Ed married at Granada Hills at Robert's house

Christina Aug. 19, 1908 to Wm Jenkins in Saginaw
He was an electrician (in mines + houses)
For Roslyn Hotel in L.A.
His father, Richard Jenkins was mining supt.
Richard living in Sacramento - same address as in my book
Richard worked in hotel in Port Townsend.
in '35 or '36 Married Pearl Mansfield in " " (?)
Her family lived in Oakland, but she lived with
Sanford Lake in P. Town. + worked for him.

Ed left Saginaw about 1920 - to Portland ^ worked for Marshall Wells
About 1927 moved to Port Townsend.
Portland - then Lake Grove, small town near Portland
Oscar Hetzel came to Pt. Townsend a year earlier

Shadrach Richards born April 29, 1880

Original notation in family Bible later owned by William
Withridge and Mary Jane Allen

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sized place
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Will would have been from 7 to 17 yrs. of age.
He was in school there & other children also
Mining town - Nice little city.
Jenkins went there first & Grandpa went to work in mine
We had our own cows & milk
Maybe only a mile from town
Christina, Ed, & Clara all born there
Pretty good piece of land.
Allens lived in different mine there. They lived in
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Wm Allen were both born there.
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Ed didn't know the Nash family.

Ed still in High School when Will & Edith were married. [Ed was best man & met Mable there]

Eliz. & John Thomas lived in St. Charles a while
Thomas also worked in mines in Saginaw.

After Eliz. married Harry Rolph. They had their own house.
She was unmarried quite a while between marriages
Harry Rolph remarried after Eliz. died & he died about 1970. In Calif. - not Los Angeles area

Dr. Smale moved out to Calif.
Dora worked for him for awhile

John started singing in Michigan
Ed visited John & Dora in Los Angeles when he first went West. Also visited Dr. Smale,

None of Witheridges were in World War I.
At end of War Ed was called, but just before he was called peace was declared, so he didn't have to go.

Allies' mother's married name was Merrill

9/1/74

Dear Aunt Margaret + Uncle Ed,

At last here are the pictures you wanted. We, too, think they are very good and are so pleased to have them. We're especially delighted that Uncle Ed could see it. I'm returning $2.00, since even with tax and postage the cost was under $3.00.

We were sorry to hear about the fluid in Uncle Ed's chest, but glad the doctor was able to prescribe something to help.

Here is another copy of the sheet I left for you to fill out, Margaret. Is my memory right that your first husband's name was Campbell? I hope you can figure out how this is to be filled out.

It's exciting that your son Larry and his family will be spending two years in Iran, and we hope they have a great time.

Clara Mae
Witheridge
(b. 1894) and
Christina
Witheridge
(b. 1888)
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By now Clara Mae and Christina have probably been there for their visit. I'll probably be writing to both of them soon.

We've been wondering if you have sold your house yet. We hope so, as it will be easier for you to get around closer to town.

Love,

Dave + Elizabeth

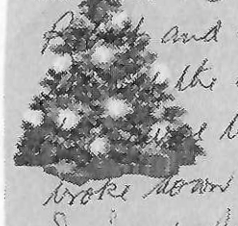
14th Dec 1974

Dear Elizabeth and David

We enjoyed hearing from you. I read your letter to Uncle Ed, and he was very pleased.

After many X Rays and a trip to a bone Specialist, they could find nothing wrong with Uncle Ed, only muscle deterioration. they said that he needed a hospitable bed and that I should put him in the new Rest Home, where they had the facilities to care for him. I got so exhausted last Wed, I called the Dr, as I wasn't getting any sleep. and he made all arrangements for me to take him there at 1.30

[Ed moved to a nursing home]



I was just sick, it was the hardest decision I ever made. I called [illegible] and he agreed with me that [illegible] the best thing to do. When [illegible] took us to his room, he broke down and cried, and so did I. I just felt like a criminal. I spend every afternoon with him, he says he is lonesome, there is nobody in the other bed in his room. The Rest Home is new, and very nice, it was only opened a month ago. Pearl and I are going down at one o'clock today, and will stay until four.

Linda didn't stay with Bobby, she stayed one week, then went to her Mother for a week, and flew back to Alaska to Bob Chase. They are both in Everett now. Linda is working but Bob hasn't gotten a job yet. ([illegible])

9/16/73 Bobby doesn't seem to mind her taking off again. She is really a mixed up girl.

I wasn't able to go and see Ed today, as I have colitis very bad. Dr. said its 95 % nerves so I have to get hold of myself. Our Minister did go to see Uncle Ed this afternoon and I am thankful he has lots of visitors. I just never thought we'd wind up apart but God knows best.

Hope you have a wonderful Xmas with your family.

Much love,
Margaret and Ed.

[May 6, 1975]

Answered 5/12/75 6th May 1975

Dear Elizabeth and David

I just got moved to this
address last Sat., and what a nasty day to move.
The wind blew, and then the rain came down, it
was more like a Dec. day than May, anyhow
Robert and Lois were here, and they helped me
to get settled.

I stayed 2 months in Calif. visiting
my two sons and their families. It was the tonic
I needed, but I did miss your uncle Ed, he
was such a dear person to travel with.
I spent a week with Robert and Lois. and then
flew home.

This house is small, but very ample
for me. Bobby bought the house at Reed St
and moved in yesterday. Robert and Lois left
this morning to go back to Calif. they will be
back in June.

I visited Uncle George in Calif and
his daughter Esther just had a mastectomy, and her
Dad was really discouraged. I went to see her
and she was in very good spirits, and was
going to start taking cobalt treatments. Dr.

said that she would (?) have to take 28 to 30 treatments, but that she was healing nicely. Christine & Clara Mae were very upset over this.

Your roses will be coming along now. I know David enjoys them. everything is away behind here, we had such a cold wet Spring. I wonder if we will ever get any sunshine.

My new address is 830 Lincoln St. Port Townsend Wn 98368 I am very close to Pearl. just one street between, She is on Lawrence and I am on Lincoln.

Drop me a line when you can and hope you and your boys are all well,

Much love
Aunt Margaret.

answered 11/9/76   12th June 1976

Dear Elizabeth,

So glad to hear from you. and really excited about your trip. I do think you are smart getting a car to get around, it will be much easier for you to get around.

I had a letter from Millie yesterday and she is looking forward to your visit, she is not feeling as good as she should..

You will be surprised to learn that I have remarried. I married Lou-Opstad, on Feb 23rd, a man I have known for 46 years. We have always been good friends, and Lou's family grew up with my family, his wife passed away 3 years ago. He was living in a small apt, so he moved into my house, and we had a new bedroom and bathroom built on. He was Manager of Standard Oil here for many years. and still helps out occasionally.

Our weather is not too good, wet and cold; the Minnesota farmers should have our rain, would be great for them.

Your Uncle Ed's business was sold with all the buildings 1st of June. Robert & Lois came up for the sale and left again to be home for Laura Shaw's graduation from High School. The people who bought it, come from Calif. and its no longer a friendly store. Elsie the book-keeper is no longer there, only 2 of the clerks was kept on, so it makes quite a difference.

We plan on going to Alaska for 2 weeks in July Lou has a son at Sitka, so they have invited ~~up~~ us to go up there. We just returned from a month in Calif. and enjoyed delightful weather.

My trip to New Z & Australia was really wonderful I had such a nice visit

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with my brother who has had a serious stroke since I left; so am very glad I went. The country is beautiful and so is New Z. The people are so friendly, I was sorry I didn't go for a longer time.

Have a good trip and write me when you can.

Much love to you & David.

Lovingly
Margaret

Robert Edward Witheridge

documents

Kathleen Jean Monnelly (b. 1936)

January 9, 1967

Dear Robert, Lois, and Kathleen:

I hardly know where to begin. You must be amazed to get this letter with the mammoth chart enclosed and the other items. Or perhaps you are not surprised at all--perhaps you have heard from your father that I have been working lately on a project of family history. It is a fascinating project, but a long-drawn-out one.

A few years ago, when Mother and Father died, I realized that I knew very little about my ancestors and relatives on both sides. You could never guess the vast amount of information I have discovered since then, including the discovery of many cousins (even first cousins) I never knew existed.

Of course, Robert, I know about you; but, as you know, I had never corresponded with you even once. I did get a little information about you from your father, but not enough. Now I'd like very much to hear from you and learn about your family.

His father was Edward Allen Witheridge (b. 1891)

Let me tell you a little about my own experiences and family. I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer, graduating from the University of Michigan and returning to Saginaw to work with Father. After four years, I decided to become a minister and went to Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. Just before my senior year in seminary, I married a girl from Saginaw (also a member of the First Baptist Church there), Elizabeth Plumb, who had been a kindergarten teacher.

I started my ministry as assistant at the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Chicago, while I was also working on a master's degree at the University of Chicago. Then I had a pastorate in Marengo, Illinois, for 2½ years. About sixteen years ago I came to Minneapolis to be the executive secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

Elizabeth and I have two sons. Jim is twenty years old and is at the University of Minnesota. Tom is nineteen and is at Oberlin College in Ohio. Elizabeth does part-time tutoring in remedial reading and is the author of five books for children. The latest is Dead End Bluff, about a blind boy, published by Atheneum last September.

So much for us. Now I'd like to hear about your vocations and experiences. The enclosed genealogical forms are of great value in keeping family records, and I'd greatly appreciate having them returned. You may keep the ancestral chart. (If you get interested and want any more of these blank charts, I can send them to you.)

Naturally, I want to know about your children and grandchildren. And how about some pictures? Uncle Ed sent us some very good pictures with his Christmas card. My guess is that you took some of them, Robert, because Lois and Kathleen were in them, but not you. We were delighted to see the charming trio of Lois, Kathleen, and Margaret, the new bride. We are pleased with the news of the wedding, and hope they will have much happiness.

Mattie →
Eileen
Allen
(b. 1904)

We first heard about Uncle Ed's wedding from Wales--from Kathleen's mother. That branch of the Allen family was one that I first heard about when I began my genealogical study. I've written several letters to Ynysybwl and Merthyr Tydfil and was greatly interested to learn that Kathleen had come to America. What do you think of this country, Kathleen? I hope you have decided to stay here, and some day we hope to meet you. Would you please fill in the Biographical Sketch and return it to me?

We were greatly disturbed by the tragedy at Aberfan. When we realised how close it was to Merthyr and Ynysybwl, we were sure your family, Kathleen, would know some of the people who lost children or relatives. Do you know some of them, yourself? What a horrible loss of life! Your mother sent us several papers from Wales at the time.

DEW's
Allen Family
Circle

I hope you are all intrigued by the chart of the "Allen Family Circle." It took a lot of time to collect the information and lay it out in this form. As you can see, there are still many empty spots and no doubt many errors. This is just the first draft, and I am sending it many places for corrections and additions. For this reason, I want you to give me what information you can.

For example, do Joan and Ronald have any other children, and what are the middle names of Laurie and Lance? Is either Robert or Larry married yet? As you look over the other information, do you see any other omissions?

Kathleen, I have an idea you could fill in some of the incomplete information about some of the English branches of the family, even if only sketchily. I'd appreciate your help.

Just a word about the family picture from 1925. This was taken by Arthur V. Allen, and I had a copy negative made. You may have pictures of all these people from that period, but I think this is an interesting shot.

You may be wondering if I have a chart of the Witheridge family like this Allen chart. The answer is "No," but I'm working on the Witheridge line and some day hope to have better information.

One other thing. Please give me the addresses of Joan, Robert, and Larry, so that my family records will be more complete.

I guess this is more than enough for the first letter I have ever written to you. I'll be looking for a reply as soon as you can get to it.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

Ans 2/23/75

Dec. 1974

[Written by Robert's wife, Lois]

Dear Elizabeth + David -

I hang my head for being so slow in writing! We were so happy to meet you. It was the high-light of our wonderful summer. We think of you so often but I am the worlds worst at getting letters written on paper. I write thousands in my mind.

Thanks so much for the wonderful pictures. They really turned out beautiful. If it isn't too late, I would like to get copies for Joan + Larry. Thanks to for the pattern. I made a poncho for Laura and she loves it.

We spent most of the summer in and out of Port Townsend.

We visited my cousin in Eastern Wash. My sister & husband met us there. Then we spent quite a bit of time with them in the Cascade Mts. Bob was able to get a lot of fish. We also picked strawberries (I made jam for Bobby and us. Then we picked 4 gals of blue berries that we were able to keep frozen and bring home. We got home on the 11th of Oct. The next day I helped with our church Bazar. The next Tues. was the Mens Club dinner and the lady that was in charge couldn't be there so I took over. Our circle met that week also our Dinner club. So you see I got right into the middle of things right away. Just before Thanksgiving

Bob & I drove a motor home to Louisville Ky, and flew home and the next day we took one to El Paso Tex and flew home. It made a fun trip.

Larry is on vacation this week in the mountains skiing.

Joan and family are fine. They keep pretty busy.

We are having Christmas dinner here. Our former minister & family will be with us.

Please write soon and I promise I wont be so slow in answering.

Love
Lois & Bob

I am sending a check for the pictures. If itt is more let me know.

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
February 23, 1975

Dear Lois + Bob

Yesterday I was going through some Christmas cards on my desk, and there was your card with your letter and $5.00 check for some pictures. Was I ever embarrassed!

I have now ordered the extra prints, but I thought I ought to write and tell you what happened, because it will be about a week before I get the prints back.

sent 3/3/75

We were so sorry to hear about Uncle Ed's death, but so grateful that we were out there last summer. It was such a perfect trip and visit with you all. We just had the feeling that was the year we should go.

Margaret said you were there, and I'm sure you were a great help. It sounds as though you had a very busy summer and fall, and we are having a busy winter.

Our schedule is also hectic. I'm enclosing a brochure that tells a little about our council of churches.

Love,
Dave + Elizabeth

Dec. 1975

Dear Lois + Bob,

We were so pleased to hear about Larry's forthcoming marriage and to get an invitation. There is nothing we would enjoy more than being there on that happy occasion — to see you two again and to meet others we have never met. It's sure to be quite a family reunion.

Larry Glenn Witheridge (b. 1946)

Just yesterday a magnificent box of holly arrived from Margaret in Washington, and it brought back fond memories of those days in Port Townsend. She is such a dear.

Next summer we hope to spend our 12-week study leave in England. I hope to study the ecumenical situation there and to do a little genealogical research.

Love,

Elizabeth + Dean

[Dec. 1975]

[Written by Lois]

Ans. 12/12/76

Dec. 1975

Dear Elizabeth & David,

Think of you so often. Did you make your trip to England? We had a wonderful summer around Oregon, Wash & Calif. in our trailer. I have made a few trips with Bob when he has delivered the motor homes. We are hoping we will get one in your area sometime.

We are busy now helping with the wedding plans. Carol is a darling girl. She was worth waiting for. I will make their wedding Cake. I am making one of the bridesmaids dresses Along with church things we keep pretty busy.

Hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Love
Lois & Bob

Robert Allen Witheridge (b. 1942) →

Bobby will be down for New Years and the wedding. Linda has finally remarried.

← Linda Lee Cadorette

12/13/76

Dear Lois and Bob,

As you see, we finally got to England, and it was as enjoyable as we thought it would be.

We visited Witheridge and Allen relatives in Wales, Devon, and the Birmingham area. We also met a number of Witheridges we think are related to us, but we don't know exactly how. At least we all stem back to Devon!

We were glad to hear that you are so fond of Carol. Are they still living near you? It would have been fun to be at the wedding.

If you are still delivering trailers, or rather motor homes, why not bring one up this way some time? We'd love to see you. Hope you continue to be well.

All our love,

Dave + Elizabeth

1976

Still hoping we will get
to deliver a motor home
to Minn. Perhaps this next
year.

Have a wonderful
Christmas and Happy New Year

Robert E. Witheridge
10456 Monogram Ave.
Granada Hills, Calif.
91344

To wish you
a joyous Christmas
and happiness throughout
the coming year

Lois + Bob

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1977

Hi - Thought we might get to
deliver a motor home in your
direction but so far there
hasn't been. We went to Baltimore
to deliver one that was going to
Saudi Arabia and we have been
to the East coast and Florida.
and quite a few southern states.
We see a lot of country this way.
We have moved into a mobile home
and love it —— when we stay home.
You probably have heard that
uncle Geo. had a heart attack and
is now in a rest home. He is
getting along pretty good. He likes
lots of attention. Aunt Christina
passed away while we were away
this summer. Dick and Pearl
separated. ~~but~~ He has remarried.
We like his wife Kay very much.
Our family is all fine. Bobby + little Bobby were here Thanksgiving

George Allen
Witheridge
(b. 1887)

Christina
Witheridge
(b. 1888)

1977

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season
and the New Year

Lois + Bob

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year
Love
Lois

John Allen Witheridge (b. 1885)
documents

[Nov. 21, 1965]

3425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55408
November 21, 1965

Dear Uncle John:

I'm sure you will be surprised to hear from me. Because you have lived in California all these years, I feel that I hardly know you at all, and I'm not sure whether I ever did meet you, even when I was a child.

When Father died two years ago, I suddenly realized how little I knew about his family, and I have been trying to remedy this situation. I have corresponded with many relatives, including a few in England, and am gradually piecing together some family information.

Just a word about myself. I first studied heating and ventilating engineering at the University of Michigan and worked with Father in Saginaw for four years. Then I decided to become a minister and went to Colgate-Rochester Divinity School at Rochester, N.Y. (Cousin Fred Allen was on the Board of Trustees.)

After graduation I went to the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Chicago as Assistant Minister, where I also got a master's degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Then I took a Baptist Church in Marengo, Ill., about 65 miles from Chicago. In 1951 I came to Minneapolis to become executive secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

I am married to the former Elizabeth Finch, who also grew up in the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. We have two sons: James, who is in the University of Minnesota, and Thomas, who attends Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio. I thought you'd enjoy the enclosed picture.

As I continue my compilation of family history, I'd like very much to have a letter from you and to hear about your vocational and other activities through the years. You see, I don't even know what your occupation has been.

I've enclosed a form for biographical information I'd like to have returned, but I'd also enjoy a running account of your various experiences. Were you the first one of the family to move to California? Perhaps you have a snapshot or two I could have!

Somewhere in the back of my mind I seem to recall that you have done a great deal of singing--tenor solo work. I'd be interested in knowing more about this. I have always sung tenor in choirs and choruses. I read music well, but do not have a solo voice. I believe George Chivers mentioned a quartet that "the Witheridge boys" had in St. Charles. He said he lived with you there, and people in the community thought he was "one of the Witheridge boys," though I can't remember whether or not he also sang with the quartet.

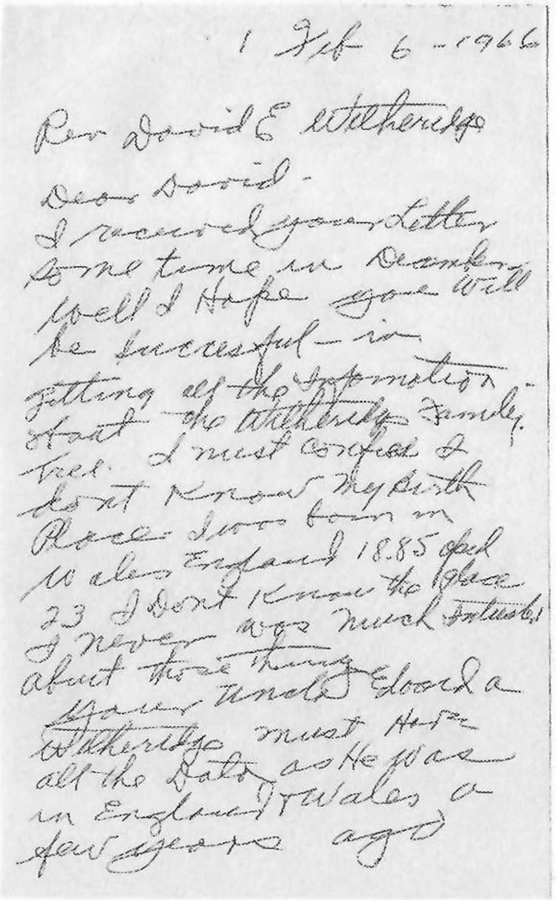
Another thing you could do for me is to tell me a little about my Grandfather and Grandmother Witheridge. I remember them only through a few contacts in my early childhood. What were some of their main experiences and characteristics? Did they tell you much about their early years, either in this country or in England?

Well, so much for now. I'll be anticipating a good long letter from you. I do hope you are in good health these days.

Yours sincerely,

David [illegible]. Witheridge

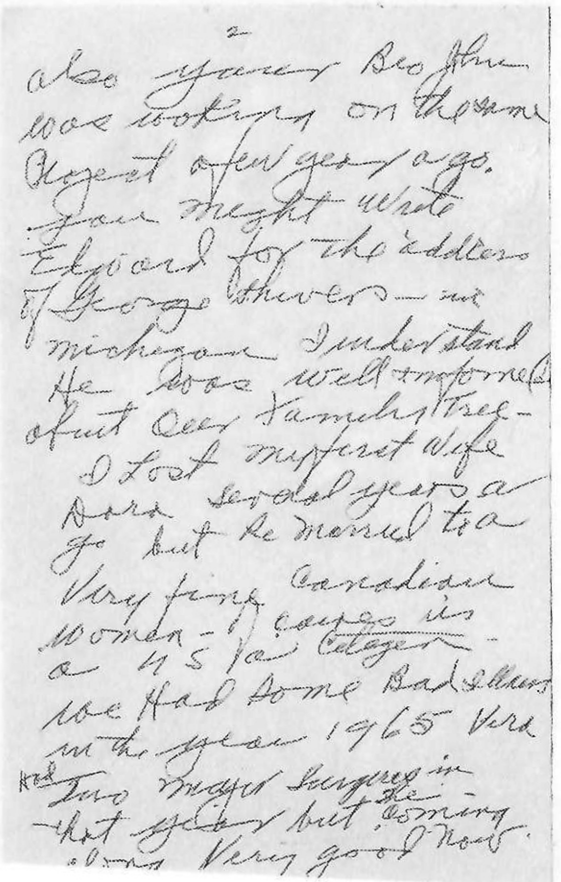
[Feb. 6, 1966]



1 Feb 6 - 1966

Rev David E Wetheridge

Dear David -
I received your Letter
some time in December
Well I Hope you Will
be successful - in
getting all the information
about the Wetheridge Family
tree. I must confess I
dont Know my birth
Place. I was born in
Wales England 1885 April
23 I Dont Know the place
I never was much interested
about those things.
Your Uncle Edward
Wetheridge must Have
all the Data as He was
in England & Wales a
few years ago



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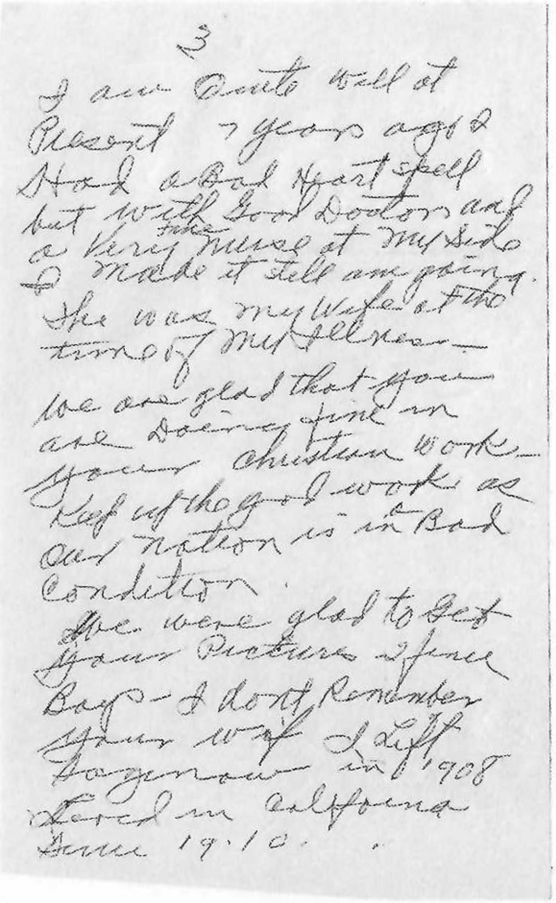
also your Bro John
was working on the same
Project a few years ago.
You might write
Edward for the address
of George Chivers - in
Michigan I understand
He was well informed
about Our Family Tree -
I Lost my first Wife
Dora several years a
go but Remarried to a
Very fine Canadian
Woman - ) causes is
a U S Citizen -
We Had some Bad Illness
in the year 1965 Vera
had Two major Surgeries in
that year but the coming
along Very good Now.



I am Quite well at
Present 7 years ago I
Had a Bad Heart spell
but with Good Doctors and
a Very fine nurse at my side
I Made it still am going.
She was my Wife at the
time of my Illness —
We are glad that you
are Doeing fine in
your christian work —
Keep up the good work as
our Nation is in Bad
Condition
We were glad to Get
your Pictures 2 fine
Boys - I dont Remember
your wife I Left
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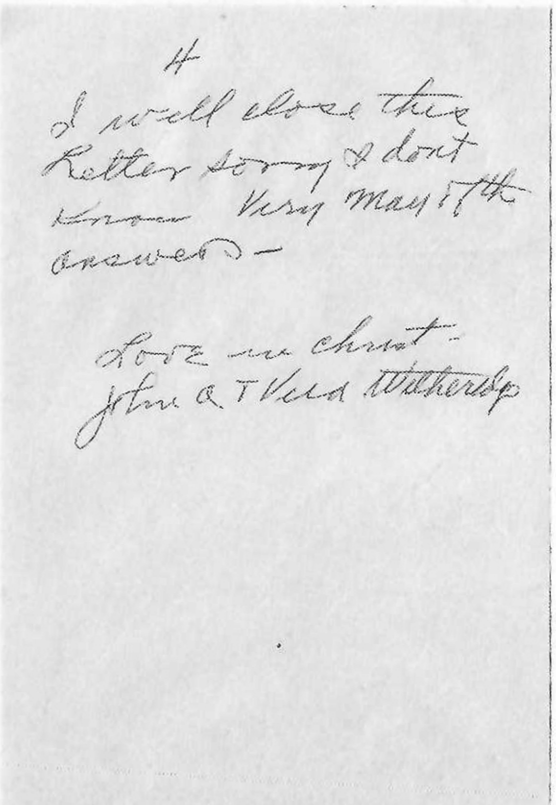
Lived in California
Since 1910.



I will close this
Letter sorry I dont
know Very Many the
answers —

Love in christ —
John a T Veda Wetheridg

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

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CEMETERY MORTUARY

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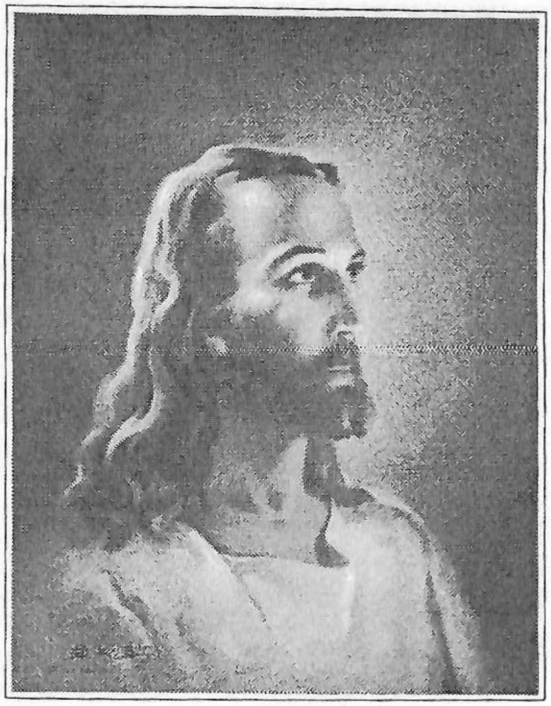

*In*
*Remembrance*

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## *Twenty Third Psalm*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Memorial Services
For
John A. Witheridge

Native of
England

Passed Away
April 28, 1970

Graveside Services Held
May 1, 1970 at 3:30 P.M.

Inglewood Cemetery Mortuary
Funeral Directors

Rev. William H. Merwin
Officiating

Interment
Inglewood Cemetery

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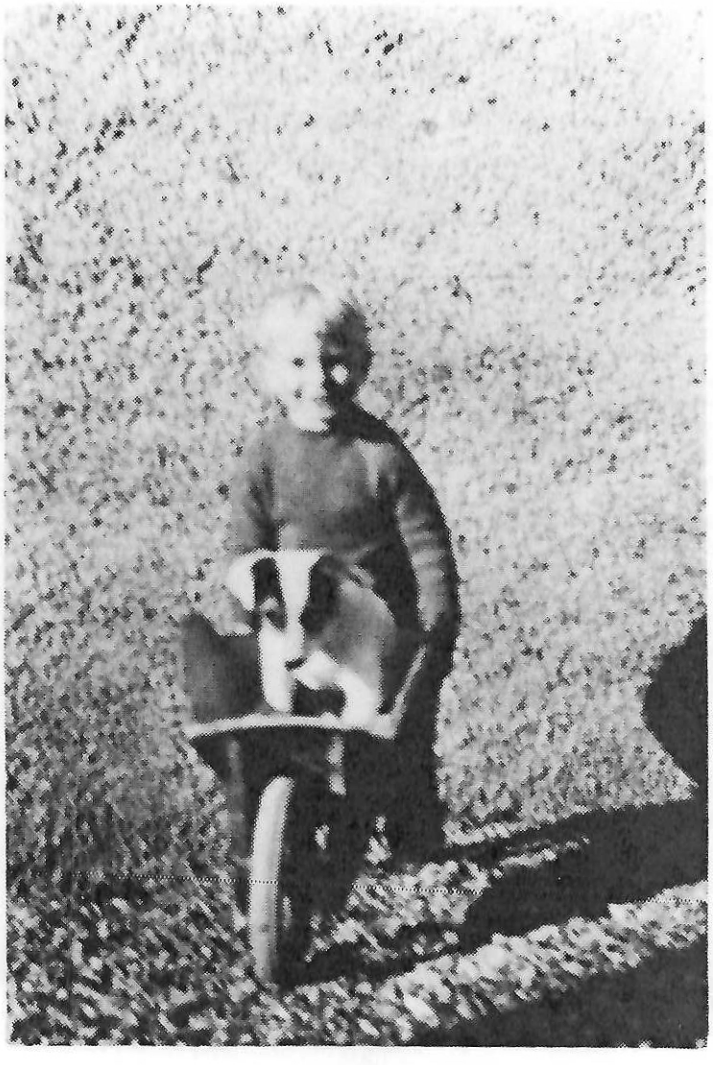
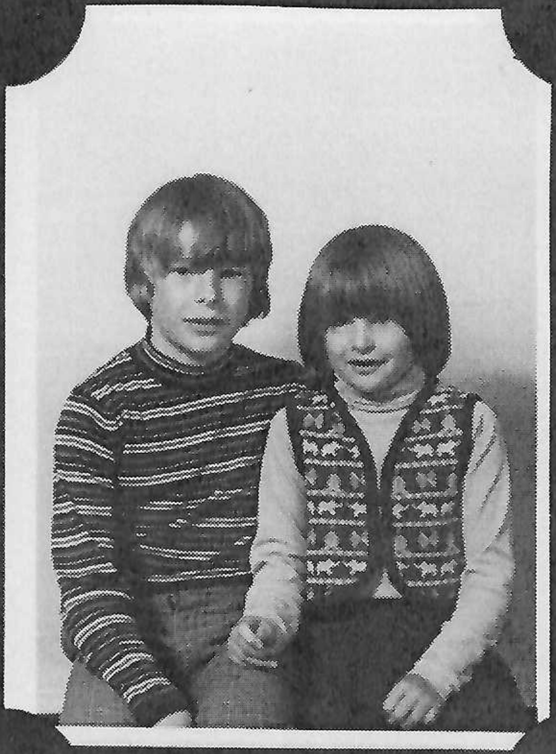
William John and Hilda Witheridge
documents

Edward Allen Witheridge (b. 1891), on the left, and his first wife, Mable (b. 1890), on the right, visit the farm — some time before her death in 1965.



The newest farmer, William John Witheridge, about 1971.



## Something Personal

1952~1977

The Queen's Silver Jubilee

John and Sarah Mary
Witheridge

1977

[This letter and the next one are identical, except for the addressees.]

b. 11/24/85

2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
June 15, 1965

Mr. William J. Witheridge b. 11/24/85 (Grampy)
Mr. Charles G. Witheridge (son, b. 4/21/14)
Upcott Farm, Brayford
Barnstaple, N. Devon
England

Grampy

son, b. 4/21/1914

Dear Sirs:

Your names and addresses were given to me by the curate of the South Molton parish, to whom I had written in my search for information about my ancestors in England. I hope that you may be able to help me in this search.

I know that my father's family stems from Devon, and I imagine that some day I shall discover some relatives of the present generation who are still living there.

My grandfather, William Witheridge, was born in Combe Martin on September 23, 1866. His father, John Witheridge, was born February 23, 1828, somewhere in Devon, but we do not know in what town. He is the earliest Witheridge ancestor of whom we have any record. He was a farmer and a miner and at one time was a lighthouse keeper on Lundy Island.

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How far back can you trace your ancestry? Do you have much information about your relatives, both distant and close? Perhaps in England, as in America, geneology is a rather recent interest. Here very few people know much of their family history back of their grandparents.

I would appreciate hearing from you and knowing who your Witheridge ancestors were, including their dates and places of birth, marriage, and death, and any other facts you can give about them. Even though we may not be closely related (we probably are related way back somewhere), I find that every little bit of information is of help in this genealogy business.

If you could also give me the names and addresses of any other Witheridges you are aware of living in Devon, whether relatives of yours or not, I would be very grateful. The only other names I was given by the curate at South Molton are William J. Witheridge and William G. Witheridge of Middle Stoodleigh, West Buckland, Barnstaple, N. Devon.

You might be interested in the enclosed picture. My wife and I have two sons: James, who is 18 years old and attends the University of Minnesota; and Thomas, who is 17 and will attend Oberlin College in Ohio next fall. The girl in the picture is my niece--my sister's daughter--who just graduated from Macalester College and lived with us for two years. As you can see, I am a Baptist minister, serving as the executive secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

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David R. Witheridge

2420 Irving Avenue So.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405
June 15, 1965

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David E. Witheridge

[Basic facts about "Grampy" and the two farms, one at Upcott.]

Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland
Barnstaple
Devon. Feb 8th 1966.

Dear Mr Witheridge & Family,

Thankyou for your letter of June 1965. I'm sorry I have taken such a long time to answer it, but we have had a very hectic time here, as you will see by the chart. Joyce my daughter had her 21st birthday Jan 9th 1965. Our Silver Wedding 25 march 1965 & William George our only son married 6th Oct 1965 & Joyce Moffy married 24th Nov: 1965 so I really think that was hectic.

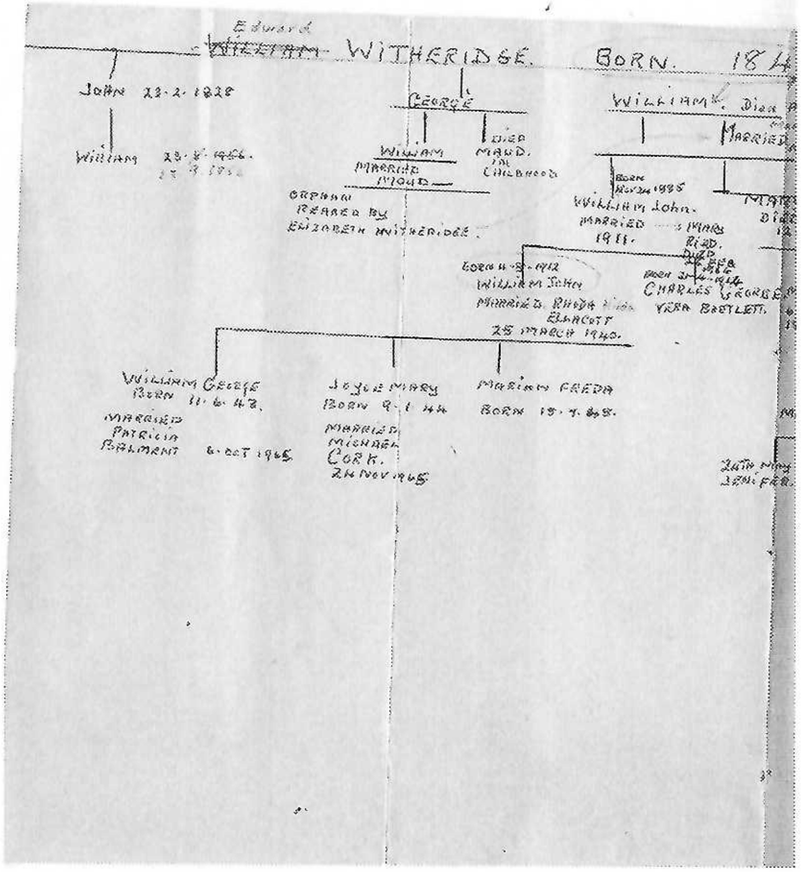
I have drawn you up a chart which no doubt you will understand. I have done quite a bit of gleaning to get this information. We are a very happy set of relations although we don't visit very frequently.

You mentioned in your letter that the Witheridges were of South Molton - this is really not the actual facts of the case. The post was taken from South Molton to the surrounding parishes on foot, & lately by bicycle. so the postal address was South Molton. by the
Bray Town
way the Parish name was Braytown, or Brayford.

The ancestors were farm workers. We farm a mixed farm here the same as Charles George at Upcott with whom Grampy lives. William John Witheridge.

Hoping this will fill your requirements
Yours Sincerely
William John & Hilda Witheridge Family.

[See enlargements on the next 2 pages]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IN
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ELIZABETH WITHERIDGE.
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BORN 11.6.43.
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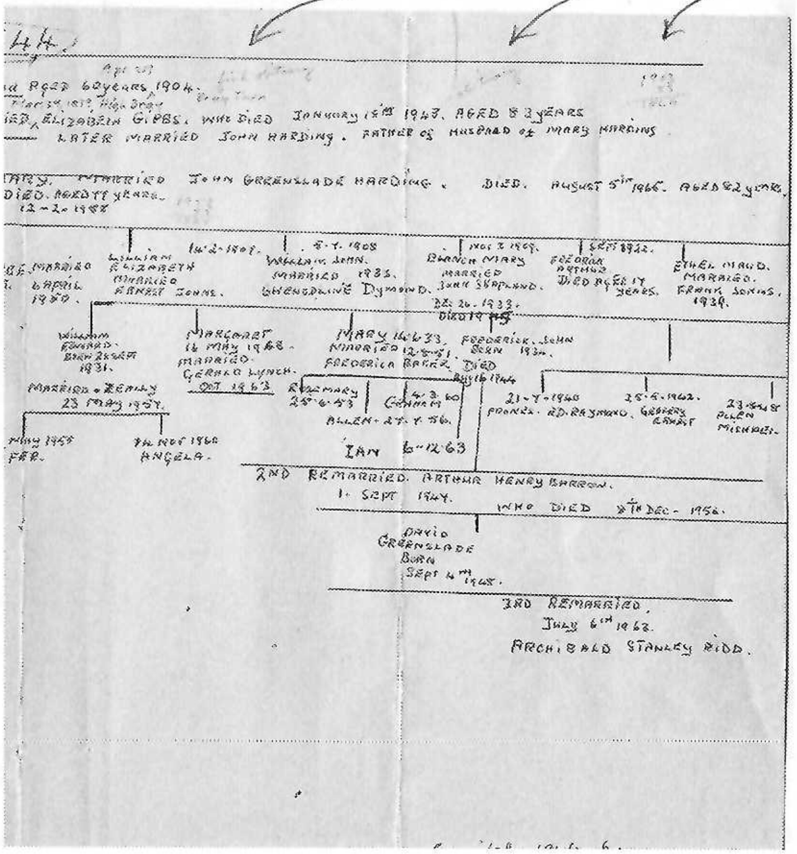
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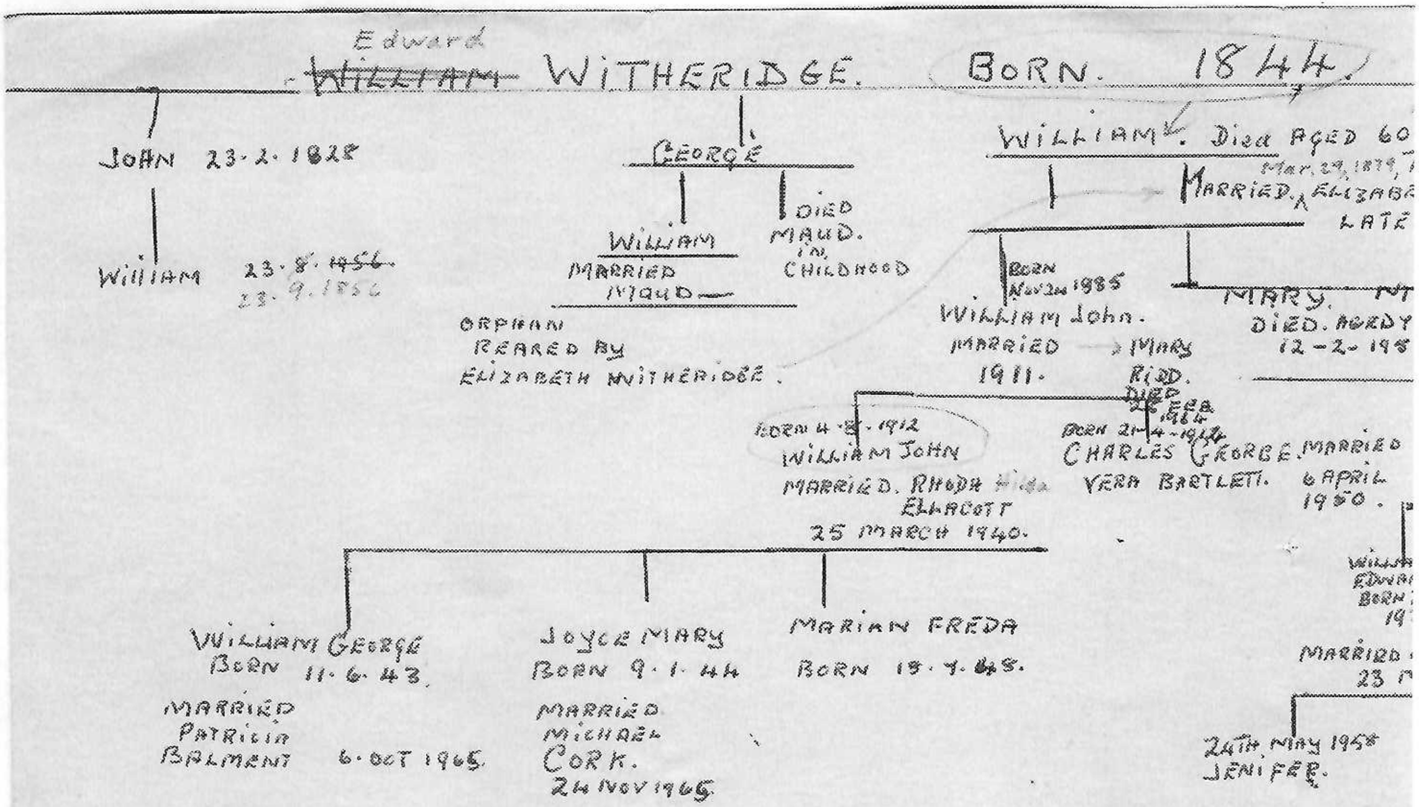

Edward ~~WILLIAM~~ WITHERIDGE. BORN. 1844.

JOHN 23·2·1828

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23·9·1856

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IN
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SEPT 1922. FREDRICK ARTHUR. DIED AGED 17 YEARS.

ETHEL MAUD. MARRIED. FRANK JOHNS. 1939.

WILLIAM EDWARD. BORN 26 SEPT 1931.

MARRIED ZEALLY 23 MAY 1957.

MARGARET. 16 MAY 1943. MARRIED. GERALD LYNCH. OCT 1963

MARY 16.6.33. MARRIED 12.8.51. FREDERICK BAKER.

FREDERICK. JOHN BORN 1934. DIED Aug 16 1944

ROSEMARY 25.6.53

GRAHAM 14.3.60

ALLEN. 27.7.56.

IAN 6-12-63

21.7.1940 FRANCES. ED. RAYMOND.

25.5.1942. GEOFFREY ERNEST

23-5-48 ALLEN MICHAEL.

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14 NOV 1960 ANGELA.

2ND REMARRIED. ARTHUR HENRY BARROW.

1. SEPT 1947.

WHO DIED 8TH DEC- 1956.

DAVID GREENSLADE BORN SEPT 4TH 1948.

3RD REMARRIED.

JULY 6TH 1963.

ARCHIBALD STANLEY RIDD.

Compiled 1966 by

R. Hilda Witheridge (Mrs. Wm. John)

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
February 27, 1966

[William John Witheridge (b. 1912)]

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

I was most happy to receive your letter with the chart of the Witheridge descendants. After trying for a year or two, I think I have finally found some Witheridges in England related to my father's family!

If I interpret your chart correctly, you are a second cousin of my father. My father's grandfather (John Witheridge) and your grandfather (William Witheridge) apparently were brothers, and according to your chart they had a brother George. Did they have any other brothers or sisters that you know of?

[Susannah Argust is known here as Susannah Adams (b. 1890)]

I have been in correspondence with another second cousin of yours who lives in Staffordshire. She is Susannah Argust (Mrs. John Argust), whose mother was Susannah Witheridge Adams, the daughter of John Witheridge, your grandfather's brother. She is the one who told me about your grandfather, William Witheridge, whose widow married John Harding. She said she thought your grandfather and hers had another brother who went to the United States. Do you know anything about this?

[known in index as George Witheridge (asserted son of Edward Witheridge and Mary Gear)]

The information about your great uncle George Witheridge and his descendants was not very clear to me. It looks as though he had a son William, who was an orphan, but who later married a girl named Maud. Did they have any children, and do you know their whereabouts?

[?
no answer]

Most of all, I should like to have exact information about the parents of our ancestors John, George, and William. From what you say, I assume this family lived in or near your part of Devon and that perhaps several of the family are buried there. Would you be able to find out any information through the parish records of the Brayford Parish? You see, if you can discover anything about the parents of your grandfather William, they are also the parents of my great grandfather, John Witheridge.

You will be interested in the enclosed program of a Magna Carta Service I participated in last year. In my position with the council of churches I work with all the denominations. I assume you are members of the Church of England.

I was very much interested in the exciting time you have been having in your family—your own silver wedding anniversary and the weddings of your son William George and your daughter Joyce. Do they also live near you in Devon?

Once again I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

David B. Witheridge

[b. 1912]

August 20, 1966

[1966]

Mr. William J. Witheridge
Middle Stoodleigh, West Buckland
Barnstaple, Devon, England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

I have just re-read your letter of Feb. 8, 1966, and the genealogical chart you so kindly sent. I know you are very busy, but I hope before long you can answer my letter of Feb. 27. No doubt in my enthusiasm I asked for too many questions. In any case, I hope to continue our correspondence.

In recent years I have become greatly interested in genealogy. When both my mother and my father died within a year of each other, I suddenly realized that I had very little information about their relatives or ancestors. I began working on this and have developed quite a hobby.

Because I also began to work on my wife's family history, I found that I was trying to track down dozens of family lines all at once. That is why I haven't been able to concentrate just on the Witheridge ancestors and relatives--or I would have written you again much sooner. I want to get back at the Witheridge line again, now, and I need your help.

Right now I am on vacation for a few weeks. We often take a trip during the summer, but we are staying home during our vacation this year, since our two college-age sons are working and living at home this summer. Tom works as a messenger in the mail department of the Federal Reserve Bank, and Jim is working for the Youth Opportunity Center, an employment office for young people aged 16 to 21.

I notice that your silver wedding was in March, 1966. Elizabeth and I will be celebrating our silver wedding anniversary on Sept. 6, 1966. It hardly seems possible we have been married that long. We both grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and were members of the same Baptist church there. She became a kindergarten teacher in Saginaw. Now she writes books for children and tutors remedial reading.

When my grandfather, William Witheridge (b. Sept. 23, 1856), came to this country, he lived first in Ohio then moved to Michigan, where he was a coal miner. He had four daughters and four sons, including my father, William Allen Witheridge.

About 1922 the whole family, except my father, moved out to California. Grandfather died in 1933 and Grandmother died in 1942. I have lost contact with many of these relatives, but I am now trying to get in touch with them again.

One of my father's brothers, Edward A. Witheridge, took a trip to England a number of years ago, but I do not think he saw you or knew of your whereabouts. He is a hardware dealer living in the state of Washington on the Pacific coast.

My father went into the heating and ventilating business as a manufacturer's agent in Saginaw. I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer with Father, having graduated from the University of Michigan. Four years later I decided to become a minister and went to the seminary. I was a Baptist minister for eight or nine years and then came to the council of churches in Minneapolis.

I hope that you still have my letter of Feb. 27 and that you will try to answer the questions in it.

Sincerely, your cousin,

IN LOVING MEMORY

of

# WILLIAM JOHN

husband of the late Mary Witheridge and loving

father of John and Charlie

who passed away 3rd June, 1967, aged 82 years

A light is from our household gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant at our hearth
Which never can be filled.

Service and interment at East Buckland Church on Wednesday, 7th June, at 2.30 p.m.

UPCOTT,
EAST BUCKLAND.

August 26, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Witheridge
Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland
Barnstaple, Devon
England

Dear Rhoda and John:

I haven't heard from you directly for a long time, but I have heard indirectly through my Uncle Ed. After he visited you on his trip to England, he gave the most glowing account of his stay with you, your wonderful family, beautiful farm, and delicious meals. He sent me pictures of you and your family, which I cherish greatly. I really feel as if I know both of you better now.

Uncle Ed also sent a Witheridge family chart that our cousin Bill Roberts prepared from information you furnished. This filled in a lot of gaps in my family records, and I am very grateful.

We don't have too many family pictures of our own family, but here is one taken a couple of years ago I thought you might like. Both of our boys are what we call "conscientious objectors," and they are doing two years of "alternative service," instead of serving in the armed forces. Tom is a psychiatric aide in the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston, and Jim is working in St. Paul at the Goodwill Industries, a training center and workshop for handicapped persons.

A few years ago when I was in New York City, I found a complete set of British telephone directories and copied down all the Witheridge entries. I was surprised to find only twenty-four, including yours. I have gradually been writing to them and have had replies from quite a few. However, I haven't been able to establish a family connection with any of them yet, although several know their ancestors came from Devon. No one seems to know much back of his own grandparents.

The best help I have received so far has been from the rector of the church at Combe Martin. For a small fee he sent me a list of all the Witheridge and Blackmore baptisms there from 1817 to 1868, plus some marriages and burials. My great-grandfather, John Witheridge, was married to Clara Blackmore.

Have you ever seen a copy of the Witheridge family chart that Bill Roberts drew? I could send you a photo copy if you haven't. He made notations of a few questions and a few individuals he couldn't exactly locate on the chart. Could you tell me who the following were? (over)

Mary is known in the index as Mary Blackmore (b. 1849). "June 10" is a typographical error; DEW knew it was June 12.

Amy Jane Witheridge (b. Dec. 1, 1879)
George Curtis (b. Aug. 31, 1842)
Mary Witheridge (b. June 10, 1849; d. Apr. 3, 1880) dau. of Clara Blackmore!
Evea Witheridge (b. Oct. 13, 1871; d. June 21, 1913) dau. of Mary Witheridge
William John Witheridge (b. Apr. 7, 1875) son of " "

Would you also explain more fully the notations made on the first chart you sent me about the George Witheridge who was a brother of my great-grandfather John and your grandfather William? It looks as though George had two children, William and Maude, and that Maud died in childhood. Then William married another girl named Maud. There is also a notation that someone was an orphan reared by Elizabeth Witheridge, but it is not clear who the orphan was or who the Elizabeth was. Was that your grandmother Elizabeth? Please make this a little more clear.

I know it's discouraging to get so many questions, but if you can't answer all of them, please write soon anyway and answer what you can.

Uncle Ed's wife Margaret tells me that you got a new grandson named William John last year. Congratulations! I hope you are all well.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

dau. of Clara Blackmore
dau. of Mary Witheridge
son of " "

[These notes by DEW were located directly after his Aug. 26, 1970, letter to William and Hilda Witheridge.]

~~Hilda's~~ [illegible] Rhoda, Witheridge – Uncle Ed's visit in 1967 + pictures

[William (Bill) Tudor Roberts (b. 1921)] → Bill Roberts made chart from information you gave him and Uncle Ed. ← [Located after DEW's Christmas 1968 letter in the Edward Allen Witheridge section of folder 1.64a.]

✓ Who is the Amy Jane Witheridge, b. Dec. 1, 1879?

✓ There was a Mary (b. June 10, 1849; d. April 3, 1880). Was this Mary Witheridge, daughter of John Witheridge; or was it Mary Curtis, daughter of Mrs. John Witheridge when she was married to George Curtis? Or was that the Mary Jones who married George Curtis, the son?

✓ Who was the William John Witheridge, b. April 7, 1873?

When + where did George Curtis die?

I never have been able to straighten out the Curtises.

Geo. Chivers spoke of a George Curtis who lived in Cleveland. Was he the son of Clara Blackmore Witheridge (Mrs. John) and did he marry Mary Jones? Did this George Curtis have three children — William (who went to Detroit), Clara (who lived in Cleveland – did she marry?), and John (who lived in Cleveland)

John a lighthouse keeper on Lundy Island?

Rector at Combe Martin gave following children of Edward + Mary: John, William, George, etc.

What about George Witheridge, bro. of John + William?

[Edward Allen Witheridge (b. 1891)] → Ed said a high church official Witheridge buried at Combe Martin?

Address of [illegible] Barker Adams (Mrs. Wm. E.) at Youngstown

[Sept. 2, 1970]

Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland.
Barnstaple 2. Sept 70

Dear Cousins

Thankyou for your letter received a few days ago. I'm sorry I can't help you anymore about the family tree. Interred High Bray Churchyard Brayford Barnstaple Devon.

Wm John Witheridge. Died 27.4.1904.
Aged 60 years
married
Elizabeth Gibbs from Parracombe Devon.

* PTO

[DEW's note: * = PTO]

George Witheridge.

✓ * William John
Orphaned.
when young.
reared by
Wm John
Witheridge & Elizabeth.
his uncle & Aunt.

DEW's note

✓ Maude
Died in
Childhood

When a young man ✓
Went to Cornwall to
work on the Railway.

Died about
april 1939. ✓

DEW changed April to March and 1939 to 1938

Interred at
Camelford
Churchyard
Cornwall. ✓

Married
Maud Mathews
Prout.
who lived to be 94.
died 5 april 1968
also Interred at ✓
Camelford
Churchyard
Cornwall
no children.

Wm John
my Husbands
Father.
married
Mary Kidd

Mary. Married John
Greenslade
Harding

Lillian William Blackmore Fred.
Dec

DEW's note → Fred

Wm John
married.
Rhoda Ellacott
1940.

Charles George married V. Bartlett
no family.

William George
married
Patricia
Palmer
1965
Oct 6th

Joyce Mary
married
Michael
Cooke
1965
24 Nov

Marian Freda

Wm John
1968
10 Jan

(1841) ← [DEW wrote 1841]

born 1844

William John Witheridge. Married

Elizabeth Gibbs from Parracombe. Devon. (E. of Combe Martin)

Who eventually had 2 children. Mary born 1881.

② William John (my Husbands father) died 1-6-67.

Mary - ① " " ~~Brother~~ mother " 28-2-64
died

I think was 6 years ( " " Mother)
older than Wm John.

① William John Witheridge (my Husbands father)

② Mary Witheridge { " " Aunt & the
Married John Greenslade Harding mother of Lillian
William
Blanch.
Maud.
Frederick Dec:

This John Greenslade Harding's father became a widower, & Elizabeth Witheridge, who was a widow at this time, married John Harding (Senior)

[See the index entry, Remarriage prize] → Therefore Elizabeth Witheridge married her son-in-laws - father. This being her 2nd - Husband.

I shall be pleased to accept a photo copy of the family tree - in case it should be wanted some future time.

Many thanks

Yours Sincerely

R. H. J. Witheridge. (Mrs John)

[It's unclear why this transcription by DEW was in the file – not the original.] [June 11, 1973]

Letter from Jennie – 6/11/73

[Jennifer (Jenni) Edith Mark (b. 1943), DEW's niece]

"On May 25th we started on our trip around Scotland and England, using the BritRail train passes we had bought. - - - - Our next longer stay was in Exeter, where we took the train to Barnstaple to see the William John Witheridges on their farm. It was lovely weather (a change from Scotland) and we had a lovely time. I guess you know that John's son George lives on the farm with him – we liked him very much as well as John (whom we agreed looks like Charles Bickford!). They drove us all around the farm, stopping in the pastures to show us the sheep and the view, and letting us watch the milking later. The farmhouse, they say, dates from 1640 – I guess I'm telling you what you already know – anyway we were very impressed. It's my ideal farm now, any farm that doesn't look like that will disappoint me! ~~His~~ wife (Rhoda?) was very nice and gave us two teas, also a rather confusing recital about Elizabeth Gibbs ("Gran") and her marriages to various William John Witheridges, which we still didn't quite get straight. They all agreed that Edward (Uncle Ed) was very much like John's grandfather (?) William John. You told me my grandfather was his second cousin – does that mean his grandfather was grandpa's father's brother? Well anyway, they were just as nice to us as if they'd known who we were (George asked us, "Now,

[Jenni's husband,
Prof, Richard (Dick) Burke]

which one of you are we supposed to be related to?"!). I think Dick does look more like a Witheridge than I do. Before we left, George gave me a little horseshoe he had made — he went to school to become a blacksmith since there weren't any around. He told us it was the oldest guild, dating from the 11th century; you must work your way up in the association, taking periodic tests."

[1976 trip to Britain] [Mar. 31, 1976]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
March 31, 1976

Dear Rhoda and John:

I can't believe it's over five years since I last wrote to you. I guess it's because two years ago my niece Jennifer and her husband Dick Burke visited you and wrote such an interesting letter about the wonderful time they had. We have been jealous of them ever since, hoping we could take a trip to England some day and visit you on your farm.

Now, I am happy to say, it is finally coming to pass. I have been in my present position as Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for twenty-five years, and our Board has granted me a 12-week study leave for this coming summer. We are going to spend this time in England and have been busy working out plans for our trip.

The main purpose of our trip is to get acquainted with local councils of churches and other ecumenical activities in Britain, but we shall be combining this with traveling around the country, visiting whatever relatives we can find, and pursuing my hobby--genealogy. We'd like very much to spend a few days with you.

Here is an outline of our plans. We'll arrive in London on June 18 and spend a few days with a distant relative, Celia (Kim) Cook, and her family in Sutton, Surrey, a suburb of London. (Her mother was a Witheridge.) I'll be at a conference of staff members of local councils of churches from all over Britain from June 21 to 24 and then studying at the University of London until July 6.

Then for about four weeks we'll be traveling up through England, Scotland, and Wales visiting local Councils of churches, sight seeing, and visiting relatives--both Witheridge and Allen descendants. We think we'll rent a car for this trip.

About August 5 we expect to arrive in Devon and would like to stay with you for a few days. If you don't have room, perhaps you could help us find overnight accommodations nearby. We are especially anxious to get acquainted with the whole area around Combe Martin, because it was the home of our Witheridge ancestors for at least 200 years.

For two weeks (from August 8 to 21) we have reserved a small student flat at the University of Exeter. During that time I'll be dividing my time between studying the church situation by means of materials in the University Library and doing some genealogical research.

Then we'll be spending a week at the University of Cambridge, followed by a few more days with the Cooks in Sutton before returning to the United States. It sounds like a long stay in England, but I'm sure it will seem all too short when it is over.

We certainly hope this schedule will fit into your own plans for the summer. If not, please let us know, and we'll see what else we can work out. We can hardly wait to meet you and have a good long talk.

[See the Edward Allen Witheridge (b.1891) section of folder 1.64a, located after DEW's Christmas 1968 letter.] →

I see that I promised to send you a copy of the ~~enclosed~~ chart that was prepared by Bill Roberts of Ynysybwl, Glamorgan. I'm sorry to have neglected this until now, but I hope this chart will be of interest and use to you. When we get there, I want to talk to you about it. We'll be looking forward to a reply from you soon.

Just remembered I can't send it in this air letter. Will have to [illegible] send it later!

Yours very sincerely,

[Apr. 10, 1976]

Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland.
Barnstaple
Devon April 10th 1976

Dear David & Elizabeth,

We duly received your letter telling us of your forthcoming visit to England, which we found most interesting. We will try to accomodate you for a few days early August, as you probably know, this will be our busy harvest time. We are having a good dry spell of weather now, so we hope the weather will be good for you, when you get here to enjoy your tours. Last year we had a very dry spell, some farmers had very light crops, but we were fortunate & had a good harvest, which has been

a great help this winter as you can well imagine.
I expect we shall be having a note from you, before you visit us.

Yours
John & Rhoda Witheridge

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (PLEASE SHOW YOUR POSTCODE)

Mr Mrs W.J. Witheridge
Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland.
Barnstaple EX32 0SN
Devon.
England

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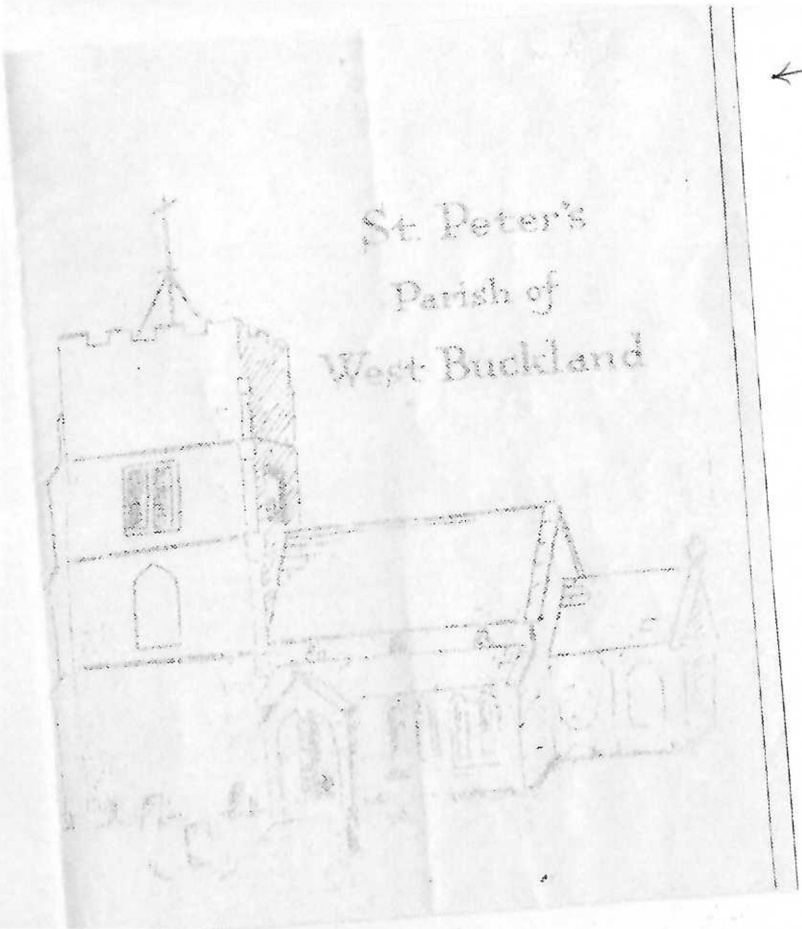
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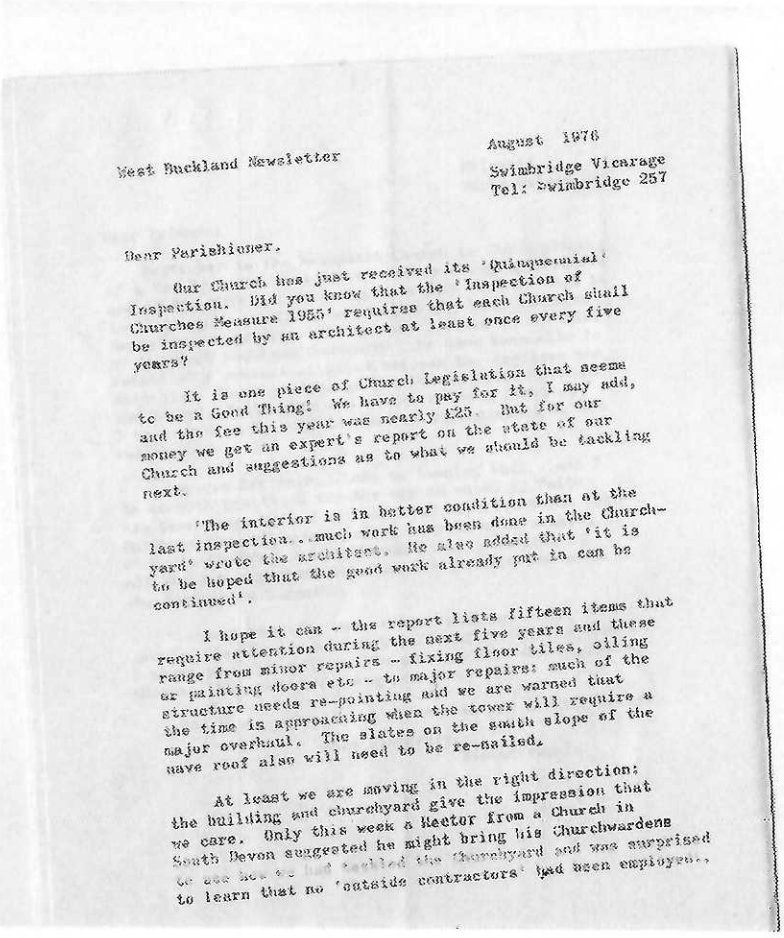
West Buckland Newsletter

August 1976
Swimbridge Vicarage
Tel: Swimbridge 257

Dear Parishioner,

Our Church has just received its 'Quinquennial' Inspection. Did you know that the 'Inspection of Churches Measure 1955' requires that each Church shall be inspected by an architect at least once every five years?

It is one piece of Church Legislation that seems to be a Good Thing! We have to pay for it, I may add, and the fee this year was nearly £25. But for our money we get an expert's report on the state of our Church and suggestions as to what we should be tackling next.

'The interior is in better condition than at the last inspection...much work has been done in the Churchyard' wrote the architect. He also added that 'it is to be hoped that the good work already put in can be continued'.

I hope it can - the report lists fifteen items that require attention during the next five years and these range from minor repairs - fixing floor tiles, oiling or painting doors etc - to major repairs: much of the structure needs re-pointing and we are warned that the time is approaching when the tower will require a major overhaul. The slates on the south slope of the nave roof also will need to be re-nailed.

At least we are moving in the right direction; the building and churchyard give the impression that we care. Only this week a Rector from a Church in South Devon suggested he might bring his Churchwardens to see how we had tackled the Churchyard and was surprised to learn that no 'outside contractors' had been employed..

It is only right that we do care for God's House – it isn't only one person's responsibility to look after it – we care for it, we meet in it, we pray in it and we preserve it for future generations to use as a House of Prayer.

With every blessing,

Yours sincerely,
Nigel Jackson-Stevens.

Why Woolacombe? was the cry when the venue was arranged for this year's Sunday School outing! The answer is a simple one – long trips (we went to Paignton last year and it poured) are not appreciated by everyone. But Woolacombe this year was a success and thanks to Mrs. Kathy Miller and Miss Janet Bulled for arranging it all.

The Sunday School will not meet at all during August. This does not mean that we can all give Church a rest during the School holidays! Children learn by example and the best example we can give them is to accompany them to Church at 11.00 am. on a Sunday morning.

Sunday School re-assembles on 5th September at 10.30 am.

Services for August:

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| 1st | – Trinity 7 – | 11.00 am. Holy Communion (Said)<br>6.30 pm. Evensong & Address |
| 8th | – Trinity 8 – | 11.00 am. Holy Communion & Address |
| 15th | – Trinity 9 – | 11.00 am. Holy Communion & Address |
| 22nd | – Trinity 10 – | 11.00 am. Holy Communion & Address |
| 29th | – Trinity 11 – | 11.00 am. Holy Communion & Address |
| 5th September | – Trinity 12 – | 10.30 am. Sunday School<br>11.00 am. Holy Communion (Said)<br>6.30 pm. Evensong & Address |

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Sidespeople for August/September

| | 11.00 am. | 6.30 pm. |
|---|---|---|
| Aug. 1st | W. Ridding | Miss R. Nott |
| Aug. 8th | H. Miller | |
| Aug. 15th | J. Folland | |
| Aug. 22nd | W. Miller | |
| Aug. 29th | Mrs. J. Parkin | |
| Sep. 5th | C. Bulled | Mr. G. Witheridge. |

Servers – Sundays at 11.00 am.

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| Aug. 1st | R. Allcock | Aug. 29th | J. Parkin |
| Aug. 8th | N. Hall | Sep. 5th | N. Hall |
| Aug. 15th | J. Witheridge | | |
| Aug. 22nd | T. Barrow | | |

Book Early – Annual Outing

West Buckland Bellringers' Annual Outing will be held on Saturday September 4th leaving the Village at 9.00 am. prompt.

Peals will be rung at Bampton and Wilton (Nr. Taunton) on the way to WEYMOUTH for the rest of the day. The Adult Fare will be £1.50.

Names to Mrs. E. Rendle as soon as possible, please.

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Fete and Dance – Saturday 26th June 1976.

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| Total takings – | Stalls, Draw, Door at the Dance & refreshments | 138.44 |
| Total expenses | Band, Food, Hall, Ads. | 44.33 |
| Aproximate net profit | | £ 94.11 |

Grateful thanks to all who helped or gave in any way.

Rural Dean's Notes August 1976

It appears that I have always to make excuses for the absence of my notes. This time it was my HOLIDAY. I'm sure you will understand that and forgive me.

GRATITUDE is a wonderful Christian virtue and one which brings us un-told blessings. I can think of no more miserable and unhappy person that he or she is for ever grousing and complaining etc... If we cultivate the gift of being THANKFUL for all our blessings it makes life so much easier, not only for us but for all with whom we live or come in contact.
That is why I will always remain keen about our HARVEST FESTIVALS. Not just a time or excuse for a Harvest Supper etc... but a time to increase our GRATITUDE to God for all His loving mercies.

When I lived on the East Coast at WHITBY in Yorkshire we always had gifts of fish included in our Harvest decorations. In Durham I found lumps of coal in the churches and when I was in Zambia we often found copper as well. Its not just Marrows and potatoes - far more than that - ALL GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFTS. Yes we are thankful and we want to say THANK YOU.

God bless you all.
E.G. Easton
Rural Dean.

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Women's Institute There will be no meeting during the month of August.

A Committee Meeting is proposed for Tuesday 7th September at 8.30 pm.

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Molesmead
North Molton 283.

Dear Friends,

September in the Methodist Church is the beginning of a New Year and when all ministers changing Circuits are ON THE MOVE! I am among them this year so this is the last time I will be writing in the West Buckland Magazine. I am happy to have had a share in the life of the West Buckland Community. We have been able to establish a measure of Unity between the Anglican and Methodist Churches through the United Mother's Union and Women's fellowship and at the Harvest Services. I hope such unity will be further strengthened in the coming days.

Any new beginning finds us looking back...and I do so with gratitude for the way in which my Faith has been deepened and my Christian experience has been enriched through working among such devoted members of God's Church. I look forward too...conscious of all the new opportunities that lie in wait for me in the Barnstaple Circuit.

In September the Rev. Peter Williamson will be joining the Circuit as the West Buckland Minister and I trust you will welcome him and his wife and support them as they minister among you.

God Bless you all and strengthen you in His Service.

Yours sincerely,
Sister Pamela

## Services for August at 3.00 pm.

1st Worship led by Rev. J. Dickinson
8th Worship led by Mr. C.H. Lyons of South Molton.
15th Worship led by Mr. T. Kingdon of South Molton.
22nd Worship led by Mr. H. Huxtable of Barnstaple.
29th Worship led by Mrs. L. Gammon of Newtown.

August 15th at 8.00 pm. at North Molton there will be a Circuit Gathering to say Farewell to Sister Pamela.

September 1st at North Molton at 7.30 pm. A Service of Induction and welcome to Rev. Peter Williamson and his wife Christine.

## Village Hall News

There will be Bingo Sessions at 8.00 pm. on -

Tuesday 3rd August
Tuesday 17th August
Tuesday 31st August.

Back cover

RECTOR: The Revd R Jackson-Stevens, Thelbridge Vicarage, ([illegible] 251)
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CARETAKER: Mr J Gilland, 1 Brookside

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Weddings and Funerals should be made with the Rector. Confessions by appoint

The Revd R Jackson-Stevens asks that he be informed as soon as possible of any parishoner who is sick at home or in hospital.

CHURCH WARDENS:
:
Mr G Witheridge,
Middle Stoodleigh Farm

[Aug. 15, 1976]

Lafrowda Flats
University of Exeter
Exeter EX4 4FG
August 15, 1976

Dear Hilda & John,

We are still remembering fondly the days we spent with all of you at Middle Stoodleigh. It was so wonderful to meet you after all these years and to become acquainted with North Devon. The trips around the farm and surrounding countryside were great fun, and your delicious food, Hilda, was a great treat. Thank you for everything!

We're sorry we forgot to leave the enclosed recipes for wild rice. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

This is a lovely place we are in at the University of Exeter. The buildings are rather new and set in a hilly old estate with ponds and gardens that are having a hard time in this dry weather. Our flat is pleasant, and it's good to be in one place for a couple of weeks.

In addition to getting my thoughts together on my ecumenical study, I've also done a little genealogical research at the Devon Record Office.

Monday and Tuesday we are going to be in Cornwall for some sight seeing, as well as hunting up some records on my Allen background and Elizabeth's Gilbert ancestry.

We sent our pictures to be developed and got back some very good ones of all of you. We'll send copies as soon as possible after we get home.

Love to all,

Dave & Elizabeth

ONE FAMILY RECORD    Surname Witheridge    Family No. JPW32-6 (

HUSBAND (Name in Full)    WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

(1) William Witheridge    Elizabeth Gibbs (a)

Father's Name: Edward Witheridge (b)    Father's Name: John Gibbs (b)

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Geer (f)    Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place | | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birth | c.1844 (a)(b); c.1841 | Combe Martin (f) | Birth | c. 1860 (a)(b) | Parracombe, Devon (a) |
| Marriage | Mar. 29, 1879 | High Bray, Devon (b) | Death | Jan. 18, 1943 | High Bray, Devon (a) |
| Death | Apr. 27, 1904 | Bray Town, High Bray, Devon (d) ** | Other Places of Residence: | | |
| Other Places of Residence: | | | | | |

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Other Wives:    Other Husbands: (c)(e) (2) John Harding (Father-in-law of her daughter Mary)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)    Date    Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 William John (d)
Married to Mary Maria Ridd (e)
Birth Nov. 24, 1885 - High Bray, Devon (a)
Marriage April 1, 1911 - Challacombe, Devon (a)
Death June 1, 1967 - E. Buckland (a)

Got birthplace of father from 1881 census

2 Mary Elizabeth (g)
Married to John Greenslade Harding (d 8/14/65, aged 82 y.)
Birth May 19, 1880 - Grattons, High Bray, Devon (g) High Bray (a)
Marriage
Death Dec. 2, 1958 (a)

Got birth date & place from death cert. or obit.

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(a) Inf. from Wm. John Witheridge, Jr.

(b) Mar. Cert. of Wm. Witheridge + Eliz. Gibbs, Somerset House

(c) Inf. from Clara Elizabeth Adams

(d) Death cert. of William Witheridge Somerset House

(e) Inf. from Rhoda Hilda Witheridge (Mrs. Wm. John, Jr.)

(f) Parish Records - Combe Martin

(g) Birth cert. of Mary Elizabeth Witheridge, St. Cath. House

* Susannah Argust says her great uncle William

** Bur. High Bray Churchyard, Brayford, Barnstaple, Devon

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Harding Family No. JPW32-61

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
John Greenslade Harding (a)
Father's Name:
John Harding (a)
Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth 1883 (a)
Marriage
Death Aug. 5, 1965 (a)
Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Mary Elizabeth Witheridge
Father's Name:
William Witheridge (a)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Elizabeth Gibbs (a)

Date Place
Birth May 19, 1880 - High Bray, Devon (a)
Death Feb. 12, 1958 (a)
Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Lillian Elizabeth
Married to
Ernest Johns (a)*
Birth Feb. 14, 1907 (a)
Marriage
Death

2 William John
Married to
Gwendoline Dymond (a)
Birth July 5, 1908 (a)
Marriage 1933 (a)
Death

3 Blanche Mary
Married to (1) John Shapland (a) (2) Arthur Henry Barrow (a) (3) Archibald Stanley Kidd (a)
Birth Nov. 3, 1909 (a)
Marriage (1) Dec. 26, 1933; (2) Sept. 1, 1947; (3) July 6, 1963 (a)
Death 1945 (a)

4 Fredrick Arthur (Dec) (b)
Married to
Birth Sept. 1922 (a)
Marriage
Death 1939 (a) [Lightning Flash] (b)

5 Ethel Maud (a)
Married to
Frank Johns (a)*
Birth Dec. 19, 1916 (b)
Marriage 1939 (a)
Death
Barnstaple

3 sons:
Raymond John
[illegible] John
Michael "

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Married to
Birth 12 Summerland Terrace
Marriage Barnstaple
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(a) Inf. from Wm. John Witheridge
(b) Inf. from Rhoda Witheridge (Mrs. Wm. John)

(c) Birth cert. of Mary Elizabeth Witheridge (St. Catherine's House)

× Brothers ← [*Brothers]

[Jan. 2, 1977]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
January 2, 1977

Dear Hilda and John,

We had hoped to get this off to you before Christmas but ran out of time. However, we thought you'd like to have a copy of this letter anyway.

We are very pleased with these pictures and hope you are, too. We're especially glad to have pictures of your children and grandchildren.

[William George Witheridge (b. 1943)]

We've written separately to George and Pat with their pictures, but since we didn't know how to address Joyce and Marian, we hope you'll see that they got theirs.

With all your family so close, you must have had a very enjoyable Christmas. We were happy to have Tom home for New Year's. He just went back to Chicago today. Jim, of course, lives with us, so he was home, too, for the holidays.

Having spent 2½ months in England last summer, we are more interested than ever when we read about England in the papers. You must have been pleased to have the drought come to an end, but it sounded as though you got more rain than you really needed for a while.

Once again we want to express our very sincere appreciation for your warm hospitality last summer. Getting to know all of you was a special treat we shall long remember.

Love to all,

David & Elizabeth

[Jan. 2, 1977]

From the Desk of
REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

2425 Irving Ave S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
January 2, 1977

Dear Marian + Anthony, Balment

It seems like a long time since we were in Devon last summer, but we have fond memories of our visit to West Buckland.

We thought you'd like to have copies of these pictures. They came out very well.

We're only sorry we didn't get to meet Anthony. I guess we'll have to come back again some day.

Since we don't have your address, we're sending these pictures through your mother and father, Marian.

Best wishes to both of you in the coming year. We'd love to hear from you.

Sincerely,
David + Elizabeth

[Feb. 6, 1977]

Middle Woodleigh
West Buckland.
Barnstaple
Devon.
England.
6 Feb: 1977.

Dear Cousins,

I am sorry I have not got to writing to thankyou, for all our family photographs. I think as well as all the rest of the family they are very good & the colours excellant. I am the only misfit, still can't be helped. I told you both no camera, will stand that torture. We have not had too hard weather here up to now, But my goodness me the rain, pitys the more, it can not be stored properly for Summer use. Glad to know "all was well" on your return home, makes such a difference to a holiday. The hedges here around the house, are shedding forth the lovely little snow-drops to tell us all - that Spring will soon be here. We dont start the lambing season until 3rd week in March, as the weather usually

[usually]

longer & the sheep soon learn to
nuzzle about & find the little tufts
of fine grass. John put in one
field of winter corn, & its not
looking too bad up to now. Amanda
& Sarah are terribly interested in
reading, they both go to School now, one
in Barnstaple & one in Filleigh

SECOND FOLD HERE

[Edward Allen Witheridge
(b. 1891), DEW's Uncle Ed]

John goes to Filleigh too, he is 9 years
old now. I enjoyed Edward's Christmas
letter. George has nearly completed
the workshop building at the
back of the house & he finds it
most useful. I hope Elizabeth
manages to finish her book, you
didn't tell me what it was about
Afraid this is all now so Good Bye
All the Best for the future
From Wm John Hilda & all the family.

[1980 trip plans]

May 2, 1980

Dear Hilda, John, and all the family:

It's three years since I last wrote to you, although we speak and think of you often. It just seemed as though there was never time to get out the old correspondence, so we could begin anew where we left off!

Life has been very hectic during these years, but now I have retired, and I am trying to catch up on many things that had to be neglected. My favorite hobby--genealogy--had suffered greatly in recent years, along with correspondence with the dozens of new relatives I have discovered in my searching.

We are very fortunate in that in recognition of my twenty-eight years of service to the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, I was presented with a farewell gift of money to use for a trip to Great Britain. It won't pay the entire cost, but it will help a great deal.

Our plans are beginning to take shape, and we now have plane reservations to leave here on August 2nd and return on October 2nd. Just today I completed a first draft of a possible itinerary to accomplish the many things we want to do. This time there will be no ecumenical study, so we shall combine sight-seeing with genealogical research and visiting friends and relatives. We plan to hire a car for about seven weeks as we did in 1976.

We had such a pleasant and successful time at the University of Exeter last time that we have again booked a flat in their student housing for two weeks from August 13 to 27. We'll do some sight-seeing in Exeter and Devon, as well as some research in the Exeter libraries and the Devon Record Office.

Of course, we want to see all of you again, and we thought maybe a good way would be for us to drive over to Middle Stoodleigh on Saturday, August 23rd, and spend the day with you, returning to Exeter in the evening. We hope it would be possible for Pat and George, Joyce and Michael, and Marian and Anthony, as well as all the grandchildren, to be there for at least part of the day. We don't want to come all the way to England and miss seeing any of you. We thought maybe Saturday would be a good day, but we could arrange almost any other day that would be better. If necessary, we could also come another day, as it really isn't very far from Exeter.

[Their children and grandchildren]

This is all I will say now, as I have a great many letters to write to people in Britain to see if our projected plans will fit into their schedules. Please let us know if you think my suggestion will work out satisfactorily for all the family.

Love,

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
July 10, 1980

Dear Hilda, John, and Family:

Time is moving on toward our anticipated departure for England on August 2nd, and I thought I should write you again. I'm assuming you got my letter of May 2nd, though sometimes mail does go astray.

We hope that you are all well and that weather conditions have been good for your farm and livestock. We so often picture your lovely situation at Middle Stoodleigh and look forward to seeing you all again.

Our itinerary remains about the same as we had tentatively arranged it. We'll be met at Gatwick Airport by the Roy Cook family, and we'll be staying with them for several days. (Mrs. Cook's mother was a Witheridge.) During our two-month stay in Britain she will always know how to reach us and to forward our mail. Their address is 31 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA, and that's probably the safest place to send mail to us now.

On August 7th we'll be hiring a car and setting out on a 7-week trip through England, Scotland, and Wales. As you know, we'll be spending two weeks at the University of Exeter from August 13 to 27. Our address there will be Cornwall House, St. Germans Road, Exeter EX4 6PG. Telephone messages can be left at Exeter 77911 - Ext. 697.

It still looks as though a good day for us to drive over to Middle Stoodleigh would be Saturday, August 23rd, but we really could come any other day (or two different days) that would suit you and the various families better.

Unless we've heard from you by letter before we get to Exeter, we'll call you from there and arrange a definite time to see you. We can hardly wait to see you again, as well as the many others we met in Britain in 1976.

Love and best wishes to all,

David + Elizabeth

[Aug. 10, 1980]

Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland
Barnstaple

August 10th, 1980

Dear Elizabeth & David,

Having received your letter, the most convenient date for us, would be Wednesday August the 20th, as this year has been, very bad weatherwise, & we have quite a lot of hay yet to make, & we have begun combining some of the winter corn. As August is always a very busy month for us, with the Sheep & Cattle Sales. Trusting you will have a good holiday.

Yours Sincerely
John & Hilda.

[Sept. 7, 1980]

Brantholme
7 Sedbergh Road
Kendal
Cumbria LA9 6AD
7 September, 1980

Dear Hilda + John, Pat + George,

We greatly enjoyed being with you a few weeks ago, and as you can see, we finally found the American quarters we had intended to give the grandchildren. Here they are for John and Sarah Mary and for Amanda and Stephen. We were so sorry to miss seeing them.

Since leaving Devon and Cornwall we've been having a pleasant and interesting time — first in the Birmingham area, then a few days in Wales, then back to the Birmingham area, and now in the Lake District. Next we'll be going to Scotland for nearly a week.

We hope the weather has been better there and you've been able to harvest the crops. We've had only a few days of rain, but the worst was a downpour the day we went to the Dog Show in Birmingham. We enjoyed it in spite of the weather!

Love to all,
David + Elizabeth

[Sept. 14, 1980]

Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland.
Barnstaple
Sunday 14th Sept 1980

Dear David + Elizabeth,

Just a few lines in answer to your recent letter, + enclosure. Glad you are enjoying yourselves, the weather has been a little more helpful at times, although we have struggled hard to get the hay + corn gathered, + we still have two fields of corn yet to harvest. It has been a very hard year for us, this year, the lambing season, + then this drawn out affair. Still I suppose we shall survive. I haven't seen Joyce Mary since I had your letter, so will pass the ½s on for Amanda + Steven when I see them. John + Sarah Mary were very pleased with the coins.

The weather forecast on the television doesn't give much hope of sunshine, but they are not always right. In fact Sarah Mary, says that man tells fibs. John + I were counting on a few free days. before the weather got too rough so we must keep our fingers crossed. I do hope the sun does make good show of him-self so you can enjoy yourself + so forth. Lets wish you All the Best + a Safe Journey Home.

Sincerely yours.
John + Hilda Wickeridge

[Nov. 29, 1981]

Nov. 29, 1981

Dear Hilda, John, + Family,

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. The scene on this paper is just the way it is here now.

About a week and a half ago we had the worst November snow storm we've had in over forty years. About twelve inches of wet snow fell in one day. Many branches were broken down, including about a third of a large elm in our back yard. Power wires were also pulled down by the weight of the snow and by falling branches. We and 160,000 other families in our metropolitan area were without electricity for over two days.

Several days later we had rain

that froze when it fell, and everything was a glaze of ice. Schools and many businesses were closed, and none of the city buses were running. Things are nearly back to normal now, but we still have snow on the ground and we may not lose it 'till next spring.

We are happy to report that our son Tom, who lives in Chicago, is going to marry his girl friend, Virginia Schade, this coming June 5th. The wedding will be in Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, and I'll be performing the ceremony. We're very happy about it, as we all love Virginia very much.

Our son Jim still works in Minneapolis and lives by himself in an apartment only four or five blocks from us, so we usually see him once or twice a week.

The last week in September we took a short trip up to northern Minnesota to see the lovely fall colors. You can see a little of the color in the enclosed picture of me with Rokk, our Norwegian Elkhound. It was Rokk's first real trip, and he enjoyed it greatly.

[rose bushes]

The other picture shows one of our rose bushes blooming in the first snow of the season. Most years we have them put to bed before the first snow arrives.

Our health has been generally good this year, and we hope the same for you. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

Love to all,

Elizabeth + David

[Feb. 3, 1982]

Ans 12/7/82

Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland.
Barnstaple.
Feb 3rd 1982

Dear Cousins, Many thanks for your interesting letter & enclosure. I expect you & your families were more prepared for such awful weather. We were not exactly caught on the hop, but really it came so sharp & fast, John, & John (Jun) & Sarah Mary, got home the sheep from the neighbouring parish, where they were out to keep early the Sunday Morning & by midday the snow was really with us to stay. We had sheep buried here in December, but with George & John (Jun). working against daylight, & bitterly cold 70 were recovered and only one died, although they huddled in a gateway & were piled 3 sheep high, it was a terrible sight. The snow the 2nd time was deeper & stayed about longer, but the frost was terrible. George had to use the mobile milk tank & tractor to get to Filleigh collecting post, which was awful business. It's a very sad sight the coverts, with such lovely trees broken down, even my Cherry tree in the front was broken down. The electricity was sadly missed it was "off" here for 3 days telephones were out of order, & no school either, but tobagganing the rage. Guess we shall have to invest in a generator sometime. You will be most pleased to know Marian & Baby Daniel are getting on fine now. My word aint we thankful, everyone of us. He has 2 teeth & is now 9 months old & intelligent, & has all his faculties, & he really is honey, Tony's Mother has been wonderful to them all although she is very frail.

[Tony's mother]

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We wish you all the Best for the
forth coming year, & many more to follow
Yours Sincerely
J & G. Witheridge

[Feb. 21, 1986]

Middle Stodleigh Bungalow
West Buckland
Barnstaple
Devon

Feb 21st 1986

Dear David - Elizabeth, & Family,

Just a few lines to say thankyou for your greetings card at Christmas, so glad to know you are all keeping well (What a great blessing,) Yes! we are all gradually getting older. As you will see by our address, we have gone down to live in the bungalow, where George & family used to live. The work was too much for me, as I have been in hospital a bit these last four years, nothing terribly serious thankgoodness, So glad to know that you will be given a Grandson, in the near future, Its really wonderful to hold ones nearest & dearest, after ones own have grown up. We as you know have five grand children. 18-14-14-12-4½ years. Joyce's daughter Amanda, & George's daughter Sarah Mary are now attending the West Buckland School, they now, for the last few years have girls attending, its hard going but they really love the competition, outdoor & indoor. Last Summer the rain was most troublesome, hardly a dry spell. We were very fortunate to have made a small quantity of good hay for the horses, but we did make a good quantity of Big Bale silage, & now it has not rained here for 3 solid weeks, & the frost has been very bad. dried out the grass that was in the fields, but Spring is not far away so we hope it will spring up again. John & George & John (Junior) are very busy this afternoon, having gathered the flock of sheep down from the fields, too inject them, as they will be due to start to lamb from about the 25 March onwards, we are hoping the hard weather hasn't punished them too much, at present it doesn't appear so. I'm glad Elizabeth is able to go to the schools to help the pupils to grasp the gist of publishing, its lovely to be able, & satisfying to be able to pass on knowledge to the younger generation. Dear little Daniel will start day school all being well on April 14th it will be lovely for him to have playmates - & he is [illegible] which is quite a good thing

Jayes son Steven is like his Dad he is tall + he likes School better now he is left the Junior department. He feels more grown up. We do hope something can be done about the terrible amount of unemployment + unrest it is most worrying for everyone. But I suppose History always repeats itself. Vandels are everywhere, + the cost is beyond accounting + absolutly useless. Wishing you all the Best from John + J + Family.

Yours Sincerely
Hilda Witheridge

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[1988 trip plans] [Feb. 5, 1988]

February 5, 1988

Dear Hilda & John & Family,

I believe we mentioned in our Christmas note that we were hoping to come to Britain in May. All is working out now, and we expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. We'll spend about a week in the London area, then hire a car for three weeks and drive through England, Wales, and Scotland.

We'll start out with three days in Essex, where Elizabeth has some of her roots. Then we'll visit some relatives near Guildford. That will bring us to Exeter on Wednesday, May 25. We'll be in Exeter on Thursday and spend Friday in Barnstaple. We hope to stay three nights starting Friday at Berrynarbor in one of our favorite little inns, The Lodge.

On Saturday morning, May 28, we plan to drive to the town of Witheridge for a short visit with the Vicar. From there we'd like to come to West Buckland to see you and as many of your family as can be there. (We see by your last letter, Hilda, that you and John are now in the bungalow, but we'll come to the main house. We assume George and his family are living there now.) We hope to arrive before 11:30, and we won't be able to stay more than a couple of hours. Perhaps we could have a cup of tea and a sandwich or biscuit before we set out again for Combe Martin, where we'll spend the rest of Saturday and all day Sunday.

It's eight years since we last dropped in on you. Much has happened in the meantime, and we've all grown older; but we are in reasonably good health, and we hope all of you are, too. The grandchildren have grown so much that we probably won't know them. (I believe we told you that the grandchild we were expecting in 1986 was very premature and lived only 18 days.)

[David Ash Witheridge (b. 1986)]

"We look forward to hearing from you soon as to whether or not you'll be home on May 28, If that would be a bad day for you, we could probably work out something else during our stay in Devon.

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

April 22, 1988

Dear Hilda, John, & Family,

We are somewhat worried that we haven't had a reply to my letter of February 5. We hope this doesn't mean that you have been having serious illness or other problems. On the other hand, Hilda, we know that you aren't fond of writing letters! So maybe that's the only reason we haven't heard.

Time is drawing near, however, to our month-long visit to Britain, and we are gradually getting all the pieces put together. We've had to make a few changes as people have responded to our suggested itinerary, but our plans for Devon remain just about the same.

We'd like to drive to the Town of Witheridge on Saturday morning, May 28, for another look at the church and a visit with the Vicar. Then we'd like to come to West Buckland to see as many of you as we can. It's hard to say at this point just when we would arrive, but we think it would be around 11:30 a.m., and we wouldn't be able to stay more than a couple of hours.

We're hoping that this date and time will work out all right for you. Please drop us a brief note in the enclosed envelope and let us know. If it isn't a good time, we can still try to make a change in our schedule. If we don't hear from you before we arrive in England on May 14, we'll try to reach you by phone.

By the way, Kim and Roy Cook will be picking us up at the airport and also returning us there as they did in 1976 and 1980. We'll be staying with them a couple of days at the beginning and at the end of our stay, and they will always know where we are in case you need to reach us while we're in Britain. Their address is 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF; Ph. 01-777 6072.

Love to all of you,

David + Elizabeth

William George and Patricia Witheridge
documents

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
January 2, 1977

Dear Pat and George,

Isn't it dreadful that we have taken so long to send these pictures to you? All we can say is that we are way behind in everything because of our long trip to Great Britain last summer.

We hope you like these pictures as well as we do. They bring back wonderful memories of our time at Middle Stoodleigh Farm.

We did appreciate all the nice things you did for us, especially taking us around that part of Devon. We think it is a beautiful county, and of course it has special significance as the home of my ancestors for so many centuries.

Our visit with your mother and sister, Pat, was also a delightful experience, especially the organ recital by Janet in the Swymbridge Church and the refreshments later in their home.

How are John and Sarah Mary? We hope you are all well and having a very good year. Let us hear from you sometime!

Love,

David + Elizabeth

July 1st 1977.

Dear Mr and Mrs Witheridge

I am writing to thank you very much for the book you very kindly sent for Sarah. John is reading it to her and I am sure she will enjoy it for herself when she is a little older.

As you will see this is Silver Jubilee year and we have had our own celebrations in the local village. Jubilee Day was June 7th and on that day there was a fancy dress competition for the children, a ladies versus gents football match, children's sports, a grand tea, followed by a dance and supper. All the children received a mug.

In contrast to when you visited us last year this year has been very cold and wet and the crops are about a month late; but no doubt we shall have some summer

I am sending by surface mail some-up-to-date photos and Jubilee issue stamps.

Sarah started school in January full-time, and is enjoying it very much and already can nearly swim.

Yours sincerely
P.M. Witheridge

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Designed by Stuart Rose CBE FSIAD

April 29, 1988

Dear David and Elizabeth,

May apologies for such a time in replying but things are now a little quieter now that lambing is almost over.

My mother in law feels she is unable to write at the moment as she is far from well and has lost both her sisters in tragic circumstances during the past year and there are still problems clearing up the estates.

May 28th seems to be alright for us at the moment and we would like you to join us for an early lunch at the farmhouse, and we hope my in-laws will be able to join us then.

Sarah is now 16 and is taking her G.C.S.E. exams this year, but she will be home for half term then. My son John is now working at home and is engaged, his future wife is a teacher in the local prep school.

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You will find quite a chaos on the local roads, a new link road for the motorway is being built, about a mile from us.

The farm has changed very little, some extra land has been purchased, including some woodland, so we have quite a few more animals.

Yours sincerely
Pat Witheridge

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May, 1988

Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland.

Dear Rev and Mrs Witheridge,

I hope by now you have received my belated letter

We look forward to seeing you on May 28th and hope you will join us for lunch; I don't yet know which members of the family will be around as our schedule is more difficult to plan in advance

Yours sincerely

Pat Witheridge

July 26, 1988

Dear Pat, George, John, + Sarah,

Our trip through Britain went very well, and we were able to accomplish almost everything we had planned to do. The country was beautiful, and the relatives and friends we saw were all marvelous. The only problem was the weather. Most of the time it was cold, rainy, and windy. So we both came home with bad colds that lasted several weeks. When we got home, they were in the midst of a drought and very hot weather – many days above 90°F – which isn't over yet. So with our colds and the heat our energy level hasn't been very high! We're still not back to normal with all the work to be done after our trip.

We greatly enjoyed the day we were with you. The lunch you had prepared, Pat, was delicious, and we had fun talking with everyone, though the time went all too quickly. We think the pictures turned out well. Please show this letter to Hilda and John and give them their picture. Also give John and Janet theirs. We hope their new home is all set by now. We also hope Sarah's plans for college are progressing well.

As you are aware, we are in the midst of a presidential campaign this summer. Last week we spent a lot of time watching the Democratic Convention on TV. We greatly prefer Dukakis over Bush, and at the moment Dukakis is ahead in the polls.

We hope you are all well and having good weather for your crops and animals. We think of you often, even when we don't write!

Love to all,

David + Elizabeth

Dec. 1990

Dear Loved Ones,

We have had a very busy year, much of it spent in traveling to Chicago (425 miles) several times to see Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca. She is growing beautifully after a rather precarious start.

Most recently we spent Thanksgiving (late November) in Chicago and had a most delightful visit. For Christmas we'll have our son Jim with us here; but Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca will be with Virginia's family this year.

Another trip we took was a six-day drive around Lake Superior in late September, when the fall colors were at their peak.

You may remember

our talking about Kim and Roy Cook, with whom we have stayed many times in London. In late May and early June they spent two weeks with us in Minneapolis, and we had a wonderful time.

We've just heard about the terrific blizzard in Europe and Great Britain. It was probably farther north than Devon, but you may have gotten the edges of it.

We've already had some snow, but now it has suddenly turned warm again. No doubt it will turn colder and snow again before Christmas.

We are both in reasonably good health, and we hope the same for all of you.

All our love,
Elizabeth & David

December 6, 1996

Dear George and Pat,

Well, Christmas is upon us again, and I want to wish all of you the very best for Christmas and the New Year. I hope all are well and having a successful year. My health remains good, and I have managed this difficult year without Elizabeth very well, with the help of my family, whom I see about once a week.

Now I have some exciting news. I'm planning a trip to England next May. I don't know if you have heard of the Witheridge Society, but it is composed of Witheridge descendants who publish a quarterly journal and get together once a year for Witheridge Day on the May Bank Holiday. Next May the society will be ten years old, and they are planning a big celebration in Devon for May 3, 4, and 5. A year ago I thought my traveling days were over, but I've decided I just can't miss this chance to see many distant relatives whom I met on our trips and others I've never met.

I'm too old this time to hire a car and drive all over Britain, so I'm hoping all my Witheridge relatives will make a special effort to come to Devon for our get-together. Fortunately, you are already in Devon, and I hope you will be able to attend at least part of the celebration.

They had first talked about having the anniversary event in Witheridge, but there weren't enough accommodations there, so we're meeting in Tiverton. I think it would be good if you could come to Tiverton on Saturday, because it will be the best chance to talk to me and many of your distant cousins from Britain and many other parts of the world. I know there are a great many Witheridge descendants in Devon; and I hope that many will want to come on Saturday or Monday or both. (I don't know yet what the program is for Monday.) On Sunday there will be a bus trip to many places in North Devon where Witheridge families lived. I'm planning to take the trip, but you probably wouldn't want to.

I hope you will talk to all your family about this event and urge as many as possible to come. I think they will find it very interesting. All Witheridge descendants and their spouses are invited, whether or not they belong to the Witheridge Society. Of course, you wouldn't be staying overnight in the hotel, but you would have to sign up for the Saturday lunch.

Sarah wrote such a kind note to me after Elizabeth died that I want to write her a special letter. I have an idea, though, that the address I have for her is no longer correct: 23 King Edward St., Exeter, Devon EX4 4NY. Please write and let me know.

Well, you can see that I am excited about the possibilities of this event. I hope that you are also intrigued by the thought of so many "Witheridges" descending upon Devon all at the same time. I look forward to seeing you again and all the others I have come to know.

John and Jane Usher of Witheridge Farm
documents

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
December 7, 1980

Dear John, Jane, Julian, and Jennifer:

Much time has passed since we drove up the private drive to Witheridge and found your lovely family and home at the other end. But we haven't forgotten your warm hospitality, and we keep being reminded of you as we show our slides to our friends and relatives. Thank you again for welcoming us so kindly on that August Sunday.

We wanted to wait to write to you until we had received the prints we were having made from some of our slides. They're ready now, and here are a couple for you. We hope you like them. We certainly do. You are a very handsome family.

At the Devon Record Office in Exeter I made a first attempt to find out something about the background of your Witheridge property, but without any success. I searched through the East Ogwell parish register from the beginning to 1812 and could find no trace of a Witheridge. The closest thing to it was Wetherdon, for which there were about a dozen entries between 1676 and 1788. However, there may not be any connection between those names.

I didn't have time to investigate whether or not there are any land records, or early records of ownership of this property. Maybe you will have time to delve into that some day. It's rather difficult to do from this distance, but I might try at a later date.

At any rate, we are pleased that in our visit to the place marked Witheridge on the Bartholomew map we discovered some new English friends. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth Witheridge

E. Ogwell

Devon Record Office - 1980

## Baptisms

1704 Sept. 14 - John, yᵉ son of John + Mary Wetherdon

1708/9 Feb. 11 - Gregory the son + Jane the dau. of John Wetherdon were baptized

1736 Nov. 16 - Jane yᵉ dau of John Weatherd(t?)on was bapt.

## Marriages

1679 July 6 - Philip Brooking + Johane Cantor? of Withicombe

Oct. 15 - Humphrey Dolham + Sybilla Withicomb

1715 Mar. 21 - John Brooking of the parish of Withycombe

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## Baptisms

1743 Apr. 5 - Anne, d. of John Wetherdon + Anne his wife

1745/6 Mar. 20 - Gregory, s. of John Wetherdon + Anne his wife

1757 Jan. 3 - Anne, d. of John Wetherdon + Susanna his wife

1761 July 25 - John, s. of John Wetherdon + Susana his wife

## Burials

1676/7 Mar. 1, Joane, d. of Gregory Weatheren

1687 ~~May 6 - Susanna, d. of Roe~~

Aug. 7 - Jane, d. of Gregory Wetherdon

1716 Apr. 26 - John Wetherdon

## Marriages

1767 Banns - William Wetherdon + Sarah Webber - no mar.

1770 Jan. 28 - Peter Eales + Ann Wetherdon

1788 Mar. 26 - Gregory Wetherdon + Susanna Laskey

E. Ogwell                    Devon Record Office - 1980

Baptisms

1783 Dec. 19 - Publicly rec. into the church John, s. of John Weatherdon & Mary his wife who was privately baptized.

No Witheridge from beg. of reg. to 1812 or 1803

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Lt. Col. George Witheridge
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[Oct. 27, 1968]

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TO
Lt Col Geo. Witheridge
Crookyeat Kilgetty
Saundersfoot Pembroke
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RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED MAIL

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405, U.S.A.
October 27, 1968

Lt. Col. George H.T.H.Witheridge
Cooksyeat Kilgetty
Saundersfoot, Pembroke
England

Dear Lt. Col. Witheridge:

You will perhaps be surprised to get a letter from a Witheridge in the United States. Let me just say that I found your name in the British telephone directory in the New York City Public Library.

For the last few years I've been working on genealogy, and among other things I've been trying to reconstruct my Witheridge ancestry. Since my father was born in Wales and came to this country as a boy with his parents, most of my search for the Witheridge line has been in England, but this is hard at such a distance. I'm hoping you can be of some assistance to me.

As you can see, I've enclosed three family record sheets. One gives my own Witheridge ancestry as far back as I know it. The others are the earliest records I have of two other Witheridge families. Probably these three tie together somehow, but I don't know how. Maybe you are acquainted with one or more of these.

I'm hoping you will be willing to tell me how far back you can trace your own Witheridge line and what else you know about the Witheridge family. Could you give me the name and address of any other Witheridge descendants who have worked on Witheridge genealogy?

Just a word about myself. I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and began my professional experience there as a heating and ventilating engineer with my father, after graduating from the University of Michigan. Four years later I decided to become a minister, and I entered the seminary. After nine years as a Baptist minister, I came to Minneapolis seventeen years ago to be the executive of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife also grew up in Saginaw and was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. Now she is the author of children's books, having written six. We have two sons. Jim is 21 and works in a hospital here in Minneapolis. Tom is 20 and attends Oberlin College in Ohio.

I shall look forward to hearing from you and receiving any information you can give me about the Witheridge family in England. Thank you for any help you can give.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Nov. 1, 1968]

[Note by DEW]

(This letter was never completed or mailed, but was given to David Witheridge in July, 1976.)

[The next letter, dated Nov. 5, 1968, was actually mailed.]

Lt. Col. G. Witheridge, DSC.,OBE.,
Cooksyeat Farm,
KILGETTY,
Pembrokeshire,
Wales, U.K.
1st Nov.,1968.

Dear

I was delighted to receive your letter but I fear that I will not be able to help you as much as would wish though my sisters...in due course of time...may be able to furnish information handed to them while I was out of the country, which was for many years before the war, during the war,and a spell of duty in Germany after the war.

However, the main purpose of this letter is to thank you for writing and to give you some idea of our relationship. Briefly, I am George Witheridge, married to Mary, Edith (maiden name-Woodward). I have one son, Vernon, George, who will be 22 in May of next year. Presently he works in London for the British Aluminium Company (largely Americam fostered) and lives with his Aunt at Merton Park.

[Beauchamp Henry Witheridge (b. 1884)]

My father, deceased,was christened Henry, Beauchamp, was the son of George after whom I am named. I believe there were five brothers most of whom went to America after service with the British Navy. Of these brothers I have little information to pass to you, but, while in the States in January of 1943, and in Detroit working on tank development, (I had invented equipment that had to be put into production) I looked up the telephone directory..just as you did, to see whether or not there were any Witheridge's about. To my surprise I was able to meet Mr and Mrs William N. Witheridge and the same evening I spoke across the country to Bill's father named William and brother to my father, or so we thought after discussion. I have written several times to Bill after the war but I'm sorry to say I did not receive a reply...probably because he did not get my letters. His address at that was:-3741 W Outer Drive, Detroit 21 Michigan. The then telephone number was:-UN-15103.

* [George Witheridge (b. 1840)]

Coming back to myself, I was born in SALTCOATS, SCOTLAND, mother being of scottish descent. I was born on the 23rd January, 1908, which indicates that I am quite a grey beard. Father had moved up to Scotland from Devoshire at the beginning of the Great War or World War I, as my American friends say. He moved up to superinted the T.N.T. explosive department of Nobel's factory situated at Irvin in the county of Ayr. At the beginning of World War II we moved to Llanelli, in South Wales, where a new ammunition factory was established and there we buried both father and mother and,my sisters, five, and my brother, Henry, live in that area today except Agness who died while I was away in Germany.

I am in touch with Richard (Dick) and Elizabeth (Betsy) Witheridge who try to visit me at least once each year. Their address is:- BRIDGEMONT, BIRMINGHAM ROAD, BUDEROCK, WARWICK, ENGLAND. Dick and Betsy are brother and sister, are middle aged and are unmarried.

[Leslie Richard (Dick) Witheridge (b. 1913) and Bessie Witheridge (b. 1917)]

Tel. Warwick 02092 - (?)
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[Unlike the previous letter, this one was mailed by George and received by DEW.]

[Nov. 5, 1968]

5th November, 1968

Dear David Witheridge,

I was delighted to receive your registered letter and the three family record sheets. I tried to write to you on the first day of the month, but it so happens that I have a fight on my hands with the local-planning-authority which has, and is, taking up much of my time. In the circumstances I have decided just to acknowledge your contact with me and to say that I am delighted you have written. Thank you for your news of your family.

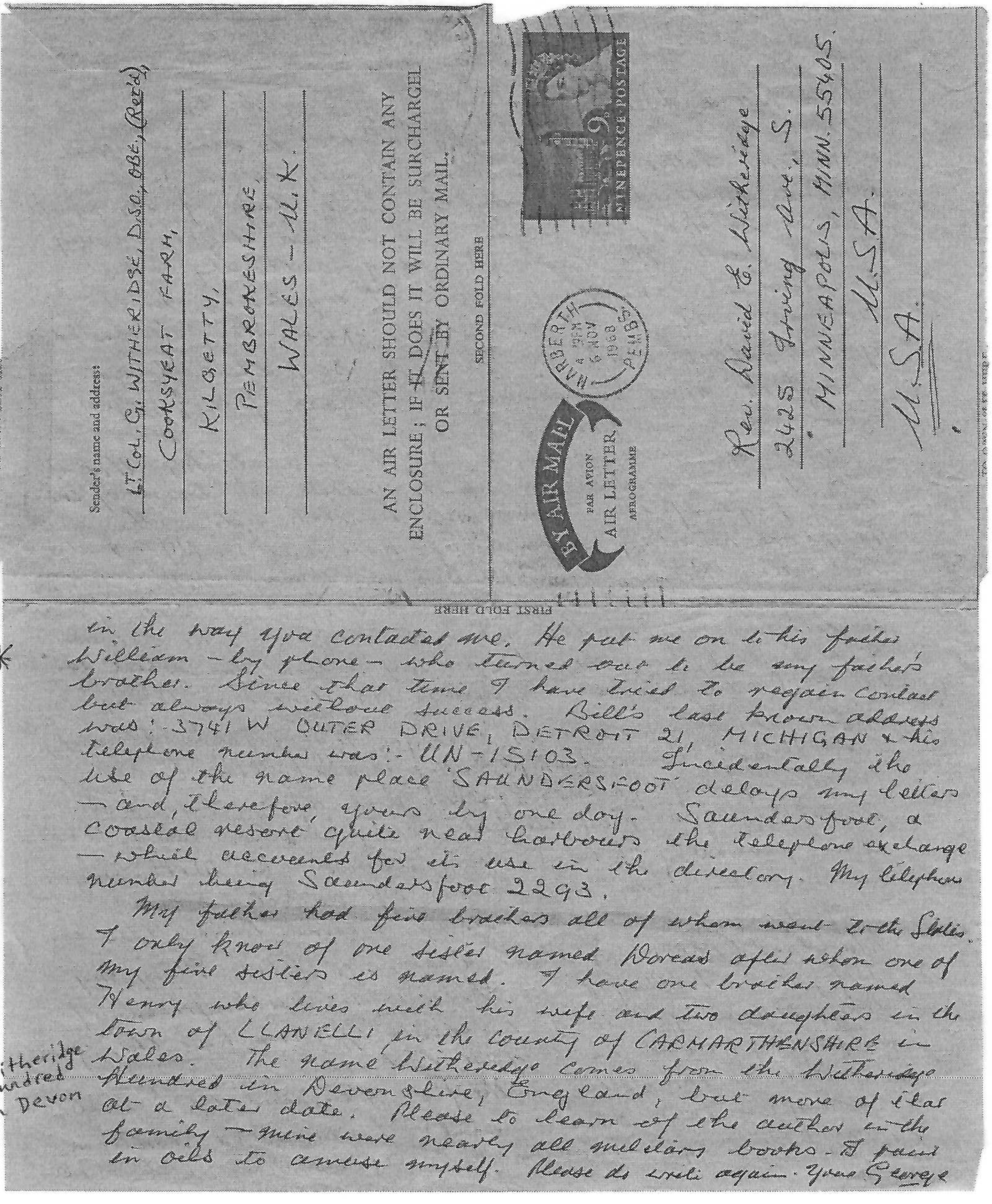
When you write again – and I sincerely hope that you will please make use of the address at back of the outer page of this short and hurried note. The Telephone Directory incorrectly – here and in N.Y. – puts the letters R.T.R before my name. Those letters signify my regiment – the Royal Tank Regiment and, if used in retirement are added after the name. I do not use them instead, however, I use my decorations which we in Gt. Britain use – unlike the American Army.

My christian name is George. My father's (deceased) was Henry, Beauchamp. My Grandfather's being George He being my father's-father and after whom I am named. You may well be surprised to learn that you probably know more about the Witheridges' in Britain than we know of ourselves.

I have been to the States several times. Was in Maryland (ABERDEEN) three years ago where Mary, my wife, and I stayed for three weeks with friends of long standing. They, incidentally, came here this year returning home in August last.

While in the States in the year 1943, and in Detroit (working on tank development) I contacted William (Bill) Witheridge through the Telephone Directory – much

*[His statement about DEW's father can't be true, for it would make George and DEW first cousins. See the next document.]



Sender's name and address:

Lt Col. G. WITHERIDGE, D.S.O., OBE, (Ret'd),
COOKSYEAT FARM,
KILGETTY,
PEMBROKESHIRE,
WALES – U.K.

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Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave., S.
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in the way you contacted me. He put me on to his father William – by phone – who turned out to be my father's brother. * Since that time I have tried to regain contact but always without success. Bill's last known address was:- 3741 W OUTER DRIVE, DETROIT 21, MICHIGAN & his telephone number was:- UN-15103. Incidentally the use of the name place 'SAUNDERSFOOT' delays my letters – and, therefore, yours by one day. Saundersfoot, a coastal resort quite near, harbours the telephone exchange – which accounts for its use in the directory. My telephone number being Saundersfoot 2293.

My father had five brothers all of whom went to the States. I only know of one sister named Dorcas after whom one of my five sisters is named. I have one brother named Henry who lives with his wife and two daughters in the town of LLANELLI in the county of CARMARTHENSHIRE in Wales. The name Witheridge comes from the Witheridge Hundred in Devonshire, England, but more of that at a later date. Please to learn of the author in the family – mine were nearly all military books. I paint in oils to amuse myself. Please do write again. Yours George

Witheridge Hundred in Devon

(See his letter for address)

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405, U.S.A.
November 15, 1968

Dear George:

I was certainly glad to receive your very friendly letter and to know that you are interested in learning as much as possible about the Witheridge family. As you implied, not much seems to be known as yet--at least, I still haven't discovered anyone who has compiled much Witheridge genealogy.

It so happens that Bill Witheridge who lived at 3741 W. Outer Drive in Detroit was my brother. I am sorry to report that he died in 1964. We grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, which is no doubt where you were able to contact our father, William, by phone.

You cannot be correct, however, in saying that Bill's and my father was your father's brother. I am well acquainted with all of Father's brothers and sisters, and there was no Henry, and none who remained in Wales or England. At first I thought it might have been Grandfather, who was also named William, who was a brother of your father. But his father was John, while you say your grandfather was George. So we apparently don't have the right connection yet.

As you see, I have enclosed some forms for you to return. I hope you will fill them out as completely as possible in terms of names, dates, and places. In the last few years I have become very adept at tracking down genealogical information, if I do say so myself! Every little scrap of information helps, and I hope you will give me everything possible.

In particular, I'd like to have all you know about your grandfather and his children (your uncles and aunts). How can we find out something--anything at all--about the five brothers who came to the United States?

Please, also, give me the names and addresses of all your relatives on the Witheridge side. I realize that is a big order, but I really want them all. It's so easy to lose track of people, that I think this information should be brought together in one place.

The news that you and Mary spent three weeks in Aberdeen, Maryland, three years ago was very interesting, because my wife, Elizabeth and I have also spent a week in Harford County, Maryland (where Aberdeen is located) on two different occasions in recent years. She has just completed a book about her ancestors, who lived in Harford County back around 1800, and she was doing research in preparation. The book will be published in the spring, but we are not sure of the title yet.

[And what of you, Josephine Charlotte?]

I'll be looking forward to another of your good letters.

Sincerely,

David

David E. Witheridge

[Mar. 6, 1969]

Cooksyeat
6th March, 1969

Dear David,

No doubt you have been wondering over the delay in my answering your last letter. The fact is that I became very ill three weeks before Christmas – I'm a heart case – and a wonky heart necessitates a slowing down, and I'm at a crawl now, doing little, and writing less.

Since my American friend came over last July when I drove him around England, Wales and Ireland, I have been continually busy as Vice Pres. of the Cardiff & South Wales Branch of the Royal Tank Corps Association; journeying to Cardiff & London (at own expense) to attend meetings etc. I also take part in the doings of the British Legion & am Vice Pres. of the Scout Association in this part of Pembrokeshire. All in all I overdid matters, & as a heart-case of five years standing – should have had more sense.

[Royal Tank Corps Association]

Forgive my not writing & I promise you, God willing, that I will help in your compiling the Witherings genealogical tree.

Yours very sincerely
George

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
August 19, 1970

Lt. Col. G. Witheridge, D.S.O., O.B.E., (Ret'd.)
Cooksyeat Farm
Kilgetty
Pembrokeshire
Wales, U. K.

Saundersfoot 81-2293

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Dear George:

It's over a year since you last wrote, and I'm wondering how your health is and what you are doing. Your letter sounded as though you are a very busy man, but I fear you do too much for one with a history of heart trouble.

My genealogical research has lain dormant for some time, but now I am on vacation for a few weeks, and I hope to make a little progress.

I realize that I asked too much the last time and probably overwhelmed you with all the forms and questions. Some day I do look forward to getting as much of this information as possible from you.

In the meantime, however, I hope you will write just a short note and give me the information about your father: the date and place of his death, which you probably know, and the date and place of his birth, if you have that, or at least his age when he died. If I have at least some of these items, I can do a little digging and find a great deal more. Eventually, we'll know just how we are related.

I've corresponded with several Witheridges in England, but no one seems to know anything about his ancestry bejond his grandparents.

The best help I've had so far was from the rector of the church in Combe Martin, Devon, where my great-grandfather was born in 1828. For a small fee he sent me a list of all the Witheridge and Blackmore baptisms there from 1817 to 1853, as well as some marriages and burials. (My great-grandmother was a Blackmore.)

I look forward to hearing from you soon with information about your father.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[1976 trip to Great Britain] [July 1, 1976]

The Abbey International
Students Club
27 Courtfield Gardens
London SW5

July 1, 1976

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Dear George, ([illegible])

You will no doubt remember the correspondence we had a few years ago when I was just beginning to study the genealogy of the Witheridge family.

At that time I didn't think we would ever be coming to Britain, but here we are. I am here with my wife on a 12-week study leave, studying the economic situation in Britain. We arrived on June 16 and return to Minneapolis on September 2.

Naturally, we are doing some sightseeing and visiting relatives and Witheridges as we can fit it in. Starting on July 8 we'll be hiring a car and driving up through England, Scotland and Wales ending up in Devon at

U. of Exeter

the University of Exeter for two weeks. Then

U. of Cambridge

we'll be a week at the University of Cambridge.

We'll be in Wales from about July 29 to August 3, and we do hope we can visit you. I have relatives in several towns in Glamorgan. As it looks now, August 3 might be the best day, if you are going to be home at that time.

As I say, our last day here at the Lee Abbey International Students Club will be Wednesday, July 7. If you get this in time you might leave a telephone message here at 01-373-7286, and I could call you back.

If you don't get this in time for that, you could write or phone us in care of the Rev. Eric J. Allen, 14 The View, Leeds LS8 1JL, Yorks. (Tel. 661547). We'll be there from July 13 to 15.

From July 25 to 27 we'll be with another Witheridge relative, Mrs. Sidney J. Fryer, 105 High Street, Pensnett, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 4RN (Tel. 021-630-0691).

In Glamorgan our best contact is Mr. William J. Roberts, 46 Thompson Street, Ynysybwl, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan CF3 73EN.

If we don't hear from you, I'll try to call you and see what we can work out to fit our schedule and yours.

Yours sincerely,
David E Witheridge

P.S. While there I'd very much like to meet your brother and his family in Llanelli. Do you think that would be possible?
DEW

[July 9, 1976]

Tel: Saundersfoot
STD = Straight thru' dialling
0834 - 812293

booksyeat
KILGETTY
DYFED, PEMBS.,

9th July, 1976

Dear David,

Not all places have STD dialling, therefore you may have to call exchange and ask for SAUNDERSFOOT, 812293.

Many thanks for your letter giving me your itinerary and reason for you and your wife coming to Britain. I was particularly pleased to talk on the phone to you and now look forward to meeting you and your wife either here or elsewhere.

You would be welcomed here for one, two or more days, in which case we would have to arrange your accommodation locally and, at our expense, for the reason that Mary has been very ill for nearly three years.

Mary has been treated for year for arthritis but because there was little improvement I called in the specialist who diagnosed Parkinson's disease and some months ago was made worse by a severe bout of flu.

The side-effects (drastic + disturbing) became apparent on our flight to the States; but more of that later. Today Mary shows great improvement physically and little forgetfulness — which is part of the side-effects.

When I know what exactly you would like to do re. length of stay, people to meet and the views & sites — such as St David's; I will arrange your accommodation and either bring my brother here or take you to him in Llanelli about forty miles east along the coast from here.

You tell me that your best date would be 30th August — that's fine with us but I repeat: we will keep the dates of your visit clear for you as soon as we know what you would like to do etc.

We both sincerely hope that you are enjoying your run-around meeting possible helpers in your study & search. I think you will find most people helpful.

We look forward to meeting you both.

Yours sincerely,
George Witheridge

P.T.O.

— sent gift from Salisbury and card from Exeter — ~~got~~ Aug. 9, 1976

When near Cardiff try to visit Lil HOOKWAY
who is the daughter of my father's sister,
Dorcas. (Mrs. Cole) (1st cousin of George)

Her address is:

Mrs. Lily Mr L. Hookway
54, Redhouse Crescent
Ely, Cardiff

[Lilian Mabel Cole (b. 1905), who married Harold Henry Hookway]

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[Paul Ballard]

[Aug. 9, 1976]

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Cookseyat - 9th August
1976

Dear David & Elizabeth,

How good it was to have you with us, even though only for a short time. We were delighted, and after you had gone away we felt as though we had passed through a dream; you were both so understanding, so kind in your ways.

This morning we received a package of Pimpernel table coasters, each of the six depicting "Inns of old England

There was no note or indication as to the sender, but being so soon after your visit, we assumed that the gift was from you. We therefore, send our many thanks - it was a kindly thought which is much appreciated.

Sister Lil (Lily) cannot be contacted - for the purpose we have in mind - but another sister, Elizabeth, has journeyed out here to give me my father's death certificate.

Eventually, and, as promised, you will receive the details of all necessary certificates

We send our love to you both, and hope that we will meet again.

George & Mary

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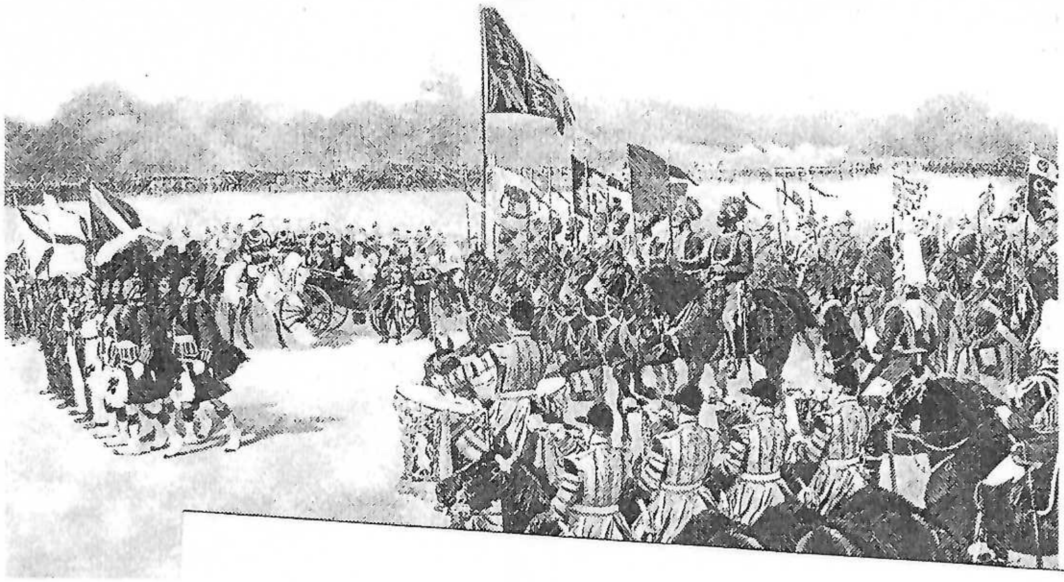

British and Imperial Forces marching past Queen Victoria
and her Family at Windsor
on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee, 1897
by R. Caton Woodville.
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Marys 'Parkinson' problem has kept me too busy
to do much else rather than care for her.
I hope that you are both well & happy
George

Dear -
David & Elizabeth,

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With Best Wishes
for
Christmas and the New Year
*from* George & Mary

Cooklyane
Kilgetty.

1977

1977
(#2 of 2)

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,
Colonel in Chief, Royal Tank Regiment

*(reproduced from the Regimental Portrait painted by Edward I. Halliday, C.B.E., P.R.B.A., P.R.P. in 1956)*

Mary's Parkinson disease problem is no better or worse - thank God. The side effects are confusion of thought, forgetfulness and quite a worry to her.

For myself there is a gradual failure of my legs to carry me due to a war wound damaging my vertebrae + disks in the lower lumbar area.

Vernon and Elizabeth Rae are without child — I live in hope.

The only cheerful news of the family - and I'm thankful to say - that we are all reasonably happy though all around us there are many signs of social disorder.

We hope that you are well and that your churches continue in strength to attract your people

George

To David and Elizabeth,

*With Best Wishes*

*for*

*Christmas and the New Year*

*from*

George + Mary
With Love

'77

*All profits on the sale of this card in aid of*
*Royal Tank Regiment Benevolent Fund*

Cocksyeat,
Kilgetty

[This page of notes by DEW was located immediately following Lt. Col. Witheridge's two 1977 Christmas cards.]

George's brothers + sisters:

✓ Mrs. Frederick Beasley (Dorcas)
2, Lon Ceiriog
Died 1980 Cefn Caeau
Dyfed Llwynhendy
Wales

Philip Hathaway
wrote to her in
May, 1980

✓ ✗ Mrs. Frederick May (Lily)
69, Andrews St.
Llanelli
Dyfed

✓ Mrs. Sidney Caulkney (Elizabeth)
11, Nantwen
Llwynhendy
Llanelli
Dyfed

✓ Mr. Henry Witheridge
7, Pen-y-bigyn
Llanelli
Dyfed

✓ Mrs. Ronald Howarth (Nell)
26, Salisbury Rd.
Ellesmere Park
Eccles
Manchester
England

[These notes by DEW, and those on the next page, were located after Lt. Col. Witheridge's 1977 Christmas cards.]

[See the letters dated Nov. 1, Nov. 5, and Nov. 15, 1968, earlier in this section of documents.]

Jan. 27, 1943 -

[William N. and Anne Witheridge were DEW's brother and sister-in-law, who lived in Detroit, MI.]

George Witheridge visited William N. and Anne Witheridge at 3741 Outer Drive Detroit. He was in America having flown from the Libyan (?) Desert to the U.S.A., there to assist in the development of tanks, tank gunnery in particular.

July 25, 1965 -

George Witheridge wrote:

[Elizabeth Munro (b.1882)]

"My mother was Elizabeth Munro of the Clan Munro. Clan badge depicts the Common Club Moss. In Gaelic they are called Clann Rothaich of Castle-Foulis in Ross-shire.

"In 1740 Sir Robert Munro was appointed Lieut. Colonel of the Black Watch."

Nov. 1, 1968 - George wrote:

[See the letter earlier in this section.]

I am in touch with Richard (Dick) and Elizabeth (Betsy) Witheridge who try to visit me at least once each year." Their address is:

Mr. Richard Witheridge
Miss Elizabeth Witheridge
Bridgmont
Birmingham Road
Baderook
Warwick

Dick and Betsy are brother and sister, are middle aged, and are unmarried.

Ask Lt. Col. George Witheridge:

You mentioned going back to Ilfracombe for a wedding a few years ago. Was that because you have relatives or friends there? Did you or your parents live in that part of Devon?

[Town of Georgeham, Devon]

You also mentioned the town of Georgeham, where you saw the name of a George Witheridge at the end of a memorial plaque. Did you ever find out if your family had any roots there or any connection with Georgeham?

[Mary E. Woodward, George's wife]

In one place I have Mary's middle name as Edith, and in another place I have Elizabeth. Which is correct?

Did you give up the idea of moving back to England?

[Vernon Witheridge]

Was Vernon your only child? I had a couple of check marks that seemed to indicate that you might have had two other children who died.

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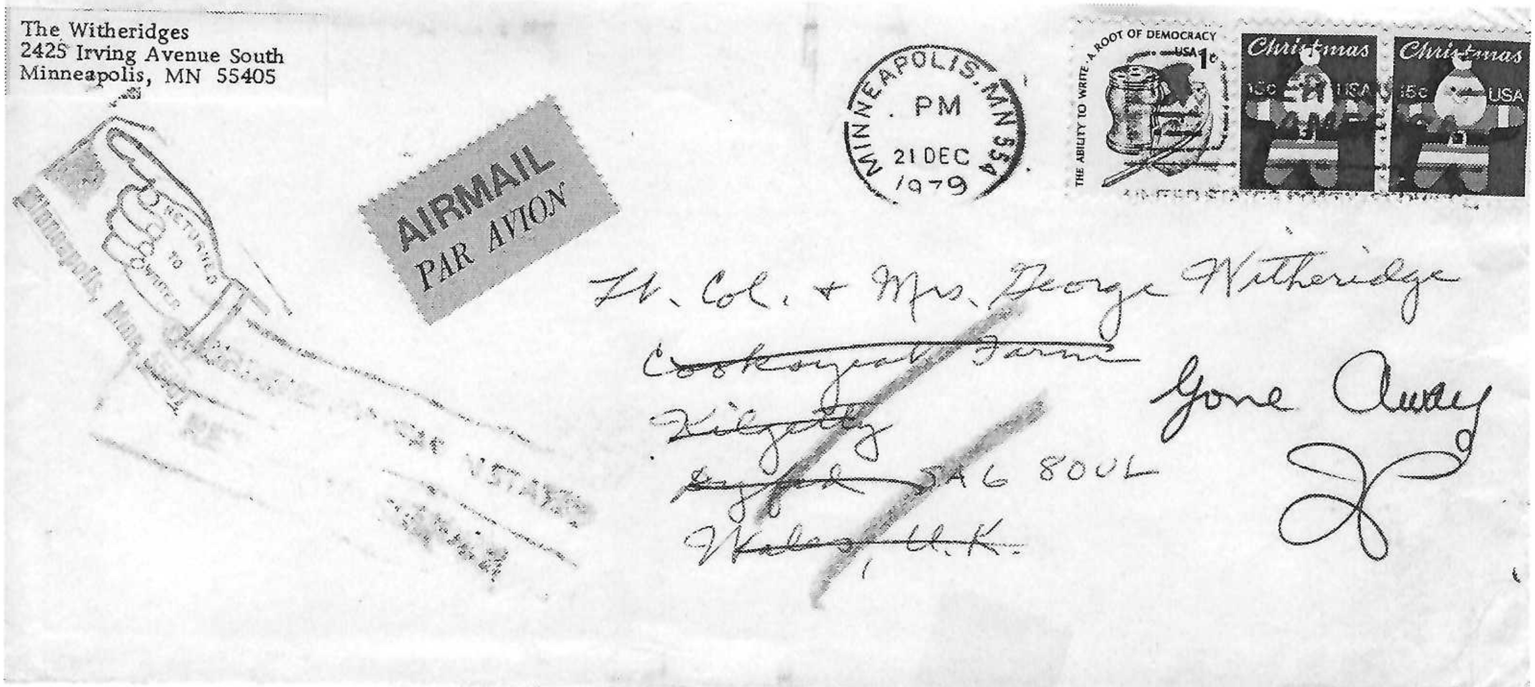
[Lilian Mabel Cole (b. 1905), who married Harold Henry Hookway]

Write to Mrs. Lily Hookway
(Lt. Col. George Witheridge's first cousin)

Ask for all the information she has.

Was her grandfather, George, the brother of Henrietta Witheridge, who was born in St. Edmund Parish, Kingsbridge, Devon, on February 5, 1862, the daughter of George and Dorcas Witheridge?



The Witheridges
2425 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 554
PM
21 DEC
1979

THE ABILITY TO WRITE, A ROOT OF DEMOCRACY USA 1c

Christmas 15c USA

Christmas 15c USA

RETURNED TO SENDER

AIRMAIL
PAR AVION

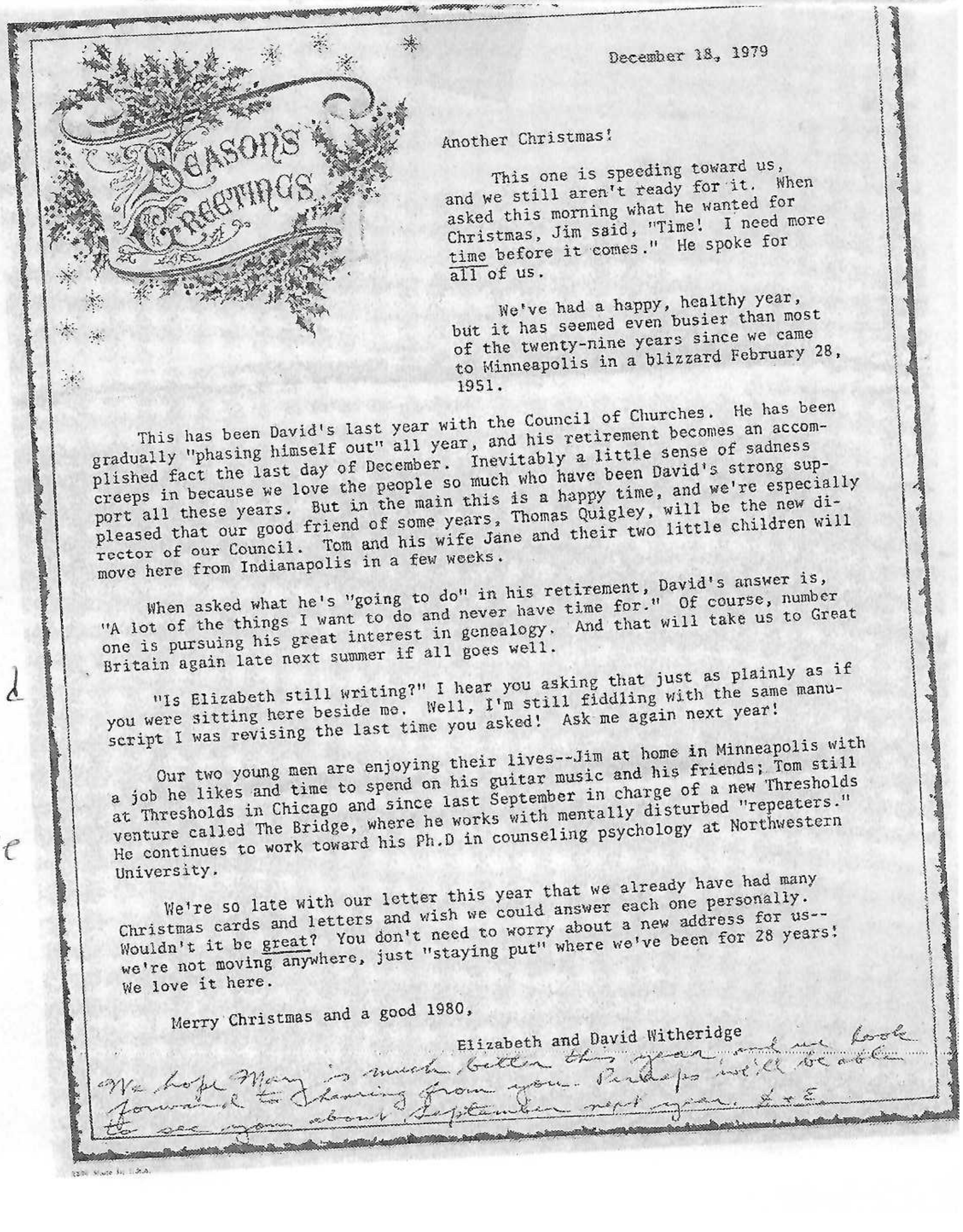
Lt. Col. + Mrs. George Witheridge
~~Cookoygal Farm~~
~~Kilgetty~~
~~Dyfed~~ SA6 8OUL
~~Wales~~, U.K.

Gone away

Editor's note:

Sadly, this is how Dad and Mom learned of George's death - a note that he had "gone away" on the returned envelope containing their 1979 newsy Christmas letter (with Dad's handwritten P.S. about their planned 1980 trip to Britain.

Tom Witheridge
June 2, 2022



Season's Greetings

December 18, 1979

Another Christmas!

This one is speeding toward us, and we still aren't ready for it. When asked this morning what he wanted for Christmas, Jim said, "Time! I need more time before it comes." He spoke for all of us.

We've had a happy, healthy year, but it has seemed even busier than most of the twenty-nine years since we came to Minneapolis in a blizzard February 28, 1951.

This has been David's last year with the Council of Churches. He has been gradually "phasing himself out" all year, and his retirement becomes an accomplished fact the last day of December. Inevitably a little sense of sadness creeps in because we love the people so much who have been David's strong support all these years. But in the main this is a happy time, and we're especially pleased that our good friend of some years, Thomas Quigley, will be the new director of our Council. Tom and his wife Jane and their two little children will move here from Indianapolis in a few weeks.

When asked what he's "going to do" in his retirement, David's answer is, "A lot of the things I want to do and never have time for." Of course, number one is pursuing his great interest in genealogy. And that will take us to Great Britain again late next summer if all goes well.

"Is Elizabeth still writing?" I hear you asking that just as plainly as if you were sitting here beside me. Well, I'm still fiddling with the same manuscript I was revising the last time you asked! Ask me again next year!

Our two young men are enjoying their lives--Jim at home in Minneapolis with a job he likes and time to spend on his guitar music and his friends; Tom still at Thresholds in Chicago and since last September in charge of a new Thresholds venture called The Bridge, where he works with mentally disturbed "repeaters." He continues to work toward his Ph.D in counseling psychology at Northwestern University.

We're so late with our letter this year that we already have had many Christmas cards and letters and wish we could answer each one personally. Wouldn't it be great? You don't need to worry about a new address for us--we're not moving anywhere, just "staying put" where we've been for 28 years! We love it here.

Merry Christmas and a good 1980,

Elizabeth and David Witheridge

We hope Mary is much better this year and we look forward to hearing from you. Perhaps we'll be able to see you about September next year. D & E

Made in U.S.A.

[May 11, 1980]

[Son of George and Mary]

Vernon George Witheridge (wife: Eliz. Rae)
6 Barescroft
Middleton
Market Harborough
Leicestershire

May 11, 1980

(Vernon)

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

I hope this is still your correct address. I got it from your father when my wife Elizabeth and I visited him and your mother at Kilgetty in 1976. Perhaps he mentioned us to you at that time. We think that our families are distantly related, though we haven't yet figured out just how.

Having a great interest in genealogy, I got his name from the phone book and began corresponding with him. Then, as I said, we spent a day or so with them when we came to Britain in 1976.

Now we are planning another trip to Britain in August and September of this year and hope to visit them again. However, just the other day the Christmas letter we mailed to them in December was returned by the Post Office marked "Gone away." (It took long enough to be returned!)

I remember that when we were there in 1976 your father said they were expecting to move back to England some time. We haven't heard from them since 1977, I think, so we assume they have returned to England. If you get this letter, I hope you will reply soon and give us their new address.

We have other relatives whom we'll be visiting in the Birmingham area about September 2 to 4. While there I'd certainly like to talk with you on the telephone, and maybe we could even get together briefly.

Aug 27-29 ?

We'll be looking forward to your reply in the near future.

Yours sincerely.

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[Vernon's mother]

Mrs. George Witheridge (Mary)
11 Brewery Street
Pembroke Dock
Dyfed
U. K.

(from Philip Hookway, 6/2/80)

[Philip Edgar Hookway]

[DEW's source for George Witheridge's (b. 1908) death date was Elizabeth Witheridge (b. 1919), his sister.]

GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. ______

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl.- place

2 Beauchamp Henry Witheridge
b. Mar. 5, 1884
pl. Morrice Town, Tamar, Devon
m.
pl.
d. Jan. 26, 1951
pl. Llanelli, Dyfed, Wales

ANCESTORS OF

1 George Witheridge
b. Jan. 23, 1908
pl. Saltcoats, Scotland
m. Oct. 1, 1938
pl. Poole, Dorset
d. Feb. 7, 1978*
pl. Kilgetty, Dyfed (?)
Spouse:
Mary Elizabeth Woodward

3 Elizabeth Munro
b. Nov. 11, 1882
pl. Kilmarnock, Scotland
d. Mar. 3, 1939
pl. Llanelli, Dyfed, Wales

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No.____ on Chart No.________

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4 George Witheridge
b. c. 1840
pl.
m. Aug. 19, 1861
pl. Plymouth, Devon
d.
pl.

5 Dorcas Hammett
b. c. 1840
pl.
d.
pl.

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b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

7
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

16

8 William Witheridge
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

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b.
pl.
d.
pl.

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10 Henry Hammett
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

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b.
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m.
pl.
d. pl.

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b. d.
pl. pl.

* Inf. from Elizabeth Cauldrey

# Henry Witheridge (b. 1919)
# documents

This section contains many documents pertaining to Henry's wife, known in the index as Winifred (Winnie) Reese.

✓ Send Phil Howarth a copy when revised

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No. JAH22-9

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Henry Beauchamp Witheridge (a)*
Father's Name: George Witheridge
Mother's Maiden Name: Dorcas

Date Place
Birth Mar. 5, 1884 – Morrice Town, (c) Devon (a)
Marriage 1907 (c) – Scotland
Death Jan. 26, 1951 – Llanelli, Dyfed, Wales (a)
Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

Birth cert. ordered, 1990

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Elizabeth Munro (a)**
Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth Nov. 11, 1882 – Kirkgate (?) Kilmarnock (c) Scotland (a)
Death Mar. 3, 1939 – Llanelli, Dyfed, Wales (a)
Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) Order ?

| | | | Date Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 1 Henry (a)<br>Married to Winifred Jane<br>~~Wynifrith~~ Reeces (a) (c) | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | Dec. 19, 1919 – Llanelli [two daughters] (a) (c)<br>Apr. 6, 1943 – Llandebie, Dyfed (c) |
| 1 | 2 [Lt. Col.] George<br>Married to<br>Mary E. Woodward (a) | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | Jan. 23, 1908 – Saltcoats, Scotland (a) [son: Vernon George, b. May, 19– married Elizabeth Rae ——]<br>Oct. 1, 1938 – Poole, Dorset (a) |
| 3 | 3 Lily (a) (Mable)<br>Married to<br>Frederick May (a) | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | June 19, 1911 – Ardrossan, Scotland (d)<br>May 20, 1929 – Llanelli, Dyfed (d) |
| 5 | 4 Elizabeth (a)<br>Married to John<br>Sidney Cauldrey (a) | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | Dec. 3, 1916 – Llanelli, Dyfed (c)<br>Apr. 29, 1939 – Llanelli (c) |
| 2 | 5 Dorcas (a)<br>Married to<br>Frederick Beasley (a) | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | July 24, 1909 – Scotland (d) [son: Alan, married Doreen ——] (b)<br>July 22, 1934 – Llanelli (d)<br>June 1, 1980 – Llanelli, Dyfed (b) |
| 7 | 6 Nelly (a)<br>Married to<br>Ronald Howarth (a) | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | July 11, 1922 – Llanelli<br>c. 1946 |
| 4 | 7 Agness (a)<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | Oct. 15, 1914 – Scotland (d)<br><br>1953 – Morriston Hosp. |
| | 8<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | See notes on next page → |
| | 9<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | |
| | 10<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | |

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[See record on previous page.]

(a) Inf. from Lt. Col. George Witheridge
(b) Inf. from Philip Hookway
(c) Inf. from Elizabeth Cauldrey
(d) Inf. from Lily May
(e) Inf. from Henry Witheridge

[Actually, Beauchamp was his first name; see DEW's correction on previous page.]

* Middle name pronounced "Beacham." Henry Witheridge moved up to Scotland from Devon at the beginning of the Great War [World War I]. "He moved up to superintend the T.N.T. explosive department of Nobel's factory situated at Irwin in the county of Ayr. At the beginning of World War II we moved to Llanelli, in South Wales, where a new ammunition factory was established, and there we buried both father and mother...." (a)

** "My mother was Elizabeth Munro of the Clan Munro. Clan badge depicts the Common Club Moss. Fr. Gaelic they are called Clann Rothaich of Castle-Foalis in Ross-Shire. In 1740 Sir Robert Monro was appointed Lieut. Colonel of the Black Watch." -Geo. Witheridge, 7/25/65 (a)

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Hookway Family No. JAH4

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Harold Henry Hookway (a)
Father's Name:
Arthur William Hookway (b) *
Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth
Marriage
Death
Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Lilian Mabel Cole (a)
Father's Name:
James Elias Cole (a)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Dorcas Mary Witheridge (a)

Date Place
Birth Aug. 26, 1905 - Cardiff, So. Glam., Wales (b)
Death

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 David (a) Birth
Married to Marriage dau. - Caroline (a)
Death [dau. - Caroline]

2 Philip Edgar (a) Birth
Married to Marriage son - Jeremy Arnold
Caenwen (b) Death [son - Jeremy Arnold]

3 Robert (a) Birth
Married to Marriage dau. - Halina (a)
Death [dau. - Halina]

4 Kenneth (a) Birth
Married to Marriage Two children (a)
Death

5 Birth
Married to Marriage
Death

6 Birth
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Death

10 Birth
Marri... Marriage
Death

Notes from other side:
(a) Inf. from Lilian Hookway
(b) Inf. from Philip Hookway.
* Born at Wear Giffard near Bideford, Devon. His father was William Henry. (b)

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Cole Family No. JAH 10-3

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
David Cole (a)
Father's Name:
James Elias Cole (a)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Dorcas Mary Witheridge (a)

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Marriage | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Grace ———— (a)
Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | David (a) | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | children (a) |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | Edward (a) | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | children (a) |
| | | Death | | |
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| 7 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
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Note on other side;
(a) Inf. from Lilian Hookway

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[This was in Henry Witheridge's file, but it relates more to Henry's brother and sister, George and Elizabeth.] [May 11, 1980]

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Mrs. Sidney Cauldrey
11, Nantwen
Llwynhendy
Llanelli
Dyfed
United Kingdom

[Elizabeth Witheridge (b. 1916)]

May 11, 1980

[Lt. Col. George Witheridge (b. 1908)]

Dear Mrs. Cauldrey:

I'm sure you have heard of me through your brother George. I originally got in touch with him through the telephone directory, because of my interest in genealogy. Then in 1976 my wife Elizabeth and I visited him and Mary at their home in Kilgetty, and we had a very pleasant time with them. Since then we have corresponded a couple of times, but not very recently.

In December we sent them our Christmas letter, but we didn't hear from them. Then only a few days ago the letter came back with a notation on the outside, "Gone away." We want very much to know where they have moved to, because we are coming back to Britain in August and September, and we'd like to try to see them again. Would you please send us their current address?

Since we have a number of relatives in South Wales, we'll be spending a couple of nights in Pontypridd about August 30 and 31. We might be able to telephone you at that time, or possibly we could come to Llanelli for a brief visit. We don't have all the details of our itinerary set up yet.

In one of his letters George said you had taken a copy of your father's death certificate to him. I thought he would be sending me the information from that and other certificates, but he never did. I have an idea I could get some clues from you on your Witheridge ancestry if we could have a visit together.

I'll be looking forward to a letter from you with George's new address.

Yours sincerely,

[1980 trip plans] [July 10, 1980]

Mr. Henry Witheridge
7, Pen-y-bigyn
Llanelli
Dyfed SA15 1PB
Wales, U.K.

July 10, 1980

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

Your brother George may have mentioned me to you when I was in correspondence with him and then visited Mary and him with my wife Elizabeth in 1976. When our 1979 Christmas letter finally came back in May of this year marked, "Gone away," I wrote to several persons trying to get their current address, because my wife and I will be returning to Britain in August and September, and we were hoping to see them again.

[Lilian Mabel Cole (b. 1905]

[Philip Edgar Hookway]

Your cousin, Lilian Hookway, passed my letter on to her son Philip, who wrote and gave us the sad news that George had died a year or so ago. In a later letter Philip reported that your sister Dorcas had also died in June, and we are very sorry to hear this.

[Elizabeth Witheridge (b. 1916)]

[Corrected to "Couldrey" by Winnie Witheridge, known here as Winifred (Winnie) Reese, Henry Witheridge's (b. 1919) wife, See the next document.]

The others to whom I wrote were your sister, Elizabeth Cauldrey, and George's son Vernon. Of course, I was using addresses that were four years old, so perhaps they never received my letters; but neither one has replied, so I decided to write to you, hoping that your address is still correct.

Would you please send me the current address of George's son Vernon? I'd like to write him a letter, and if he is near where we'll be traveling, we might be able to see him.

Since we'll be in the Cardiff area on August 30 and 31, and will be going west and north through Wales for a day or two after that, we thought we might be able to stop briefly in Llanelli and meet you and your sisters and families--or at least those who might be there at that time.

If you are able to write immediately, we will probably have time to receive your reply before we leave for Britain on August 2nd. Otherwise, it would be safer to send your reply to the address where we'll be staying for several days when we first arrive in Britain. We'll be with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, 81 Ash Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9LA. Mrs. Cook's mother was a Witheridge. She will always know where we are in Britain and will be able to reach us and forward our mail.

We hope you can send us Vernon's address, and we hope we can see you in September.

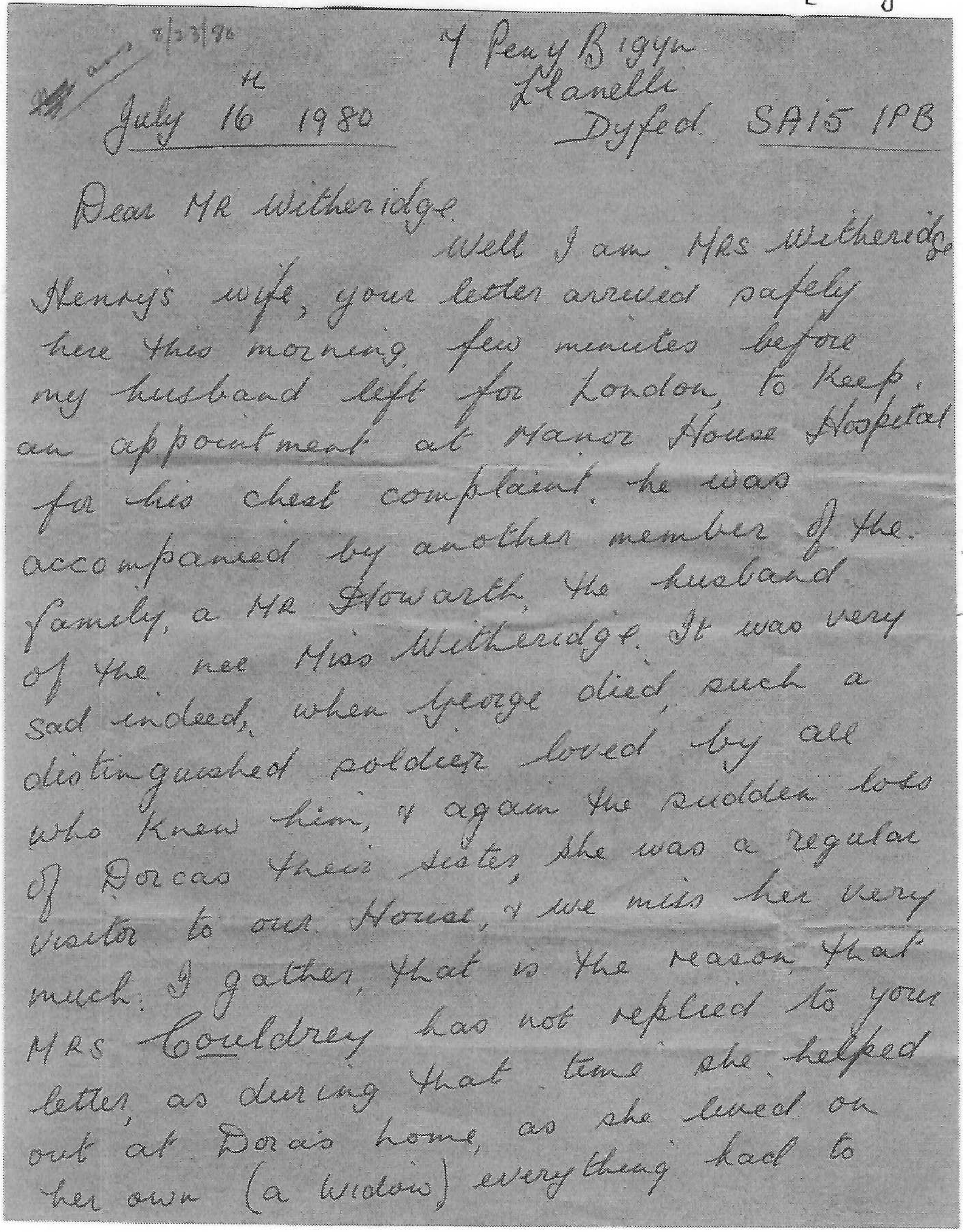
Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[DEW/EPW's 1980 trip to Britain]

[July 16, 1980]



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4 Pen y Bigyn
Llanelli
Dyfed SA15 1PB

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July 16 1980

Dear MR Witheridge.

Well I am MRS Witheridge Henry's wife, your letter arrived safely here this morning, few minutes before my husband left for London, to keep, an appointment at Manor House Hospital for his chest complaint. he was accompanied by another member of the family, a MR Howarth, the husband of the nee Miss Witheridge. It was very sad indeed, when George died, such a distinguished soldier loved by all who knew him, & again the sudden loss of Dorcas their sister, she was a regular visitor to our House, & we miss her very much. I gather, that is the reason, that MRS Couldrey has not replied to your letter, as during that time she helped out at Dora's home, as she lived on her own (a widow) everything had to

[Nelly Witheridge (b. 1922)]

[Lt. Col. George Witheridge (b. 1908)]

[Dorcas Witheridge (b. 1909)]

[Elizabeth Witheridge (b. 1916)] *

*[Note the correction of DEW's misspelling in the previous document.]

be cleared away. I am quite sure Elizabeth Couldrey will answer your letter. another Sister of Henrys (Lily May) was at our home, this evening, & she assured me that Elizabeth had received your letter. Now we have not any knowledge of Vernons address, but E. will most probably send it on to you He lives in Solihull Birmingham, & Mary is in a private nursing home in Doncastor & very poorly at this time. I musnt forget to add that Mrs Couldrey, has visited Mary at the N. Home & the other sisters will visit her next week. Nellie the youngest sister lives ~~at~~ in Manchester they have toured wales last week, & her husband went with Harry to London to day. He may have to stay in Hospital for some days, thats the reason I wish to reply to your letter immediatly Henry will write to you as well, Im quite sure all the family would like to meet you, from the date you mentioned. We are not on the telephone, but the rest of the family have one, & will pass it on when each one replies. Hope this is quite clear we received your letter, & I hope you will get it

[Lily May = Mable Lily Witheridge (b. 1911)]

[This Mary was Lt. Col. George Witheridge's widow] before your departure. We are having visitors to see us this week, from Chicago they have been away for 26 years a very dear friend of mine. My niece from Canada are on a visit to Wales on the 30th July & the rest of the family due over early September, This latter part of the news will not interest you, as I am an in law, but I am very happy, to be amongst the family

Did you know that there is a Village in Devon called Witheridge how interesting yes I did hear that some new comers of that name had moved in to Swansea. they are so few & far between, that you must be proud of the name. Some friends of ours had visited U.S.A. & remarked they had noticed a chain of Stores called Witheridge. Well they must be the Wealthy Clan, the ones that live in Wales are the poor ones, but I guess they are very nice. Harry will contact Mrs Roy Cook, as regards your arrival, & arrange a meeting with your Cousins hope you

[United States chain of "Witheridge" stores] will not be disappointed, as we are not so talented, & noble as the late Lt Colonel I will make a note for my sister in law E. Couldrey to send on Vernon's address

I remain
yours Sincerely
W. J. Witheridge

[This undated letter is from Elizabeth Witheridge (b. 1916).]

[Spring or summer, 1980]

~~Not [illegible]~~

Ansd 8/23/80

11 Nantwen.
Llanelli.
Dyfed.
South Wales.
SA14-9PD

Dear David.

I recieved your letter a few ~~days~~ weeks ago, but circumstances has prevented me from answering it sooner. We have been on holiday, and my sister Dorcas passed away.

It is also with deep regret, I have to tell you, George passed away on the seventh of February ~~the~~ ninteen seventy eight. Cooksyeat has been sold, and Mary has moved to Doncaster, she is in very poor health, and is in a private nursing home. She moved to Doncaster, because she has three sisters and nieces there who visits her and take her out when she is well enough. Her address now is;

1. Town Moor Avenue
Doncaster
South Yorkshire
Phone no. 0302 - 60922
area code.

[Lt. Col. George Witheridge (b. 1908)]

[The Lt. Colonel's widow, Mary]

[Mary and George's son, Vernon George Witheridge]

Her son's address is.

6 Darescroft
Middleton
Market Harborough.
Leicestershire.

Phone No.
0536 (area code)
741334.

I hope you will have this letter in time, would be very pleased to see you when you come to Wales. God be with you.

Elizabeth Cawdrey, Nee Witheridge

OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

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**BY AIR MAIL**
**AIR LETTER**
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

14p

To.

Rev David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis,
Minn. 55405
U.S.A.

[Aug. 23, 1980]

[Which "Mr. and Mrs." is unspecified, but probably Henry and his wife, Winnie.]

81 Ash Road
Sutton
Surrey SM3 9LA
August 23, 1980

Dear Mr. + Mrs. Witheridge:

We received your letter before we left America, but didn't have time to reply because of the rush. We appreciated all the information and the warm, friendly welcome for us to visit you while we are in Wales.

As I said in my previous letter, we'll be in Cardiff on August 30 and 31. On Monday, September 1st we'd like to stop at your place before we drive north through Wales. I think we'll arrive about 11:30 a.m., but we'll have to leave about 2:00 p.m., as we are going to stay in Llangollen that evening.

We have been spending two weeks in Devon learning more about our Witheridge ancestry and meeting some distant relatives.

In Cardiff we'll be at Churchills Hotel those two nights (Phone: 0222-562372). The address is Cardiff Road, Cardiff. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we'll see you on Sept. 1st. But perhaps you ought to write to us at Cardiff and tell us how to find your home!

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 27, 1980]

HENRY WITHERIDGE.
7 PEN-Y-BLGYN
LLANELLI
SA15
DYFED SA15 1PB.
27-8-80

Dear David and Wife

Thank you for your letter received on Wednesday Morning, so am replying to the Churchills Hotel Cardiff

We havn't a phone here at Home. so could you phone Code 05542-57122 Mr and Mrs S. Couldrey 11 Nantwen Llwyn hendy Llanelli you have her address with you we will all meet there with my Elder Sister Lilian

? Pontardulais

If you take the M4 as far as Pontardulais which is marked on my map? it realy comes ~~comes~~ out in the Village of Hendy get off the Motorway There turn left Travell about 2 miles until you come to a bridge over a river which is in the village of LLANGENECH go over the bridge and my car will be there, it is orange in Colour. has a Vynyl Roof it is an Avenger Number GWO 872 N.

you will have to Phone my Sister. what time you are starting off from Cardiff where I will be waiting by the phone. so that it will give me plenty of time to get to the bridge. and take you the rest of the way in.

Let us hope you will get plenty of good Sunny weather for your stay. in this Country.

Cheerio until we meet
on Monday
Henry & Win.

[Nov. 3, 1980]

2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
November 3, 1980

Dear Henry, Win, Elizabeth, Sidney, and Lily:

Much has happened since we had such an enjoyable time with all of you at the Couldreys' on the first of September. We had a fine trip through Wales, England, and Scotland. The scenery was magnificent, and we were able to see many relatives and friends. Our overnight stay in Muncaster with Philip, Caenwen, and Jeremy Hookway was a very pleasant occasion.

We also had some fruitful experiences hunting for genealogical data. We haven't tied up your Witheridge ancestors with ours yet, but we did find out a few things.

At St. Catherine's House in London we were able to get the marriage certificate of your grandparents, George and Dorcas Witheridge. They were married in a Methodist Chapel in Plymouth on August 18, 1861. George's father's name was William, and he was a master mariner. Dorcas' maiden name was Hemmett, and her father was Henry, listed as a hair dresser. Both George and Dorcas were said to be 21 years old, so they were born about 1840.

I also have the birth certificate of Dorcas Mary Witheridge (Mrs. James Cole). She was born September 30, 1876 in Morice Town, Tamar, Devon. I do not have it yet, but I ordered the birth certificate of your father, and his name is given in the index as Beauchamp Henry, not Henry Beauchamp. I have also ordered a copy of the birth certificate of a George Witheridge, born near Kingsbridge in 1840, and I am assuming that he was your grandfather.

These and other certificates I ordered (about a dozen in all) were to be sent to Kim Cook in Sutton. She was going to open them and take down the information she wants and then send them on to me. But so far I haven't received them. When they arrive, I'll add the information to my sheets and then send copies for all of you, but this will take some time, of course, as I have so many family lines I'm working on--both mine and Elizabeth's.

In the meantime I hope all of you are compiling the information about your children and grandchildren for me. I know this is a big job, but I'll be glad to receive it one of these days.

As you see, we're enclosing copies of two pictures for each family. We think they came out rather well, and we're delighted to have them. Thank you all for the lovely time we had with you. We look forward to your continuing correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

David + Elizabeth

Merry Christmas

1980

To wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

From Henry & Winnie Witheridge
Am compiling information on
our side of the family, will send
it as soon as it is completed.

7 PEN-Y-BIGYN
LLANELLI
DYFED S. WALES. SA15 1PB

[Dec. 9, 1981]

Dec. 9, 1981

Dear Henry & Winnie,

Our thoughts are with you at this Christmas season and with all whom we have met on our trips to Britain.

We had nearly a foot of snow a couple of weeks ago, so we look almost like the scene on this paper. Now we hear that Britain has been having a bad snow storm.

Our happy news is that our son Tom in Chicago is going to be married next June to the girl he has been going with for several years. She's a dear and we love her.

We hope you have a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Lovingly,
Elizabeth and
David Hetheridge

[Note: Henry died ca. Nov. 1985]

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1986

*Merry Christmas!*
*Happy New Year!*

To David & Elizabeth
From.
Winnie Jean - Elaine

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1987

*May God be very near you*
*and may He richly bless,*
*Each moment of this*
*Christmas*
*with joy and happiness.*

To David & Elizabeth
From
Winnie - Jean & Elaine.

[Dec. 1, 1987]

**Winnie Witheridge**

17 Penybigyn
Llanelli
Dyfed SA15 1PB.

Dec. 1, 19

Dear Elizabeth & David

Just a brief note enclosed in your Christmas greetings. hope the festive season will be a joyous one. We have exchanged few nice letters to Annette Witheridge I also wrote to her Aunt. & She replied, hopeing we could meet in London to see the rest of the Witheridge family. I was eager to send Jean to meet some of them. as my health wasnt too good to Travel at that time. I spent 2wks in Canada attending the wedding of my niece, it took some weeks to recover from that Jet Lag. & Cold winter weather. I wrote a letter to you at that time, with the address you had given me some time ago. All your Cousins, at this end are very well indeed, & Elizabeths grandaughter, had a lonely. daughter. born on 17th June this year. 2 days. before her great Aunts Birthday. Lil who would have been 76 yrs. old.

**Wales**

Nellie the youngest Sister who lives in Manchester, has moved in to a New Bungalow. They origanally lived in a Council House. Her husband was left a Substancial sum of money after his Aunt. They laid it out in buying this lovely Bungalow. They are delighted with the move, only one thing marred their Joy. One of the twins gave birth to a still born baby girl. The family had really looked forward to it. Elizabeth & Sydney Couldrey spend much time in Manchester, & will Celebrate the New Year with them in their New Home. My grandaughter was in America in April singing with our Local Choir. They all enjoyed their visit, & found the Americans very friendly. I have given your adress to each one of your Cousins.

Wishing you a very
Happy Xmas
Sincerely yours
Winnie Jean & Elaine
(dau. (granddaughter

[Dec. 10, 1987]

Dec. 10, 1987

Dear Winnie, Jean & Elaine, (Witheridge)

I know I owe you more of a letter than this, but because of the rush of the season, it can only be a Christmas greeting.

We did enjoy getting your letter in March with all the news and also the letter you enclosed from Annette Witheridge. She seems to be a very interesting person. After you gave her my address, she also wrote to me. I wonder if she and Kevin Cook ever got anywhere with the Witheridge Society they were going to organiz

We're also glad to he that you had a good trip to Canada.

Our health has been reasonably good this year. The best of Everything to all of you.

David & Elizabeth

[1988 trip plans]

February 10, 1988

Dear Winnie,

I am writing to give you the exciting news that Elizabeth and I are planning a month-long trip to Britain, beginning about the middle of May, and we hope to be able to see you and the other relatives in Llanelli. We expect to arrive in London on May 14, and after about a week in the London area, we'll be hiring a car for three weeks and driving through England, Wales, and Scotland.

We'll start out in Essex, where Elizabeth has her Plumb roots. Then we'll spend several days in Devon. We plan to arrive in Wales on Tuesday, May 31, and visit first my third cousin, Bill Roberts, who lives in the town of Ynysybwl, near Pontypridd. On Wednesday we want to head north in Wales to Ruthin, where some ancestors of Elizabeth once lived. Before we go to Ruthin, however, we want to come to Llanelli, and we hope we can see several of you there.

We know Wednesday is a working day, but we hope you won't all be tied up. We'd probably get there about 10:15, and we'd have to leave again by about 12:45. That isn't very long, but we'll be under a very tight schedule. I note that you work in a jeweller's shop, but I wonder if you might not be able to adjust your hours that week. Perhaps Elizabeth and Sidney are completely retired by now.

When we were there in 1980, as I recall, we met you and the others at the Couldreys. Perhaps that would be the place to meet again. We'll have to leave it to all of you to decide. You said Elizabeth and Sidney spend a great deal of time in Manchester with Nellie and her husband, but we hope they could arrange to be in Llanelli that day. We'd also like to meet any of the children or grandchildren who might be available. (I must admit I can't keep them all straight in my mind.)

We recently noticed that Henry's, Elizabeth's and Nellie's mother was Elizabeth Munro, and we have recently discovered that my wife Elizabeth also descends from the Munro Clan! So now we have two possible family connections. We'd like to talk with Elizabeth about the Munro Clan and her mother's ancestry.

Please let us know right away if Wednesday, June 1, would work out for you people. If not, we can try to make some changes in our itinerary. We hope to hear from you soon.

Love,
David + Elizabeth

[Feb. 18, 1988]

Winnie Witheridge

7 Penybigyn
Llanelli
Dyfed
SA15 1PB

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Dear Elizabeth + David

Thank you very much for your letter received on the 15th just in time to give the news to Elizabeth Couldrey + co. It so happened that on the 16th her great-grandson was two yrs old. on that day also our Jean's Birthday. Helen Ely grandau had arranged a Birthday party for her son, + very kindly invited Jean [dau.] + I + Elaine, [gr. dau.] to the celebration they were about 14 children in all not forgetting their Mothers. I took the letter for Elizabeth to read. Syd, Couldrey was there as well, he hasnt been well thro' the Winter, but very glad to spend an hr with the family. Elizabeth read the letter, + I allowed her to take it Home with her. So she could reply a personal letter to you. She was phoning Nellie [Howell] in Manchester, to make sure. She + Some of the

Wales

family could come down by June 1st yes. Eliz Couldrey would be very pleased for your visit at her Home on that day. Julia. her daughter that lives at Home will be away. to some part of Spain during that time. We will do our best to let most of the family meet you as suggested I had a lovely letter from Annette Witheridge, She no longer a reporter with the News of the World. we no longer see her name in the news. She mentioned that she had written to you a while ago. Kim also wrote a letter to us at No 7. I have no further information to give only assurance that Eliz will be delighted & looking forward to seeing you both on June 1st. Glad that you will be able to meet Nellie. they are very much part of the Munroe's family too. I believe most of the grandchildren have Munroe added to their names. A Name as good as the Witheridges. Eliz has bought a Book relating to George's History during the War. She is eager for you to read it. plenty of news when you arrive at the Couldreys. Sincerly hope that She will make an effort to write few lines to you. if not you will be welcomed all the same.

With Fond Love
From. all the Witheridges
Winnie Jean & Elaine

when you arrive in
London. Eliz phone No.
is 757122.

March 18, 1988

Dear Winnie,

Thank you for sharing my letter with Elizabeth. She wrote a lovely letter welcoming us to their home on June 1, and we are looking forward to seeing again those of you whom we met last time and meeting a number of new relatives.

As you no doubt know by now, Elizabeth called Nellie in Manchester and is very hopeful she will be able to come for our get-together. Both my wife Elizabeth and I will enjoy meeting Nellie – Elizabeth because of the Munro connection and I because of the Witheridge connection. It's fun having so many ties to people all over Britain when we come there to visit!

I must tell you that Kim and Roy Cook will be picking us up at the airport and also returning us there as they did in 1976 and 1980. We'll be staying with them a couple of days at the beginning and at the end of our stay, and they will always know where we are in case you need to reach us while we're in Britain. I'm sure you have their address. Their phone is 01-777 6072.

I've written to Annette, and we're hoping we can meet her while we're in London. There is also a young attorney in London, Robin Witheridge, whom we met in 1980 and hope to see again.

That is all for now. We'll be seeing you in June.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

September 2, 1988

Dear Winnie, Jean, + Elaine,

It was delightful seeing you all at the Couldrey's in June. That was a lovely gathering, and we are pleased that so many could be there. We wish we could have stayed longer and had more time to talk.

We enjoyed our trip to Britain very much. The flowers and scenery were beautiful, and we loved our visits with relatives and friends.

When we got home, we both had very bad colds, which lasted several weeks. In addition, we arrived in the midst of a drought and severe heat wave. Because of our colds and the excessive heat, our energy level was very low, and we still haven't finished everything that had to be done after our trip, including the writing of many letters.

As you see, I'm enclosing three copies of a picture I took — one for each of you. I hope it will remind you of our lovely time together. I'm a little uncertain of your last name, Jean. I wrote it down as Witheridge, but I don't know if that means you are unmarried or that you were married and have returned to your maiden name. You have never given me all the information on your family, Winnie, and I have tried to piece it together from your letters. Please set me straight!

Thanks for the postcard from Canada, Jean. We are glad you both could take that trip, and we hope you had a wonderful time. If any of you can arrange a trip to Minneapolis some time, we'd love to show you around our beautiful area. We have 14 lakes right inside the Minneapolis city limits.

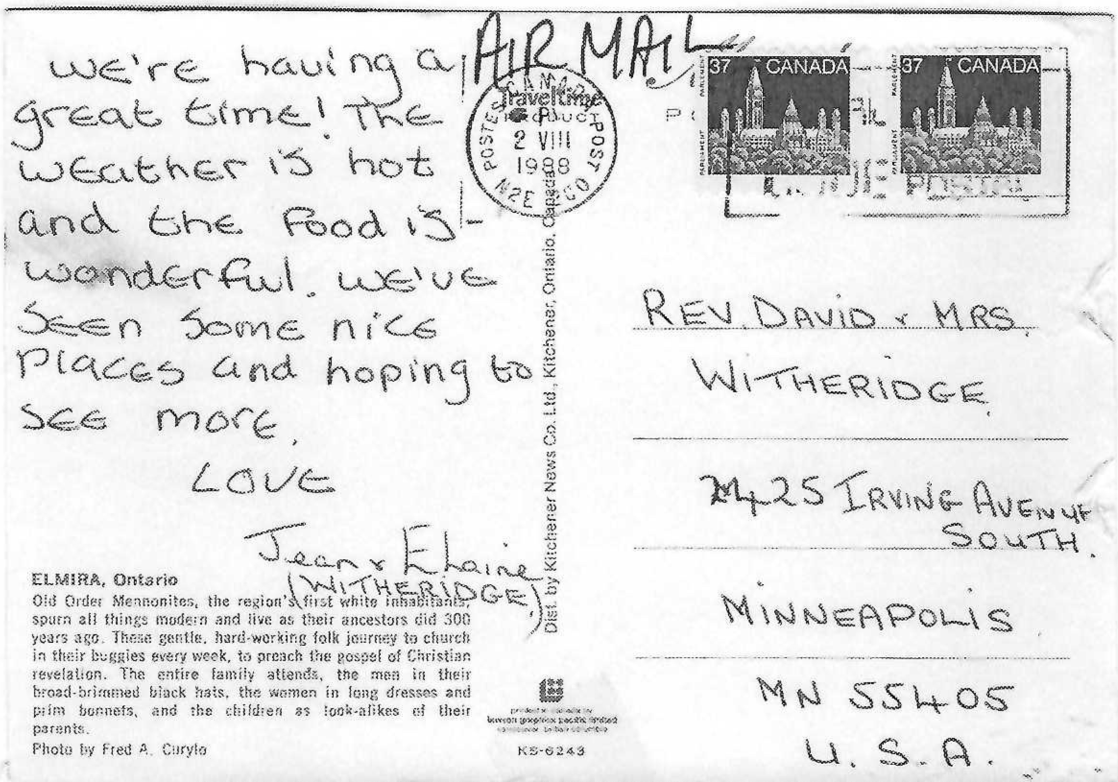
Best wishes to all of you in the coming months.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

1988

[Mailed from Ontario] →



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We're having a great time! The weather is hot and the food is wonderful. We've seen some nice places and hoping to see more.

LOVE

Jean & Elaine
(WITHERIDGE)

REV. DAVID & MRS.
WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING AVENUE SOUTH.
MINNEAPOLIS
MN 55405
U.S.A.

**ELMIRA, Ontario**

Old Order Mennonites, the region's first white inhabitants, spurn all things modern and live as their ancestors did 300 years ago. These gentle, hard-working folk journey to church in their buggies every week, to preach the gospel of Christian revelation. The entire family attends, the men in their broad-brimmed black hats, the women in long dresses and prim bonnets, and the children as look-alikes of their parents.

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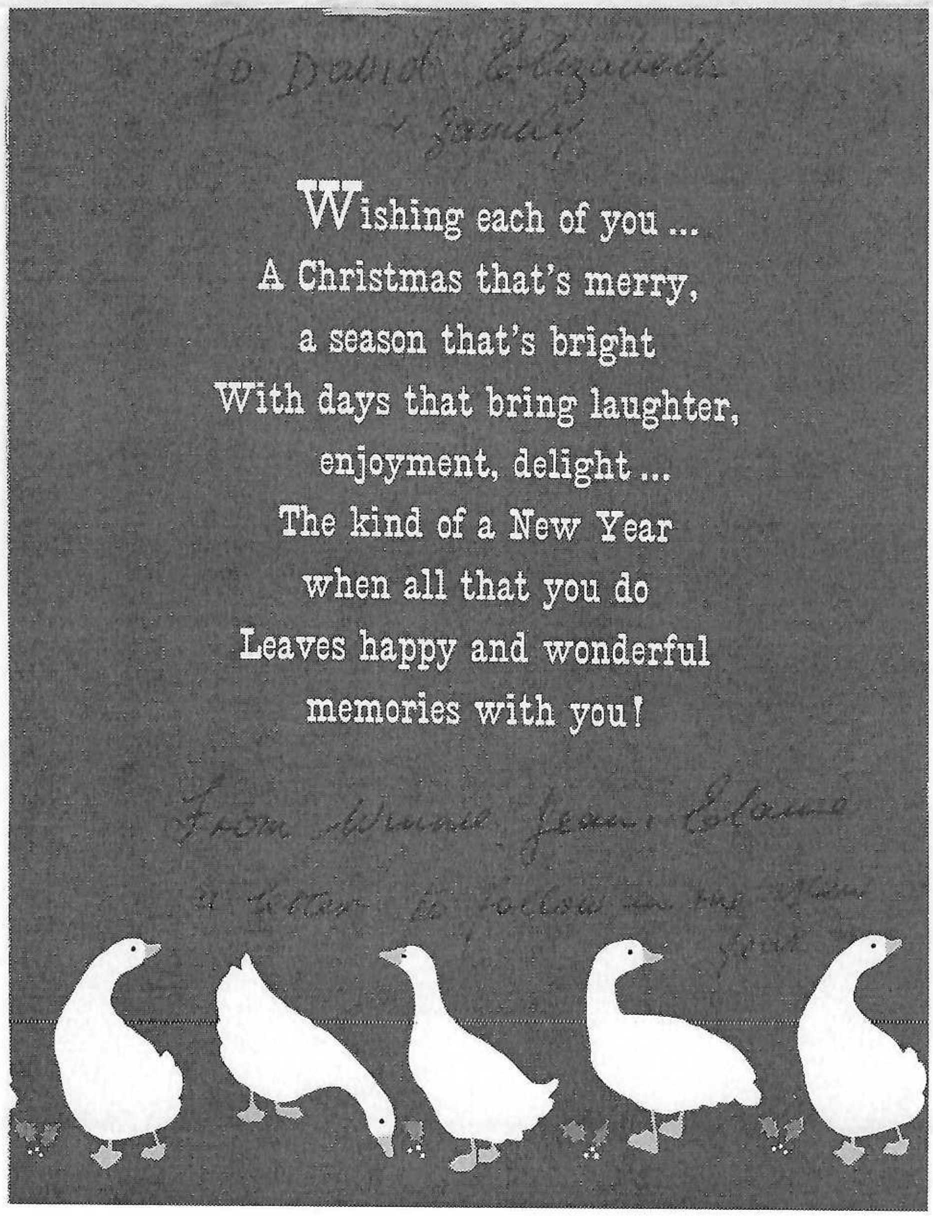

To David Elizabeth
+ family

Wishing each of you ...
A Christmas that's merry,
a season that's bright
With days that bring laughter,
enjoyment, delight ...
The kind of a New Year
when all that you do
Leaves happy and wonderful
memories with you!

From Winnie Jean + Elaine
a letter to follow in the New
year

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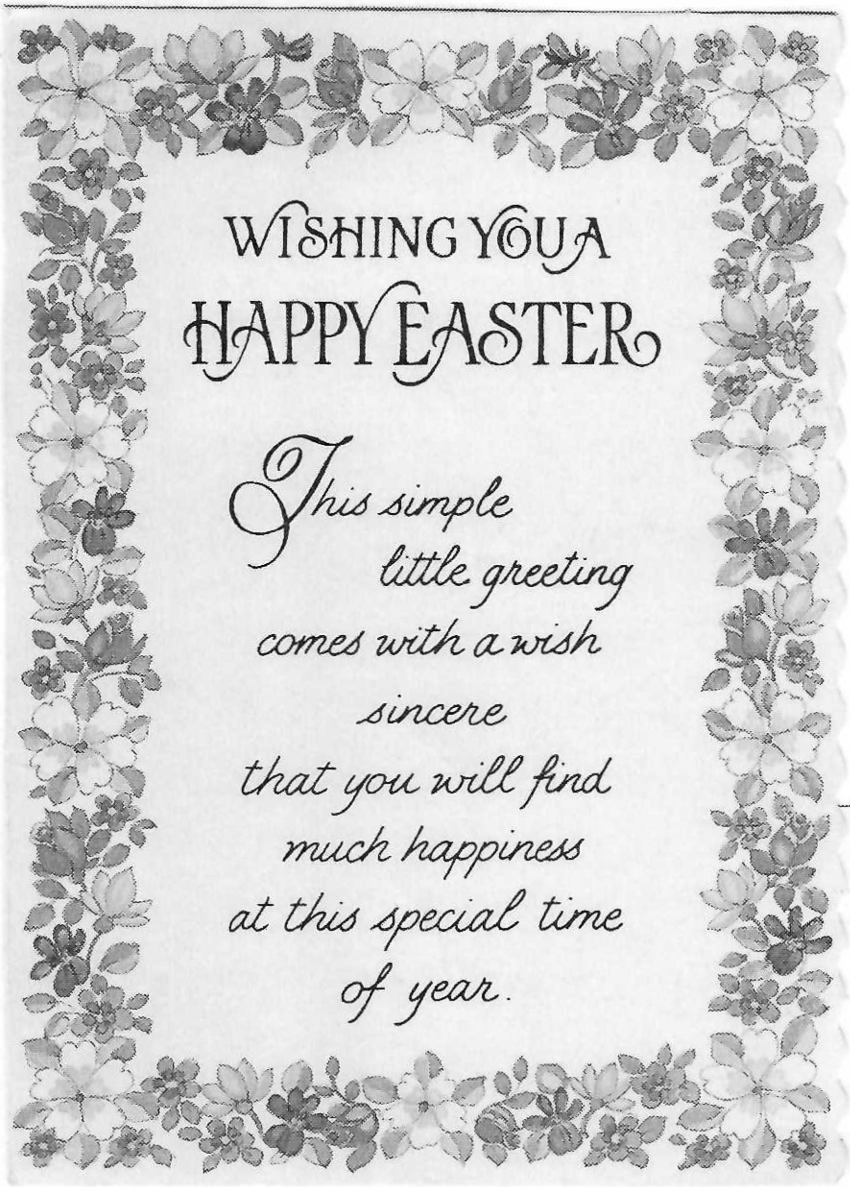

WISHING YOU A
HAPPY EASTER

*This simple*
*little greeting*
*comes with a wish*
*sincere*
*that you will find*
*much happiness*
*at this special time*
*of year.*

1989

*May this Easter be*
*really special.*

To David & Elizabeth
From Winnie-Jean & Elaine
xxx

[Dec. 17, 1997]

12/17/97

Dear Minnie (also Jean + Elaine),

Thank you for your good letter. I'm glad you keep going, in spite of occasional problems. My health remains good, and I keep very busy.

[Martha Gilmore and Janet Sauter]

I have some interesting news. I have recently found two Witheridge descendants in New Jersey, whose line goes back to South Milton near Plymouth in South Devon. That's where the ancestors of Henry, Elizabeth, Lilian, George, and the other Witheridges in Wales came from. So they are closely related to your family.

[South Milton branch of Witheridge family]

I've been urging them to go to England next May for the annual Witheridge gathering, so they can meet some of their Witheridge relatives and also go out to Devon to see where their ancestors came from. They both would like to go very much, if they can work it out. Their names are Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore, and they are sisters.

So I hope Jean and Elaine and some of the other cousins who are young enough to travel will get to meet them. I was thrilled to know that Jean really had intended to go last year, so I hope she will do it this year. The meeting this year will be in Gloucestershire, which will be a little closer to you than Devon. Then those who want to go to Devon will make a special trip there.

When I get more information about the meeting, I'll send it to you. Please start making plans now, Jean, and talking to your cousins.

Love,

David

[Apr. 8, 1998]

April 8, 1998

Dear Winnie (and Jean and Elaine),

Since I haven't heard from you, I assume that Jean and Elaine are not planning to attend the Witheridge Day on May 4th. I had told you I would let you know where it would be held this year, but I didn't know myself until the recent issue of the Witheridge Times, their journal, arrived last week. The meeting will be held this year in the small town of Winchcombe, Glos., not far from Cheltenham.

I'm writing to let you know that Henry's distant cousins, Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore, will not be able to attend the Witheridge Day activities this year. They have recently had serious illness in the family. In particular, Martha's young married daughter Rachael had brain surgery to remove a malignant tumor. She is now undergoing radiation therapy, and of course the outcome is unpredictable. In the meantime, Martha has been taking care of Rachael's young daughter and is very busy. Our prayers are with them all.

I thought you should know, just in case Jean and Elaine were hoping to meet them on Witheridge Day. They are both greatly disappointed, and I know they want to go to England some time--probably not next year, because Janet's daughter is getting married the first weekend in May, 1999.

Things are going well with me, and I hope all is well with everyone there.

Love,

1999

**Animals at the Crib**
Illustration by
*Dan Crisp*

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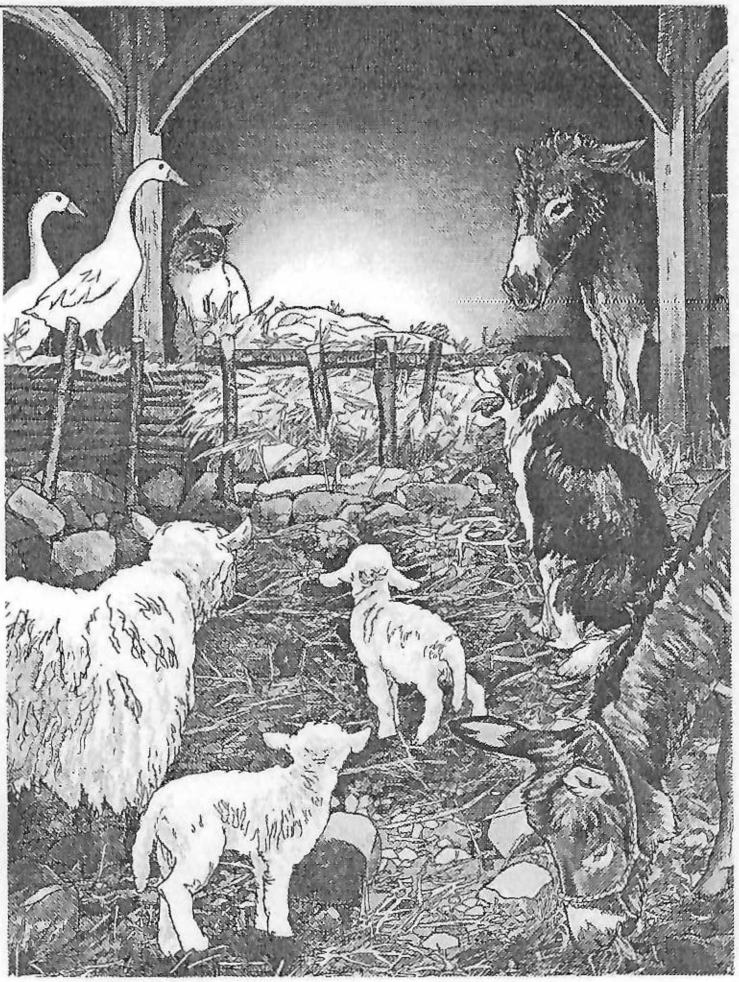

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1999

David + family

*With all good wishes for*
*Christmas and the New Year*

From Winnie-Jean
+ Elaine

Profits from the sale of this card
will help support Mothers' Union
projects around the world.

[Christmas 1999]

1999

7 Penybigyn
Llanelli SA15 1PB.
Carmshire.

Dear David & family.

Well, I have just opened our back door to look out, what is a dreadful night. raining heavily & gale force Wind, it does not deter children, singing Carols at our front door. Yes I believe it is early but not so to start writing & getting the mail posted. I have many to post overseas this year again mostly my family & few friends, my Sister who is 2 yrs younger than me suffers with the Alzeimers disease, I have mentioned it before. She phones in almost everyday to find out, how I am. I guess she does it while her husband is out on his daily walk. strictly Speaking she should not be left alone her memory is very bad. only Satisfaction she gets to have a chat with me her only Sister left out of 9 in family. Their phone bill must be high. I cannot afford to contact more than once a week & besides no news to say. I am nearing my 80th Birthday next year, & have enjoyed living happily the last few years. Our Jean looks after me well & being an Ex Nurse understands me if I were her patient. She has Joined two Choirs Since last year. One is the Town Choral Soscieity & the other the Eisteddfod Choir over 500 members practice 2 or 3 times a week & more often this time of year: They hold Concerts in the local Churches or Chapels & Hotels in between they hold some evening parties The Choir Master invites MUM as well. Ive never had it so good. last week they had a wonderful fashion Show - proceeds towards needy Charities raffles included. & I won a large Bottle of Sweets my luck was in. This Coming week, we have the Mothers Union dinner following day /evening. A Carol Service at a Church few miles away all Mothers Union branches gather together & Im proud to mention Jean carries our Branch Banner. on the witheridge side of the family we see little of them ~~Sie~~ Since, Elizabeth Couldrey 82 yrs. aged 83 this Dec 3rd passed away on the Boxing day: after a long period of suffering but never complained & was out & about until the last 2 wks. Syd the husband was 87 on Nov 26th their daughter Marlene & her husband have built a very Big House. few miles out of Town. Wishing to have moved in before Christmas, Bad weather a hold up. Syd still remains in the Old Home. Elizabeth willed the House to her eldest daughter Julia who lives accross the road. Both girls check up on him. Should they take a Holiday break, they put him in a Nursing Home. he is so frail & skin & Bones, he should have Constant Nursing care. Now arent I so "lucky" no selfish needs in this house. Nellie (Elizabeths sister is still in Manchester enjoying her Careing family. She has certainly missed coming to visit the Couldreys. A family gathering took place last year in Llanelli it was Lil Mays (Witheridge granddaughters wedding about 60 guests in all So all the Witheridge clan attended. (nephews neices & in laws etc immediate family relations. Now we only get in touch Xmas time Jean & I deliver Xmas Cards to them all. few babies are born in the family as well I have just written a letter to Annette, she remembers us each year.

We think of you often & moreso this time of year. hope you will enjoy the festive amongst your lovely family: Elaine our special niece & granddaughter lives few streets from here & teaches at the local School. we see her every day. Jean & I take out her Spaniel DOG. for excersize. & keeps us healthy as well. Elaine & Boyfriend spent a week in Somerset with the Witheridge Grandson. who is a Solicitor & his lady friend who is also a ~~Barrister~~ Barrister. they have recently bought 2 thatched Cottages. Converted into one. had a Wonderful Welcome & keep in touch always. Sincerely hope you are keeping well. & enjoying life amongst your family & friend's Love. Winnie & Jean Elaine x x

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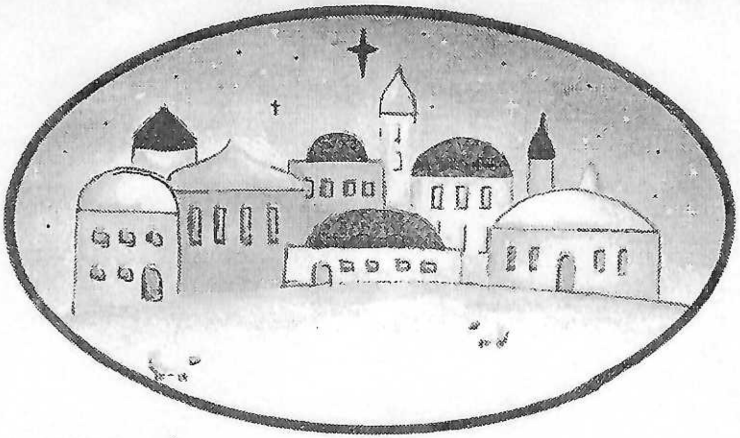

O little town of Bethlehem.

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2000

All are well over here. Since
Elizabeth & Syd have passed away
we do not have news of them as family
all Nephews & neices of the Couldreys
& Witheridges, Celebrated my 80th Birthday
in July it was a very memmorable
occasion, as I held a party of 60 of
friends & neighbours at a local
Restaurant.

Christmas Wishes

To David.
From Winnie & Jean.
(Llanelli)

John Witheridge
(Chaplain to Archbishop of Canterbury)
documents

[Feb. 3, 1988]

[Witheridge] February 3, 1988

Dear John,

Perhaps your Uncle Harry or your Uncle George has told you about my wife Elizabeth and me. We have had two very enjoyable visits with them and their wives on our trips to England in 1976 and 1980. We have continued our correspondence, and Harry has written about you in several of his notes.

I have been interested in genealogy for many years, and I originally found their names in the British telephone directories at the New York Public Library. In addition to my own ancestry in Combe Martin and Berrynarbor, I have traced theirs (and yours) back into North Devon, but have been unsuccessful so far in tying our two lines together. I'm sure all the North Devon Witheridges are related, however.

I'm writing at this time because we are planning a month long trip to Britain beginning May 13th. After about a week in London we'll be hiring a car for three weeks and driving through England, Wales, and Scotland. We hope to see Harry and Toots and George and Gwen on the evening of Tuesday, May 24th. The next morning we are planning to visit Windsor and Eton on our way to Exeter that evening by way of Salisbury.

What we are wondering is whether it would be possible to meet with you briefly while we are there so we could get acquainted. I'm estimating that we might be in Windsor and Eton from about 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We'd be very grateful if you would write and let us know if you will be there on Wednesday, May 25th, and could arrange to see us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

David & Elizabeth Witheridge

[Feb. 9, 1988]

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ETON COLLEGE
WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE, SL4 6DW

9th February 1988

*The Conduct*

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Dear Mr Witheridge.

Thank you for your letter of February 3rd: it was good to hear from you.

We certainly expect to be here on Wednesday, May 25th. Perhaps you would telephone me when you are in England and we can make final arrangements. It will be good to meet you both.

Lunch 1:00 at his place
(ask one of the porters, etc.)

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Witheridge

The Revd John Witheridge

The Revd David E. Witheridge,
2425, Irving Avenue S,
Minneapolis MN, 55405, U.S.A.

[Aug. 14, 1988]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U. S. A.
August 14, 1988

Dear John + Sarah, Witheridge

We certainly enjoyed meeting you and your children on our trip to England this summer. You do have a lovely family. It was very kind of you, Sarah, to prepare such a delicious lunch for us. We also enjoyed our visit to Windsor Castle, and we wish we had had time to see more of Eton College.

Here are a couple of pictures we hope will remind you of our visit. It was especially good to meet so many of the Witheridge family at the home of Harry and Toots.

Our trip to Britain worked out very well, and we were able to accomplish almost everything we had planned. The only problem was that we both came home with bad colds, probably because of weather we are not used to in May and June. When we got here, we found they were in the midst of a dreadful drought, with one of the hottest summers we've ever had. This plus our colds left us with a very low energy level for several weeks. We still haven't finished everything required after our trip, including the writing of many letters!

We hope that your summer is going well, and we wish you the best of everything in the coming months.

Yours sincerely
David + Elizabeth

John Witheridge
(Witheridge Society membership secretary)
documents

He wants information about our family ← [DEW's note]

[May 9, 1993]

Never answered, due to Elizabeth's illness.

## The Witheridge Society.

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Mr J Witheridge;
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Gillingham.
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England.

9th May 1993

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Thank you for your letter,dated April 2nd. It was very nice to hear from you,Thank you also for the two years subscriptions,you will find enclosed a receipt for the amount that you sent and also a copy of the exchange rate and a breakdown of how the cheque was paid into the bank. You will notice that it worked out after all charges are made that you are two pounds and three pence short of the total.This equals 3.100 dollars. Is that the correct way of writing it.? But leave this amount until next year and add it to that total. I will question Jason about the date of you last payment

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| next year......... | 21.55 | dollars | |
| plus | 3.10 | .. | for this year difference. |
| Total | 24.65 | .. | |

Does this make sense to you. I am afraid it is the first time that I have had to work out the rates myself.But I am sure the figures are correct.

[EPW]

Well David I hope that you are keeping well and that Elizabeth is still making progress after her fall and long stay in convalescence. I was going to write to you both as soon as I had time.So now I can answer your letter and ask you for some information at the same time.

Recently I have been working on the Combe Martin and Berrynarbor trees as you may have noticed.There is much more to be published and quite soon. One article concentrated on the ladies of that family. The ladies that married our menfolk. I have delved back into four or five generations of the Gear family.and The blackmores and the Northcott/Norcott and several others of the same period. That article is complete. But in doing so I came across Elizabeths name in the who's who of Authors and writers. So I tagged a few note on to the end of the article. This led me to wonder if you would Help me with an in depth article about the two of you.With items about your respective parents and Grandparents brother sisters and the younger generations etc. As far as I am aware, there has never been any thing written about your family,except for the brief mention in the Combe Martin report some years ago. I must admit that I know nothing about you apart from the fact that you are of the clergy and elizabeth was a teacher and an author. Do you think that you could both find the time to help me in this. I seem to be drawn to this family of yours. I have correspondence in every continent of the world, all passing on information about their particular branch of the Combe Martin and Berrynarbor Family. I must admit I find it fascinating, even though it is not My family line. Perhaps we can print out a modern tree with a report that high lights the more recent aspects of your family branch.

I will of cause pay for the postage, should you agree to help in this.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Please take care of yourselves and each other.

Yours Sincerely

Mayda and John Witheridge.

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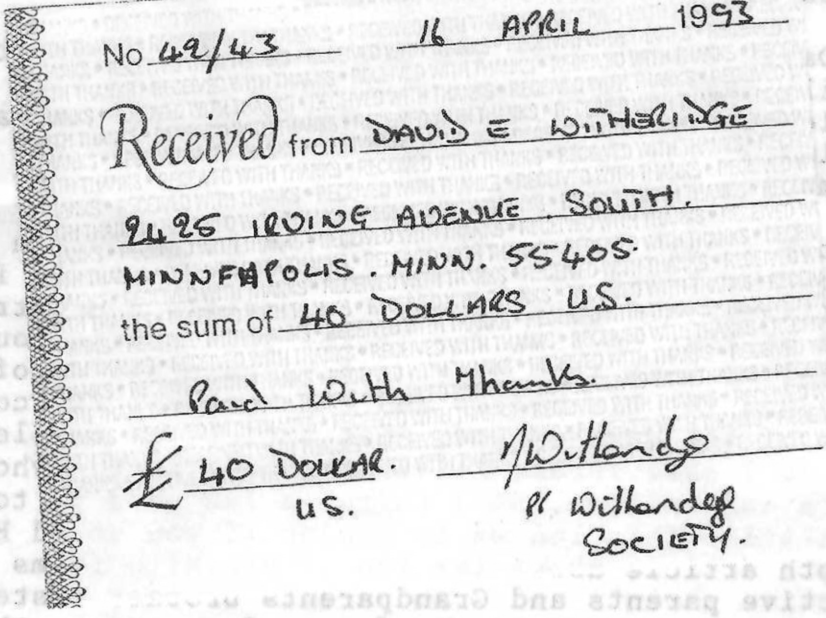
[Probably Jason Cook (b. ca. 1968)]

Jason informs me that you are correctly payed up until next January. So you need not worry about owing subscription from years past. John



No 42/43 16 APRIL 1993

Received from DAVID E WITHERIDGE

2425 IRVING AVENUE. SOUTH.

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the sum of 40 DOLLARS U.S.

Paid With Thanks.

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M Witheridge

pl Witheridge SOCIETY.

[Written after EPW's death] [Oct. 11, 1996]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
October 11, 1996

Dear John,

Ever since I read your article in the Spring 1995 issue of "The Witheridge Times," I have known that I should get back at my work on the Pennsylvania branch of the Witheridges so I could send you what I have. As you may remember, that was a bad time for me, and I didn't get back into this until a short time ago.

Also, back in 1989 I began working on the New Jersey Witheridges, whom I had found through a list in a little book,"Witheridges across America." This I had also had to discontinue until recently. I was sure they were related to the Pennsylvania family, because Keith's father, Thomas North Witheridge, had been born in Wharton, N.J., before his family went to Pennsylvania.

However, I find the two families are not related, at least not in this country,as the enclosed family -group sheets show. The New Jersey family goes back to Andrew Witheridge, who was born in England in March of 1844, according to the 1900 Census. However, his age was given as 34 in the 1880 Census, which would have made him born c.1846. Since my records don't show any Andrew Witheridge, I don't know where he came from, but someone can find out by going to St. Catherine's House. Maybe you already have his birth record.

As you can see, I made extensive use of the indexes of the Federal Censuses of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, which I got through the Mormon library. I had considerable success in piecing these two families together, but not in connecting them to each other. In both cases there are a few individuals who don't seem to fit in as yet.

I'm sending you copies of my family group sheets so you can write further about the Pennsylvania and New Jersey families for "The Witheridge Times." I'm also sending copies to Kim. Perhaps you two may want to confer about finding the English ancestry of Andrew.

I haven't been in touch with Keith for many years, but with the new address I have for him, I hope to be able to send him copies of the Pennsylvania family sheets. I'm also going to try again to contact the New Jersey Witheridges and send them the information about their branch in hopes that this time they will respond.

I'm looking forward to coming to England next May and meeting you and many other members of the Society. We should have a great time together in Devon.

Best wishes; sincerely,

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[Oct. 26, 1996]

# THE WITHERIDGE SOCIETY.

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Witheridge Society

Mr J Witheridge
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KENT. ME7 3DG.
England.

Letter Ref; RevDW-Ws-131

Dear David,

26 TH OCTOBER 1996

I was so pleased to receive your letter dated october 11th. It is great to hear from you and equally pleasing to realise that you have now been able to come to terms with your tremendous loss and this tragic event, That you are now able to devote some of your time to another love of yours, The Witheridge Families of the World.

[Lavish praise for DEW]

I have entered all your information onto my computer and have begun to shape it into a form that my machine will recognize. Before I carry on with this letter I must pass on to you the regards of many correspondents to whom I write and who also in times past were correspondents to your good self. I seem to have taken up where you left off. All without fail write concerning you, with affection and in many cases gratitude for your interest and assistance. This to me is the sign of our greatest ambassador. One who we all hold in the greatest affection and love. I personally thank you for setting me a target to work towards and in time, perhaps to achieve some day. Indirectly you have opened doors for me, that perhaps would have remained shut. This purely by association and joint membership of our Society. I have worked for the good of our society and for genealogist all around the world under the influence that you have set.

[24 lines redacted here at the author's request that DEW "not ever mention this letter" to anyone]

Now back to more pleasant things

Andrew Hannaford Witheridge Born Kingsbridge Devon 1842 in the december quarter. St Catherines indexes 1X 352.This could be a possible connection to your Andrew in New Jersey. We can take him back Two more generations.

We have evidence that this Andrew married in 1863 in Kingsbridge and had a son Also Andrew Hannaford in the year 1864 Kingsbridge then the family seems to have disappeared so on the plus side we have no furtner date on his family unit.Other than those provided by you.

ANOTHER SON
Francis George December Quarter 1867 Kingsbridge 5b 210
But as yet I have no sign of William H 1865

There are possible other members of this family unit born in 1667. Female twins which I suspect may be related. I will research these item further and draw up a tree. Possibly completed next month incorporating the 1881 census readings

In the research concerning the family descending from Richard Witheridge and Mary Philips

Richard Witheridge bc1835 Married Tavistock 1861 DEATH. In Australia NSW Broken Hill 1904 Reg No 1904 4857

Anne Witheridge aged 22 and Alfred Percy Witheridge aged 18bapt 1855 both travelled to Australia together. See Witheridge Times Vol 7 No 3 Autumn 93 See also Marriage cert;

Marriage Ising Witheridge
September 22 1874 Annie Witneridge 25 years Dau of John Phillips Witheridge

This is an item that has not shown up until now. This could possibly be
Ann Witheridge born 1850 Tavistock 1X 470 December quarter

I am at this present moment following up the Ising marriage in the hope that we might secure more members and naturally more history.

Some time in the future this tree will be published and a report written. If you wish I can develop a tree connecting these family branches,for you at any time..

Richard 1820 sof Richard and Mary Phillips
Richard bc 1820 married 1849 Wife =Jane Ryder b 1821 Ermington
1881 census

Richard Witheridge 1780 Tavistock. Descendant of the Bradworthy family
again I can produce a tree if you wish.

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As you suggested I will start to produce a report and tree concerning the Pennsylvania and New Jersey families. But before going to press I will send you a copy for your comments and additions. Perhaps we can release it as a joint effort.

Well I think that is all for now. Please take great care

We all look forward to meeting you next May. Dont forget to inform Richard of your intention to come.

[May 1997 was the 10th anniversary celebration of the Witheridge Society in Tiverton, Devon]

Yours Sincerely

Mayda and John

Mayda + John

John Witheridge

Chairman and Librarian of 'The Council of Family Societies'
Executive Committee member of the 'Guild Of One Name Studies'
Secretary and Membership Secretary 'The Witheridge Society'.

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1874 Married in the District of Daly

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Trade or Calling. | Residence at time of Marriage. | Name and Surname of Fathers of both parties. | Place in which celebrated. |
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| 3 | Sep. 22 | Hermann Arnold Ising | 45 | Widower | Draper | Moonta | Bermann Ising | S. Mary's Ch., Wallaroo |
| | | & Annie Witteridge | 25 | Spinster | – | Moonta | John Phillips Witteridge | |

This Marriage was celebrated between us } Hermann A. Ising
Annie Witteridge

| In the presence of us | Name. | Trade or Calling. | Residence. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | C. W. Bertram | Butcher | Moonta. | Witnesses. |
| | M. C. Bertram | — | Moonta. | |

The above-named Hermann Arnold Ising and Annie Witteridge were duly Married by or before me, at the time and place above-named, and in the presence of the witnesses whose signatures are above written.

Witness my hand this twenty second day of September 1874

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION OFFICE
ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

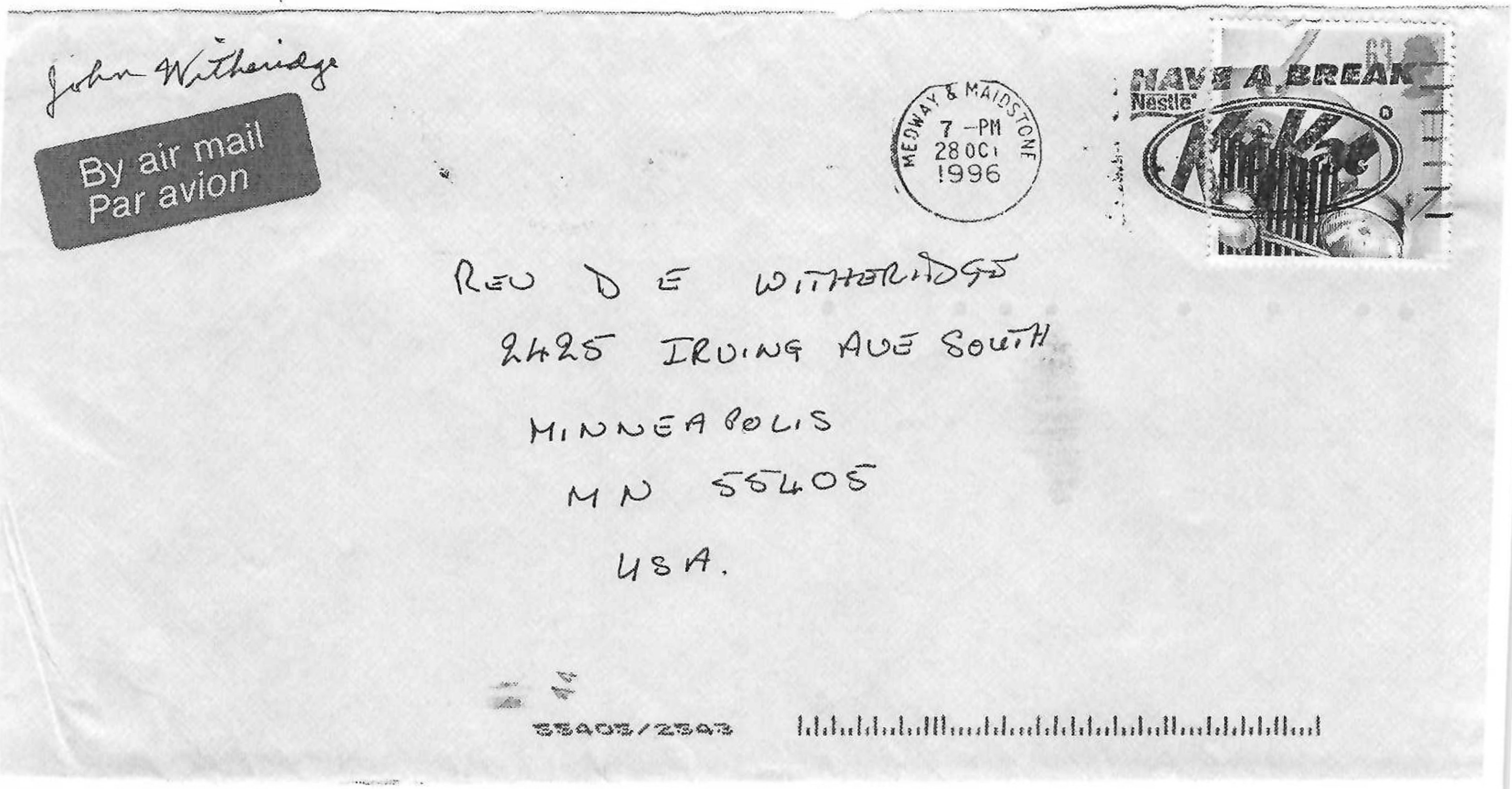
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of an Entry in a Register kept in this office in the State of South Australia. Given under my hand and seal

Dec 5 95

Principal Registrar.

See envelope on next page

[The marriage certificate on the previous page was sent in this envelope to DEW from John Witheridge (Witheridge Society membership secretary.]



John Witheridge

By air mail
Par avion

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28 OCT
1996

HAVE A BREAK
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KitKat
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REV D E WITHERIDGE
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[Oct. 31, 1996]

10/31/96

Dear John,

Just a quick note to send you these revised sheets for the New Jersey Witheridges. I got the changes from the 1915 State Census of New Jersey, and from a telephone conversation with Janet Sauter.

Among other things you will note the change of the Bleakley marriage to a different generation. I must have misunderstood what Janet's mother told me over the phone in 1989.

Sincerely,

David

[Nov. 16, 1996]

# The Witheridge Society

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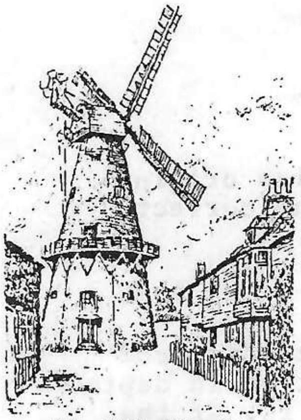

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Letter Ref; DW-Ws-132

Rev David Witherridge
2425 Irving Avenue South.
Minneapolis.
MN 55405
USA.

16th November 1996

Dear David,

It was very pleasing to see you write again so quickly, Especially with item rectifying some previous errors that you had found. I much appreciated this data.

You will find enclosed the full tree.As Promised. Or as far as I can manage at this present time. I had only intended to send the direct ancestors for the family link that you provided. But as usual the more I researched the further I found that I could take the complete family connections. I have included some items that Philip researched two years ago. So now it seems quite a grand edition of many smaller segments of this great family. You will of course realize that this is a very quick and perhaps some what sketchy appraisal of the family and as time goes on I will trim it to size and condence the matter to look much tidier

Some time in the near future I am sure we will take up the challenge and carry out some more research in this group of families , But for the time being this new research will be sufficient, at least until we find new members from this group to warrant more research.

I will send a copy to Kathy in Canada, so that she might be able to interest some of the North American Witheridges of this family into joining the society.

I found great interest in the fact concerning the "Maher" marriage of Margery b 1897 daughter of William Henry b 1865. You may already know that we have a marriage of this name in the Melbourne Branch of the Combe Martin and Berrynarbor and Tyneside-New Zealand family grouping and indeed very distant relationships to your good self. The name is of Irish origin and from the Tipperary area (Not sure if this is the correct spelling) in that beautiful country.

I still have not been able to Locate William Henry circa 1865 son of Andrew Hannaford Witheridge b1842. Which is very strange. Perhaps his name has accidentally been excluded from the St Catherines records. I will have to carry out an in depth search of their indexes to find out where the name is. If the older and younger brother are listed, what has happened to the in between member of the family.

Another interesting point that I have uncovered concerning this research. Is the location of a person of the name "W E Hine". I have located the address of this person (Not knowing if they are male or Female.) I will write and invite him/her to the Witheridge 10th anniversary gathering. This person lives in Devon, at Kingsbridge.

I hope you like the little sketch at the top of the letter, as you can see it is of the Mill and Mill cottage in Witheridge. This was taken from the Bill heading of a Shop selling Charms and such. From over 100 years ago. It was posted to me by one of my correspondents.

Just as a matter of interest to you. Edward Witheridge (The subject of My article in the last Witheridge Times) and his brother John lived in Boston in the 1640s They were both ship owners and highly respected mariners and church dignitaries. Edward wife was a Quaker. More about them in my next article. He was rather a contradiction in terms. A passionate man concerning his religion and yet a man possessed with getting revenge for his fathers, his own and John's losses, of vessels to marauding groups within the Mediterranean. Also both Edward and John devoted a great deal of their lives to the capture of Prince Rupert.

Well once again I think it is time to post off this letter to you. It is already much latter than I expected. The tree took two complete weeks of my spare time. I hope you find the result interesting. We will need to build up a report concerning this family and the submit it with this tree for the Witheridge Times.

Wishing you and your family all the best for the Christmas period and hoping the years to come will be happier for you than the last year. God Bless.
Please take great care.

Yours Sincerely
Mayda and John
Mayda & John

John Witheridge
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Secretary and Membership Secretary 'The Witheridge Society'.

November 20, 1996

Dear John,

[Andrew Hannaford Witheridge]

I am continuing my work on the ancestry of Andrew Witheridge, and I thank you for your information about Andrew Hannaford Witheridge, born in the fourth quarter of 1842 in Kingsbridge. In her reply to my letter to her, Kim also mentioned Andrew Hannaford Witheridge and sent me a computer printout of her complete record of this family. It goes back to John Witheridge, born in 1712, and living in South Milton in 1740 when his son John was born. I"m sure this is the right family, because of the similarity of so many of the names. However, I am not sure that Andrew Hannaford was the Andrew who came to New Jersey. I can't see any reason why he would have told the census taker so definitely that he was born in March of 1844, if he actually was born in November of 1842. Perhaps there was another Andrew Witheridge who hasn't turned up in the records yet. At the present time I'm searching the census records of 1851 and also the St. Catherine's House index for 1844. We'll see if anything turns up.

[Kim Cook]

I'll be glad to see what you produce in the way of family trees for the Pennsylvania and New Jersey families. Perhaps we should wait just a little on the New Jersey ancestry until we are convinced there was only one Andrew, instead of two, as I am now thinking.

Thank you very much for your letter.

Sincerely,

[DEW: "I don't think we are ready to publish this material"]

December 10, 1996

Dear Mayda and John,

Christmas greetings and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year! Christmas will be hard again for me this year, but I'm glad to have my family nearby, and they are very supportive.

Thank you very much for your letter and the very good family tree, John, of the South Milton, Kingsbridge, and Thurlstone Witheridges. I've done some of this, but I'm not as adept at it as you are.

I have done a little more work on this family, but I find that with the rush of things, I'll have to delay any further action until after the Holidays. I don't think we are ready to publish this material until we clear up a number of items.

For one thing, I notice a few discrepancies between your information and the computer printout of this family sent to me by Kim. I think you and she should compare notes, probably when things calm down after the first of the year.

I've now concluded there was only one Andrew, and he was the one born on the 6th of November, 1842. The birth date of March, 1844, given in the U.S. Census was probably just a typical census error. I've carefully searched the 1861 English census records in all the nearby towns and not only can't find two Andrews, but I can't find even one. The family may have been away at this time and have come back later, as they had a son Charles born in Malborough on the 22nd of August in 1870.

Why William Henry appears in the New Jersey records, but not in England, we'll have to keep working on. There is also the disappearance of this son Charles from the family before the 1880 census in New Jersey. I've ordered the 1871 census of Malborough and the surrounding area in hopes that the family will turn up there before they came to America later that year.

I'm also thinking there were actually three Witheridge brothers who came to America: Andrew Hanaford, William Henry, and Charles. Charles apparently never married, and in the 1900 New Jersey census he had living with him a nephew, William Henry (said to have been born in Dec., 1878), and a niece, Lydia A. (said to have been born in Sept., 1874, in New York). This William H. was not Andrew's son, because his William Henry was already married at that time and appears in the same 1900 census. Perhaps Andrew's brother William Henry was in New York State between 1874 and 1878, but he or his wife don't appear in the 1880 census of New York, so they may both have died or moved somewhere else. Anyway, I think Charles' nephew and niece were William Henry's children, but we don't have anything to prove it. Once again, have a great Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Dec. 19, 1997

Dear John,

I hadn't done anything about the New Jersey Witheridges for a long time. Then Joyce's article about the South Milton family in the "Witheridge Times" reminded me of them, so I called both Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore and told them we know their Witheridge ancestry back to about 1700 in South Milton. They were delighted with the information. I urged them to go to England next May to meet some of their English relatives and to go out to Devon to see where their ancestors came from. They both want to go very much, if they can work it out. I told them the meeting would be in Gloucestershire, but they could take a special trip to Devon. Maybe some who want to go to Devon from Gloucestershire could go in car pools--either private or hired cars.

I JUST WROTE MY Christmas note to Phil and Caenwen Hookway, who comes from that same South Milton family, and I told him about Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore and their desire to go to England in May. I urged them to go to Gloucestershire in May and meet their American cousins. His address is now Is-y-Coed, Meifod, Powys SY22 6BP. Can you get him back on the Witheridge Society mailing list?

Then I got my Christmas letter from Winnie Witheridge in Llanelli in South Wales. She is the widow of Henry Witheridge, who, like Philip Hookway, stems back into South Milton. She said her daughter Jean was planning to go to Devon last May, but had to cancel at the last minute, because the relative she was going to go with couldn't go. So when I wrote to her, I told her about Janet and Martha and urged Jean to go to Gloucestershire in May to meet them.

Perhaps you know of some other descendants of the South Milton family who would be interested in going to the meeting in May if Janet and Martha are able to make it. I hope they can work it out, and I hope there will be a good turnout of society members. Must close.

Sincerely,

[Apr. 19, 1998]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
April 19, 1998

Dear John,

By means of my new computer I'm sending essentially the same letter to you and to Kim and Joyce and Graham. I want particularly to send these revised family group sheets of the South Milton ancestry of the New Jersey Witheridges to all of you, because you have done so much on this family.

I finished these sheets in their present form about the middle of January and sent them to Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore, and also to Jill Pierson, the newly-found member of the New Jersey Witheridges, whom my son Jim and I found in December on the Internet. Jill, a college student, was absolutely thrilled, and she hopes someday to join the Witheridge Society. Her name was in a list of about six Witheridges, because she said her hobby was genealogy, and Witheridge was one of the names she was searching.

I delayed sending these family group sheets to you, because I kept hoping I would hear from Janet and Martha that they were going to England this May. I had told them I would let them know where the meeting was going to be held, but of course I didn't know myself until a week or two ago when the Spring Issue of the Witheridge Times arrived. At that point I called both of them and learned that they couldn't go this year, because Martha's young married daughter had had surgery for a malignant brain tumor, and Martha has been taking care of her young granddaughter. What a sad situation!

Then I had to write to Philip Hookway and Winnie Witheridge to be sure they didn't go to the Witheridge Day meeting especially to meet Janet and Martha. I hadn't heard from either of them, but I wanted to make sure they knew that Janet and Martha weren't going. Janet says they won't be going to England next year, either, because her daughter is getting married the first weekend of May, 1999.

When I was working so hard to get these South Milton-New Jersey family group sheets corrected—all laboriously by hand—I suddenly decided I had to get a new computer capable of handling the best genealogy programs. I was using the old computer Jim gave me when he got a new one, and it wouldn't accommodate anything but the simplest genealogy program. So Jim and I spent several weeks deciding what I should get, and I got a very good one about March 10th. But that has kept me very busy learning all about it. My genealogy program hasn't arrived yet, and when it does come, I'll really be busy.

[Irene Adams (b. 1925)]

I have some sad news to report, which you may have already heard. Last Thursday I had a telephone call from Neville Birdsall, the husband of my second cousin Irene, saying that she died on Tuesday, April 14th. You will remember that about a year ago she had surgery for a malignant brain tumor, followed by radiation therapy. I know you will want to pass this information on to the Witheridge Society on May 4th.

My thoughts will be with all of you on Witheridge Day, as I fondly remember our good time last year.

Sincerely, David

John Eng 042098

2425 Irving Ave. S.
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U.S.A.
October 14, 1999

Dear John,

Thank you for your fascinating article about John and Edward Witheridge in the Summer 1999 issue of "The Witheridge Times." I enjoyed it very much, especially because I must be distantly related to them. I believe the Barnstaple and Combe Martin Witheridges are related, although we don't have records far enough back to show the relationship.

I took your suggestion about the book, New England Merchants in the Seventeenth Century, and looked it up. To find the information about the author and date of publication I checked the catalog of the Library of Congress, which is our most complete library here in America. Fortunately, they have their catalog completely online, so I typed in the title, and in a few seconds this appeared:

> Bailyn, Bernard.
> The New England merchants in the seventeenth century.
> Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1955
> viii, 249p., illus., maps, geneal. table, 24cm.

I found that the book was in our Minneapolis Public Library, so I had it sent out to our neighborhood branch only a few blocks from our house, and in a couple of days I had it.

[See below]

It is a very interesting book, and when my son Tom saw it, he said it is a classic in the field and had won a Pulitzer Prize. He had used it in college in the 1960s and had read it from cover to cover. He said there was no Witheridge mentioned in the book or he certainly would have noticed it at that time. He was right. There is no Witheridge in the index, and I haven't come across any in my reading so far, though I haven't completely finished it. Neither is there a great deal about the fishing trade.

The book is mainly about the internal traders in the colonies and the development of the economic system over the decades of the 17th century. It is of great interest to me as an American, as it deals with a phase of colonial history that we never learned about in school. It may not be as interesting to someone in England, but you may want to try to get it on interlibrary loan from some library there just to check it out for yourself.

I'm sure there is more information about the Witheridge sea captains in early colonial records and some of the published works cited by the author. But it would take an endless amount of time (the book grew out of his Ph.D. dissertation) and access to the Harvard University library and other New England specialized libraries. There is a half page of printed secondary sources listed by the author on the subject of "Fisheries."

Well, that is my report on the book, The New England Merchants in the Seventeenth Century. I wish it could be a better one.

Best wishes to you and your family,

David

(JohnEng 101499)

Editor's note:

I don't believe I said this particular book won the Pulitzer (it didn't), but Bailyn did win it (twice) for other books.

Tom Witheridge
June 8, 2022

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# The Witheridge Times

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# FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

The lives of John and Edward Witheridge
God Bless Them Both!

by John Witheridge - a fervent admirer!

I have hinted many times in the past few years, that I would be writing an article concerning these two Witheridge brothers. As always I find great difficulty in collating all the relevant information into one such article. As the areas of research fall into place for one section of the story line, then other items emerge to disrupt the flow. Here in this article I have given you almost a precis version of the accounts which I have researched in general. It may be that at some time in the future I will be able to recount areas of the lives of these brothers as single stories with updates. So here are the facts

Aspinwall, Notarial Records 218, (HCA 13/62 20 Dec 1648) and (HCA 13/64 14th Feb 1651) (Depositions and Proceedings).

These very early Admiralty records give us, the reader/researcher, an insight into the lives of two of our ancestral sea-faring men. These men were descendants from the North Devon families of the Barnstaple area.

BERNARD CAPP (whom I wish to acknowledge for the information and sources noted) - in his book "Cromwell's Navy", refers to many American and British sea traders who in time formed the backbone of Cromwell's Navy - a Navy that many of us never knew existed. History tells us much about other periods of naval history, but very little on this specific period. I seem to have cornered a little part of history here, giving talks and lectures about our ancestors and the men whom they knew. For those of you who have interests in history, but in a wider view than family history, I list the following names to show the roll of honour to which our family name and ancestors were linked Indeed, showing that from an early date, our families were an integral part of world wide history.

*Nehemiah and John Bourne.... William Goodson...Thomas Graves...Mark Harrison...John Littlejohn...John and Edward WITHERIDGE Robert Dennis... Nicholas Foster... Charles Saltonstall...* and before them.... *Maurice Thomson... Gregory Clement MP...Peter Strong...Nicholas Reed* (an early commander of "The Sovereign) *Lawson... Haddock... Samsun. Myngs... Whetstone...*and many many others.

Bernard Capp goes on to relate that the Witheridge brothers (Note*) had been active and well established in the NEWFOUNDLAND fisheries, as was John Witheridge their father in his ship "The Eagle", a generation before them. (See the Witheridge Times, Vol 6 No. 4 Winter 1992, pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.)

John and Edward Witheridge, in their turn, also plied the high seas, carrying fish to Spain from the prolific waters of the New England coastline, then importing to England the wares of the Mediterranean and the North Atlantic continental ports of Spain, France and Portugal, returning on the third leg of their sea trading trip, back to New England. From England they probably sailed from the Devon ports, but possibly from London and Southampton.

I suspect that Barnstaple was their main port here in England as they would still be very close to their relations who were living in and near Barnstaple. These journeys imply that 'home' was in Boston, New England. These triangular routes were being sailed before the year 1648, probably even before 1640. Certainly John would be 37 years of age and Edward 24 years. Just think that at 24 Edward was part owner in his own ship - the ship which he also commanded as captain.

A few years later, in 1650, they are recorded in (HCA 13/64 as above) to have changed their routes to a Lisbon-Brazil course, sailing south/south west and calling in at Barbados en route.

Trade must have been good, and records can be found for their activities in the book "New England Merchants in the Seventeenth Century" found at Cambridge Massachusetts. (Does anyone know of this book's whereabouts? Perhaps one or more of our members in the Americas might be able to locate it?)

Nearer to home we might find access to (PRO RG 4/4414). (fo B Baylyn) Help Please!
Note **
London PRO should cover this research.

Now look at the tree based on Joyce Browne's article of 1992. This has a few alterations and additions as research since 1992 has led us to believe that, in 1630, Judith Beere married the John Witheridge born in 1603, (the subject of this article) and not the John Witheridge born in 1604 as shown on the 1992 tree.

# BARNSTAPLE AND EAST LONDON FAMILY

Roger Wetheryg

- -1. Richard B.c. 1520 (Had issue including a son John b. 1551 (B)
- -2. John b.c.1542. d. 1580
  = m. 1564 (B) Elizabeth Stephens or Loder (d. 1380)
  - -1. Elizabeth b. 1564 (B)
  - -2. Roger b. 1566 (B)
  - -3. Mary b. 1569 (B)
  - -4. Oliver b. 1659 (B)
  - -5. Richard b. 1570 (B) d. 1627 m. 1603 Mary Bennitt
  - -6. John b. 1572 (B) d.c.1657 = m. 1608 (F) Agnes Cockhill
    - -1. John b. 1603 (F) d. 1652 at sea
      = Judith Beere 1630 (BT)
      - -1.?John b. c. 1631
      - -2. Judith b. 1635 (b) m. 1660 JohnFrancis
      - -3. Mary b. 1639 (B)
    - -2. Johan b. 1606 (F) m. Richard Horwood
    - -3. Roger b. 1609 (B)
    - -4. William b. 1610 (B)
    - -5. Elizabeth b. 1612 (B)
    - -6.Maryb.1612 (B)
    - -7. Edwarde b. 1616 (B) m. c.1650
      = Rachel
      - -1. Wilmot bc. 1652 = ? Terry
      - -2. Edward b. 1616 (St)
      - -3. John b. 1659 (St)
      - -4 Rachel b. 1661 (St)
      - ?-5. Susanna bc. 1662/3
        = Edward Jordan m. 1685 St. K.
    - -8. Agnes
  - -7. Lowell b. 1574 (B) d.1590
  - -8. Urite b. 1575 (B) d. 1575
  - -9. Agnes b. 1576 (B) d. 1580
  - 10. Thomas b. 1578 (B)
  - 11. Simon b. 1580 (B)

(B) = Barnstaple (F) = Fremington (BT) = Bishop's Tawton (St) = Stepney
St.K. = St. Katherine's by the Tower.

(HCA13/64 8th January 1651)... (HCA 13/66 9th November 1652)...
(RAWL MS A 225 fos. 45, 47, 89, 138).. Bodl: Dep; MS C 170, fos 224-5..
Mercurius Politicus, 17-24 October 1650)

In this section of researches we can find confirmation that both John and Edward had ships... one each. We find that John died in 1652 and Edward lived through the 1650s. (In fact we do know that Edward lived well into the 1680s or beyond. We also know the exact date that one Captain John Witheridge died, and a possible two dates on which another Captain John died.).

On trading for some time on the Lisbon/Brazil routes, John and Edward found themselves loading and unloading in the port of Lisbon, Portugal. The records I have read are somewhat conflicting at this stage - dependent I am sure on the political stance of the authors. As there were many telling this tale/tail, and from many a different bias, I suspect some wagging went on. (Please excuse this pun!)

This is how I see the happenings as they unfolded:-

John and Edward both docked and unloaded their cargoes from Brazil. (I wonder, was the coffee trade in existence at this time??) Certainly there would be many other riches aboard on both ships.

When the cargoes were safely unloaded, it seems that the crews of both ships entered into fervent discussions with neighbouring ships along the dock, as to the rights and wrongs of the Civil War at home. This would under normal circumstances be quite acceptable, BUT the ships docked each side were those of the fleet commanded by Prince Rupert, the admiral of the English Royalist fleet.

I have it on very good authority that cannon fire came into this equation. Typical!!
Yes, our Witheridges were for the Commonwealth and the Rump, as were their beliefs both religious and political. Being Devonshire to the core, they would never bow to the overwhelming odds of being two small eight gun traders against seventeen ships of the King's line, all docked around them. Not on your 'Charlie' they wouldn't.

You must consider that Prince Rupert was making it almost impossible for English traders to find safe port or haven, or to allow them to trade safely. He preyed on the traffic of English ships, especially those with leanings towards the Parliamentarians. He would sink them if the failed to hove to. When they did drop anchor he would board them and give them the opportunity to take sides in the conflict. If they picked the wrong side the owner/captain would be tossed overboard and one of Rupert's officers would take command of the new acquisition.

(I suspect that John was the hot headed brother and Edward the shrewd, calculating and slow to act younger brother. Research into each of them had taught me very much about their characters. My point may be proved by the fact that John the 'Devil may care' sailor lost his life very early, while Edward 'the prudent warrior' died of old age.)

After some time during this exchange at Lisbon, King Philip of Portugal intervened. He confiscated the Witheridge ships, giving them to Rupert as a gesture of blue blooded solidarity. I wonder if this was an early show of nepotism?

This small conflict cost our two heroes dearly. John owned three quarters of his ship and the cargo. The ship was assessed to be worth £2,500. 0..0d. Quite a sum in those days. Now I am not really positive, but with some calculations, the reckoning in value lost by Edward was £1400. 0. 0d. I would think that, in retrospect, they came to realise that their headstrong escapade was, at the least, a little foolhardy. Though from the historical point of view, the results of their action caused a mammoth change, and had an influence on the course of history.

Their anger at being beaten, and the humiliation they suffered at the hands of the infamous Prince Rupert, and indirectly the Crown, was to become the force behind all the subsequent escapades that they entered into on behalf of their country, for the rest of their lives.

In fact, at this very moment, they were both ruined. At this time there is no way to know if they had any form of insurance to cover loss. I have made tentative enquiries into this subject, but whatever the outcome, I will prove, either in this article or in later episodes, Prince Rupert was made to rue his part in this small and insignificant little skirmish. On this day, the lives of all three men changed.

I have proof that John, with other captains, held Rupert's fleet at Barbados and took many prizes from him. I have proof that later Edward forced Rupert onto the rocks in an attempt to capture him. Between them John and Edward and the other members of the fleets to which they belonged, took twenty seven ships of the Royalist line as prizes from Rupert. They caused fourteen ships to hoist the white flag. They captured thirty one trading vessels occupied by Rupert's men which were being used as supply ships.

I can honestly state, from records and historic notations, that at least one

Witheridge was chasing Rupert at any given time. What is more, always in HOT PURSUIT. Truly, if Rupert did hold remorse about those Witheridges and their ships he must have regretted his actions time and time again. Many times he almost lost his life, and certainly he lost much wealth.

But here again, I race on too much, so back to the plot.

On returning to Britain - London. The Admiralty, Edward and John were both offered and accepted with much pleasure, commands in the New Commonwealth Navy. John, well known as an international captain, was given the Bonaventure, possibly the tenth largest ship in the Commonwealth Navy. This in itself was a great honour. Edward, somewhat younger and really less experienced, was given a ship just recently captured from the Dutch - "The Mary Prize". Not much of a vessel, but without doubt the making of Edward. (See the Witheridge Times, Vol 10 No. 3 Autumn 1996, pages 9 to 21). Here once again I will tempt you to read some future stories concerning Edward Witheridge - "This Ship - This Man", where Edward made his name as a captain, a strategist, and brave and honourable combatant, making many friends and many enemies.

As you have read, John died in 1652, but there remains quite a lot of mystery surrounding him. In that year we have two deaths of Captains John Witheridge - strangely both commanding a ship named 'Bonadventure'. I personally think that they were second cousins or even Uncle and Nephew, but at this time, prudently, I will refrain from stating which John I think was which! Although I will add this proviso - both died in action - both died a hero, both much loved by their crews, and both much respected by their comrades in arms.

One Captain JOHN died in a sea battle against the Dutch off Plymouth Sound and the Lizard, defending Plymouth and the dockyard against great odds. Quote: "This Captain was sore torn and wounded later dying of his wounds, but held the line even when accosted by eight Dutch, boarded and repelled six times. Top sail trailing, mizzen shattered and laying across beam, port to aft. Helm jammed to starboard." What a man!! - More - what men!! These by their honour made this Navy the best Navy in the world.

THE OTHER CAPTAIN JOHN (who I am sure was the brother to Edward) died defending the fleet at Leghorn. A very brave act, when you realise that he in the Bonaventure, a twenty gunner, defended the whole fleet as they were laid up for emergency repairs in a neutral port - this from the attacking Dutch fleet of twenty seven ships of the line.. John was honoured and given a sea burial, as one would expect for a ship's Captain, but also, as a mark or respect he was, as far as I am able to ascertain, given a memorial ceremony on land.

You will understand that John never actually became an Admiral, but the defence which he orchestrated and applied left him in sole charge. I have written evidence, which in time you will read, that the Admiral of the fleet at Leghorn would have willingly changed places with John Witheridge to take John's Glory! Even in death?

Sometime I will relate in detail this sea action, plus a full account of the Captain John Witheridge's life, up to the date of his death in defence of the fleet mentioned here, and this his last command of the ship which he loved. Indeed he was in command of two ships which I think would have given him promotion to rear admiral status. Even though his command was a resounding success, it was sadly doomed from the outset, as it was a rear guard battle. Perhaps it was John's bid to seek higher rank. Certainly through his seamanship and leadership he gave a greatly needed respite to the battered fleet. This you must understand is not to demean the commander of the other ship and his share in this battle.

John and his ship sea anchored outside (seaward) of the port boom on attack station, ready to manoeuvre on full sail, although there was very little latitude to manoeuvre, perhaps three or four nautical miles at the most. The boom closed to prevent the Dutch fire ships from being sailed into the port to set light to the drying hulls of the English ships in dry harbour. The battle was fought so hard and long by John in the Bonadventure and his companion ship that at the end both ships were badly holed and torn, though both sailed free to return to the Leghorn roads - THE VICTORS. Both greatly damaged, but enhancing the name of the Commonwealth Navy. Sadly, at the end of this battle, it was not John who steered for the home port. Alas, at the helm of the ship was Lieutenant Cox.

Note*** CSPV (Calendar of State Papers, Venetian)

The next day at noon, John was given his sea burial at the exact point where he found glory...... repeated on land for the whole fleet, in respect! The reason that I believe that this battle can be attributed to John the brother of Edward?? Who else would you think of who would fight Rupert with two trading ships, and then do the same to De Witt's fleet? With just two ships? Yes, a flimsy reason, but I hope to tell John's FULL story at some time as more evidence becomes available. It will come to a temporary end here, but I promise you I will continue with it as the full extent and truth unfolds.

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Edward Witheridge You know a great deal about Edward already. (See the Witheridge Times. Vol 10. No.3 Autumn 1996. For members who have joined us since this time we do have earlier volumes of the magazine if you require them.)

Going back to CAPPS' book - "Cromwell's Navy" - we find here reference to the "Stepney Church Book" fos. 1-4 192 193 PO RG 4/4414 fo 5
This is the Register of William Greenhills Church at Stepney. Here I quote CAPP:-

"Greenhills Church founded in 1644 comprised of many of the officer Corps. Vice Admiral Badiley and Captains Lyons, Strong, Earning, Thompson, Benjamin Blake the son of Robert Blake (who was elected deacon in 1658). Edward Witheridge, a member of the church in BOSTON, Massachusetts, also attached himself to the Stepney congregation....". I wonder if we can secure information from the Boston Church and from Greenhills Registers?

At this stage I would like to submit a short tree showing the family of Edward and his wife Rachel.

Captain EDWARD WITHERIDGE married to RACHELL (Surname unknown)
b. 1616 Barnstaple c.1650.
d 1697 (Will proved) d ? before 1697
= Rachell

- 1. Wilmot
  d.o.b. unknown. Married "Terry".Mentioned in Edward's Will
- 2. Edward
  b.27.11.1656. Stepney, St. Dunstan's
- 3. John*
  b.09.08.1659. Stepney, Bull Pond Lane Independent
  John*
  b.31.03.1659. Stepney St. Dunstan's
- 4 Rachell
  b.10.11.1661 Stepney St. Dunstan's
  Married "Stacey". Mentioned in Edward's Will

* It is likely that this is the same child. In 1659 the month of August would have occurred before March, and the first baptism, at an Independent church, could have been a Quaker service, and the March baptism the recognised Church service.

From these dates we have no further events to add to this family. But please also remember that most Quaker events went unmarked in the normal church registration. Non-conformist baptisms and marriages would be held in the church porch, and burials in a separate plot.

One further point which may have a bearing on Edward's family tree - we do have a reference to an Edward in the 1680's, and recently Sheila Jewell has posted to Joyce new evidence that an Edward was living in New England during those years. Perhaps this was Edward junior, b.1656.

In view of what I write in the later sections of this article, concerning links with the PENN family, I add the following:- (Not as a fact concerning our family, but as a possibility to prompt further research)

"Whitheridge, Susanna and Edward JORDAN (married) St. Katherine;s by the Tower, London, 23rd April, 1685.

The time would fit into Edward's tree and the name could be a gesture to a possible connection with the Penn family............

You will understand why I need to view the Stepney Church Book. I am sure it will fill many of the gaps that I am sure are very obvious from the tree shown. Both Joyce and I have become members of the Quaker Family History Society in an attempt to be able to research these family lines further. For those of you who may not have accepted the implication raised here - the Stepney church in question was the foremost church with Quaker sympathies at that time. This opens many avenues of possible research and raises many suppositions to be investigated.

Let me digress - just for a fraction of time. Both John and Edward were comrades in arms and indeed great friends with Admiral William Penn. Personally, I am sure that we will find somewhere in the future that these three men had more fervent religious connection. To add credence to this statement I will point out that Admiral Penn paid for and obtained the release from prison in Ireland of his son, and also many friends of his son. These prisoners were incarcerated because of their Quaker beliefs. His son, the guiding star and in many ways, the leading light for the Quaker faith, refused his father's many attempts to secure his release.

William junior, later Sir William Penn of Pennsylvania, in later life obtained the permission of the Crown, and formed the State of Pennsylvania, to allow the freedom to worship, not just for the Quakers, but for all suppressed religions.

It is also a known fact that Admiral Penn attended many Quaker and radical independent meetings. Indeed, in 1650 Penn went ashore in Ireland to listen to Hugh Peter's lecture on the independent religions - Hugh Peter being the most radical lecturer in Quakerism of that day. This proves that Admiral Penn had more than a passing interest in this subject.

Back to the real plot!

It was at this time that Edward become something of a diplomat. I will not go into much detail here, just enough to tease your imaginations. In the year 1657/58 trouble was brewing in the North sea and the Scandinavian seas. The Danish Navy, backed by the Dutch, made war on Sweden. The British fleet, under Edward Montagu, intervened. Edward Witheridge in the 'Plymouth' and one other ship sailed between the warring factions, pointing to the horizon and indicating the large British fleet hove to, but in battle order and at the ready... This action was rewarded by the Swedish monarch, and Edward was presented with a gold chain and a medallion. You will read and see the evidence of this incident in a later story about this man's life.

We now pass by a great amount of history in the making, much of which I have already related in the Witheridge Times, Vol.10. No.3. We now embark into areas which to me, before now, were totally unknown and quite unexpected.

Throughout the years of the Commonwealth and Civil War period there were many sectors of the community that were trying to return the Monarch to the throne. Subterfuge was used and sacrifices were made to win power. One such group "The Junta" gained much power by playing off one section of the old guard against the other, by misrepresenting grievances, and making statements to suit their own ideals. They achieved some cohesion when they secured a meeting of representatives of the Scottish, English and Irish armies of the Commonwealth, and also the Navy. This was mid November, 1658, and the intention was to draw up a new constitution and summon a new Parliament, but the various factions could not agree.

On the 5th December the Naval Officers in London decided to choose their own representatives for the constitutional talks. The names put forward were as follows:-
*Goodson.. .Bourne Stayner Stokes Robert Blake* (nephew to the late Admiral)...*Lawson...* and three other names, and *"Edward Montague".* This last was an indication of future procedures.

The names of the three others who were to be members of this new Parliament?

Robert C larke... John Harman... and... EDWARD WITHERIDGE

Many subjects which were dealt with at this time were, freedom of religious belief, payment of back pay to soldiers and seamen, work and assistance for the poor, etc. I can well believe that Edward would be in his element. Alas, the times were very turbulent. This Parliament lasted for but a brief spell, and with the help of military insurrection the Rump regained control of the country. Edward was once again out in the cold.

CAPP, a very fine researcher, found many references to Edward. Insignificant individually, combined they are fascinating and reveal the man himself and explain why Edward did not continue in the Navy after the restoration of the monarchy.

Many of the Officers selected by the Junta were never trusted by the Rump again, and were refused employment in the Army and Navy. To explain this we need look no further than a statement by an irate Cavalier when he addressed Edward and his companion Whitehorn as "zealous villains". It is true that Edward was a zealot. Pious and God fearing, moulded by the times and the beliefs of a puritan. These beliefs cast his life into rigid paths from which he could not and would not deviate. God ruled, not a King. But surely the Cavalier who named his thus, had he been in full knowledge of the facts (those which had forced Edward into the Commonwealth Navy) would have accepted the reasoning for his blinkered actions, even if he could not accept Edward's devotion to his religion?

King Charles II, on his return to England in the year 1660, sailed from the continent in "The Royal James", commanded by Edward Montagu. Edward's ship "The Plymouth" was one of the escorting vessels. I am reliably informed that Captain Witheridge offered the sword which signified command of "The Plymouth" to the King. Not that Edward offered his sword as a sign of support, but quite the contrary. Edward offered his sword as he resigned his commission. This I am sure came as a shock to those who were welcoming the King and his future Queen.

Again, I am told, that it was Edward Witheridge who transported the future Queen, Catherine of Braganza, to these shores, in his very own stateroom on board "The Plymouth". It is said that she was a terrible sailor and fared very badly in the crossing.

CAPP has one other item to give concerning Edward Witheridge. He refers to "Coventry MS2 98 fos. 58-83 Note****

He states that Officers in the Navy were doomed if they wore the tag of a Quaker wife. He listed Edward in this group, In one respect he was quite correct, but in another, quite the opposite. It made no difference what religion his wife Rachell followed. EDWARD HIMSELF WAS A QUAKER, by his own choice, long before his entry into the Commonwealth Navy. It is undoubtedly true that his choice of a wife may have been from followers of the Quaker belief, but Edward was his own man. with high ideals and a high code in life. All real puritans were.

I have more to tell about our hero. He bought a house in Sandwich, Kent. The property backed on to the harbour. Five years after his retirement the Queen visited the town and stayed in "The Old House" - the adjacent property. It is written in the (Canteriera) that he was presented to her court. He must have mellowed with age!

Strange, but when you think about it not so strange. We have no burial detail for Edward, Rachell or any of his children. I have covered both burial, marriage and baptisms in the many churches of this old town of Sandwich.
We do have evidence of an Edward Witheridge being imprisoned for attending a Quaker meeting in London, and refusing to pay the fine for his release. Strange again - some one "unknown" paid his fine. I wonder if his name was PENN or MONTAGU?

My main reason for this surmise is that Sir William Perm (Admiral) was dead and buried by this date. He died on the 16th September 1670 at Wanstead, London, and was buried at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Bristol. I think after being wounded in the second Dutch War. His Will dated 20th January, 1669/70 was proved 6th October, 1670 P.C.C. His wife was Margaret Van der Schure (widow) daughter of Johann Jasper of Rotterdam. She died in 1682. Admiral Sir William was knighted on board "The Royal Charles" by King Charles II Edward Witheridge and the first Earl of Sandwich (Edward Montagu) were both there, Edward M., as commander of "The Royal Charles" and Edward W., as commander of "The Plymouth". This was when Edward resigned his commission.

I think perhaps that Edward Witheridge was not quite the ardent zealot he was named to be. He was a great friend of Edward Montagu, who was one of the architects of the King's return to England. As William Penn was also knighted this same day, to reflect his good works towards the Crown, I think this proves that Edward Witheridge was on equal terms and was great friends with both of these two great names, even if they held opposing ideals.

It may be of interest to state here that Admiral Penn's older sister was named Rachell, born 24th February, 1607. Records concerning the knighthoods given by Charles II show the notation "Will Penne, Quaker". Add these two unrelated items together with the facts that we already know. . . . . .that Edward Witheridge was married to a Rachell - that he was the same age as William Penn- that they were great friends. Rachell Perm and her brother William also had an Aunt Susanna???
I just wonder if there could be a family connection?

Admiral Penn's first son, Sir William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania (could it be he who paid the fine for Edward Witheridge) was born 14th October, 1644, and died 30th July, 1718, and was buried at JORDANS near Penn in Buckinghamshire, where I suspect our Captain Edward is also buried. But I have no proof!! As yet!
I am in the process of researching this matter.

Note* For some time now both Joyce and I have been a little worried about CAPPS statement that Edward and John were brothers. Indeed his research is backed up by the early scripts written when this history was being made. We still feel that there is something not quite ringing true here. Certainly there were two Captain John Witheridges both living in the same generation or times. Perhaps they were cousins or even Uncle and Nephew. The truth is that there may have been three such persons.. It would account for the record of the deaths of two John Witheridges in areas of the world separated by perhaps 500 miles and fighting two distinctly separate Dutch fleets. To make the problem even harder to sort, both men captained ships named "The Bonadventure", of which there were three sailing at one time. (I know this seems strange, but it is true) To add a little colour to this tale concerning the Bonadventure - Captain Cox, who succeeded John after his death in the Mediterranean, was removed from his command after three weeks. His crew and the Admiral thought him too self opinionated. Reading between the lines he was no match for the crew of the vessel vacated on the death of JOHN WITHERIDGE.

Note** This manuscript to be located at the PRO Kew. This would indeed be good reading and possibly fill many gaps.
RG 4/4414. The Register of William Greenhills Church at Stepney - could possibly give us the maiden name of Rachell, Edward's wife. This church was one of the first Quaker meeting places, which, by the accounts I have read, could furnish our research with an untold wealth of information.
Note*** CSPV. Calendar of State Papers. Venetian. William Salt Library.
Note **** Coventry MS. The Coventry Manuscripts i.e., the Bath Papers. Found at Longleat or British Library Paper 95-8 101 (Microfilm)

My thanks to you for reading this - John Witheridge

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY** - background to the story

CHARLES I (1600-1649) King of England, Scotland and Ireland. Acceded to the throne in 1625. He was in conflict with Parliament on constitutional matters and taxation. Parliament was suspicious of his religious beliefs as he had married a Roman Catholic Princess - Henrietta Maria of France. Civil War against him broke out in 1642. Eventually Charles' forces were defeated at the battle of Preston in 1648, and Charles was taken from his retreat in the Isle of Wight, brought to trial at Westminster, found guilty of being a tyrant and a traitor , and executed on 30th January, 1649.

PRINCE RUPERT (1649-1682) Rupert was Charles I's nephew, the son of Frederick V, Elector of Palatine, and Charles' sister Elizabeth. He was a leading Royalist commander, leading daring cavalry charges. He fell from favour when, in 1645, he surrendered the city of Bristol to General Fairfax. He left England in 1646 and went into exile, but turned to piracy and marauding adventures at sea, preying on ships of the Commonwealth Navy.

OLIVER CROMWELL (1599-1658) Soldier, politician and Statesman. He was a brilliant cavalry tactician, and was appointed a General in the Parliamentary Army. After the defeat of the Royalist forces he became the most powerful man in England and took the title and office of 'Lord Protector of England'. At his death in 1658 he was succeeded by his son, Richard, who had no aptitude for government and was deposed within six months.

COMMONWEALTH OF ENGLAND Republican government of England during the period 1649-1660

THE RUMP The remnants of the 'Long Parliament' which sat in England, without proper elections from 1640-1660. It established the Commonwealth of England and sat until expelled by Cromwell in 1653. It was not recalled until 1659. In 1660 it dissolved itself to clear the way for a Parliament favourable to the restoration of the monarchy.

PURITANS An extreme Protestant movement which had begun in the 16th century. Their beliefs covered a wide range of doctrines and attitudes, and never had a precise definition. Their emphasis was on preaching, strict observance of the Sabbath day, very strict moral codes, and a belief that they should refrain from pleasure. Extreme Puritan sects flourished during the Civil War.

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West Buckland,
Nr. Barnstaple.

9. Jan. 1989.

Dear all.

Thank-you very much for your delightful Christmas card, but unfortunately, due the delays with the mail, we received it only a few days ago!!

I trust all is well over there in the States and Rebecca Elizabeth is continueing with her progress. It really is excellent news and we wish them all the best.

Christmas here was a very quiet affair here. Gran and grandad spent it with Joyce, Michael, Amanda and Steven whereas myself and mum and dad went to my other grandma's where my other aunts and uncles, complete with my younger cousins, were staying. Janet and John spent Christmas Eve and had christmas dinner in Wales with John's mum, and then drove home to spend Christmas Night with us in Devon. They did the same last year, but unfortunately broke down and with the A.A. on quadruple overtime, the bill could have been enormous but luckily it all worked out in the end.

I followed the recent election

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campaign that you've had with great interest. I must confess that on this side of the Atlantic, Bush seemed to be the more convincing but I believe that you preferred Dukakis, but, I suspect the way in which we assess them greatly differs from you as it doesn't really have any relation to our position other than possible influence on our own government here.

I was just about to start my G.S.C.E's when you were here in the summer, well, despite all the worry and doubt they went well and, although I failed my A.O. (Additional) maths, I passed all the rest. I received an 'A' in Latin, Chemistry, Biology and English Language, and 'B's' in Physics, Music, English literature and French. My maths was not serious as I expected to fail but I passed the old 'O' level last year so in all I now have '9' G.S.C.E.'s or equilent. I've stayed on at W.B.S. to take 'A' levels and I'm following courses in General Studies (a paper where all knowledge such as languages, maths, science and english are tested to a lowish 'A' level standard,) English Literature, Latin and History. In my history course I have two options and I've chosen European history from 1550-1700 and American history from the Declaration of Independance to 1945. I must admit that I find American history much more interesting than the other. At the moment we're studing Andrew Jackson and Jacksonian

Democracy. I also have to do a research project for my history and I've decided on something to do with Nero, and ancient Rome. I'm not yet sure but there is some time yet.

Plans are progressing well, if expensively, toward Janet and John's wedding and I'm going to be a bridesmaid. The dresses are peach and are absolutely fabulous and from Laura Ashley, as is the wedding dress. They are due to be married on Easter Saturday at 12.00 pm. It should be a wonderful day for all concerned.

Their house, Clochnay, is now settled and organised and it is lovely now that it 'feels' lived in and homely. The garden has had some minor alterations with a bank onto the road reshaped and Janet now has a duckpond that wanted but as yet, no ducks!.

I understand from weather reports here that America is in a bit of a freeze. Well, here it has been the mildest December and New Year since records have begun.

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Your bad weather however is on the way so we had better make the most of the mild weather.

Before I sign off, I must apologise for the paper. I was given it by a friend for Christmas and I think that it's lovely but I really don't know what you think. I hope you like it anyway!

Anyway, all the best for the future and hoping to hear from you soon,

Love,
Sarah Witheridge.

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[Feb. 7, 1997]

Non published number

23 King Edward Street
Exeter
Devon
EX4 3ER

7th February 1997

Dear David,

Thank you so much for sending all of us your very best wishes for Christmas and 1997. May I send our very best wishes for the same to you albeit somewhat belated in February.

Mum and dad have passed me your letter as I am afraid they are not the best letter writers. Even when I was away at University, a letter from them was a rare as hens teeth but I suppose in their defence they did use the telephone!

I hope that you are still enjoying the best of health and that all of your family is well. It must be lovely to be able to see them so regularly. I know that having the rest of my family only an hour away is really a blessing. I know that I can always rush back home for roast dinner when the mood takes me. I am not the best of cooks so I am afraid that this happens perhaps more than it should!

Well, the Witheridge family here is still expanding. My brother John and his Wife Janet have had another baby, Samuel Matthew. He was born in May last year and is really a very bonny little chap. He is not at all like Joseph and you can tell even at his young age that he is much calmer and contemplative than Joe was and is. Joe seems to have lost his volume control at the moment as he feels that no-one is taking any notice of him and is instead concentrating on Sam. To make up for this he makes as much noise as he needs to before someone gives in for the sake of their sanity. He knows that I am a soft touch so I get roped into doing what he wants to. I do not mind this in the slightest though so everyone is happy! A photo of Sam is enclosed* and we are not yet such what colour his hair will finally be. It is a bit too fine at the moment but he may well turn out to be a red head like Granddad.

* Can't find a good one - will forward one on! Sorry.

All the rest of the family are very well other than the inevitable colds and sniffles. Gran is still going strong though she is obviously getting frailer as time goes on. She had a nasty fall before Christmas but has recovered from this very well and is back in the bungalow and in full charge. She values the independence that living in the bungalow gives her and we all call in and see her whenever we are passing so there is always someone around should she need them. Other than carrying in the logs for the fire, she does the rest herself and she does not want it any other way. I hope that I shall be that independent and resourceful when I am a similar age!

I can see that you are very excited about the forthcoming Witheridge Day. I have written to Richard Witheridge in Bath to find out whether we can come along to the day in Tiverton. I would hope that Simon and I will be able to go to the day at the Tiverton Hotel and I know that Mum and Dad are keen to come along to whatever is organised for the Monday. Unfortunately they have already got a long-standing event on that Saturday otherwise they would have come along with us. If they can re-arrange this, I am sure they will though.

It certainly will be interesting for so may Witheridges to be gathered together in one place. I am sure that it will be an event to remember and I am sure that you delighted to be able to come along. It will be a lovely day and I always think that Devon is at it░s best in May so the trip around all the places on Sunday should be just beautiful.

Anyway, I shall look forward to seeing you in May and until then, best wishes from all the family.

Love

Sad Witheridge-Harrison

[DEW's undated draft, after Feb. 7, 1997]

Dear Sarah,

It was good to get your letter and to learn that you and Simon are planning to go to Tiverton for the Witheridge celebration on Saturday, May 3. I am looking forward so much to seeing you again and meeting Simon. I think we shall all have a very good time.

Thank you also for the news of your family. You probably know that Kim and Roy Cook are planning to take me out to Middle Stoodleigh so we can see everyone and have a good visit on Monday, May 5. That will really bring back fond memories, but also regrets that your Grandpa and my Elizabeth will not be with us. But as you say, there will be several new ones to get acquainted with since our last visit in 1988.

That's all I have time for now, but I just wanted to let you know I'm thinking of you and my upcoming trip.

Love,

David

Henry (Harry) Witheridge

documents

# Editor's Note

Unfortunately for Dad — or, depending how you look at it, fortunately, because he was saved from making an avoidable error — research in England on his behalf by pen pal Barbara Popplestone (q.v.) brought his theory about the earliest generations of the Witheridge-Causey ancestral line of Henry (Harry) James Witheridge (b. 1910) and his three brothers (George, Francis, and Stanley) tumbling down.

There was no longer a connection from the earliest generation (John Witheridge = Ann Evens, and John Cawsey = Elizabeth); to the next generation (William Witheridge [ bapt. 1799] = Fanny Causey [bapt. 1799]); and from there to the generations already known (or assumed) by Dad to be based on credible evidence (George Causey Witheridge = Mary Ann Bussell, and their descendants).

Only a year before, Dad's extension of the line back to the two Johns and their spouses had seemed quite plausible, based on parish record data he obtained on microfilm at the Morman branch library in Minneapolis. See, for example, the document on the next two pages — his December 11, 1981, Christmas letter to Harry and Toots — in which he happily reports: "I have located two sets of [Harry's] great-great-great grandparents: John and Ann (Evens) Witheridge; and John and Elizabeth Cawsey; all living in Littleham, Devon, in the 1790s." At best the news was premature; but more probably it would remain forever unsupportable by public vital records.

Explanations for this disappointing development can be found in two letters written by Dad two days apart in 1982, the first dated September 4 (to Col. Anthony Gilbart Witheridge [b. 1937], in Anthony's section of folder 1.63y) and the second dated September 6 (to Barbara Popplestone, document W94 in folder 1.63c).

Tom Witheridge
June 10, 2022

[Dec. 11, 1981]

Dec. 11, 1981

Dear Harry + Toots,

Christmas is almost here, and we send you our greetings and wish you both (and also Robert) a most enjoyable Holiday Season and year ahead.

We still have warm feelings whenever we think of England or see any British news on TV or in the papers. This has been a year of important British news, what with the Royal Wedding and the economic and political situation. We hope it has been a happy and healthy year for all of you.

As you can see from the enclosed family group sheets, last summer at the Minneapolis Branch Mormon Library I was able to trace your Witheridge and Causey ancestry.

Harry, back nearly

200 years. I have located two sets of your great-great-great grandparents: John and Ann (Evans) Witheridge; and John and Elizabeth Cawsey; all living in Littleham, Devon, in the 1790's. I'm sure more information will be forthcoming as I keep working on this.

Harry, you might try to locate at St. Catherine's House the marriage record of George Cawsey Witheridge and Mary Ann Criswell about 1856, or a few years forward and backward from that date. I'm sure their marriage certificate would give us a few more leads. Perhaps I have already suggested this to you, I can't remember.

If you do get to St. Catherine's House, would you also get the birth certificate of an Emily Florence Witheridge in the 3rd Qtr (Sept.) of 1857, Shoreditch 1c, 138? This may well be a sister of your grandfather, George Cawsey Witheridge.

Elizabeth wonders if you ever talked to your friend and business associate, Gordon Kendall, about the history of his family in Bermuda. If you would send us his address, we'd like to correspond with him about our efforts in regard to Kendall genealogy.

Our biggest news of the year is that our younger son, Tom, who lives in Chicago, is planning to marry his girl friend, Virginia Jelleck, next June. They'll be here for Christmas and of course Jim, who lives in Minneapolis, will be too, so we'll all be together.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

To 1981

Elizabeth and David

Wishing you...
A Christmas of Joy
A New Year of
Peace and Happiness

from

Toots, Harry and
Robert.

Glory to God on the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

LUKE II v. 14

To the [illegible]
from
the [illegible]

[This letter was enclosed in the preceding Christmas card.]

"ST. ANDREWS"
GORSE HILL ROAD
VIRGINIA WATER, SURREY
WENTWORTH 3056

17th Dec. 1981.

Dear David and Elizabeth,

Toots and I were so pleased to receive your long, newsy letter of 11th December and I am sitting down to write to you straightaway, to tell you just that.

We so much enjoyed being with you both on your visit to the UK, and the photographs we have are a constant reminder of you both. Thank you for the records you have sent to us, going back 200 years or so. I'm glad our forbears (yours and ours) were of good country stock - husbandman, agricultural labourer, etc. A good strain runs through the family, no doubt.

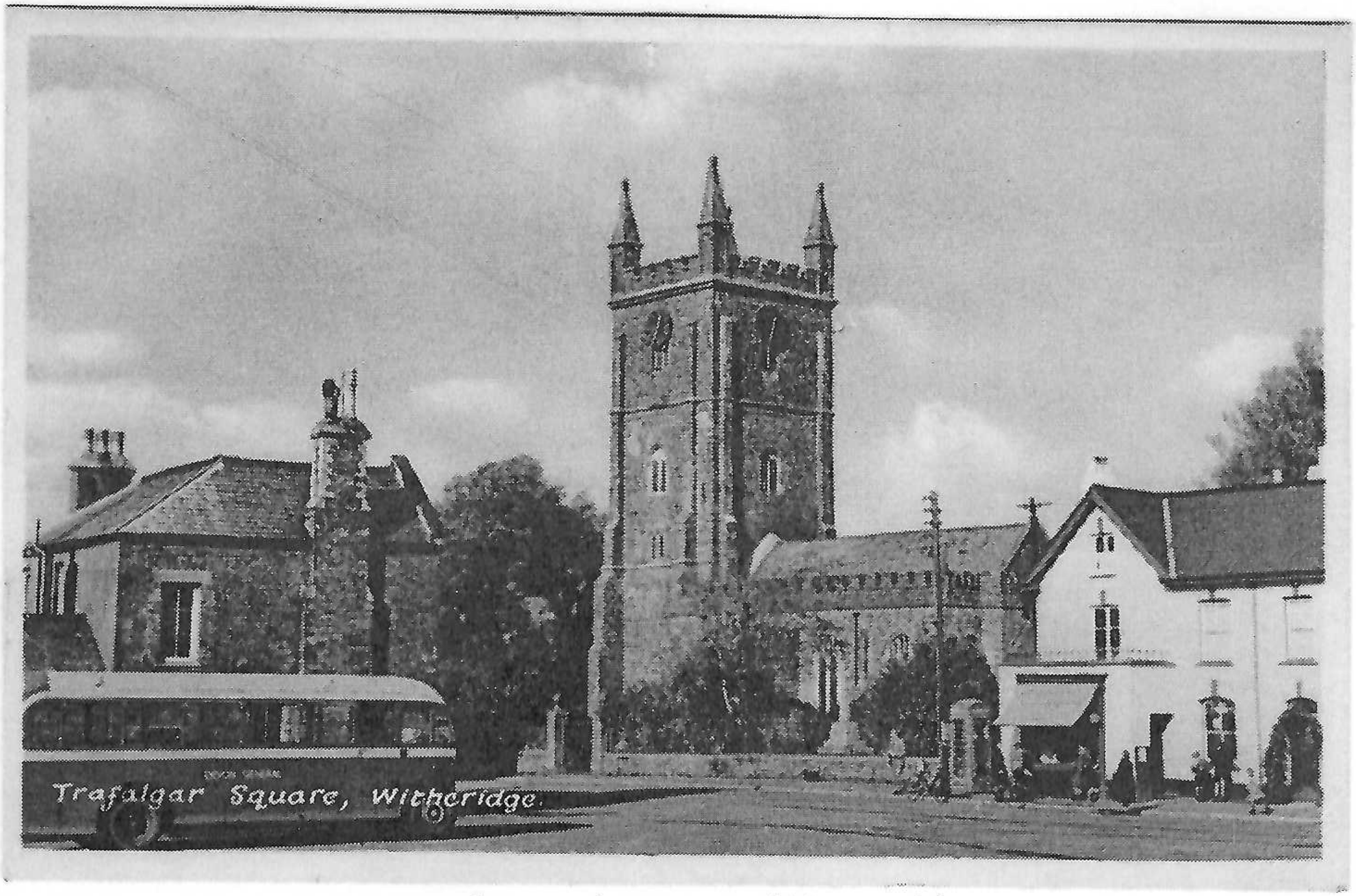
When I have time (it may have to wait until I retire, which won't be long) I will try to trace the marriage of George Causey W. and Mary Ann Bussell around 1856 I'm sure you have the date right, as George Causey junior was born in 1858. Herewith copy of his Birth Certificate, apparently registered 10 years later. You certainly would have a copy already, and probably a more legible one.

Christmas is almost upon us and we are looking forward to it. George and Gwen will be with us the 2 days and we shall see many other friends and relatives. With us Christmas is a joyful reunion with family and friends, with a pervading spirit of goodwill and peacefulness. My brother Frank is far from well with his emphasymia (?) — he was 69 on 12th December, born on the 12th day of the 12th month of 1912. Otherwise we are all fit and well.

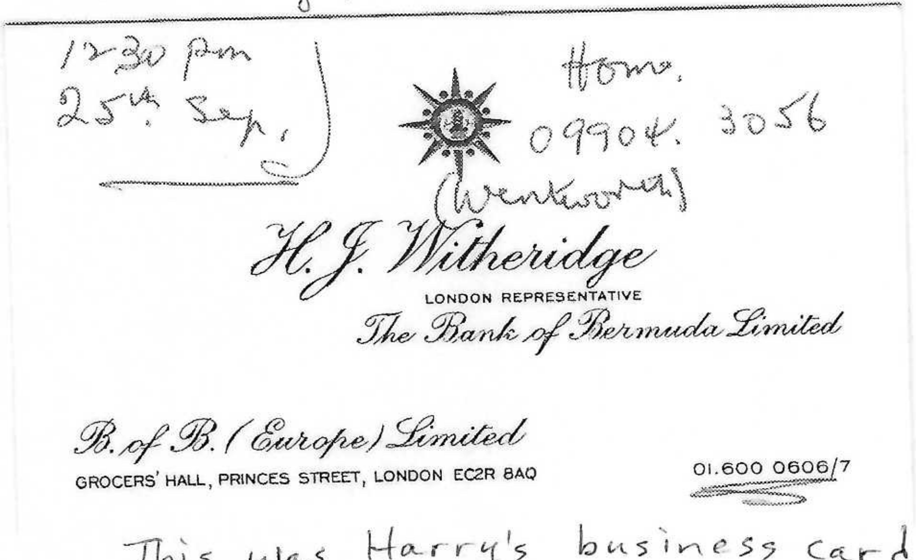
Many thanks for your good wishes, ours to you, together with our love and happy memories of your visit. Sincerely yours,

Toots and Harry.

[These two items (enlarged here) were enclosed, with the Dec. 17, 1981, letter, in Harry and Toots's 1981 Christmas card.]



A more recent photograph resembling the one in this post card appears in the Wikipedia article "Witheridge," as of June 14, 2022.



12·30 pm
25th Sep,

Home.
09904. 3056
(Wentworth)

H. J. Witheridge
LONDON REPRESENTATIVE
The Bank of Bermuda Limited

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GROCERS' HALL, PRINCES STREET, LONDON EC2R 8AQ
01.600 0606/7

This was Harry's business card, as of Dec. 17, 1981.

1982

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So glad to have news
of you with your very
nice message (a News Letter)
in your card. You are
certainly a close, and I
am sure loving, family.
We have such happy
memories of your visit to
the Old Country, and to
know that we have such
wonderful relatives in
your great country. Trust
the magnum opus has
made further progress. Are
you back to Domesday
days yet?

We are all fit and well.
Brother Frank had his 70th
birthday yesterday, so it's now
3 out of 4
into the
three score
years and ten, the [illegible], we a long-living lot. Our love to all
the family.

Profits devoted to
**Cancer Research Campaign**
2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AR

Dave and Elizabeth

With

Best Wishes for Christmas

and the New Year

Love from
Jack & Harry.

St. Andrews,
Gorse Hill Road,
Virginia Water,
Surrey.

1983

12/83

Will be thinking of the American branch of the family tree especially at Christmas time. I retired in June (at last) and am thoroughly enjoying my new found freedom and having more time with my beloved. Your many cousins this side are fit and well. John, my brother Frank's son, is shortly to be chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, a sort of A.D.C. and is moving into Lambeth Palace with his wife and 3 children. The other face of the church and Army, Anthony, George's son, is now a Colonel and Military Attaché at the British Embassy in Lisbon. His children, including the twin girls, are all at school in England.

David & Elizabeth

With

Best Wishes for Christmas

and the New Year

Love from

Toots, Harry & Robert.

Our love to you all. H.

*Profits devoted to*

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[Another copy of this letter is located in folder 1.63c, directly following document W118.]

[Feb. 22, 1984]

St. Andrews
Gorse Hill Road
Virginia Water
Surrey, U.K.

22nd Feb. 1984.

Dear Elizabeth and David,

We were delighted to receive your Christmas greetings, with so much news about yourselves and the family. We hope that Elizabeth's sciatica is less bothersome and that, except for that, you are both fit and well.

Toots, who has quite an eagle eye for spotting bits of information, noticed this obituary notice in our daily newspaper a couple of days ago. A Thomas Witheridge Gubb, who presumably lived in Cape Town. As it was his second "given" name, it might have been his mother's maiden name. Have you any trace of Witheridges in South Africa?

P.T.O. (6 same paper)

1984

Hope you are all well
and that the saga of
the Wainridge
anthology is growing
ever bigger.
Our love to you both
and to the family from
the Wainridges this
side of the Pond.
We have happy memories
of your last visit.
Harry

This card is sold in aid of
The Imperial Cancer Research Fund,
Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX

1984

Dave & Elizabeth.

*With*

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

*and all Good Wishes*

*for the*

NEW YEAR

Love from
Took, Harry & Robert.

[South Africa Witheridge family] [Dec. 8, 1984]

Dec. 8, 1984

Dear Darcy, Dorothy & Robert,

You must have wondered why you never heard from me after you sent the clipping about the death of the widow of Thomas Witheridge Dubb in South Africa. The truth is, I have had great success in tracking down the family and finding that they are indeed distant relatives who stem back to Combe Martin where my family originated.

Our University of Minnesota Library has many newspapers from all over the world and they had Johannesburg, but not Cape Town. However, they had a book that lists all the public libraries in the world. So I wrote to the library in Cape Town, and they sent me a copy of the death notice there, which gave one of the survivors as Nick Dubb. They also gave me the address of N. Dubb from the telephone directory.

I wrote and got a long reply from Margaret Dubb, widow of Noel Dubb, a ~~nephew~~ cousin of Thomas Witheridge Dubb. It seems that the original Thomas Witheridge Dubb was born in Combe Martin about 1839, the son of William Dubb and Mary Witheridge. There were three Thomas Witheridge Dubbs. The first had a fleet of ships that went between England and South Africa. The second one was a millionaire on three occasions and lost his money each time by extravagance and wild living. The third was the one whose widow died in February.

Margaret Dubb also sent me a pedigree of the Combe Martin Witheridges showing the descent of the Dubb family from them. This also shows how my family ties in. It is interesting that Margaret and her husband still returned to Combe Martin almost every year, and she will be visiting there for two months in 1985.

So, you see, I am very grateful to you for passing on this death notice to me and enabling me to find this new part of our family.

We have had a good year and hope you have had, too. Best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

[Snail mail!]

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1985

David . Elizabeth,

Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Love from
Jock, Harry & Robert.

Keep the family tree
going, David,
Our love to the
wiseringes of
Minneapolis.

[Son of Harry's brother, Frank]

1986

1986

John's term as chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury is coming to an end, and he has been appointed senior chaplain to Eton College, the leading boys school. His father Frank still has his emphysema but is coping quite well. We celebrated George's 78th birthday on 2nd Nov. Toots is in good fettle and I am enjoying my (busy) retirement.

Trust all goes well with you both and with your flourishing family.

Our love to you.

David & Elizabeth,

Happy Christmas

Love from

Toots, Harry & Robert.

*"There were in the same country Shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."*

LUKE 2:8

[These look like photocopies, but they aren't!]

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1987

Trust all goes well with the Wiseridges over there, as they are with us over here.

Our love to you.

David & Elizabeth,

Happy Christmas

Love from

Toots, Harry & Robert

[1988 trip plans]

[Feb. 1, 1988]

[This turned out to be wrong.
See Sharpenhoe in the index.]

February 1, 1988

Dear Harry, Toots, & Robert,

I think I told you on our Christmas card that we were planning a trip to Britain in May. It seems to be working out all right and we expect to arrive in London on Saturday, May 14. We'll spend about a week in the London area, then hire a car and drive through England, Wales, and Scotland for three weeks.

We'll start out first by spending about three days in Essex. Then on Tuesday, May 24, we plan to leave Chelmsford and drive to Albury. We'll be taking a route north of London, as we want to stop on the way at the little hamlet of Sharpenhoe near Streatley in Bedfordshire. That is the place where Elizabeth's Norton ancestors lived for many years around 1500, and we want to look at the church and other things in the vicinity. We expect to arrive in Albury sometime between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

We've been planning to go to Albury, with the expectation that you could come over there too, since that's the way we have done it before. We're not sure what their situation is, however, and it might be preferable to stay overnight with you. Perhaps you could confer with them. If it would be difficult for either of you to have us, we could stay at a nearby inn or hotel, and you could all be our guests for dinner. We're very fond of you all, and we must arrange to see you somehow.

On Wednesday, May 25, we plan to go to Windsor and Eton on our way to Exeter through Salisbury. I'm writing to your nephew John at Eton to see if by chance we could meet him while we are there.

We look forward to hearing soon whether or not this date of May 24 will fit your schedule, so we can change our itinerary, if necessary.

Love to you all,

David + Elizabeth

[Harry proposes a Witheridge party] [Feb. 8, 1988]

Virginia Water.
8th Feb. 1988

Dear Elizabeth and David,

We were delighted to receive your letter this morning confirming your arrangements (pre-advised on your christmas card) for your visit to the U.K. We are so pleased we will have the opportunity to see you both.

We have a suggestion. On Saturday 4th June we have a gathering of the Witheridges here at St Andrews. Each year we have this party, as near as possible to 1st June, which was my Mother's birthday. We make it the birthday of Charley, a dear lady (now 86) who has been with the Witheridge family for many years and knows more about the family than we do ourselves. There will be lots of Witheridges here, hopefully in the garden, several generations, and it would be an opportunity for you to meet them. Would it be possible for you to re-arrange your itinerary so that you come here on 4th June instead of 24th May, possibly leaving the USA a week later than now planned, or just altering your journey within the UK. Whether you come here on 24th May or 4th June you would be more than welcome to stay with George at Albury or here with us that night, resuming your journeys the following day, maybe to see John at Eton (though Sunday may not be a convenient day for him.) You certainly have an ambitious project and we admire you for your initiative and enterprise. Do let us know if we can help in any way, and whether we shall be seeing you on 4th May or 4th June. We are all well here - a mild winter but very wet. All the news when we meet. Meanwhile our love to you both and to the family.

Toots, Harry and Robert.

Sender's name and address
(please show postcode)

**H. J. WITHERIDGE**
St. Andrews
Gorse Hill Road
Virginia Water, Surrey
Wentworth (09904) 3056
U.K.

SECOND FOLD HERE

Rev. Dennis E. Witheridge
2435 Irving Ave. S
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.

By air mail
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TO OPEN SLIT HERE

[Feb. 28, 1988]

February 28, 1988

Dear Toots, Harry + Robert,

Your very interesting letter arrived some time ago, but I couldn't answer until I was able to re-arrange our itinerary so we could get to your place on June 4 rather than May 24. It's such a wonderful thing, Toots, for you to have this Witheridge party, and we look forward not only to seeing all of you whom we already know, but also to meeting a number of other Witheridges.

What we did was to delay our visit to Virginia Water and Albury until after we go to Devon, Wales, and the Birmingham area. We'll leave Nuneaton on Saturday morning, June 4, and get to Virginia Water, I think, about 12:30. You didn't tell us what the schedule is for the day, but we can help with preparations if we get there before the others arrive. Perhaps we should let George and Gwen put us up for the night, because you'll be having such a heavy day with all the entertaining.

You'll have to tell us how to get to your place, Harry, and perhaps send a rough sketch or map. Virginia Water doesn't show on any of the maps we have.

The following day we have a long drive - all the way up to Scotland - so we'll have to get an early start. Elizabeth has a distant McComas relative in Kirkintilloch near Glasgow, and we'd like to get there around 6:00 p.m. We still plan to see John at Eton on May 25, and we have a note from him confirming that date.

Just so I don't forget to tell you, Kim and Roy Cook will be picking us up at the airport and also returning us there as they did in 1976 and 1980. We'll be staying with them a couple of days at the beginning and at the end of our stay, and they will always know where we are in case you need to reach us while we're in Britain. Their address is 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF; Ph. 01-777 6072.

We're looking forward to seeing you.

Love,

David + Elizabeth

["Charley" – see next page] [Mar. 10, 1988]

ST. ANDREWS
GORSE HILL ROAD
VIRGINIA WATER, SURREY
GU25 4AU
WENTWORTH (09904) 3056

10th March 1988.

Dear David and Elizabeth.

We were delighted to receive your letter of 28th February and thank you for altering your itinerary to fit in with our arrangements.

There has been a family tussle between No. 1 child George and No. 2 Harry as to who will have you for the night of 4th June. Both Gwen and Toots would be delighted for you both to stay, but finally we have won and you stay at Virginia Water. It really is the commonsense thing to do. You will have had a long drive from Nuneaton that day, you can then relax here and start off really early for the long journey to Scotland the next day.

I am getting some route maps for you and expect to send them in about 10 days time. Meanwhile here is a rough hand-drawn map showing where our house is when you get near. Virginia Water is between Windsor and Slough on one side and Staines on the other.
Staines

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find the main road A30 on the map
and my diagram shows you the
direction from the A.30. However, all will
be clear (we hope) when I get the route
maps from the A.A. (Automobile Association.)

Toots and I are so pleased

[See
also Feb. 8
letter]

that you will be with us for the gathering
of the clans on 4th June. As I told you, this
is a party especially for Charley. She was
very close to my mother, she would never tell
us her birthday or her age (we know now that
she is now 86) so when Mum died we gave
Charley Mum's birthday, which was 1st June,
(As George said, so unromantically, Mum
won't need it any more.) So each year we have
this gathering for Charley on or around
that date. (Charley has recently come into
a small inheritance and now insists on
paying all the expenses.)

Charley is by origin German
and came over to England as a protest
against the Nazi regime. She came to
the Wimmeridge family, was naturalised
British many years ago and nobody
is more British nor more Wimmeridge
than dear Charley. She knows more
about the family, and the generations,
than most of us do.

ST. ANDREWS
GORSE HILL ROAD
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GU25 4AU
WENTWORTH (09904) 3056

It might interest you and Elizabeth to know the names of the family who will be there.

Charley

— Toots
Harry
Robert

— George
Gwen

— Frank
Joan
Frances, daughter
David, son in law
Katey, their daughter

Anthony and Francoise will be in Brazil, and the 4 children, Simon Philip Ann and Clare will be at school.

— Sarah — John's wife, John will be at Eton
Charlotte
Henrietta
George
Henry
} their children, grandchildren of Frank.

— Christopher
Pam
Heather
Amy
Dale
} their children

son of my brother Stan, who with his wife Ethne and other son Michael will be in Australia

It was very nice of you to offer with the preparations but I don't think it will be necessary. Toots is very capable and will have everything in hand. I hope that most of the time we will be in the garden and we normally have a buffet lunch in the garden room.

We will be in touch before then, but give us a ring soon after your arrival in England on 14th May, and do let us know if we can do anything for you, before and/or after your arrival. I have made a note of the address and telephone number of Kim and Ray Cook. Meanwhile Toots and Robert join me in sending our love to you both and to the family.

Affectionately yours,

Harry.

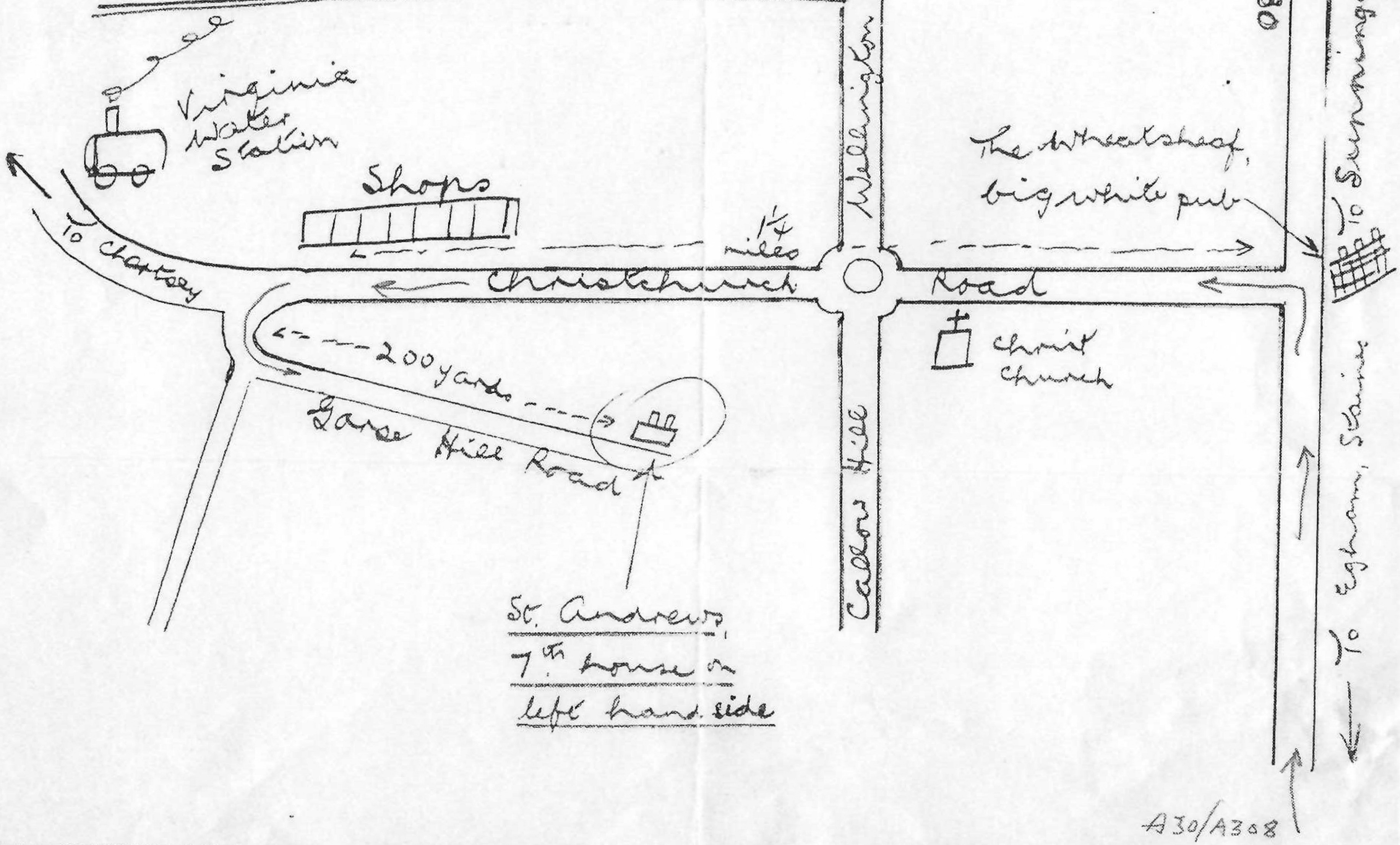
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Witheridge,

St. Andrews,

Gorse Hill Road,

Virginia Water

Wentworth (09904) 3056


Virginia Water Station
To Chertsey
Shops
1¼ miles
Christchurch Road
Wellington Avenue
Callow Hill
Christ Church
The Wheatsheaf, big white pub
A.30
To Sunningdale
To Egham, Staines
200 yards
Gorse Hill Road
St. Andrews, 7th house on left hand side

A30/A308

July 18, 1988

Dear Toots, Harry, + Robert,

We've been home now over a month, but things are still not completely back to normal. Because of the cold, rainy, and windy weather in Britain we both returned home with bad colds that hung on for two or three weeks. We found they were in the midst of a drought and heat wave here that is only now improving a little. The result was that our energy level has been low, and everything has taken longer to accomplish. However, we had a wonderful trip to Britain and were able to do almost everything we had planned.

The day we spent with you was one of the highlights of our trip, and we do appreciate all you did to make it such a memorable occasion. We're grateful to you for suggesting that we try to fit it into our complicated schedule. The extra miles we drove were mainly on the motorway, which I find less troublesome to drive on than the ordinary roads. In particular, our long drive to Scotland from Virginia Water worked out very well, and our only problem was finding the hotel when we got there. But that seemed to be our problem in a number of places!

We're enclosing two copies of this picture so you can give one to Charley. It was a pleasure to meet her and also to meet so many others of your family. It's wonderful that you try to get them all together once a year. We're also sending pictures to the other family groups as we find time to write to them.

Thank you again for your gracious hospitality. You have a lovely home, and we enjoyed staying with you. We hope the rest of the summer goes very well for you.

All our love,

David + Elizabeth

[Oct. 3, 1988]

ST. ANDREWS
GORSE HILL ROAD
VIRGINIA WATER, SURREY
GU25 4AU
WENTWORTH (09904) 3056

3rd Oct. 1988

Dear Elizabeth and David,

I am sorry not to have replied before now to your very nice letter written on your return from these cold and blustery shores. We were so sorry you had bad weather for almost all your stay. Our weather is nothing if not inconsistent - for the past 4/5 days here it has been beautiful - warm and sunny and full of the ripe scents of autumn. We were in Scotland, at St. Andrews, the Mecca of golfers, in September and the weather was such as you had, whilst down here it was lovely and warm!! You can't win 'em all, as they say.

Thank you for the splendid picture of us 3 and Charley.

That really is one for the album. And Charley also thanks you for her copy, which I duly passed on. Here are some of mine. You two figure quite prominently, and I am glad I had one of my dear brother Frank who, as you probably know, died a few weeks later. As his son John said, and in the nicest possible way, that was his last public appearance. We were great pals as well as being brothers: I don't remember that a cross word ever passed between us all our long lives.

All the family seem to be well - the 3 generations seem to get on well together and it is interesting for us older ones to see the children growing up, and developing into nice people - we can ask for no more.

We trust that all your family are well. Toots, Robert and Charlie join me in sending our love to you. Affectionately yours,

Harry.

1988

Happy memories of your visit to U.K. this year. Our love to you both and to the family.

This card will save Lives

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Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX

David & Elizabeth

Christmas Greetings
and Best Wishes for
the Coming Year

Love from
Jock, Harry & Robert

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1989

Trust all goes well with you, and with your researches.

Our love to you both and the family.

David & Elizabeth

Happy Christmas

Love from
Jock, Harry & Robert

[A bit of British humour regarding the Witheridge Society] [Apr. 25, 1989]

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ST. ANDREWS
GORSE HILL ROAD
VIRGINIA WATER, SURREY
GU25 4AU
WENTWORTH (09904) 3056

25th April 1989.

Dear Elizabeth and David.

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed literature about the "Witheridge Society", though the organizer may well have sent you a copy. We will not be going to the gathering of the clan. Toots says she has enough to do looking after the 2 she has, without 3,000 more – but that is not the reason, we are interested but the timing is inconvenient.

We are all in good shape as we trust you are, the other side of the big water. We had a very mild start to the year but now winter is belatedly upon us, with cold, sleet and rain. Such a pity when all the spring flowers and the cherry and almond blossom are in full bloom.

Toots and I went to our little place in Menorca a week or two ago. It was so quiet and peaceful. we do enjoy it there after the busy life we still seem to live.

George and Gwen are fine, though neither as sprightly as they were. Old Man Time I fear is catching up on us but we are grateful for the health and blessings we all have.

We send our affectionate greetings to you ~~both~~ both, and to the family.

Toots and Harry.

[Dec. 30, 1998]

H J WITHERIDGE
ST ANDREWS
GORSE HILL ROAD
VIRGINIA WATER SURREY
GU25 4AU
WENTWORTH 01344 843056

[Deaths of Col. Anthony Gilbart Witheridge (b. 1937) and Gwendoline (Gwen) Marjorie Hiscocks (b. 1908)]

30th Dec. 1998

Dear David,

Thank you for your card: it is always nice to hear from you. We are glad you had a happy Christmas with the family. Ours was rather marred by the sad fact that Anthony, George's son, died on 19th December.

He was only 61. He had cancer of the pancreas. It was diagnosed in the summer but rapidly spread to other organs. He had a succession of chemotheraphy treatments but it was terminal. Towards the end he was at peace, buoyed up by his devout faith and, as Francoise his wife said, he passed away peacefully and ~~serenely~~ serenely.

The funeral was on 29th December and I thought you would like to have the enclosed copy of the Order of Service. It was held in his local church, a lovely old typical village church. It was filled to capacity, more than 250 people – from his and the wider Witheridge family, Army colleagues and friends ~~and~~ from all walks of life, representing his wide range of ~~his~~ interests and activities.

The service, at his request, was conducted jointly by 2 Reverends.

One was the village priest, a great friend, Anthony often took the services when the priest was officiating elsewhere, and the other was a great friend from his early Army days.

The service was very moving and centred on Anthony's deep religious beliefs and his unswerving faith. Toots and I had not realized how deeply religious he was. He went into the Army but he might well have entered the Church, as you did and his cousin John, who incidentally is now Headmaster of Charterhouse, one of the most famous and fine public schools of the country.

George, who is now 90, has taken it badly - he and Anthony were so close. George's wife, Gwen, died in 1997, so he has 2 major tragedies in his life within a short while. He is in an old people's home near Anthony's family and is well for his years but he did not attend the funeral service, it would have been too much for him, emotionally as well as physically.

I am sorry to be the bearer of sad news but Toots and I thought that you should know. You are such a faithful member of the Witheridge family - as well as its chronicler.

We send our good wishes to you, David, for a happy and healthy New Year, and our love.

Toots, Harry and Robert.

[Jan. 26, 1999 draft]

Jan. 26, 1999

Dear Toots, Harry, and Robert,

It was so good to get your letter telling about Anthony's death and the deeply moving service. I especially appreciated receiving a copy of the service, which I went through carefully. I had heard about his death from Kim Cook at Christmas time. She usually telephones us sometime during the Holidays. It was a shock to me, because I had no idea of his illness.

I wrote to Françoise, and I know this will be a difficult time for her, but they did so many ~~wonderful~~ things over the years together, that she will have a host of wonderful memories. ~~to keep her going.~~ I did not know of Anthony's deep faith and his great involvement in the church. This, too, will be a great comfort to Françoise. I have lost track of what the children are doing now, but I'm sure they are progressing and maturing well and will do their best to give her their support.

This will be hard on George, too, but I am glad he is not too far from them, so they can at least see him occasionally. I hope he is getting good care and companionship in the home where he is.

Now I want to thank you again for writing and to wish you again a good year ahead.

Love,
David

[Email from DEW to Kim Cook] [Aug. 23, 2003]

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Subj: **Witheridge Times**
Date: 8/23/03 3:19:33 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: ROYKIMCOOK
CC: richard@rwitheridge.fsnet.co.uk

Hi, Kim,

I just finished reading the latest issue of the Witheridge Times, and I enjoyed it very much. Your article on computer resources is very good. If I were younger, I would make considerable use of it, but I have practically given up genealogical research and am trying to concentrate on getting more of my material into prose form.

Regarding the article about Major Harry Witheridge, I'm sure you realize that this is Anthony''s uncle and George's brother. I was delighted to get all this information, as I was unfamiliar with most of it. It seems to me his death was reported in an earlier issue, or maybe you just told me. You have probably been in touch with Richard about this.

Love,, David

[See the next document]

Editor's note:

The memorial article on the next page was unsigned (but possibly by Kim Cook – see the previous page). The misleading title of the article appears to be an error.

Tom Witheridge
June 15, 2022

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# The Witheridge Times

The magazine of

## THE WITHERIDGE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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## MAJOR PHILIP WITHERIDGE.

A newspaper report given to me by Philip Witheridge and later a newspaper cutting sent to me by Annette Witheridge who resides in America.

Major Harry Witheridge died 22nd September 2002. He was awarded an MC while serving with the Royal Fusiliers (City of London) Regiment.

In 1944, Witheridge who was then a Captain was ordered, with the 8th Battalion, to attack point 411 on Monte Darniano. The approach was held up by the terraced hillside and walls 8 to 10 feet high, and numerous camouflaged enemy machine guns posts.

Witheridge went out into open ground to draw enemy fire and allow his gunners to pinpoint the enemy. After taking the ground with heavy casualties Witheridge and his men repealed numerous counter attacks.

Four days later Witheridge led a patrol to deal with German troops around the village of Lorenzo and they accounted for 16 of the enemy and captured two Spandau posts without loss. Witheridge was awarded the MC for his part in establishing the Darniano bridgehead.

Henry James Witheridge was born on January 31 1910, the son of a railway superintendent at Tufnell Park, north London. On return to civilian life Witheridge was a prime mover in setting up the Brunswick Boys Club which was inaugurated by Prince Philip in 1949.He joined the overseas branch of the Midland bank and helped in setting up various banks abroad.

In retirement he enjoyed golf and was a keen gardener.

He is survived by his wife Toots Smith whom he married in 1954.

The report gives more about his life which can be seen in the Daily Telegraph for December 10th 2002 for anyone with a particular interest.

I'm sure someone will know who he was and give us more information.

Richard Witheridge (b. 1905)
documents

# Editor's Note

When Dad was just starting out on his quest for Witheridges, there was, of course, no Internet. So he used the main resource for finding people that came naturally to all of us back then: the telephone directory. One day, when he found himself in New York City with time on his hands, he went to the huge public library there, found the shelf of British Isles phone books, and searched all of them for "Witheridge." Richard Witheridge (b. 1905) was one of the people he found.

Dad sent Richard a registered letter on August 27, 1970, enclosing a summary of the other Witheridges he'd already located in this way and learned something about — see the second document following this note. He also enclosed the one-family record of his own ancestors, John Witheridge and Clara Blackmore, in hopes that seeing the couple's offspring would stimulate Richard's interest and suggest links to his cache of information.

Unfortunately, Richard didn't become a useful source. Either he or his wife, Selina, dutifully added his name to the list of offspring on the one-family record (no doubt thinking that's what Dad wanted) and apologized for being unable to help further. The draft of Dad's reply is the last item in this section.

Tom Witheridge
June 18, 2022

[Aug. 27, 1970]

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FROM
REV DAVID WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING S
MPLS 55405

TO
MR R WITHERIDGE
3011 LARKSFIELD DR
YORKSHIRE ENG

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405, U.S.A.
August 27, 1970

Mr. R. Witheridge
3011 Larksfield Dr.
Harrogate
Yorkshire
England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

You will no doubt be surprised to get a letter from a Witheridge in the United States. Let me just say that I found your name in the British telephone directory in the New York City Public Library.

For the last few years I've been working on genealogy, and among other things I've been trying to reconstruct my Witheridge ancestry. Since my father was born in Wales, with his father coming from Devon, most of my search for the Witheridge line has been in England. This is difficult at such a distance, and I'm hoping you can be of assistance to me. At the same time, I think I can help you learn much more about your own family history.

As you can see from the enclosed list, I have already corresponded with a number of Witheridge families in England, and I am gradually picking up information about our ancestry. I believe most, if not all, Witheridges have a common ancestry, if we can get back far enough, though I have no illusions that this can actually be accomplished.

I'm hoping you will be willing to pass on to me all the information you have about your own ancestry. How far back can you trace your own Witheridge line, and what else do you know about the Witheridge family? Do you know the relationship of any of those I have listed on the enclosed sheet, and can you give me the names and addresses of any other Witheridge descendants? Up to now I have failed to locate anyone who has actually worked on this line, and the Society of Genealogists doesn't know of anyone, either.

Just a word about myself. I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and began my professional experience as a heating and ventilating engineer with my father, after graduating from the University of Michigan. Four years later I decided to become a minister, and I entered the seminary. After nine years as a Baptist minister, I came to Minneapolis nineteen years ago to be the executive of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife, Elizabeth, also grew up in Saginaw and was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. Now she is the author of children's books, having written six. We have two sons. Jim is 23 and works for Goodwill Industries in St. Paul. Tom is 22 and works at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston.

I shall look forward to hearing from you soon and receiving any information you can give me about your family background. Thank you for your help.

# Witheridges Contacted in Great Britain

W. John Witheridge
Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland
Barnstaple
Devon

(Second cousin of my father. Traces ancestry back to his great-grandfather, Edward, and great-grandmother, Mary Geer, who were married in Combe Martin, Devon, in 1828. His grandfather, William, was born in Combe Martin about 1841.)

(Also his son, W. George, same address)

(His brother, Charles G., and their father, William John, live at:
Upcott Farm
Brayford
Barnstaple
Devon)

R. A. E. Witheridge
598 Ashley Road
Parkstone
Poole
Dorset

(Traces ancestry back to his grandparents, James Witheridge and Hannah Jerman. His father was born in 1865 in Kingskerswell, Newton Abbot, Torquay, Devon.)

Fenwick E. Witheridge
37 Park Crescent
Newport N.P.T.3AQ
Monmouth

(Traces ancestry back to his great-grandfather, James, who was born in Combe Martin, and his great-grandmother, Isabella Ann Redmore. His grandfather, James, was born in Newport in 1855.)

Dr. E. A. Witheridge
1 Calverton Road
Stony Stratford
Bucks

(Traces ancestry back to his grandfather, Edmund, probably born in Marzion, Cornwall.)

Lt. Col. George Witheridge, D.S.O., O.B.E., (Ret'd)
Cooksyeat Farm
Kilgetty
Pembrokeshire
Wales

(Traces ancestry back to his grandfather, George, but no details.)

(Has a brother, Henry, in Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, Wales.)

Charles F. Witheridge
45 Tintern Ave.
Kingsbury
London N.W.9

(Traces ancestry back to his great-grandfather, George Causey Witheridge. His grandfather, also George Causey, was born May 11, 1858.)

G. A. C. Witheridge
The Crossing
Brook
Albury
Guildford
Surrey

(Traces ancestry back to his grandfather, George, who lived in London--no date or other details. Understands his family stems from Devon.)

(The following are his brothers:

F. E. Witheridge
83 Marshalls Dr.
St. Albans
Hertford

H. J. Witheridge
St. Andrews Gorse Hill Rd.
Virginia Water
Surrey

S. R. Witheriuge
Zürich
Switzerland)

sorry we cant
help

Try Birmingham we found
an address
but could has information

# Witheridges Not Contacted

Dorothy Witheridge
133 New Kings Road
London S.W.6

Maisie I. Witheridge
3 Beverley Road
London W.4

A. E. Witheridge
36 Park Road
Wallsall
Stafford

A. J. Witheridge
Charlemont Road
Walsall
Stafford

Leslie R. Witheridge
Whinsill
Litchfield Road
Walsall
Stafford

T. J. Witheridge
Formerly at
7 Fairfield Rse.
Meriden
Warwick
(Moved; left no address)

K. E. Witheridge
51 Haford Road
Ponthir
Caerleon
Monmouth

L. B. Witheridge
Bassaleg Road
Newport
Monmouth

K. E. Witheridge
60 Edward VII Ave.
Newport
Monmouth

R. Witheridge
3011 Larksfield Dr.
Harrogate
Yorkshire

Mrs. J. L. Witheridge
51 Victoria Street
Stonehaven
Scotland

August 26, 1970 - David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.

## ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

(2) John Witheridge

Father's Name:
Edward Witheridge

Mother's Maiden Name:
Mary Geer

Date Place

Birth Feb. 23, 1828 - Devon (Combe Martin)

Marriage Oct. 20, 1855 - Combmartin, Devon

Death Apr. 2, 1905 - Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glam.

Other Places of Residence:
Lundy Island (Lighthouse Keeper)

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Clara Blackmore

Father's Name:
William Blackmore

Mother's Maiden Name:
Susanna ————

Date Place

Birth c. Nov. 1822 - Devon (Combe Martin)

Death Nov. 21, 1904 - Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glam.

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands: (1) George Curtis

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

*1 William
Married to
Mary Jane Allen
Birth Sept. 23, 1856 - Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Marriage Sept. 25, 1880 - Pontypridd, Glamorgan, Eng.
Death Aug. 9, 1935 - Inglewood, Calif., U.S.A.

2 Elizabeth (Betsy)
Married to
Alfred William Chivers
Birth Oct. 19, 1858 - Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Marriage Oct. 29, 1880
Death May 2, 1935 - St. Charles, Mich., U.S.A.

3 Mary
Married to
————
Birth May 23, 1861 - Combmartin
Marriage ————
Death Nov. 20, 1861 - Combmartin

4 Edward (Ned or Ted)
Married to
Elizabeth ————
Birth Nov. 13, 1863, Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Marriage
Death Ohio, U.S.A.

5 Susanna
Married to
John Adams
Birth June 9, ~~1869 (?)~~ 1866 - Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Marriage
Death Apr. 13, 1950

6 RICHARD WITHERIDGE
Married to
Selina.
Birth 1806-1906
Marriage
Death

7
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

8
Married to
Birth
Marriage
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Married to
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Married to
Birth
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Death

Print or type all information. Use reverse side for sources and additional data.

* Grandfather of David E. Witheridge

8/63

[DEW's undated draft letter.]

Mr. + Mrs. Richard Witheridge

Dear Richard + Selina,

Thank you for replying to my letter of August 27. I am sorry, too, that you do not have much information about your ancestry. However, I am sure from my recent experiences that I can help trace your ancestry as I find out more about mine.

I wasn't sure what your note meant about Birmingham, and I wish you would say more about that.

The information I need from you is the following:

Date of birth: Day ___ Month ____ Year ____
Place of birth: Town ______ County ______
Father's name: ____________________
Mother's name: ____________________

Of course, if you know where and when your father was born, and where and when he died, that would also help.

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed picture of our family.

Please write as soon as you have a chance.

Yours sincerely,

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Rochdale

1906 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Wardleworth in the County

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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of June

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GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Rochdale

BIRTH in the Sub-district of Wardleworth in the County of Rochdale

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Neil Russell Witheridge (b. 1921)
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[Nov. 22, 1968]

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1 Calverton Rd
Stony Stratford
Buckingham, England

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.
November 22, 1968

Dr. E. A. Witheridge
1 Calverton Road
Stony Stratford, Buckingham
England

Dear Dr. Witheridge:

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As you can see, I've enclosed three family record sheets. One gives my own Witheridge ancestry as far back as I know it. The others are the earliest records I have of two other Witheridge families. Probably those three tie together somehow, but I don't know how. Maybe you are acquainted with one or more of those.

I'm hoping you will be willing to tell me how far back you can trace your own Witheridge line and what else you know about the Witheridge family. Could you give me the name and addresses of any other Witheridge descendants, especially any who have worked on Witheridge genealogy?

Just a word about myself. I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and began my professional experience there as a heating and ventilating engineer with my father, after graduating from the University of Michigan. Four years later I decided to become a minister and entered the seminary. After nine years as a Baptist minister, I came to Minneapolis seventeen years ago to be the executive of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife also grew up in Saginaw and was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. Now she is the author of children's books, having written six. We have two sons. Jim is 21 and works in a hospital here in Minneapolis. Tom is 20 and attends Oberlin College in Ohio.

I shall look forward to hearing from you and receiving any information you can give me about the Witheridge family in England. [illegible] you for any help you can give.

Yours very truly,

[See DEW's notes, marked by *]    [Dec. 5, 1968]

1 CALVERTON ROAD
STONY STRATFORD
BUCKS.
TEL. ~~3125~~ 2269

5th Dec. 1968.

Dear Mr Witheridge.

Thank-you for your very interesting letter. My husband with the best intentions in the world will take a very long time to write to you, so as usual I do it instead.

My husband's grandfather came
* from Marazion [Marazion] in South Cornwall. He
* was an Edmund [Edmund [No. Jacob Thomas]] Witheridge. His son was (another Edmund) born in London, became an inspector of Inland Revenue & was posted to the Orkneys & Shetlands where my husband was born.

My husband's father unfortunately died (13yrs.) ← 13yrs.
* when my husband was only a child, and all connection with the Witheridge side of the family was lost, since my mother-in-law who died two years ago was Scottish, and

[Her family tale about giving Dallas, Texas, its name - see last paragraph.]

clung to her own family in Scotland.

My husband qualified at the University of Aberdeen, where I too was an undergraduate, and we have an eighteen year old son, Edmund Robin who is still at his boarding school.

So much for us. All we can tell you is that 'Witheridge' is a Devon, Cornish name and that names ending in 'ridge' are of Devon, Cornish stock and ~~stock~~ origin.

It is of course typical of we British that with all and here to delve into the past we seldom bother. Perhaps it is the feeling of just being another branch of the tree still rooted here.

I however, as a Highland Scot can trace back generation after generation because of the small tightly-knit & isolated communities in the Highlands. My mother tells me that distant cousins gave the name to 'Dallas' Texas, settling there from

1 CALVERTON ROAD
STONY STRATFORD
BUCKS
TEL. 3185

Morayshire
Dallas, Morayshire, Scotland. This of course
is of little interest to you, but a little to me.

All we can tell you is that it is
in Devon, Cornwall, that you will find the
real history of the family & that the
telephone directories of both counties should
yield many more names.

caravan
We have just acquired a caravan
on a charming site at the head of the
Wadebridge
Camel estuary near Wadebridge, North
Cornwall, where there is excellent sailing &
sporting
golf (our two sporting activities). If at
any time you visit this country we might
arrange for you to use it as a base
for your investigations? You must let us
know. We feel we can offer such

little help otherwise.

Best kind regards to you, your wife and to your two boys

Sincerely

[Jean McDonald Boyne (b. 1923)] → Jean Witheridge

GREETINGS FROM
WITHERIDGE
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
OLD BLACK DOG INN
THE SQUARE
FORE STREET

[This postcard was included with the letter.]

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The village is in Devon in an area known as 'No mans land'. It does look as if it came out of the Ark! It is near Tavistock. I wonder if a letter to the minister of St. John the Baptist Church would be useful?

[May 17, 1969]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
May 17, 1969

Mrs. R. A. Witheridge
1 Calverton Road
Stony Stratford, Bucks
England

Dear Jean:

Your very friendly letter of December 5th came at an unusually busy season that stretched out into many busy months, as you can see. In fact, I have had to neglect all my Witheridge searchings. Tonight I uncovered your unanswered letter on my desk and decided to take some time to answer it.

Naturally, I am sorry to hear that you and your husband know very little about his Witheridge ancestors or relatives. I have hopes, however, that you will be willing to help me try to ferret out some of the facts about his background. Although you gave me no specific information in your first letter, I feel sure you and Dr. Witheridge can give me enough clues to make at least a little progress.

As you see, I have enclosed two copies of a chart I hope you will fill out to the best of your ability. I'd like one copy, and maybe your son would find the other copy an intriguing start to his own genealogy. Of course, I don't need it for my own search, but I'd like to have your half of the chart filled in, too, as far as you know it. Yes, I am interested in your connection with Dallas, Texas.

Besides the specific dates and places for you, your husband, and your son, I hope you will at least know the date and place of your father-in-law's death. This would be an important starting point, as I believe an obituary could then be found from a local newspaper, which might give the facts of his birth, marriage, and surviving relatives.

Of course, you probably know all such information about Dr. Witheridge's mother, including the date and place of her marriage to his father.

The reason all this is important is that with a starting point we can get further information from the official records at Somerset House in London. For example, if we know the death or marriage date, we can probably get the birth date, and then from a birth certificate we can get additional information about his parents.

You'd be interested to know that when I found your name and address in the British phone book, I checked all the volumes (which were in the New York Public Library) and found only twenty-four phones listed for persons by the name of Witheridge in all of Britain.

I already knew about two of those, who live in Devon and are supposed to be related to me--though I am not yet sure of the actual relationship. I have written to six others already (one of whom had died), but none of them have much information about their relatives or ancestors. Nobody seems to have worked on Witheridge genealogy yet.

One name on my list may interest you because it comes from Scotland. It is Mrs. J. L. Witheridge, 31 Victoria St., Stonehaven. Do you by any chance know anything about her? I wondered if she could have been your mother-in-law, but the initials seemed wrong. But perhaps those are her own initials, rather than her husbands.

You did not mention any brothers or sisters of your husband. Did his father have any other children? Do you know if your husband's father had any brothers or sisters? It would be of great value if we could track them down --perhaps through his obituary notice, as I suggested.

Well, so much for genealogy. We also appreciated your description of the area of Devon and Cornwall where the Witheridges originated. Strangely, very few Witheridges live there now.

My wife and I do look forward to a trip to England some day, though probably not for some years. I must say we were greatly interested in your suggestion that we might make your caravan on the Camel estuary our base for some investigation of the Devon-Cornish area.

Certainly we hope to meet you some day, and I also hope eventually to establish some sort of distant relationship with your husband.

In two weeks we go to Oberlin, Ohio, where our son Tom graduates from Oberlin College with a major in history. At this point he doesn't know what he will be doing this summer and next fall. He expects to go on to graduate school some day, but he doesn't want to get started now and then be prevented from continuing by the draft board. He is a conscientious objector, as is our son Jim, so he would not serve in the armed forces, but he might have to do two years of alternative service. Right now Jim is in his second year of alternative service as a hospital orderly in Minneapolis.

Thank you for writing. I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 19, 1970]

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
August 19, 1970

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Mrs. E. A. Witheridge
1 Calverton Road
Stony Stratford
Bucks, England

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Dear Jean:

I'm in the midst of a few weeks' vacation, and trying to catch up on some long overdue correspondence and work on genealogy. Since I last heard from you, I have established contact with several other Witheridges in England, but so far no one knows much beyond his own grandparents.

My best source of information has been the rector of the church at Combe Martin, Devon, where my great-grandfather was born in 1828. For a small fee he sent me the baptismal records of all the Witheridges and Blackmores born there from 1817 to 1853 (my great grandmother was a Blackmore), as well as some information on marriages and burials.

I'd like to correspond with the rector at Marzion, Cornwall, to see if he can find a record of your husband's grandfather and possibly other Witheridges there. To do this I'd prefer to have some idea of the date when he lived there--perhaps when he was born or married. Is there some way that you could let me know approximately when these events occurred?

As I re-read my last letter to you, I must apologize for asking so many questions that you probably threw up your hands in despair. If you can just fill in what you can easily on the chart I sent and return it soon, I'd be very grateful.

I haven't written to Mrs. J. L. Witheridge, 31 Victoria Street, Stonehaven, and I still wonder if that is your mother-in-law (who I note died about the time the telephone directory came out in 1966) or some other relative of your husband.

When I notice that your son is now about twenty years old, I wonder if life is as unsettled for young people in England today as it is for young people in the United States. Perhaps not, because I think that so many of our problems here stem from the tragic war in Vietnam.

Tom, who graduated from Oberlin College last year, is doing two years of alternative service as a conscientious objector. He is a psychiatric aide in a mental hospital in Boston. Jim still hasn't finished his alternative service in what we call Goodwill Industries, which provides training and work for handicapped people. He was working in a hospital, but quit for several months and went out to San Francisco, where he worked in a youth center. Now he's back here and should be through in March.

My wife Elizabeth is working hard on a book about an American Indian boy who grows up on a reservation, goes to college, and then returns to teach near the reservation. She hopes it will be published in about a year.

Now I will close and express my thanks again for your first letter. Please write again soon.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[1976 trip to Britain] [June 30, 1976]

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Lee Abbey International
Students Club
27 Courtfield Gardens
London SW 5
30 June, 1976

Dear Joan:

You will no doubt remember the correspondence we had a few years ago when I was just beginning to study the genealogy of the Witheridge family.

At that time I didn't think we would ever be coming to Britain, but here we are. I am here with my wife on a 12-week study leave, studying the economical situation in Britain. We arrived on June 16 and return to Minneapolis on September 2.

Naturally, we are also doing some sight-seeing and genealogical research as we can fit it in. Starting on July 8 we'll be hiring a car and driving up through England, Scotland, and Wales ending up in Devon at the University of Exeter for two weeks. Then we'll be a week at the University of Cambridge.

We do so hope we can stop to see you at Stony Stratford as we are going or coming. One possibility would be a brief visit on Thurs. July 8th as we are starting north. We hope to go to Oxford, Blenheim Palace, and Stratford on Avon, and we have to be in Manchester by 11:00 a.m. the

[next day] → next day.

The other possibility would be on the way to Cambridge on Sunday, August 22, or on the way from Cambridge to Sutton, Surrey on Saturday, August 28 or Sunday, August 29.

We hope one of these times might fit your schedule. I would have written sooner, but I really didn't know what our own plans would be.

For the first five days here we stayed with a distant Witheridge relative, Mrs Roy Cook, 81 Ash Rd, Sutton, Surrey, and we'll be with them again at the end for a few days. She said that through a friend of hers she heard that your husband had recently died. We sincerely hope that is not so, but if it is, we are truly sorry to hear it and express our deepest sympathy.

If you get this in time please write us at the above address or leave a telephone message for us at the Abbey International Students Club, 01-373-7286. If I don't hear from you, I'll try to call you. If you are away and don't get this until later, you could try to reach me at one of the other addresses on the enclosed itinerary.

We'll be looking forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely,
David E Witheridge

[1980 trip plans] [June 1, 1980]

June 1, 1980

Mr. Neil R. Witheridge
31 Victoria Street
Stonehaven
Grampian
Scotland, U.K.

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

You may be surprised to get a letter from a Witheridge in the United States, though perhaps you have heard of my earlier correspondence with your brother Edmund and his wife Jean.

Many years ago I became interested in genealogy, and I realized I knew very little about my Witheridge ancestry beyond my grandfather. One of the things I did was to go through the British telephone directories in the New York City Public Library. At that time (1968) there were only about 25 entries in the volumes I had access to.

I began writing to as many of these as I could, and your brother was one I wrote to. In due time I had a reply from his wife Jean, and we corresponded several times after that. (She always did the writing, rather than Edmund.) Then in 1970 my wife Elizabeth and I had the opportunity of visiting Britain, and we tried to meet Jean and Edmund. Unfortunately, we learned that he had died, but we did have a most pleasant overnight stay with Jean. She told us about you and gave us your address.

[Dr. Edmund Alick Witheridge (b. 1916) and Jean McDonald Boyne (b. 1923)]

The last few years have been very busy, so I haven't had a chance to correspond with you. On the first of January, however, I retired from my position as executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, and Elizabeth and I are planning a trip to Britain in August and September. For seven weeks we'll be hiring a car and driving through England, Scotland, and Wales. We'd be very grateful if we could meet you and have a chance to talk with you.

In recent years we have learned that one of Elizabeth's ancestors, Daniel McComas, came to this country from Scotland about 1682. We understand that the McComas family was a sept of the Clan Gunn, which lived up near the tip of Scotland in a narrow region along the Helmsdale and Halladale Rivers. For this reason we'll be driving clear up to the tip of Scotland, and we think it should be possible to stop and see you either on the way up or on the way back.

[EPW's McComas line]

The way it looks at the present time, we could either come through Stonehaven late in the morning of Friday, September 12, on the way north from St. Andrews, or late in the afternoon of Saturday, September 13, on the way back. At first we were thinking of Friday, but you'll probably be busy that day. (Jean said you are a teacher.) So we're hoping that Saturday will suit you all right. We'll be staying in Aberdeen that night.

Please let us know if you'll be able to see us on either of these two days. If not, we may be able to make an adjustment in our itinerary. It's also possible we might have to suggest a change, if others we want to visit are unable to see us when we have proposed.

When we visited Joan, she said she was planning to move shortly to Spain. Did she go, and do you have her present address?

Just a word about ourselves. I started out as a heating and ventilating engineer, having graduated from the University of Michigan, but later decided to be a minister (Baptist) and attended Colgate Rochester Divinity School and the University of Chicago Divinity School. After two pastorates, I came to Minneapolis in 1951 to direct the council of churches, which I did for over 28 years. Mrs. Witheridge was a kindergarten teacher before we were married, but then turned to writing, and she is the author of seven books for children and young people. We have two sons: Jim, who lives here in Minneapolis, and Tom, who lives in Chicago.

As we are working hard to arrange the details of our itinerary, I hope you will be able to let us know in the near future whether or not we can see you on September 12 or 13.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[June 15, 1980]

31 Victoria Street,
Stonehaven.
Grampian.
Scotland.

15th June, 1980

Rev. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Ave. S.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr Witheridge,

I was very interested to get your letter and to know that there are members of our assuredly small 'clan' who wish to visit the country of their origin.

I had heard, of course, from my sister-in-law, Jean, of your visit to Stony Stratford and of how she had been able to tell you as much of our family history as she knew. She is, now, I suppose, technically no longer a member of our family for she re-married last December and, as Mrs Jean Ward, spends most of her time with her new husband at their home in Minorca. Her son, Robin, is a lawyer, working in London and is the only other Witheridge that I know of.

You said that you would like to meet me on either the 12th or 13th September during your visit to Scotland. Being a member of the local Mountaineering and field excursion club, I am due to go with it through the

Lairig Ghru, the longest hill pass in Britain (about twenty miles) connecting Deeside and Speyside in the Cairngorms. This will necessitate an early start from Stonehaven on the Saturday morning and an overnight stay at Aviemore with a late return on Sunday. It would, therefore, be more convenient for me to see you on Friday, the 12th, preferably in Aberdeen since I teach there and not here in Stonehaven.

You mentioned that you would be staying in Aberdeen overnight and so, perhaps, you would like me to meet you at your hotel. If this is not known to you yet, I would suggest a rendezvous at the Marcliffe Hotel, Queen's

Terrace, which is opposite Harlaw Academy where I teach, at any time after four o'clock when the school day ends.

The phone number of Harlaw Academy is Aberdeen 29251

The Marcliffe Hotel number.
Aberdeen 51281.

My number is
Stonehaven 62335.

I hope that the planning of your itinerary goes smoothly and that you and Mrs Wetheridge will find that the trip will be a very pleasant and rewarding one.

Yours sincerely,
Neil R. Wetheridge

June 30, 1980

Dear Neil:

Thank you for your letter of June 15th and the information it contained. I was glad to know that you will be able to meet Elizabeth and me on Friday afternoon, September 12th shortly after four o'clock.

As you surmised, we have notyyet made arrangements for a hotel in Aberdeen, and we are pleased to have your suggestion of the Marcliffe Hotel, which is so convenient to your school. We shall plan to meet you there as soon as you can make it at the close of your school day.

We shall write to the hotel about their accommodations and rates and probably book a room there for that Friday night. If for some reason that does not work out, we can still meet you there at that time and have a good conversation. If I recall correctly, that is about the time in the afternoon that British have tea, and perhaps we can have a bite to eat while we chat.

* Jean told me that your grandfather, Edmund Witheridge, came from Marazion, Cornwall, and later moved to London. We'll be in Devon and Cornwall in August and may be able to track him down in the parish records.

[Jean McDonald Boyne (b. 1923)]

We are pleased to hear that Jean has remarried and is happily situated in Minorca. She was such a pleasant hostess when we visited her in 1978.

This will be all for now, but we did want you to know that the September 12th date will suit us fine. I'll write or call you in Britain as we get closer to the date.

Yours sincerely,

David

David L. Witheridge

*[This is an error. See the index entry for Jacob Thomas Witheridge (b. 1850).]

[The notes on this page (and the next one) were made by DEW around the time of the visit with Neil Russell Witheridge (b. 1921) in Sept. 1980.]

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Scottish Record Office - 1980

Death of Edmund William Witheridge
Nov. 1, 1929 (age 45 yrs) [b. about 1884]
31 Victoria St, Stonehaven
Officer of Customs + Excise
Married to Janette Louise Smith
Father: Jacob Witheridge, carpenter (master), deceased
Mother: Charlotte Caroline Witheridge (nee Hardwick)
Died of Lobar pneumonia
Inf. from C. C. Witheridge, mother

Marriage
June 28, 1913, at Imperial Hotel, Stirling St, Aberdeen
After banns acc. to Estab. Ch. of Scotland

Edmund William Witheridge - age 28
Res.: Albert Square, Kirkwall
Father: Jacob Thomas Witheridge, house carpenter
Mother: Charlotte Caroline Witheridge (Hardwick)

Janette Louise Smith - at home, spinster
Res.: 24 Hammersmith Road, Aberdeen
Father: James Smith - Lessee, Salmon fishings (decea
Mother: Jane Smith (nee Russell), deceased

Witnesses: Thomas T. Aggett + Norah S. Wilson

Edmund William had a brother Thomas, a solicitor (b. 1882?) & a sister Mary who became a Mrs. Earle who lived in Twickenham (~1966), Middlesex, & a daughter Joan

Also Tom had a son Tom, who Robin thinks is also a lawyer in London.

✓ Joan - Mrs. Gordon Wood

Robin - 01-488-0155 (business)

✓ Joan Witheridge - shop in Oxford -

✓ Last time heard from them was about 1941,
during blitz - still living at
122 Hounslow Road, Twickenham, Middlesex

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Marazion Parish Reg.

Cornwall Record Off.
1980

No Witheridge baptisms, 1864 to 1880
[In this book]

Chapelry of Marazion in the Parish of St. Marie (?)
or St. Illair or All Saints church
1848 - 1892
No Witheridge baptisms

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
June 30, 1980

Marcliffe Hotel
Queen's Terrace
Aberdeen
Scotland

Dear Sirs:

Mrs. Witheridge and I will be traveling through Britain in August and September this year, and we plan to be in Aberdeen on Friday evening, September 12. We expect to meet a friend who teaches in an academy across from your hotel.

We should be very grateful if you would send us information on your accommodations and rates. Will you have a room for two available on that date? Do you have any rooms with private bath? What advance deposit would be required?

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
July 15, 1980

The Marcliffe Hotel
Queens Terrace
Aberdeen AB9 1XQ
Scotland, U.K.

Attn: Miss Heather Johnstone, Receptionist

Dear Miss Johnstone:

We were very glad to receive your letter of July 8th indicating that you would have a room ~~av~~ available for Mrs. Witheridge and me on Friday, September 12th.

Please book us in a double room with bath or shower for that evening, which we understand will cost £30.00, including breakfast and V.A.T.

Thank you for your prompt reply. We look forward to being with you.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge
David E. Witheridge

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THE MARCLIFFE HOTEL

Accommodation Tariff

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| Single with bath or shower | £23.00 |
| Double/Twin with bath or shower | £30.00 |

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2425 Irving Avenue S
Minneapolis
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Telephone No. 51281
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A A, R A C, R S A C, I H A,

The Marcliffe Hotel,
Queen's Terrace,
Aberdeen.

25 July 1980

Dear Sir

We thank you for your letter of 18 July 1980 and have pleasure in confirming the reservation for 1 Double room with Shower on Friday 12 September

Assuring you of our best attention at all times.

Yours faithfully,

H A Duguid (Reception)

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The Marcliffe Hotel

Telex No. 73225

QUEENS TERRACE, ABERDEEN AB91QG
Telephone No. 51281

0224 – 51281

8th July 1980

Dear Mr Witheridge,

Thank you for your letter of 30th June, 1980.

I have enclosed some information on our Hotel for you.

We have a double room for September 12th if you would require the room I would be grateful if you would send us a letter of confirmation.

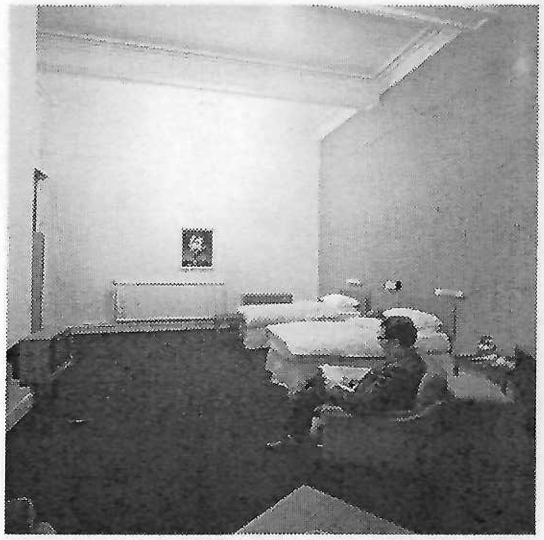
There is no need for you to pay a deposit.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times.

Yours sincerely,

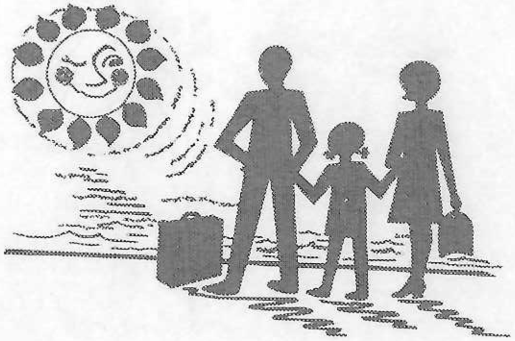
Heather Johnstone

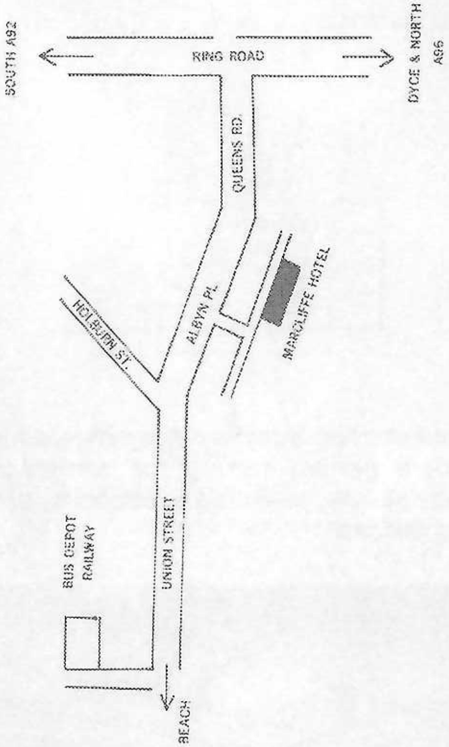
H. Johnstone
Receptionist



Bedroom

The bedrooms (31 of which have private bath or showers), all have colour TV, radio, telephone, central heating and their spacious dimensions provide every convenience.

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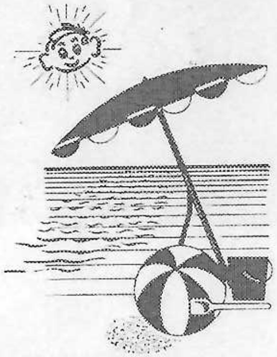
**The Marcliffe Hotel**
**Queens Terrace**
**Aberdeen AB9 1QG**
Telephone 0224-51281 (5 lines)
Telex 73225
Telegrams — Marcliffe Aberdeen

# The MARCLIFFE HOTEL

QUEENS TERRACE
ABERDEEN

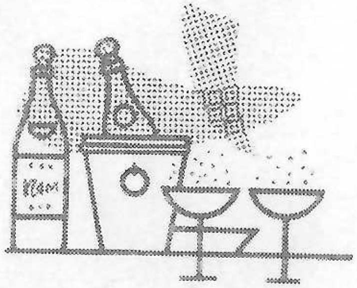
The Reception Lounge

The Marcliffe Hotel, granite built around 1890, is situated five minutes walking distance from Aberdeen main thoroughfare — Union Street, and overlooks pleasant gardens where visitors can sit and relax.



Aberdeen, an ideal base for tourists in the north east of Scotland, is a beautiful city with a gorgeous beach, and has many interesting attractions for the visitor.

The Hotel's cocktail bar, tastefully decorated, provide guests with an opportunity to enjoy the comfortable surroundings, where the staff have only you in mind.



The Function Suite is a magnificent room, with a perfect setting for conferences, trade shows, wedding receptions, dinner and dances.

The Cocktail Bar

The Dining Room

In the dining room you are seated in luxurious comfort and you will be offered the highest standard of cuisine, well prepared meals from a varied and interesting menu, and an excellent selection of wines from a well-stocked cellar.

[July 10, 1982]

2425 Irving Ave. S
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
July 10, 1982

Dear Neil,

It's nearly two years since we had such a pleasant time with you in Aberdeen, and we hope all has been going well with you.

The reason for this note is to tell you that my research has now revealed that we are definitely related. I figure that you and I are seventh cousins. We have the same 6-great grandparents: Thomas Witheridge, born Dec 27, 1650, in Berrynarbor, and Mary Sherman, born Mar. 10, 1656/7, in Fremington. They were married Jan 2, 1677/8, in Fremington.

I haven't had time to prepare the entire record for you back to our earliest ancestors I know about: Thomas Witheridge (bapt. Feb 12, 1554/5, in Berrynarbor) and Johan Mogridge (bur. Jan. 12, 1625/6, in Berrynarbor). We are in the midst of preparations for a 3-week trip east, so I can't write very much at this time. Some day I hope to send you more information about all this.

When I got the birth certificate of your grandfather, Jacob Thomas Witheridge, I found that he was born in Ilfracombe. However, it wasn't until I got a letter a few months ago from another relative of ours that I was able to put all this together. He is John Jaines, who lives at 6276 Yukon Street, Vancouver, B.C., V5Y 3S8, Canada. His great grandfather, Robert Witheridge, was a brother of your grandfather, Jacob Witheridge, so he is your second cousin once removed. Jacob and Robert had a brother Edmund, which is where that name comes from in your family.

All of this means that you have other relatives in Combe Martin, a lovely family whom we met in 1980. Una Parsons, who is unmarried, is a social worker in charge of the district Social Welfare office in Bideford. She spends her weekends in Combe Martin with her elderly parents. Her father's mother was a Witheridge. Una is your fourth cousin and my seventh cousin. Her address is Marine Cottage, Combe Martin, Devon EX34 0DH.

[Una Parsons]

When we were in London, we got Robin's address, but somehow we mislaid it. Of course, by now he may have moved anyway. Would you please send us his current address, and in the meantime send him this picture and tell him we now know how we are related? When I send more information to you, I'll want to send it to him, too. (This picture is good of Robin, but certainly no good of me.)

This is all I have time for now. In fact, it has developed into more of a letter than I had intended. Our thoughts often turn to you and the other wonderful friends and relatives we met in Britain.

Yours sincerely,
David and Elizabeth

[Neil and his brother, Edmund, were both born in Orkney.]

# travel/adventure

where to go/how to go/travel news

Minneapolis Tribune

Part of the prehistoric Ring of Brogar, one of the finest circles of standing stones in Britain, on Orkney's Mainland.

# Orkney / A family of islands with far

**Text and Photos by Catherine Watson**
Travel Editor

**Stromness, Orkney, Great Britain**
There is a quality certain islands share, even when they lie at opposite ends of the earth.

They are seldom tropical, never populous, invariably peaceful. But the kinship between them is more than that. More, too, than the sense of space engulfing them, of sky and sea overwhelming land.

Perhaps it is that people on these islands regard their tiny homelands almost as nations, with a fierce loyalty that only large countries provoke in the rest of us.

That is said to be true for the Falklands, off the Argentine coast. For the Faeroes, between Iceland and Norway. For the Pacific scrap called Easter Island.

And for Orkney.

Orkney is its own country. Or should be.

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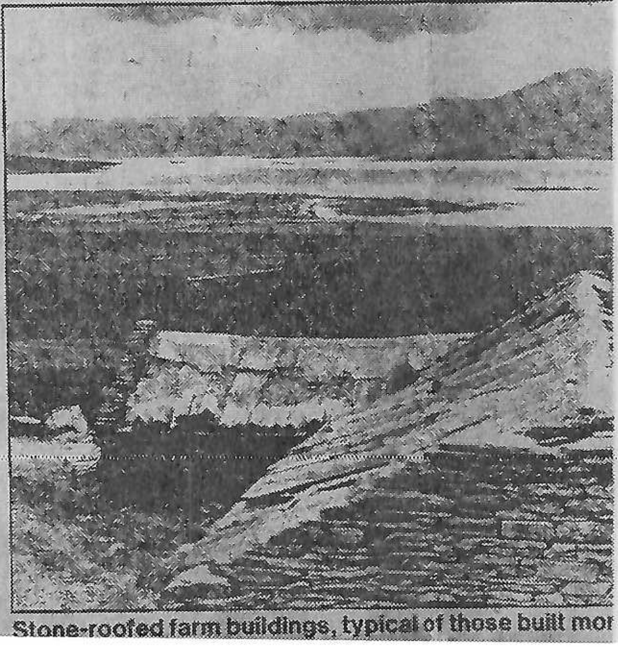

Stone-roofed farm buildings, typical of those built mor

more than 150 years ago.

An archipelago moored just out of sight of the northern Scottish coast, Orkney looks like a cluster of submerged hills, their smooth, meadowy crowns barely breaking the surface of the North Sea.

Visit any of Orkney's two dozen major islands, and you can picture all the others: A child's green counterpane dotted with toy houses and toy cows. Or someone's grassy lap, intimate and gentle. Or an overscale model-train layout lacking only trains and trees.

The islands are too small to need trains, and the winds are too fierce and frequent for trees to prosper.

The trees of Orkney huddle, seldom bigger than a good-sized lilac bush, behind houses or in the lee of walls, and when their branches venture out, the winds slice them off like knives.

This makes the view from any hill like something God might see:

A miniature countryside of rolling pasture and gray stone houses, all exposed to view. Life seems transparent here, and very clear. If you could suddenly see through the walls, it would be no surprise.

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The shearing winds and the wild sea bring weather-in-miniature to Orkney. You can stand in sunlight and watch it rain a mile away, and a few minutes later be running for shelter while the sky over the distant hills is clearing to sun.

On a single day, you can do that several times—more in summer, when the Midnight Sun lengthens the days. Summer afternoons seem to last forever, and the abundance of light quickly confuses a visitor's time sense.

By early June, nights on Orkney are never fully dark, and by July, Orcadians boast, they can play golf and read newspapers outdoors at midnight.

They pay for that, six months later, when the flip side of the Midnight Sun brings almost endless night. There is a

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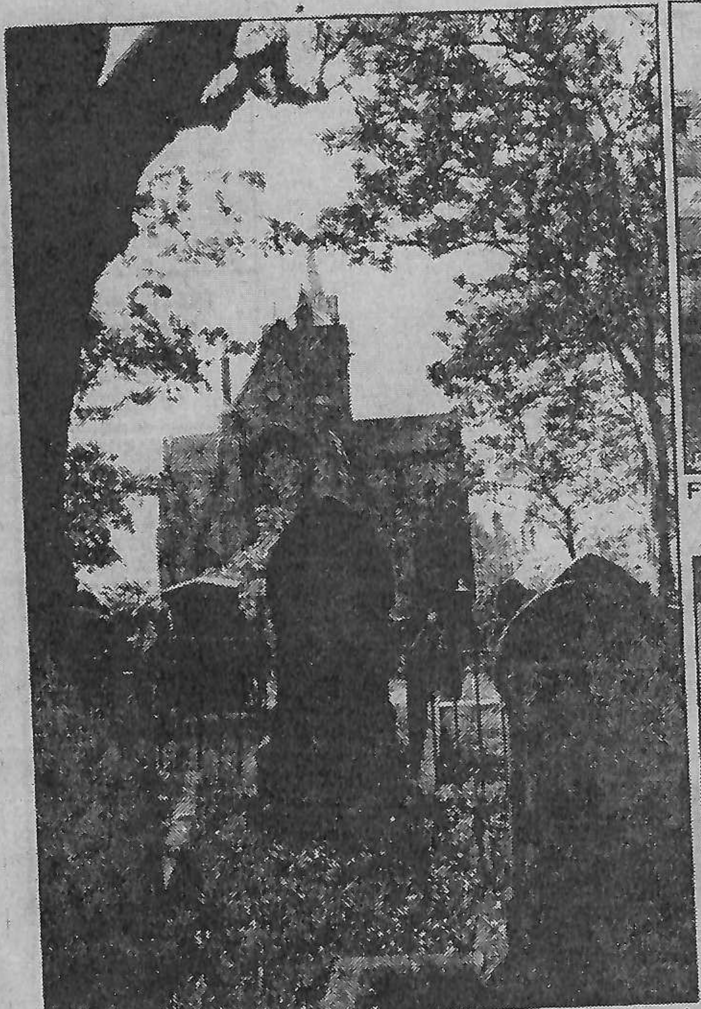
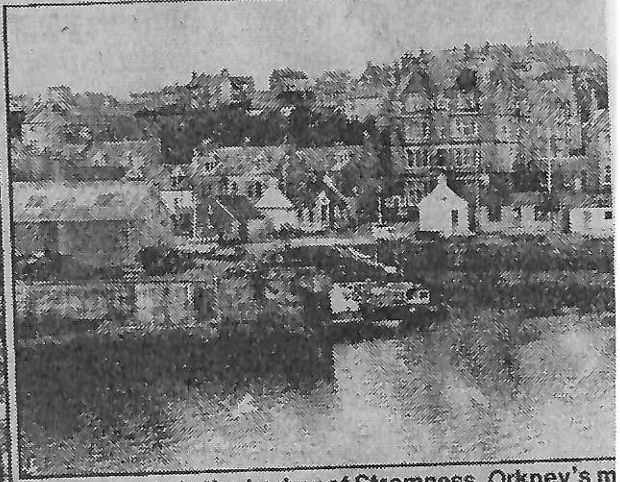


**St. Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall, Orkney's capital, dates from 1137, when the islands were still under Norse domain. It is named for a claimant to the Orkney throne who was martyred in 1117. The trees in the churchyard are protected from the winds and have grown larger than most on Orkney. (A cathedral doorway is shown at the top of the page.)**



**Fishing boats in the harbor of Stromness, Orkney's m**
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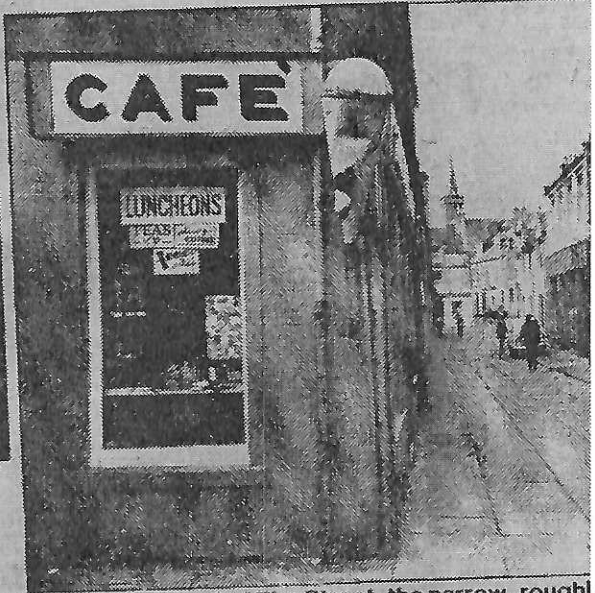

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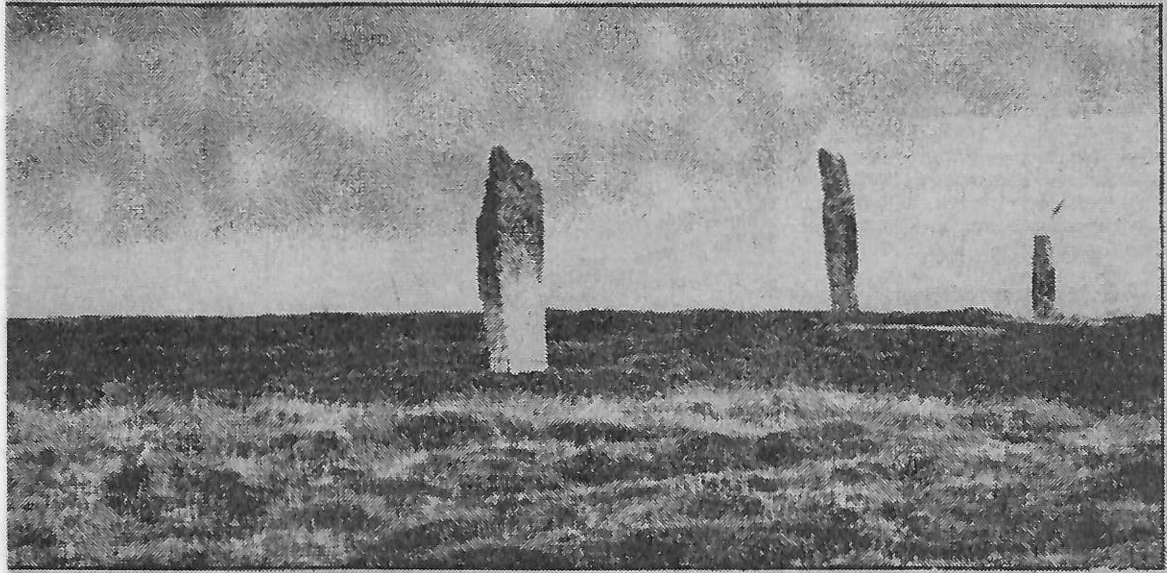

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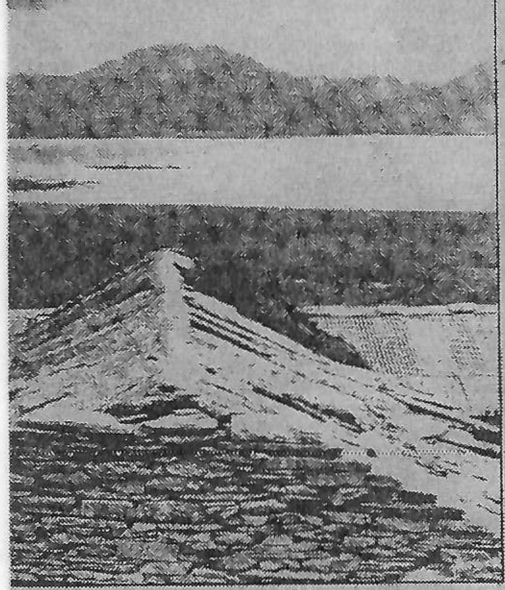

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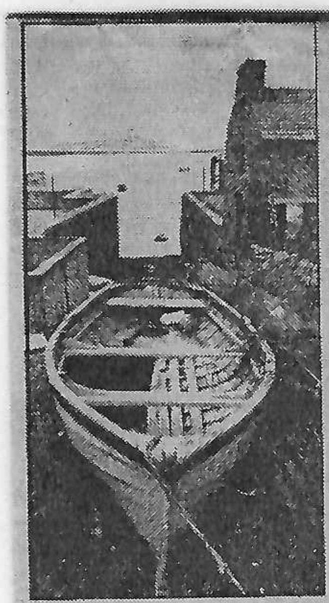
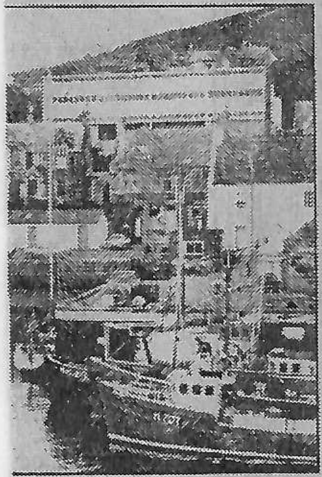


Above, one of the excavated houses of Skara Brae, a beautifully preserved Stone Age village, occupied between 3100 and 2450 B.C. At left, a boat in Stromness.



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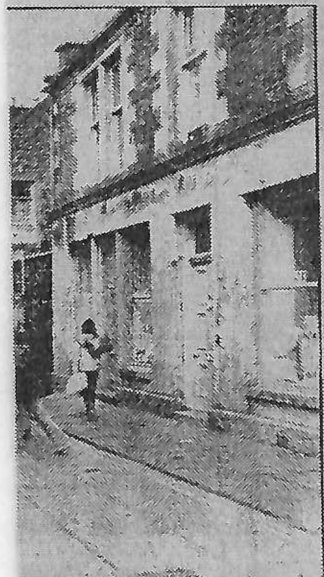

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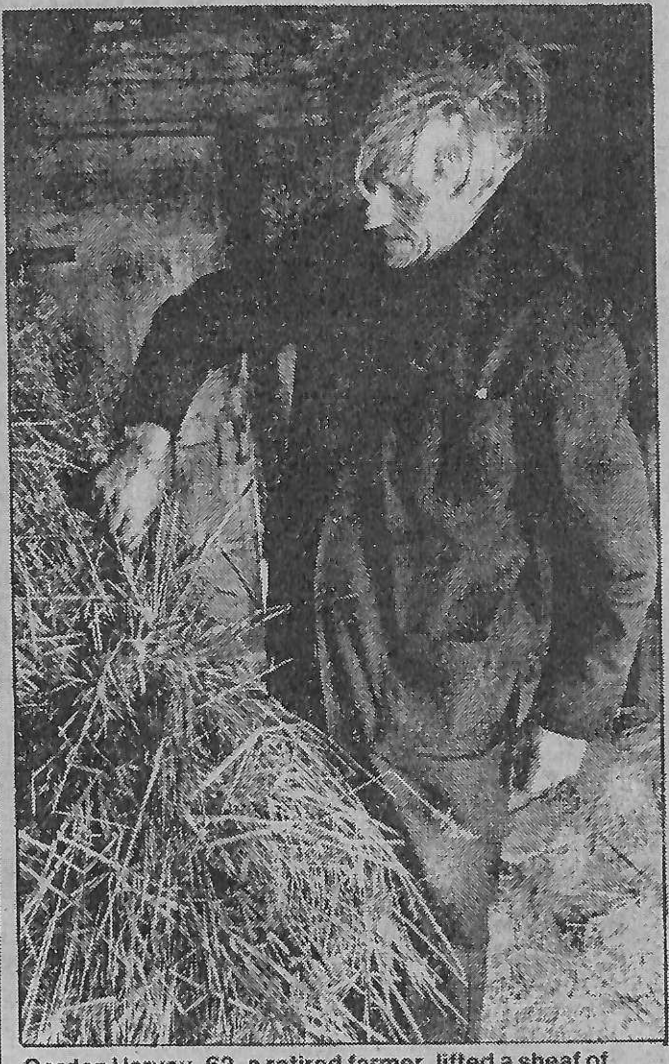

Gordon Harvey, 62, a retired farmer, lifted a sheaf of grain by a handle woven of straw in a demonstration at Corrigall Farm, a folk museum. Because of the lack of trees, Orcadians relied on stone and straw for building materials.

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stretch in deep winter when the sun doesn't rise until 9:30 in the morning and is on its way down again by 2:30 in the afternoon.

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Climate and geography also bring birds to Orkney, turning the sea cliffs into vast rookeries of guillemots, kittywakes, fulmars, puffins, oyster catchers and petrels. In winter, a sleek exotic called the Great Northern Diver arrives, a large trim bird with a haunting cry. For Minnesotans, the diver is a touch of home: We know him as the loon.

The embracing sea modifies temperatures so it does not get very cold here—seldom freezes, natives say, seldom snows—but it does not get very warm, either.

Space heaters are necessary far into June and desirable all summer. Comforters are kept on the beds in summer. And pullover sweaters—in the style called Shetland, for another fleet of British islands to the north—are a year-round local uniform.

The population stands at about 18,000, spread over less than two dozen of the islands. Most people live on the Mainland, as Orkney's largest island is called, including about 5,000 in Kirkwall, Orkney's capital, and not quite 2,000 in Stromness, its main port.

"We're like a family here," one Orcadian said. "There are so few of us."

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Most of Orkney's family does agricultural work—the land is some of the richest pasturage in the world—and the rest are mostly involved in fishing or in shipping North Sea oil from a pristine new terminal on Flotta, a sparsely populated island in south Orkney.

The oil, pumped by a consortium that includes Occidental Petroleum, comes by pipeline from the undersea fields to the east.

Orkney's government, the Islands Council, fought hard and successfully to keep oil from bringing the problems it brought to Shetland—inflated prices, a boom-town atmosphere and a disruption of island life.

As a result, the Flotta operation is all but invisible, with low storage tanks painted brown and olive to blend with the Orkney landscape, and a tight network of regulations to protect water and wildlife.

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**Ruins of the earl's palace at Birsay, on Orkney's Mainland. It was occupied in the late 1500s by r the islands.**

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The council told the oil companies that "no matter what they do, they were going to upset our economy," said Ronald Miller, councilman for Stromness. "The oil will only last 20 or 30 years, and then they pack up and go away. They were going to cause a disturbance; and they were going to pay for it."

Pay they do—about four cents for every ton of oil that goes through Flotta, Miller said. The islands council uses the money for projects it deems worthy; this year, it covered the fertilizer costs for all Orkney farmers.

Orkney's current unemployment rate of 7 percent is about half that of Great Britain, Miller said. Such prosperity is recent, though. It arrived, along with electric lights and other modern amenities, only after World War II, when farmers began to plow under the heather and expand their holdings.

Before that, Orkney's children had a long history of going away to work, especially those who weren't lucky enough to inherit the family farm. "You'll find them scattered all over the face of the earth," one man said.

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At the southern end of Stromness, where the narrow main street turns uphill on its run out of town, a small cannon is preserved, its barrel pointed out over the harbor.

It's an American cannon, the story goes, captured during the War of 1812. But its fame comes from how it was used here: It signaled the arrival of Hudson's Bay Co. ships, on their last stop for fresh water, provisions and new crewmen before they sailed west to the New World.

The Bay had been recruiting from Orkney for a hundred years before the cannon showed up, and it went on nearly another hundred. At one point in the late 1800s, three-fourths of the men who staffed Bay posts in Canada came from this small place.

One of the last to join was James Sinclair, now 74. He signed on in 1927, endured a shipwreck on the Labrador coast on the way over, spent his first winter virtually alone at an inland post—"in five months I only heard English spoken twice"—and still managed to like it.

"You never seemed to miss the daily paper and the daily mail coming in," he said with a smile.

He spent nine years with the Bay, at posts from the St. Lawrence River to the Alaskan border. Like most Orkneymen, he was resourceful, a quality that made them attractive to Hudson's Bay: "I suppose they were more used to country life without the amenities of a town," he said. "And, believe me, there were no amenities in the Arctic when I went out!"

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History does not lie in tidy layers on Orkney. Threads of the past are forever getting tangled with the present.

The place has more than 1,000 ancient relics, for example, more than any other county in Britain. The land is pimpled with prehistoric forts, burial chambers, underground houses and standing stones, and the Orcadians seem as used to them as Minneapolitans are to bus stops.

("Please put the key back when you're done," a farmer's wife says cheerily as she heads off on a shopping trip, leaving a total stranger alone with the key to Unston Cairn, the perfectly preserved Neolithic burial chamber in her back yard.)

The best of Orkney's sites, though, is hard for anyone to take for granted; Skara Brae, the most perfect Stone Age village in Europe. See this place, and you begin to understand the rest of Orkney.

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Time has smashed in the roof at Skara Brae, but the stronghold feeling, the sense of safety it must have given to its inhabitants, is still here.

Skara Brae is a tight cluster of stone-walled huts, their floorplans like clover leaves, their outer walls buried in sand. It sits beside a small rocky harbor on the Mainland, surrounded now by grass and tiny daisies, and was occupied between 3100 and 2450 B.C.

Except for the roofs—probably made of skins or turf supported by the jawbones of whales—and for the belongings of Skara Brae's vanished people, the place is intact. That is because everything else is made of stone. Everything.

There, against the walls, are what the guard calls "theirrrrrr sideboards, the stone drrrrressers"—slabs of island fieldstone arranged like crude but sturdy bookcases or doorless cupboards.

There, tucked into corners and alcoves, are the people's beds—"box beds," the guard says—square pens floored and fenced with stone slabs to keep their bedding in place. They would have been filled with straw or dried meadow grass; like stone, it is an age-old Orcadian resource.

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And there, in the center of the main rooms, are the hearths—square stone pits used for burning peat, Orkney's only home-grown fuel.

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Peat fires still heat many island homes, and the peat is still harvested from the watery bogs by methods perfected centuries ago. It is cut in large bricks about three or four inches thick, a foot or two long and half that wide, and then set out to dry in tipsy rows in the nearest pasture. The dry peat looks like overgrown fudge brownies.

House-sized piles of peat, covered with plastic to keep the rain off, stand beside many farmhouses, the equivalent of the woodpile in northern Minnesota. When it burns, peat yields great heat and a smoke reminiscent of damp tobacco and campfires built in soggy woods.

Peat, straw and stone have been in use here since human time began on Orkney. There is, after all, only so much you can do with them, and the Orcadians learned what those things were more than 5,000 years ago.

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From Skara Brae to Orkney's next most famous relics is a jump of about 3,200 years. Skipping over the cultures of the Picts and the Celts, you come next to the Vikings, who had begun to colonize Orkney before 800 A.D.

For the next four centuries, these islands were a treasured Norse territory, fully part of the Viking world, with their own rulers, called "jarls," their own heroes, and even their own literature, the "Orkneyinga-saga."

The foundations of Viking longhouses show most clearly on the Brough of Birsay, a cliff-bound islet barely linked to the Mainland. You can reach it on foot only when the tide is out, over a stretch of cobblestone beach and a narrow causeway made slippery by seaweed.

Birsay also boasts a Viking church and a bishop's palace, a cemetery, and a square-bottomed trough cut about 10 feet wide in the lip of the cliff—the boat slip where the Vikings pulled their longboats up to safety.

The first Viking saint was buried in a grave by the Birsay church—Magnus Erlendson, an heir to the throne of Orkney, who was martyred in 1117. His bones have been reburied inside a pillar of the rose-colored stone cathedral named for him in Kirkwall.

Begun in 1137, St. Magnus Cathedral is one of the oldest and largest in Scandinavia—never mind that it isn't in Scandinavia any more.

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Orkney's prehistoric and Viking past get mixed up with each other every so often. One such crossroads is Maeshowe Cairn, a 5,000-year-old burial mound hiding several stone chambers under its grassy bulk.

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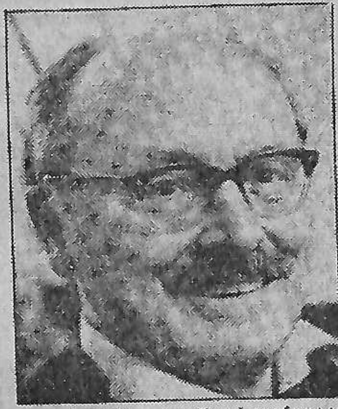
**Arthur and Bunny Park. He's an Orkney native; she was in the military here during World War II, decided to stay on and subsequently met and married Arthur.**



**Ronald Miller, a retired professor of geography and an Orkney native who now represents Stromness on the islands council, Orkney's local governing body. The islands are part of Scotland.**

It would have been a great man's tomb, full of treasure, and it ranks even now as "the best of its type in Western Europe," the guide points out to her tour groups.

About 800 A.D., however, Vikings broke in and stole the treasure, leaving behind a treasure of their own: the second-largest collection of runic inscriptions in the world. And what do the runes say?

"That they were carved by the cleverest man in the Western Ocean," said the guide. That it took them three nights to carry off the treasure. And that a lady named Ingeborg was "the most beautiful woman they knew. So they had their pin-ups then, too."

In other words, Kilroy was here more than a thousand years before the Second World War.

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Orkney's ties with Scandinavia loosened politically in the 13th century, and English officially replaced Norse in the 15th. But Norse customs survived much longer.

A lover's pledge called the Oath of Odin was known into the 19th century, for example. And Orcadians still drink traditional bridal toasts from double-handled Scandinavian-style wooden buckets called ale cogs.

(The recipe for an ale cog calls for home-brewed ale, sherry, whiskey, eggs, spices, oatmeal and mashed potato—served hot, a cog maker explained, so the guests won't drink too much!)

The most appealing of Orkney's old customs is called simply the Ba' Game. Its roots may go back to Norse times, but the only certain source was a conflict between the Bishop's men and the Earl's men, probably in the early 1500s.

Few visitors get to see the Ba' Game, simply because it's held on Christmas and New Year's Day, when the visitor population is low. Played only in Kirkwall (an attempt to extend it to Stromness fizzled when players broke the town's first plate-glass window), the game always involves the same teams—the Uppies and the Doonies—and a soft-ball-sized leather ba'.

The Uppies try to get the ba' uphill to their end of town, the Doonies aim downhill for the harbor. "There are no rules," a retired player said, "just *push!*"

The resulting free-for-all can last for hours, with some 150 men and boys struggling up and down the narrow streets. Photos of it look like a North Stars fracas.

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Orkney has several good museums—Corrigall Farm preserves folkways from the early 1800s; the 16th-century Tankerness House in Kirkwall has excellent materials on prehistoric, Viking and pre-industrial periods; and the Stromness Museum focuses on the Hudson's Bay Co., World War I and relatively recent local history.

But more vivid clues to Orkney's past come from its people—people like Arthur Park, now 65 and recently retired from a career on the Pole

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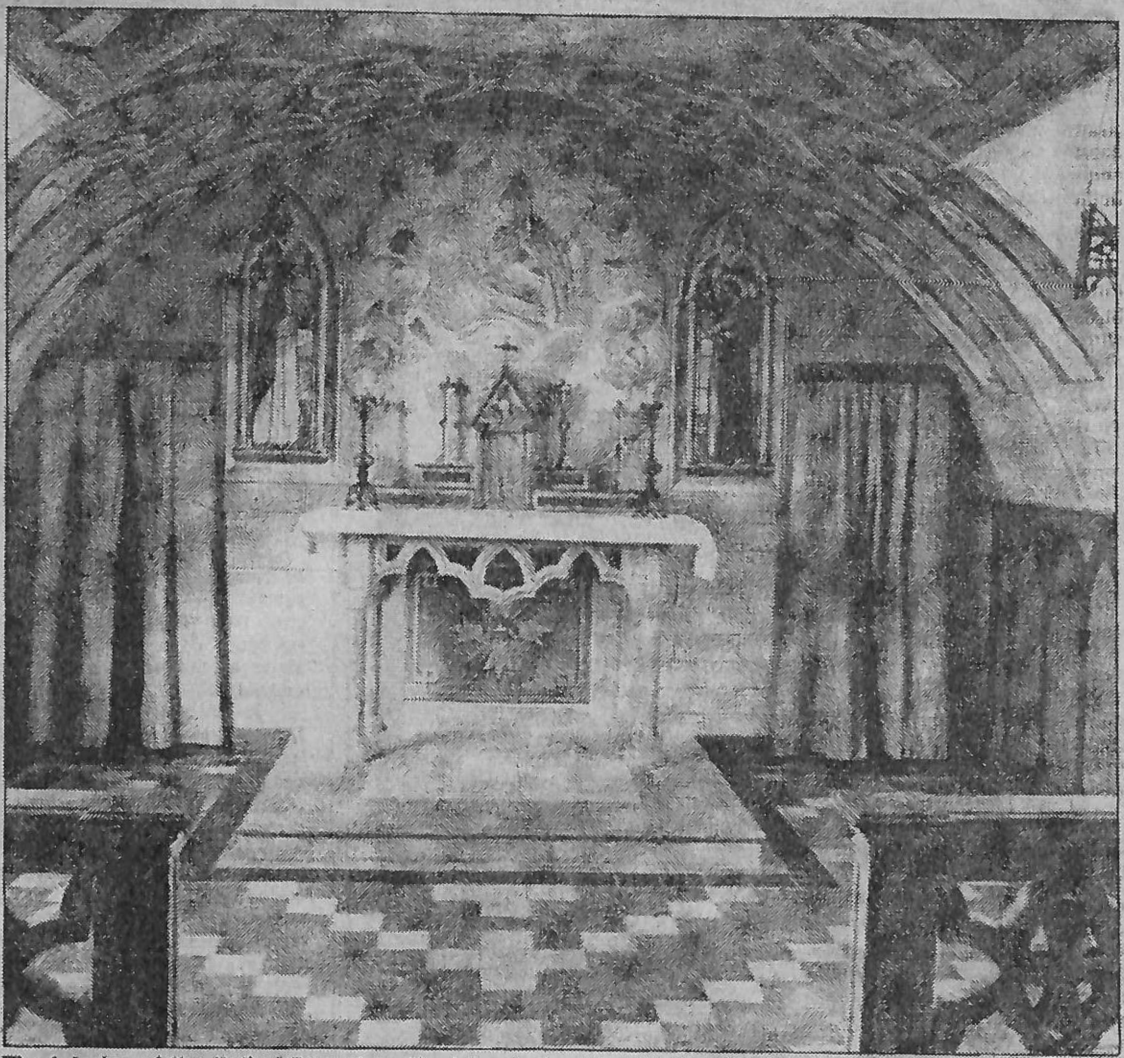
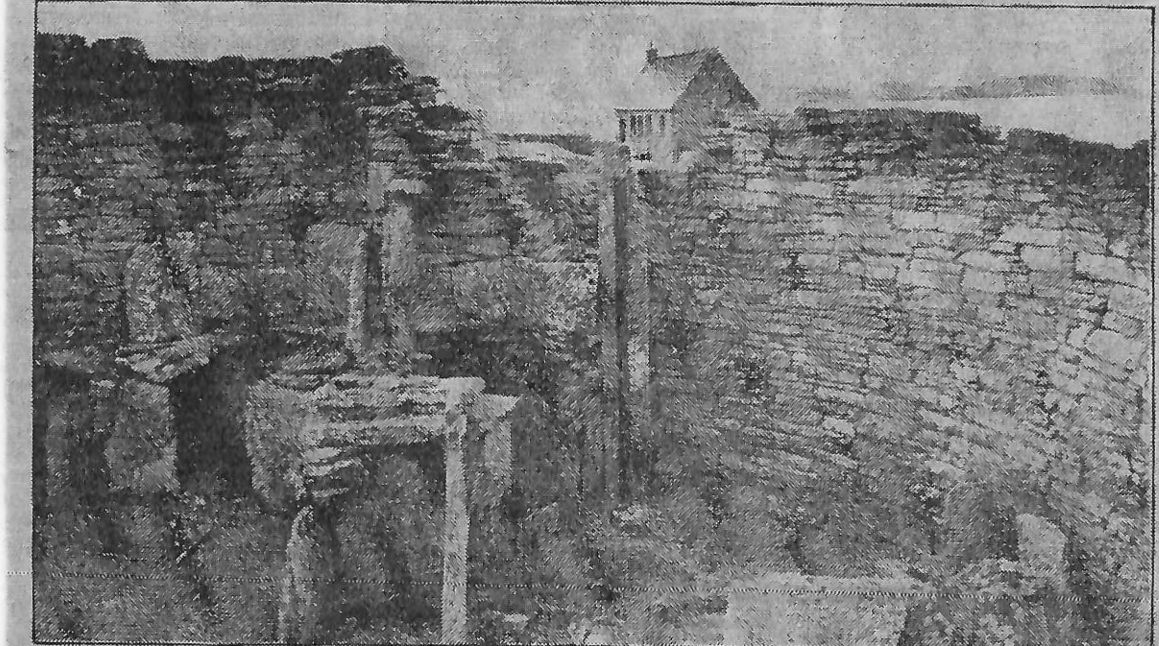


The interior of the Italian Chapel on the island of Lamb Holm. Italian prisoners of war created it inside a quonset hut while they were building the Churchill Barriers during World War II. The barriers connect several islands and block off the eastern side of Scapa Flow, Orkney's huge central harbor.



A view from the inside of the Broch of Gurness, a stone fortress begun in the first century B.C. and occupied until the 1100s.

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Star, a lighthouse supply ship based in Stromness.

He went out "on farm service" when he was 14 and spent three years working for a farmer whose old-fashioned practices could be traced to medieval times. "The fire was never out in that house for 400 years," Park said.

Park slept in an old box bed — a tall, square structure like a windowless room with a small door. Once standard equipment in an Orkney farmhouse, box beds functioned as room dividers; two are on view at Corrigall Farm.

The bottom two feet of the box bed were filled once a year with straw, Park said, and a straw mattress—a "chaffie bedsack"—was thrown on top. The straw packed down as the year wore on, and soon you weren't alone: You could lie in there, he remembers, and listen to the mice scrabbling in the straw below.

Park has equally vivid memories of something his employer called "trampin' the gunnel":

He had to put on a pair of long cotton stockings, specially kept for the purpose, and then get in the gunnel—a wooden box about four feet square. A layer of oat meal was put in and Park would tramp it down hard. Then a layer of dry cheeses was put in, then more meal and more trampin.'

Layer by layer, the box was filled with enough cheese and meal to last the household till the next harvest and so tightly packed that it wouldn't spoil: "Because it was practically airtight," he said, "no vermin got in."

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Architecturally, neither the Stone Age nor the Age of the Vikings really ended on Orkney.

The islands are still dotted with long, low stone cottages and barns, most built well before the 1800s by Orkney crofters. The technique is "dry

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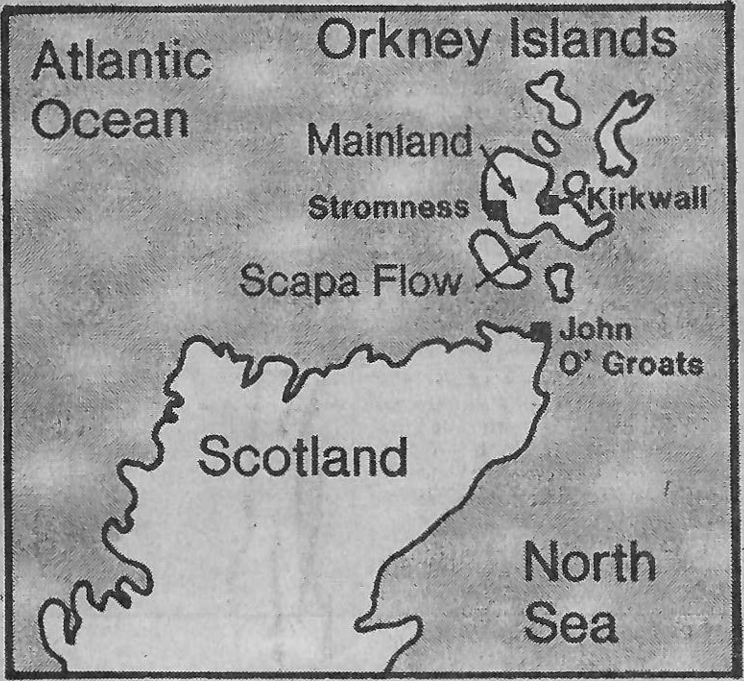
# Orkney is reachable by ferry, airplane



Orkney can be reached several ways: By the P & O Ferry line that takes cars and people from Scrabster, Scotland, to Stromness and back several times a week (up to three times a day in mid-summer). By the smaller Orkney Passenger Ferry from John O'Groats, on the northeast tip of Scotland, to Burwick or St. Margaret's Hope on Orkney. Or by air from mainland Scotland.

In summer, both ferry lines offer special rates on one-day excursions from Scrabster to Stromness; the rate for these last summer was about $12.50 per adult with P & O and about $10 with Orkney.

Having a car on Orkney is a good idea, but bringing it over on the car ferry isn't. It costs too much (about $100 last summer). You can rent cars on the Mainland, Orkney's largest island, and on six of the smaller ones. Bicycles also can be rented.

If you decide to take a car over to Orkney, book *round-trip* tickets well in advance to make sure you get a place on the ferries. The demand is greatest, in both directions, around the weekend. Even with reservations, you should arrive at the boat docks about an hour early.

Hotels and meals throughout Orkney are reasonably priced, but the best deal of all is the bed-and-breakfast: a room in a private home and a home-cooked breakfast next morning, all for a small price. B-and-Bs on Orkney last summer cost about $8 to $10 a night ($12 when an evening meal was included)—well below the going rate elsewhere in Scotland.

Orkney offers a rich range of crafts, including hand-made tweeds and sweaters, jewelry in Norse style, contemporary paintings and sculpture. A particularly interesting (though expensive) Orkney product are handmade chairs with tightly woven straw backs, some of which curve up into basket-like hoods to protect their occupant from drafts. They are copied from originals that go back a couple of hundred years and testify to Orcadian resourcefulness in the face of the chronic shortage of wood.

Information—on car and bike rentals, accommodations including house rentals, sights to see and hours they are open, art galleries and craft shops, and cruises and tours to different parts of Orkney—is available year-round from the main tourist information center in Kirkwall and mid-June to mid-September from a seasonal office at the ferry terminal in Stromness.

Address questions to the Orkney Tourist Organisation, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1DH. Particularly useful is a booklet titled "Where to Stay on Orkney."

Good books about these islands include: **"Orkney,"** by Ronald Miller (B.T. Batsford, Ltd., London, 1976), especially good on history and background; **"The Other Orkney Book,"** by Gordon Thomson (Northabout Publishing, Edinburgh, 1980), useful while touring the islands; and **The Ancient Monuments of Orkney** (Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Edinburgh, 1978).

These are most easily purchased in bookshops on Orkney, though you might try shops in Edinburgh, Aberdeen or Inverness.

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wall," meaning that no mortar bonds the wide, flat island flagstones.

Many of these buildings are still in use, though modern shingles usually have replaced their turf or flagstone roofs and new additions often obscure their long, spare lines.

What's so striking about them is that their original floorplans are not much different from the those of the Viking longhouses at the Brough of Birsay, built about 800 years before, and their furnishings date back in style to Skara Brae, some 3,000 years before that.

Like the Viking houses, these farm homes were built long ways down a slope, with the farm animals penned in the downhill end (the "oot-by" in island parlance), and the people living in the other (the "in-by")..

In between, there would have been an open hearth on the floor and a simple smoke hole (the "lum") in the roof, located off-center so the frequent rains wouldn't put the fire out.

Most of the old-style farmhouses were remodeled in the mid-1800s, and proper chimneys were put in to separate the in-by from the oot-by. (Pigs and chickens continued to reside in the oot-by, though, unless the family could afford a barn.)

But a few of the farmhouses remain unaltered: Kirbuster House on the Mainland, for example, was occupied until 1962 by elderly siblings who continued to cook and heat the place with an open fire in the smoke-blackened main room, the part of the house that extends back 400 or 500 years.

The unrestored house still contains pot lids made of stone; small stone querns for grinding flour, and a "paun tree," a huge beam above the hearth that was used for hanging pots and pans and may have led, Orkney people say, to the modern word "pantry."

What's unsettling here are the stone-fenced stalls in the oot-by; the stone slab that makes a work table in the main room; the flat stones stuck into the walls for shelves, and the "neuk beds"—large nooks or niches in the five-foot-thick walls that were lined with stone and used for sleeping.

They all have look-alikes at Skara Brae—though five millenia elapsed between them.

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Despite being so far from the main stream, Orkney has twice found itself in the thick of modern history.

Its wonderfully protected harbor, Scapa Flow, was the burial place of the German Navy after World War I. Deliberately scuttled by their crews, the Kaiser's captured ships slept here until the 1920s, when sharp salvage operators figured out how to retrieve most of the hulks for scrap. (Seven are still down there, targets now for amateur scuba divers.)

The Germans retaliated in 1939, when a Nazi sub sneaked into Scapa Flow and attacked the British warship Royal Oak; more than 800 men drowned when it sank.

After that, the British government decided to seal off the eastern entrances to Scapa Flow. Imported Italian prisoners-of-war did the work on a series of causeways—the Churchill Barriers—to connect four islands there.

The causeways carry a road that allows visitors to drive to the prisoners' other legacy: the Italian chapel, a charming, Renaissance-style oddity created out of scrap metal, plaster, imagination and a donated quonset hut.

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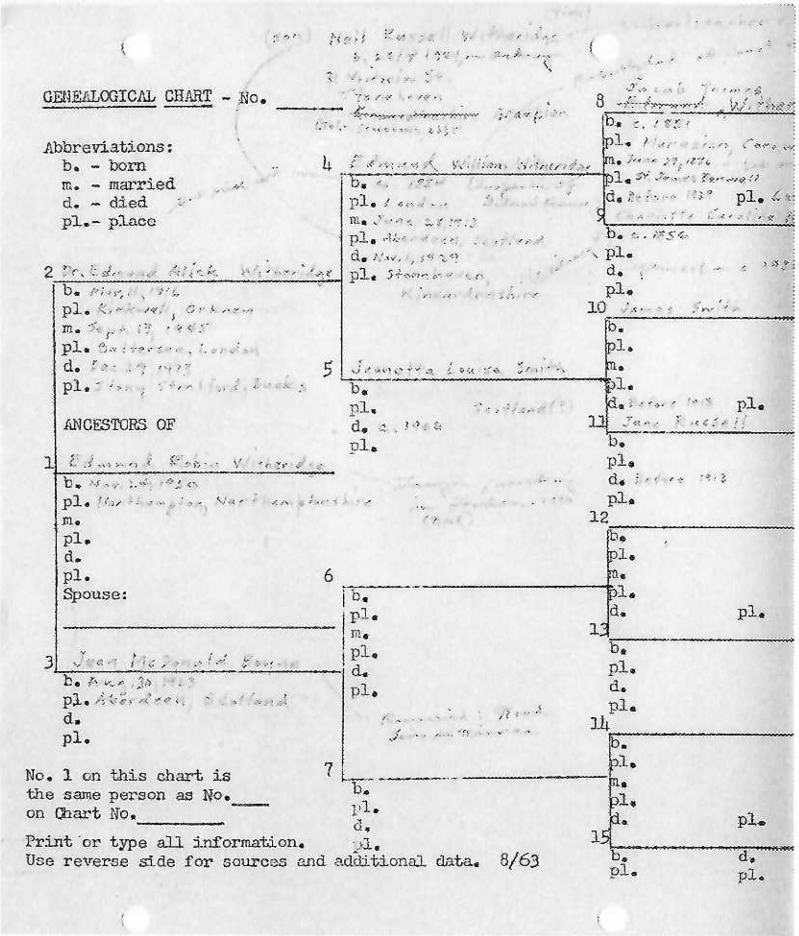
The war changed many things here, not least of them the people. Thirty thousand military personnel were stationed here, Ronald Miller said—more than twice Orkney's pre-war population. One was Arthur Park's wife, Bunny, now 62, a Scottish girl from a town near Inverness.

When the rest of her unit was transferred, she requested to stay. Orkney had taken hold of her somehow; she felt she had discovered the place she was meant to be.

It didn't matter that she was what old Orcadians would call "ainsfayaff"—literally "one's from off," a stranger, someone not from here. Orkney felt like home, "and that was before I met this old man here!" she said, teasing her husband.

The pull Orkney has on people like Bunny Park is no less keen for its own offspring. One man, home for good after more than 20 years, explained it simply: "Ay, I belong to here."



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pl. Stony Stratford, Bucks

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1 Edmund Robin Witheridge
b. Nov. 24, 1950
pl. Northampton, Northamptonshire
m.
pl.
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Spouse:

3 Jean McDonald Brown
b. Aug. 30, 1913
pl. Aberdeen, Scotland
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4 Edmund William Witheridge
b. c. 1884
pl. London
m. June 28, 1913
pl. Aberdeen, Scotland
d. Nov. 1, 1929
pl. Stonehaven, Kincardineshire

5 Jeanetta Louisa Smith
b.
pl. Scotland(?)
d. c. 1966
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8 Jacob James ~~Edmund~~ Witheridge
b. c. 1851
pl. Marazion, Cornwall
m. June 29, 1876
pl. St. James Penwall
d. Before 1939 pl.

9 Charlotte Caroline
b. c. 1856
pl.
d.
pl.

10 James Smith
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d. Before 1913 pl.

11 Jane Russell
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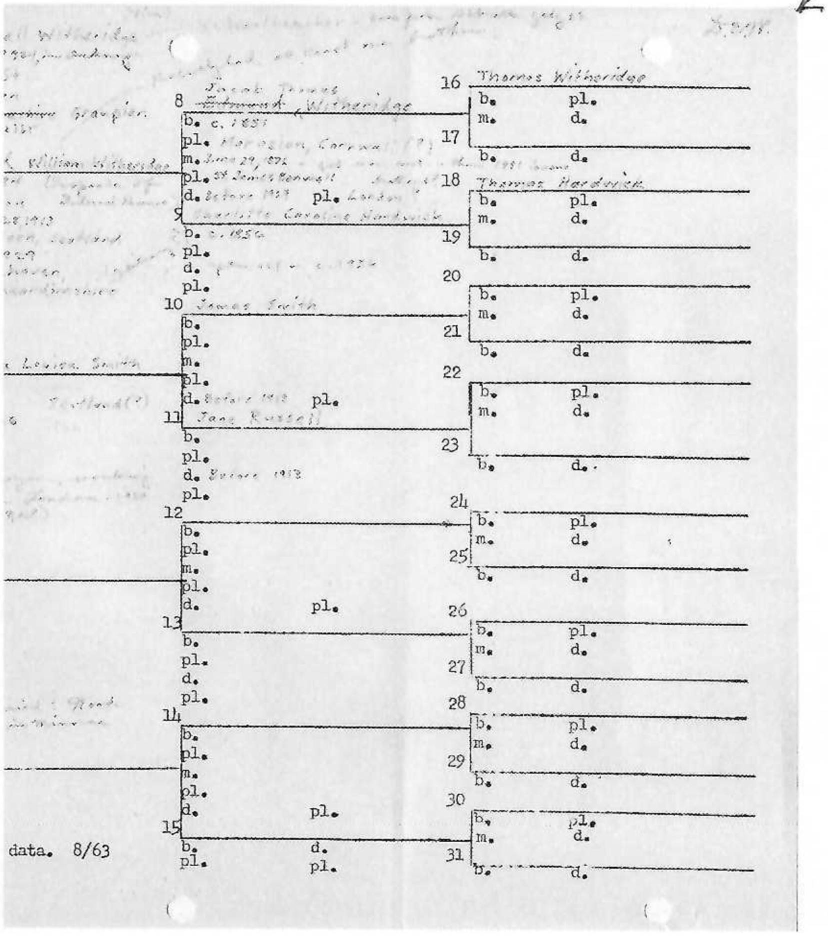

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pl. Marazion, Cornwall (?)
m. June 29, 1876
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d. Before 1939 pl. London
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16 Thomas Witheridge
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(Tim)

(son) Neil Russell Witheridge
b. 27/5 1921, in Orkney
31 Victoria St.
Stonehaven
~~Kincardineshire~~ Grampian
(Tel.- Stonehaven, 2335

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Abbreviations:
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m. - married
d. - died
pl.- place

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4 Edmund William Witheridge
b. c. 1884 (Inspector of Inland Revenue)
pl. London
m. June 28, 1913
pl. Aberdeen, Scotland
d. Nov. 1, 1929
pl. Stonehaven, Kincardineshire

(obituary?)

2 Dr. Edmund Alick Witheridge
b. Mar. 11, 1916
pl. Kirkwall, Orkney
m. Sept. 13, 1945
pl. Battersea, London
d. Dec. 29, 1973
pl. Stony Stratford, Bucks

5 Jeanetta Louisa Smith
b.
pl. Scotland (?)
d. c. 1966
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ANCESTORS OF

1 Edmund Robin Witheridge
b. Nov. 24, 1950
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Spouse:
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Lawyer, working in London - 1980
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3 Jean McDonald Boyne
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d. Before 1929 pl. London ?

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b. c. 1856
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10 James Smith
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Keith Witheridge (b. 1911)
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[Mar. 24, 1964]

2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
March 24, 1964

Dear Mr. (or Mrs.) Witheridge: 170 - 9th St., Wyoming, Pa.

You may be surprised to hear from me, for if your family is like ours, you have probably discovered very few other people by the name of Witheridge. We lived for six years in Chicago and were the only Witheridges in the phone book all that time!

A year ago my father died, and I realized I knew very little about his family. So I began to piece together everything I could find from relatives, and found it was a slow and difficult business. I still haven't made contact with any relatives in England, though my father came over with his family as a young boy.

I happened to recall that years ago when I was in seminary (Colgate Rochester Divinity School), our chorus made a trip through the East, and we stayed overnight in Scranton. My hosts, Dr. and Mrs. Earl Rabhorn, mentioned that they knew some Witheridges in Wyoming, Pa., and I put down the name of Thomas North Witheridge, thinking that some day it would be fun to look him up.

That day has now come, and I am hoping that I shall hear from you in the near future. Our public library had a directory of Wyoming, in which I found not only the name of Thomas North Witheridge, but also Mrs. Keith Witheridge and Mrs. Paul Witheridge. In order to miss no chance of making contact, I decided to address this in a general way--Mr. and Mrs. Witheridge.

Very likely, if we are related at all, it must be in some distant fashion. I am hoping, however, that you may have some information that may help me in my efforts to straighten out my own family history.

First, I'll tell you about myself. As you see, I am a minister (Baptist). I have been executive secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for thirteen years. Before that I served churches in and near Chicago. My wife Elizabeth and I both grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, where she was a kindergarten teacher and I was a heating and ventilating engineer before going into the ministry. We have two boys in high school--James and Thomas.

My Witheridge ancestry is as follows: My father, William Allen Witheridge, was born Jan. 22, 1881, in Porth, So. Wales. His father, William Witheridge, was born Sept. 16, 1856, someplace in England and brought his family to America about 1886. His father, John Witheridge, was born Feb. 25, 1828, in Devonshire, lived in Combe Martin, and served as a lighthouse keeper on Lundy Island at one time. That's as far back as my records go.

One of my father's cousins told me that my great grandfather, John Witheridge, had a brother in Pennsylvania. Could he possibly have been an ancestor in your branch of the family?

I hope this letter piques your curiosity enough to encourage you to write and tell me all you can about the Witheridges of Wyoming, Pa., and their ancestry. What other relatives do you have who might have additional information? Especially, I am hoping you have the address of some descendants of the Witheridge family who still live in England.

A letter from you would be very welcome, indeed. Please write soon and tell me what you know now, without waiting to look elsewhere for some of the records.

Yours sincerely,

David [illegible]. Witheridge

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2420 Irving So Mpls
To Mr. Witheridge
170 - 9 Street
Wyoming Pa.

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[Apr. 26, 1964]

31 Goodrich Rd.
Annapolis Md.
April 26, 1964

Dear David -

Your letter was sent to my Dad, Tom North Witheridge who is 90 years old - lives in Wyoming, Pa. - born in 1873 in New Jersey. His father was John Witheridge who came from Devonshire. John had a large family and only two survive - Tom in Wyoming-Pa. and Emma Garman in Bellingham, Wash. Tom had 3 sons - Paul - age 54 - buyer for the A. & P. in Eastern Penna - Kenneth -52 a machinist who lives near Wyoming and Keith -52 an elementary school principal in Annapolis, Md.. We have been Methodists and each has been active in the church.

Your nephew from Saginaw visited in our home in the fall and I have been trying to pick up some of the information about this branch of the Witheridges but to no avail. ~~Dad had a brother who~~ My Dad's father had a brother who had gone to Australia but not too much was known about him.

At present I am trying to contact a Witheridge who has authored a children's book - will let you know if this is still another branch. Your nephew looks like the Witheridges in Pennsylvania so I am certain that our ancestors were very close.

Our Nat'l Elem. Principals met in Minneapolis this year - one of the first Nat'l Conventions I have missed but I am sure our paths will soon cross. If you plan to come east for the N.Y. Fair we would be happy to have you stay with us so that we could show you Annapolis, Naval Academy and St John's College and get to know each other better.

Our son Don is 26 and in Public Relations with the Washington Gas Light Co. Mrs. Witheridge (Annie) was born in Yorkshire so English blood runs rather thick in our veins.

We know of no living relatives in England but we do know there is a village there in Devon by the name of Witheridge - it was listed in the Sept. Nat'l Geographic in their article on Devon.

Thank you for your letter and I shall keep in touch with you about these Witheridges.

Sincerely,

G. Keith Witheridge

Annie was originally a Baptist and heard your glee club when ~~the~~ it was in Scranton - she spoke to you at that time. We had a clipping around the house concerning your group.

I plan to see my Dad and Mom on Mother Day so I'll pump their memories again and see if I can get any leads.

Keith

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Keith Witheridge
(b. 1911)

[May 2, 1964]

2426 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
May 2, 1964

Dear Keith:

Thank you very much for your letter. It was a great pleasure to hear from you rather promptly and to find that you are really interested in our family history. Most relatives with whom I have corresponded have been only mildly interested and have been very slow in answering.

Just three weeks ago my older brother William died, and I was in Michigan (Birmingham) for the funeral. My brother John from Saginaw (not my nephew) told me about his visit with you a few months ago, and how delighted he was to meet you. He said you had written to me when I was in Chicago and had never got an answer. Your letter must have gone astray, for I have been hoping for years to make contact with any other Witheridges living in this country, and I feel sure I would have answered your letter if it had arrived.

As you see, I have enclosed a genealogical chart giving my ancestry back as far as I know it. You may keep this. I am also enclosing two more blank charts of this type. I hope you will make two copies of your own ancestry--one for me and one for yourself. Eventually, I hope we shall be able to connect your chart and mine, if we go back far enough. I note that you will be seeing your mother and father on Mother's Day, so maybe you can get some more information, or at least find out how or where to pursue the matter.

Another chart I have enclosed gives the family record of John Witheridge, the earliest of my ancestors of which I have any record. This is for you, but I should like to have you fill in a similar one for the earliest Witheridge in your line, and send it back to me.

A third sheet I'd like returned from you is a list of addresses of your living relatives.

I have an uncle, Edward A. Witheridge, at [illegible] St., Port Townsend, Wash., and I know he would be extremely interested in knowing about your Aunt Emma German in Bellingham, Wash.

I am related by marriage to the Elizabeth [illegible] Witheridge who writes children's books--in fact, she is my wife! She has written three books for Abingdon: Mara of Old Babylon, Mara Journeys Home, and Jim Penney's Golden Nugget. She has also written one for Atheneum: Never Younger, Jeannie; and is just finishing another for Atheneum.

Elizabeth has some ancestors who came from Baltimore, and some day we might be very happy to have your help in hunting up some information on them.

When you go to Wyoming next week, you might ask your father if he can remember any distant relatives by the name of Curtis. You will notice that my great grandmother, Clara Blackmore Witheridge, had formerly been married to a man named Curtis, and had at least two children, Edward and George Curtis. One of my father's cousins, George Chivers, did remember some relatives by the name of Curtis, but we haven't made any contact with them yet.

We, too, were quite intrigued by the article and map in the National Geographic showing the town of Witheridge. I have since secured two other excellent maps of Great Britain showing this town and others in Devon from which my ancestors came, as well as towns in Wales where some of them lived more recently.

Since becoming interested in genealogy, I have discovered many ways of tracking down ancestors in Great Britain, though the process is slow, because answers are so long in coming. I'm sure I can help you with suggestions for tracing your ancestry across the ocean.

I'm also interested in your father's uncle who went to Australia. Perhaps we shall be able to track down his descendents some day.

It's unfortunate you were unable to come to the convention of Elementary Principals in Minneapolis. We would have been delighted to meet and entertain you. Thank you for your invitation to stay with you in case we come to the World's Fair. We have no plans for coming east this year, but some year we shall be doing so again. We look forward to meeting both you and your wife Annie. Does she keep in touch with her relatives in England?

Thank you for the picture. I can't put my fingers on one to send you at the moment, but will send you one at a later time. Please let me hear from you again after you visit with your parents.

Yours sincerely,

[May 23, 1964]

31 Goodrich Rd.
Annapolis Md.
May 23, 1964

Dear Dave -

Have done some work toward establishing our relationship - Dad's memory is quite hazy about his fathers relations but from such questions as, "How old was your dad when he died? and the celebration of fiftieth wedding anniversaries we were able to get some dates a little more exact. I plan to do some research in the files of the Wilkes Barre Record in Wilkes Barre, Pa. to see if I cannot pinpoint my grandfathers death date and the obituary may give me some additional clues.

My Aunt Emma's address is Mrs. Emma Garman, Somerset Manor, 1603 E. Illinois St. Bellingham, Wash. Your Uncle Edward might have a chance to see her and get some information. I have written but she did not answer any of my questions.

Have ordered some of Elizabeth's books for our school library - will let you know the kid's evaluation of the books.

I did find out that my great grandfather Witheringe was a gentleman butcher.

The only Curtis in our family was a John Curtis who married my dad's sister Mary. I believe he was born in America.

Tried to get additional information but Dad just couldn't seem to remember. I'll keep trying on each visit.

Closing school here is a big chore but the 16th of June will soon be here. We enjoy the activities which take place at the Naval Academy — musicals and the like. We usually attend the graduation exercises and the colorful parades on the grounds.

Annie and her mother visited in England (Yorkshire) in 1954 — Mrs Smith has 5 sisters living there. They came from the town of Guisboro — Annie's dad was a miner and a crack soccer player and it was through this talent that he came to America to work for a steel company and play soccer on the company team. He later worked in the mines in Pittston, Pa.

I will keep in touch with you and let you know of any new findings.

Sincerely,

Keith

CURRENT ADDRESSES OF RELATIVES

(Including distant relatives where known)

Date May 1964

List compiled by: G. Keith Witheridge

Date of Birth: Dec. 16, 1911

Address: 31 Goodrich Rd.
Annapolis Md.
21401

Father's Name: Tom North Witheridge

Mother's Maiden Name: Sara Herring

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Name: Paul Witheridge
Address: 79-9th St.
Wyoming, Pa
Relationship: Brother
(Buyer for A+P - Eastern Pa.)

Name: J. Kenneth Witheridge
Address: Crownhill Village
R.D. #3 Wyoming, Pa.
Relationship: Twin brother
(Merchant) [added by DEW]

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[added by DEW]

Name: Emma Garman (Mrs, Morris)
Address: Somerset Manor
1603 E Illinois St.
Bellingham, Wash.
Relationship: Aunt

Name: Elmer Witheridge
Address: Nanticoke, Pa.
Relationship: Cousin - Son of my Uncle John
Same age as Paul - 54

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Name: Donald E. Witheridge
Address: 11401 Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, Md.
Relationship: Son

Name: Mrs Mildred Lewis (Emrys) husband's first name
Address: Green St
Nanticoke, Pa.
Relationship: Cousin - Sister of Elmer above

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[Another copy of this record, slightly amended by DEW, is placed after his June 22, 1967, note to Keith.]

ONE FAMILY RECORD    Surname Witheridge    Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
John Phillip Witheridge
Father's Name: John Witheridge ← [John Witheridge]
Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth c. 1840 - Devon, Eng.
Marriage ~~1862~~ Feb. 12, 1862 - Lamerton, Devon ← [Feb. 12, 1862 - Lamerton, Devon]
Death 1913 - Nanticoke, Pa., U.S.A.
Other Places of Residence:
Death Record ← [Death Record]

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Emma Northcott
Father's Name: James Northcott ← [James Northcott]
Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth c. 1840 - Devon, Eng.
Death 1914 - Nanticoke, Pa., U.S.A.
Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | Date Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
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| 1 Mary<br>Married to<br>John Curtis | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | 1868 - Tavistock, Devon, Eng.<br><br>1930 |
| 2 George Edwin<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | 1870 - Tavistock, Devon, Eng.<br><br>1951 |
| 3 John<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | 1872 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A.<br><br>1954 |
| 4 Tom North<br>Married to<br>Sara A. Herring | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | Aug. 13, 1873 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A.<br>June 26, 1906 - Orangeville, Pa., U.S.A. |
| 5 Jane<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | 1875 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A.<br><br>1920 |
| 6 Emma<br>Married to<br>Morris Garman | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | Oct. 19, 1877 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A. |
| 7 Willie<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | 1879 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A.<br><br>1905 - Nanticoke, Pa., U.S.A. |
| 8<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | |
| 9<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | |
| 10<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death | |

Somerset House
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[Somerset House]

There were no source notes on this record.

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[Sept. 20, 1964]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
September 20, 1964

Dear Keith:

I have owed you a letter since May, but that does not mean I have not thought about you and your branch of the Witheridge family. I haven't really had anything new to tell you, and I have been very busy on other strands of my genealogical research. When we were back in Saginaw last month, I finally got the address of a cousin of Father's in England, and I am looking forward to her reply to my letter one of these days.

I'm glad that your ancestors and ours both stem from Devonshire, as of course the town of Witheridge is there. That makes it at least more likely that we are related somehow in the past. I wonder if you have made any more progress in your effort to trace your line farther back. From some of my recent experiences I'd like to make some suggestions, in case you have struck a snag.

[Nanticoke, PA]

I notice that you have two cousins still living in Nanticoke, where both your grandfather and grandmother died. Perhaps either Elmer or Mildred could check with the person in charge of the cemetery there to see if their records show the exact dates of their deaths. These dates would make it easier to locate newspaper obituaries. I would guess there must have been a paper in Nanticoke that carried these; and, as you say, the Wilkes Barre paper might have it also. We were very lucky in Saginaw to find several obituaries that provided new information about birthplaces and surviving relatives. The paper had a microfilm file and a reader right in their building we could use. The Nanticoke paper might possibly be in the State Historical Library in Harrisburg, and their research librarian might be willing to look up this obituary for you.

As you probably know, you can write to the Clerk of Courts of Luzerne County in Wilkes B arre giving all the information you know about your grandparents and get certificates of their death for $1.00 each. This would probably give their exact dates of birth, or nearly so. This might help in writing to London for their birth certificates, which is done as follows:

[Somerset House]

All the records of births, marriages, and deaths in England and Wales since 1837 are on file in the General Register Office, Somerset House, London, W.C.2. I have written there for several items and have not been disappointed so far. I would suggest that you write for the marriage certificate of John Phillip Witheridge and Emma Northcott in Devonshire (possibly near Travistock) from 1862 to 1867, and for each of their birth certificates in Devonshire about 1840. If you can get these, you will have the names of their parents.

← [DEW meant Tavistock]

The cost is 10s. 0d. for each certificate (6s. 3d. for the search and 3s. 9d. for the certificate). Airmail is another 1s. 3d. for one or two certificates, and 2s. 6d. for three or four. Thus for three certificates this would be 32s. 6d. including airmail. This is the same as £ 1/12/6. Your local bank can make out a draft for this amount, and at the recent exchange rate of $2.80, it would cost $4.55 plus the cost of the draft. I tell you all this, because I had to learn it by trial and error. I hope you will do this, as I think it is a fascinating process, but if you prefer, I will do it for you. (The draft should be made out to The Registrar General).

Now, I am hoping you will supply me with some additional information in your next letter. First, you will note the Family Record on which I hope you will list all the information you have on your father and mother and their children. By the way, is your father's first name Tom instead of Thomas?

[Tom
or
Thomas?]

I'd appreciate it if you would give me further information about all your uncles and aunts on the Witheridge side--where did they live, what did they do, and whom did they marry? I'm especially interested in knowing about all of their children (your cousins). Are any of these cousins living, except Elmer Witheridge and Mildred Lewis in Nanticoke? If so, I'd like to have their addresses.

You spoke of your son, and I assume he is your only child. Would you please give me his full name and address? Also, if your brothers have any children, I'd like to have their names and addresses.

At long last I have a few extra prints of the enclosed picture of Elizabeth and me. I am also sending you a sheet showing my own father and mother and their children. You may keep this.

I am interested that Annie used to be a Baptist and that she heard our Colgate Rochester Divinity School Choir back in 1940 or 1941 in Scranton. I wish she would tell me more about that. It's hard for me to believe that if she had introduced herself as "Mrs. Witheridge" I wouldn't have tried to establish contact then and there! Maybe I was in a fog then.

I suppose you are well started on another school year. Jim is about ready to begin at the University of Minnesota. He was at Freshman Camp over the weekend, and Elizabeth and I were at Parents' Day. Tom has started his senior year in high school.

Yours sincerely,

[Oct. 11, 1964]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
October 11, 1964

[Emma Garman]

Mrs. Emma Garman
Somerset Manor
1003 W. Illinois St.
Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Garman:

Perhaps your nephew Keith has told you about another branch of the Witheridge family that has struck up a correspondence with him during the past year. My brother John and I have both been writing to him, and my brother and his wife actually visited in Keith's home.

About a year and a half ago when my father died, I suddenly realized how little I knew about all the branches of my own family, and I began a genealogical project that seems to get bigger as time goes on.

Our family had never known of other Witheridge families in the country, though we assumed there must be some. My wife and I lived six years in Chicago and were the only Witheridges in the telephone book. Now, in my efforts to learn as much as possible about the Witheridges, I am tracking down any Witheridge descendants I can discover.

I'd appreciate hearing from you and learning about your own experiences and family. What different places have you lived and what did you and your husband do? Do you have any children; and, if so, what are their addresses?

You may be interested in my background. As you can see, I am a minister. I have been executive secretary of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for thirteen years. Before that I served Baptist churches in and near Chicago. My wife Elizabeth and I both grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, where she was a kindergarten teacher and I was a heating and ventilating engineer before going into the ministry. We have two boys: Jim is a freshman at the University of Minnesota, and Tom is a senior in high school.

My Witheridge ancestry is as follows: My father, William Allen Witheridge, was born Jan. 26, 1881, in Porth, So. Wales. His father, William Witheridge, was born Sept. 23, 1856, in Combe Martin, Devonshire, and brought his family to America about 1888. His father, John Witheridge, was also born in Devonshire, so it's possible that back several generations we are related to your ancestors. We understand they also originated in Devonshire.

When I heard that you were living in Bellingham, Washington, I immediately thought of my own uncle, Edward A. Witheridge, who lives at 206 Reed Street, Port Townsend, Washington. With so few Witheridges in this country, I'm sure you would both enjoy visiting with another one living in your same state. I've written to Uncle Ed and have given him your address. He may not be able to visit you, but perhaps he will write to you.

Now I'll close, and I hope to hear from you one of these days.

Sincerely,

David B. Witheridge

[July 4, 1965]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
July 4, 1965

Dear Keith:

It seems like a very long time since I have heard from you. I wonder if you have had any more luck in your search for relatives and ancestors. I'll be glad to get a report from you some day.

Although I don't have as much time to spend on genealogy as I would like, I have made considerable progress in the past year. It's hard to believe how much information is available if one can just take the time to work on it.

One of my problems is that I am not only working on the Witheridge branch, but I am also working on my mother's family and both sides of my wife's family. The trouble is that every time you solve one problem, you create two more.

The reason I am writing now is to tell you that we are coming east later in the summer. I'll be attending a three-week school for church executives in Washington, starting the middle of August. At the close of that, Elizabeth and the boys will join me, and we shall spend about two weeks in the New York City and Baltimore areas.

In New York we want to see Elizabeth's editor and publisher, visit the World's Fair, and and look up a relative of Elizabeth's whom she has never met.

In the Baltimore area, we are going to spend nearly a week, from Wednesday, September 8, to Monday, September 13, doing research on Elizabeth's ancestors there and on the local situation from about 1800 to 1830. Her great-great-great grandfather, Robert Amos, was sheriff of Harford County. Elizabeth is planning to write a book about her great-great grandmother, Sarah Amos, Robert's daughter. So this is a combination of business and pleasure!

While we are in Maryland, of course, we want to meet you and Annie, so we are hoping that you will be home and free enough from start-of-the-season school duties to spend an evening with us.

Please write soon and let us know if you think you will be able to see us. I think it will be delightful to get together.

Sincerely,

[July 9, 1965]

ANNAPOLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Green Street
Annapolis, Maryland

G. Keith Witheridge
Principal

Telephone
263- 5992

July 9 — 1965

Dear Elizabeth and David —

The welcome mat is always out for a Witheridge so feel free to visit us. With Don gone now there is an extra room where you could stay. We can easily arrange our evenings so that we can see you.

Annie and I leave for Europe on Sunday for a months tour of five countries. In England we plan to rent a car and drive to the county of Yorkshire and visit her people for 2 days and then rejoin our tour group for Holland and the rest. Will not be able to get to Witheridge on this trip. We plan to return Aug 8 — looking forward to our first trip abroad —

No work on this end in genealogy - Hope to do some in the fall.

Let us know when you get in Maryland.

"Never Younger, Jeannie" has been a popular book in our school library.

Looking forward to seeing you and the family.

Sincerely,

Keith

[June 22, 1967]

*From the Desk of*

**DAVID E. WITHERIDGE**

6/22/67

Dear Keith,

Elizabeth and I are eagerly planning a trip east during the last three weeks of July. We expect to include Boston, New York, Baltimore, and Pittsburgh in the itinerary.

Whether or not we'll be able to get down to Annapolis remains to be seen, but I hope so. Our schedule is somewhat flexible, but we think we'll be in Baltimore on the weekend of July 21-24.

I suppose the best thing will be to call when we get there to see if we can work in a visit.

Elizabeth is still working on her book that is located in Harford County, and she wants to look up some things while we are there.

Hope you are all well and that you'll be around while we are there.

Sincerely,

Dave

[Another, slightly different, copy of this record is located after Keith's May 23, 1964, letter to DEW in this section.]

ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Witheridge

Family No.

| HUSBAND (Name in Full) | WIFE (Maiden Name in Full) |
|---|---|
| John Phillip Witheridge | Emma Northcott |
| Father's Name: | Father's Name: |
| Mother's Maiden Name: | Mother's Maiden Name: |
| Date – Place | Date – Place |
| Birth c. 1840 - Devon, Eng. | Birth c. 1840 - Devon, Eng. |
| Marriage 1862 | Death 1914 - Nanticoke, Pa., U.S.A. |
| Death 1913 - Nanticoke, Pa., U.S.A. | Other Places of Residence: |
| Other Places of Residence: | |
| Other Wives: | Other Husbands: |

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | Date – Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|
| 1 Mary<br>Married to<br>John Curtis | Birth 1868 - Tavistock, Devon, Eng.<br>Marriage<br>Death 1930 |
| 2 George Edwin<br>Married to | Birth 1870 - Tavistock, Devon, Eng.<br>Marriage<br>Death 1951 |
| 3 John<br>Married to | Birth 1872 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A.<br>Marriage<br>Death 1954 |
| 4 Tom North<br>Married to<br>Sara A. Herring | Birth Aug. 13, 1873 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A.<br>Marriage June 26, 1906 - Orangeville, Pa., U.S.A.<br>Death |
| 5 Jane<br>Married to | Birth 1875 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A.<br>Marriage<br>Death 1920 |
| 6 Emma<br>Married to<br>Morris Garman | Birth Oct. 19, 1877 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A.<br>Marriage<br>Death |
| 7 Willie<br>Married to | Birth 1879 - Wharton, N.J., U.S.A.<br>Marriage<br>Death 1905 - Nanticoke, Pa., U.S.A. |
| 8<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death |
| 9<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death |
| 10<br>Married to | Birth<br>Marriage<br>Death |

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## ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Witheridge    Family No.

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**
John Phillip Witheridge

Father's Name:
John P. Witheridge (b) (c) *

Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth May 23, 1837 - Ottery, Devon, Eng. (c)
Marriage Feb. 12, 1861 - Lamerton, Devon (b)
Death 1913 (Nov. 24) - Nanticoke, Pa. (c) [(b)] [(c)]
Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)** [(a)]
Emma Northcott (a) (b) (d)

Father's Name:
James Northcott (b) (d) #

Mother's Maiden Name:
Mary Ann (Marianne) Williams (d)

Date Place
Birth [Bapt. Dec. 9, 1838] - Lamerton, Devon (d)
Death before Nov. 14, 1913 (c) - Nanticoke, Pa. (a)
Other Places of Residence: [(a)]

Other Husbands:

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Mary Witheridge (a)
Married to John Curtis (a) [(a)]
Birth 1868 Tavistock, Devon, England (a)
Marriage
Death 1930 (a)

2 George Edwin
Married to
Birth 1870 Tavistock, Devon, England (a)
Marriage
Death 1951 (a) [(a)]

3 John
Married to
Birth 1872 Wharton, N.J. (a)
Marriage
Death 1954 (a)

4 Thomas (c) Tom North [Thomas (c)]
Married to Sara A. Herring (a)
Birth 1873, Aug 13 - Wharton N.J. (a) [(a)]
Marriage June 26, 1906 - Orangeville, Pa. (a)
Death

5 Jane [(a)]
Married to
Birth 1875 Wharton N.J. (a)
Marriage
Death 1920 (a) [(a)]

6 Emma
Married to Morris Garman (a)
Birth Oct 19, 1877 Wharton N.J. (a)
Marriage
Death

7 Willie
Married to
Birth 1879 Wharton, N.J. (a)
Marriage
Death 1905 Nanticoke, Pa. (a) - [illegible]

8
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

[death cert. (no record)] (no record [illegible]

9
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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10
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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[See previous page.]

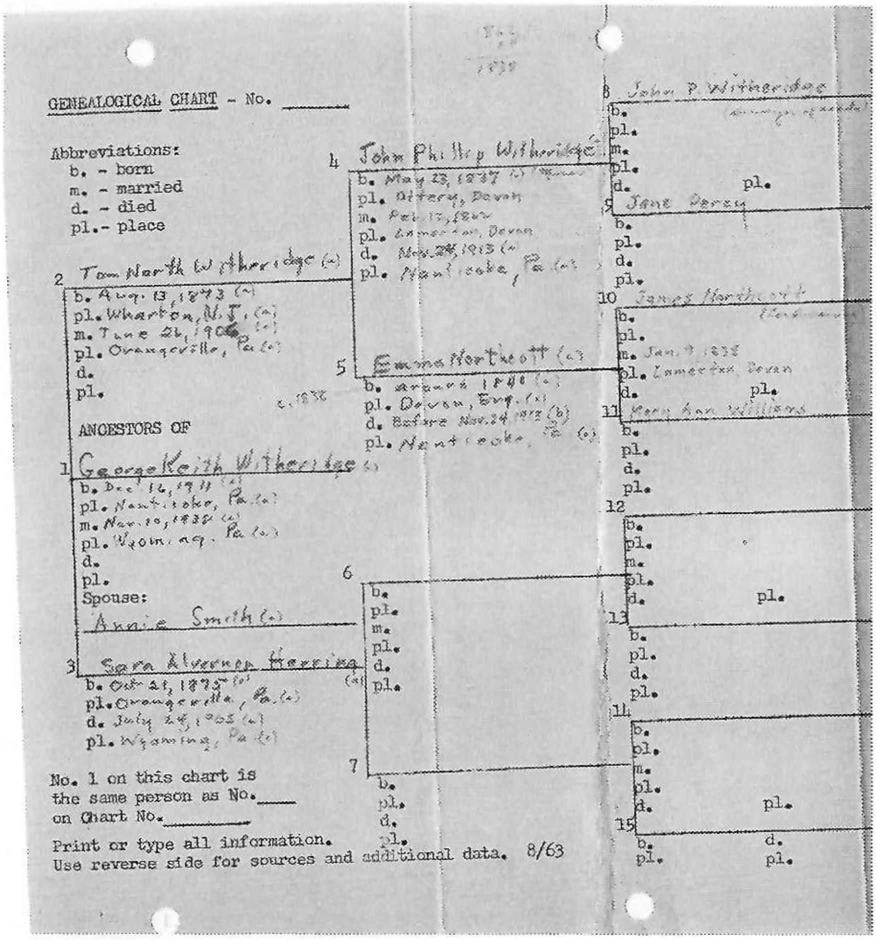
[Inf. from Keith Witheridge]

(a) Inf. from Keith Witheridge
(b) Marriage Cert. - Somerset House
(c) Death Cert. of John P. Witheridge
(d) Lamerton Register, Exeter City Library

[See DEW's note re "Thomas" as actual name of "Tom" on the previous page.]

* Surveyor of roads (b); butcher (a)

# Cordwainer (b)(d); Married Jan. 9, 1838 (d); Shoemaker before 1843 (d)



GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. ______

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl.- place

ANCESTORS OF

1 George Keith Witheridge (a)
b. Dec 16, 1911 (a)
pl. Nanticoke, Pa. (a)
m. Nov. 10, 1938 (a)
pl. Wyoming, Pa. (a)
d.
pl.
Spouse:
Annie Smith (a)

2 Tom North Witheridge (a)
b. Aug. 13, 1873 (a)
pl. Wharton, N.J. (a)
m. June 26, 1906 (a)
pl. Orangeville, Pa. (a)
d.
pl.

3 Sara Alvernon Herring (a)
b. Oct 21, 1875 (a)
pl. Orangeville, Pa. (a)
d. July 24, 1903 (a)
pl. Wyoming, Pa. (a)

4 John Phillip Witheridge (a)
b. May 13, 1837 (a)
pl. Ottery, Devon
m. Feb 13, 1862
pl. Lamerton, Devon
d. Nov. 24, 1913 (a)
pl. Nanticoke, Pa. (a)

5 Emma Northcott (a)
b. around 1840 (a)
pl. Devon, Eng. (a)
d. Before Nov. 24 1913 (b)
pl. Nanticoke, Pa. (a)

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b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

7
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

8 John P. Witheridge
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

9 Jane Percy
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

10 James Northcott
b.
pl.
m. Jan. 9 1838
pl. Lamerton, Devon
d. pl.

11 Mary Ann Williams
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

12
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

13
b.
pl.
d.
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d. pl.

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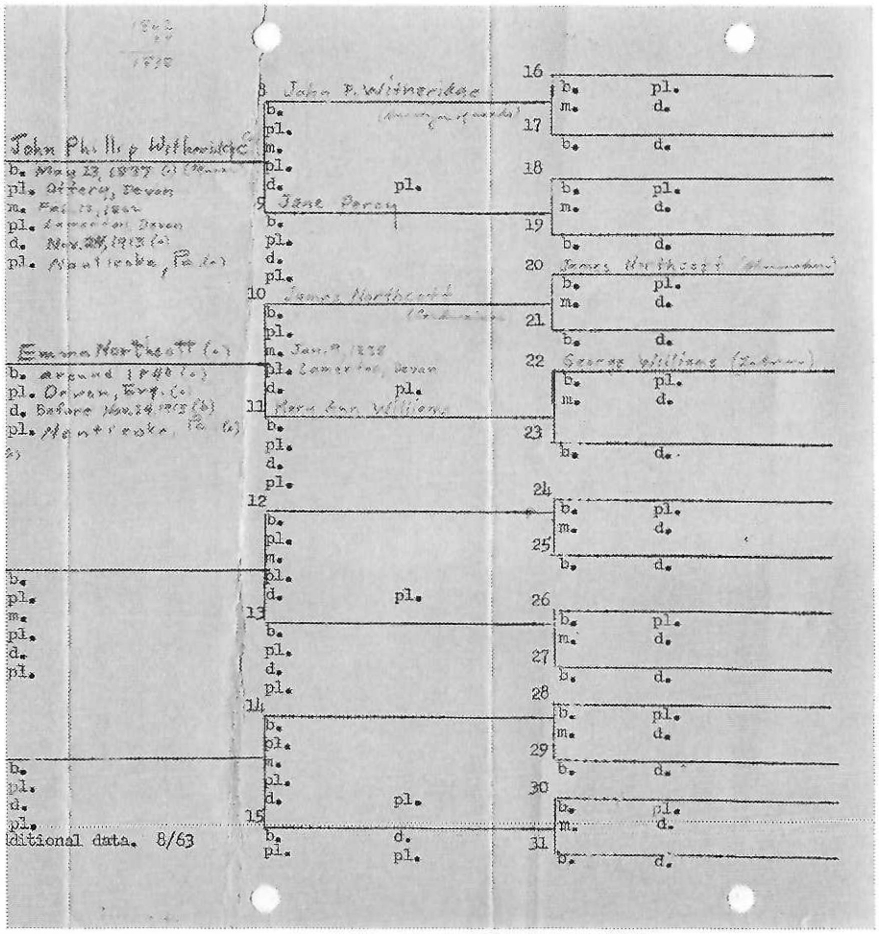

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b. pl.
m. d.

17
b. d.

18
b. pl.
m. d.

19
b. d.

20 James Northcott
b. pl.
m. d.

21
b. d.

22 George Williams
b. pl.
m. d.

23
b. d.

24
b. pl.
m. d.

25
b. d.

26
b. pl.
m. d.

27
b. d.

28
b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

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b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

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DEW's subtraction

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24
1838

GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. ______

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl.- place

4 John Phillip Witheridge (a)
b. May 23, 1837 (a) (Manu...)
pl. Ottery, Devon
m. Feb. 12, 1862
pl. Lamerton, Devon
d. Nov. 24, 1913 (a)
pl. Nanticoke, Pa. (a)

Entries by Keith Witheridge (b. 1911)

2 Tom North Witheridge (a)
b. Aug. 13, 1873 (a)
pl. Wharton, N.J. (a)
m. June 26, 1906 (a)
pl. Orangeville, Pa. (a)
d.
pl.

[DEW's note] c. 1838

5 Emma Northcott (a)
b. around 1840 (a)
pl. Devon, Eng. (a)
d. Before Nov. 24 1913 (b)
pl. Nanticoke, Pa. (a)

Entry by DEW

ANCESTORS OF

1 George Keith Witheridge (a)
b. Dec. 16, 1911 (a)
pl. Nanticoke, Pa. (a)
m. Nov. 10, 1938 (a)
pl. Wyoming, Pa. (a)
d.
pl.
Spouse:
Annie Smith (a)

6
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

3 Sara Alvernon Herring (a)
b. Oct 21, 1875 (a)
pl. Orangeville, Pa. (a)
d. July 24, 1965 (a)
pl. Wyoming, Pa. (a)

Entries by DEW

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(a) Inf. from G. Keith Witheridge
(b) Death cert. of John P. Witheridge (d. Nov. 24, 1913)

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All of these entries are by DEW

[John P. Witheridge (Surveyor of roads)]

8 John P. Witheridge
(Surveyor of roads)
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

9 Jane Percy
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

[James Northcott (Cordwainer)]

10 James Northcott
(Cordwainer)
b.
pl.
m. Jan. 9, 1838 ← [Jan. 9, 1838]
pl. Lamerton, Devon ← [Lamerton, Devon]
d. pl.

11 Mary Ann Williams
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

[Mary Ann Williams]

12
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pl.
m.
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d. pl.

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d. pl.

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b. d.
pl. pl.

16
b. pl.
m. d.

17
b. d.

18
b. pl.
m. d.

19
b. d.

20 James Northcott (Shoemaker)
b. pl.
m. d.

[James Northcott (Shoemaker)]

21
b. d.

22 George Williams (Laborer)
b. pl.
m. d.

[George Williams (Laborer)]

23
b. d.

24
b. pl.
m. d.

25
b. d.

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b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

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b. pl.
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b. d.

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b. pl.
m. d.

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b. d.

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(a) Inf. from G. Keith Witheridge
(b) Death cert. of John P. Witheridge (d. Nov. 24, 1913)

[Aug. 19, 1970]

DAVID E. WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55405

August 19, 1970

Luzerne County Clerk
Court House
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I should like to have copies of the death certificates of three relatives of mine who died in Nanticoke, Pa., early in this century:

John Phillip Witheridge (b. 1837), who died in 1913

His wife, Emma Witheridge (b. 1838), who died in 1914

(Their son, Willie Witheridge (b. 1879), who died in 1905)
no Record of death

Enclosed is a check for $5.00 to cover the cost of the search and the certificates.

From the dates of death on these certificates I hope to track down obituaries in a local newspaper. Could you give me any clue as to what newspaper would have been serving Nanticoke at that time? If you could give me the name and address of such a paper or its successor, I would be very grateful.

Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge
David E. Witheridge

All birth records after January 1906 are recorded in Harrisburg, Pa.

Use enclosed forms.

For obituaries write to:
Wilkes Barre Publishing Co.
Reference Dept.
North Main St.
Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18702

Write

You may also be able to trace some of your family by writing to the :

Osterhout Library
S. Franklin St.
Wilkes Barre, PA. Helen A. O'Connor

**DO NOT REMOVE THIS STUB**

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete all of the above items.

The fee for each certification is one dollar ($1.00). Check or Money Order should be made payable to: VITAL STATISTICS. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

The fee for a Wallet Card is one dollar ($1.00). A Wallet Card is not usually acceptable for a passport.

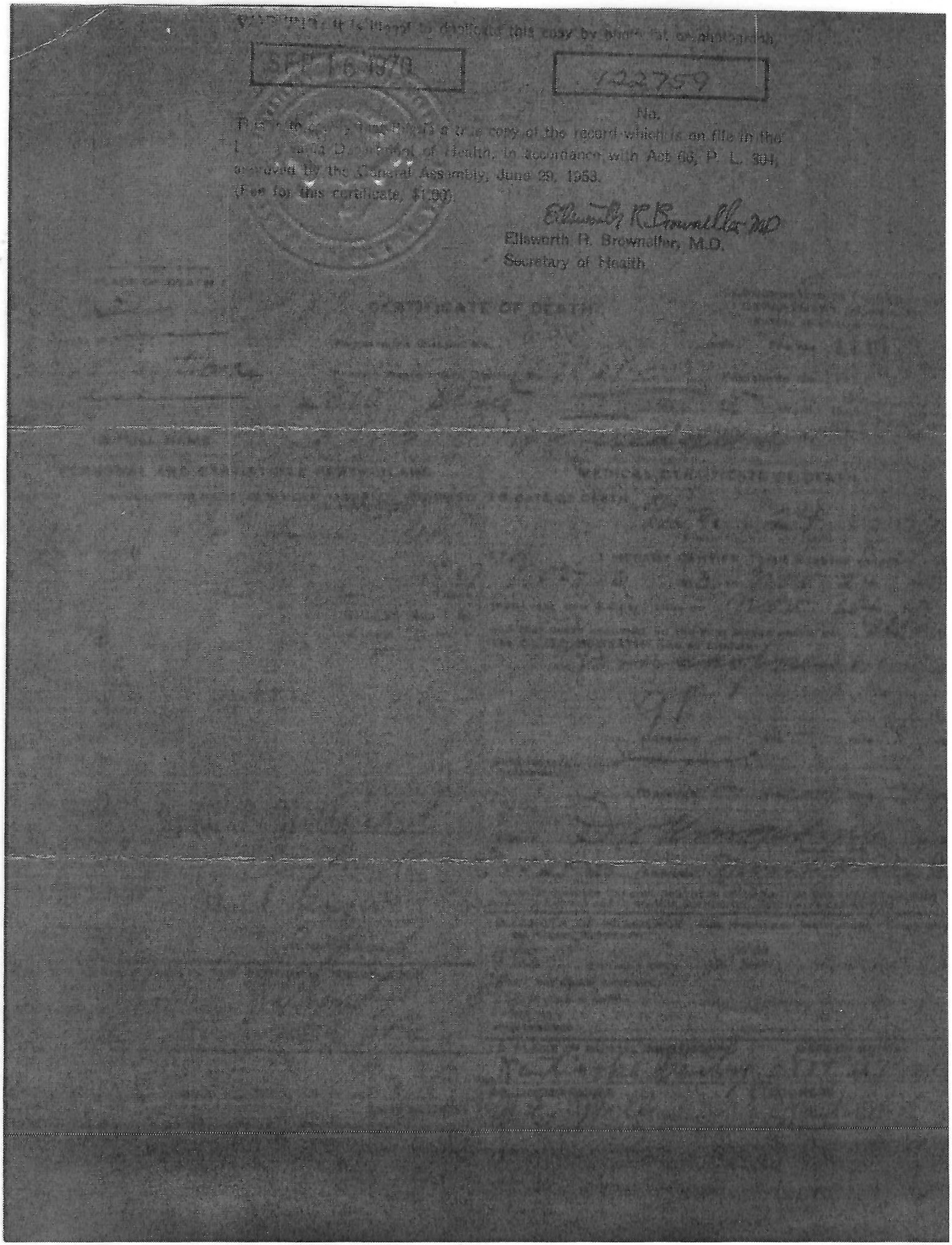
**Print Or Type Your Name And Address In The Space Below.**
**This Will Be Used To Mail The Certified Copy To You.**

NAME
Rev. David E. Witheridge
STREET
2425 Irving Ave. S.
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION T

Department of Health
Division of Vital Statistics
P. O. Box 90
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

[Death certificate for John P. Witheridge (d. Nov. 24, 1913)]



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This is to certify that this is a true copy of the record which is on file in the Pennsylvania Department of Health, in accordance with Act 66, P. L. 304, approved by the General Assembly, June 29, 1953.
(Fee for this certificate, $1.00)

Ellsworth R. Browneller M.D.
Ellsworth R. Browneller, M.D.
Secretary of Health

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

[Aug. 19, 1970]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 554[illegible]
U.S.A.
August 19, 1970

The Rector
Church of England Parish
Lamerton
Devon
England

Dear Sir:

I am working on the genealogy of my father's family, which I find stems from Devon. In the process I have come upon two ancestors who lived in the Lamerton area:

William Witheridge, born Oct. 30, 1844, Ottery,
Lamerton, son of John and Jane (Percy)

✓ John Witheridge, age 24, residing in Ottery, son of
John, married Feb. 12, 1862, to Emma Northcott,
age 23, residing in Lamerton Village, dau. of James.

Now I should like to have you search the parish register for other entries of baptisms, marriages, and burials under the names of Witheridge, Percy, and Northcott between, before, and after these dates.

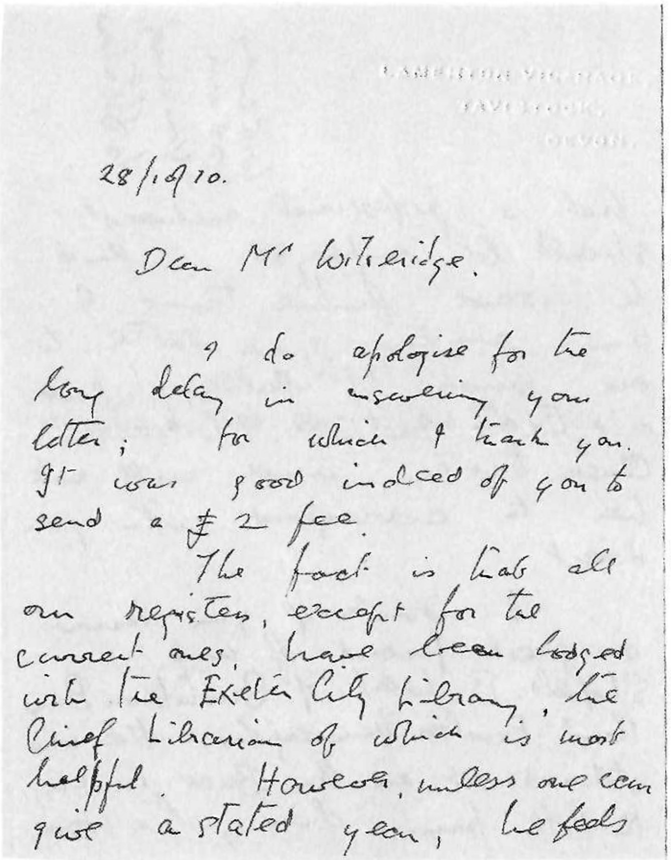
I realize this is a rather indefinite assignment, as I have no way of knowing what entries you might find or how long it might take. I am enclosing a draft for two pounds and ask that you make whatever search you can for this amount and then let me know what else might be involved.

Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Oct. 28, 1970]



LAMERTON VICARAGE,
TAVISTOCK,
DEVON.

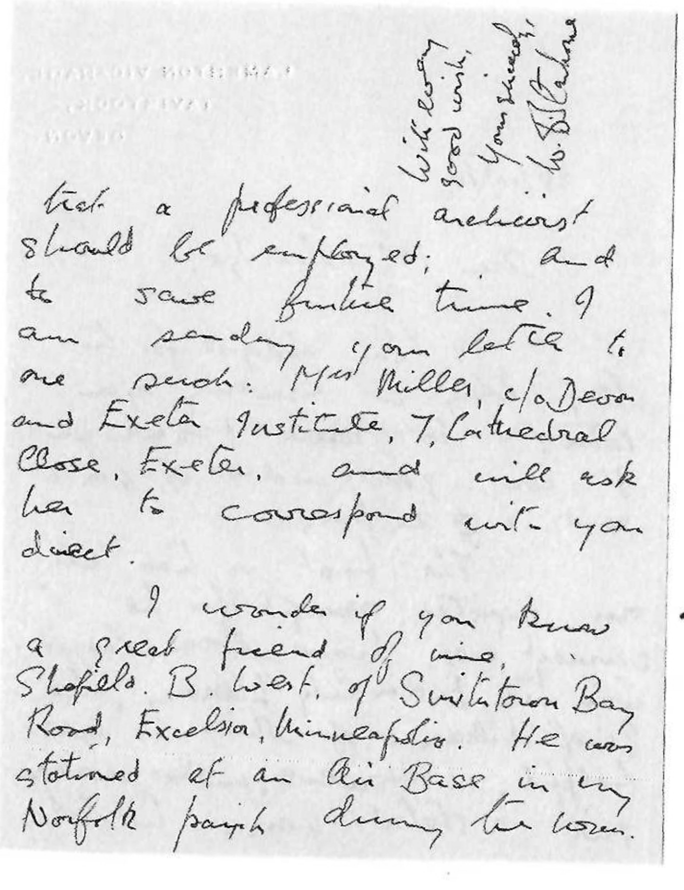
28/10/70.

Dear Mr Witheridge.

I do apologise for the long delay in answering your letter; for which I thank you. It was good indeed of you to send a £2 fee.

The fact is that all our registers, except for the current ones, have been lodged with the Exeter City Library, the Chief Librarian of which is most helpful. However, unless one can give a stated year, he feels

[Embossed "Lamerton Vicarage, Tavistock, Devon."]



that a professional archivist should be employed; and to save further time, I am sending your letter to one such: Mrs Miller, c/o Devon and Exeter Institute, 7, Cathedral Close, Exeter, and will ask her to correspond with you direct.

I wonder if you know a great friend of mine, Shofield B. West, of Smithtown Bay Road, Excelsior, Minneapolis. He was stationed at an Air Base in my Norfolk parish during the war.

With every good wish,
Yours sincerely,
W. B. [illegible]

[DEW apparently did not respond to the vicar's question.]

[Nov. 12, 1970]

[Although this was numbered 89, it has been moved to the front of the document.]

Nov. 12, 1970

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45. Exeter Road.
Topsham.
EXETER. EX3. OAX.

Dear Mr Witheridge

As you probably know the vicar of Hamerton has asked me to do your family search.

It was difficult to know where to stop, as I wasn't sure how much you would need to spend on this, as you will see I haven't searched the burials, except to check on the death of Will. Witheridge born in 1844.

I shall be quite happy to continue this for you if you wish. Perhaps you would state a time limit.

My fees are 15/- an hour plus expences. No expense involved in this initial search.

Yours sincerely.

Kathleen M. Miller.

3. hours. work at 15/- an. hour. 45/-

Ottery a hamlet
near Lamerton

## LAMERTON. Bapts. 1813 – 1891.

1813 PEIRCY. Betsy. d. John & Betsy. of Ottery. lab. 30 Jan.
" ✓ NORTHCOTT. John. s. James & Prothesia. Ways Tenement.
Shoemaker. 17. Aug.
1814. ✓ " James. s. of James & Prothesia. Lamerton " 3. July.
1815 PIERCEY. Roger. s. John & Eliz. Ottery husbandman. 12 March.
1816 ✓ NORTHCOTT. William. s. Jas. & Prothesia. Lamerton. Shoemaker 10 Sept.
" PIERCEY. Eliz. d. Will. & Honour. of Mill Hill. lab. 24. Dec.
1817 PERCEY. Thos. s. John & Eliz. Ottery. lab. 17. Aug.
" PIERCEY. Margaret Sarah. d. Will & Honour. Mill Hill. Quarryman. 21 Sept
1818 ✓ NORTHCOTT. Sarah. d. James & Prothesia Ways Tenement. Shoemaker. 21. June.
1819 PIERCEY. Will. s. Will. & Honour. Mill Hill. Quarryman. 3. Jan.
1819. ✓ NORTHCOTT. Richard s. James & Prothesia Jesops
Tenements. Shoemaker. 14 May.
1819 PIERCEY. Will s. Will. & Honour. Mill Hill 9. July.
1820 PIERCY. Harriet. d. John & Eliz. Ottery. lab. 29. Oct
1822. NORTHCOTE. Henry Higgins. s. James & Prothesia of
Jesops Tenements. Shoemaker. 13 Nov.
1824 PIERCY. John Roberts. s. John & Betsy. Ottery. lab. 20 June.
1825. ✓ NORTHCOT. Thos. s. James & Prothesia. Jesops. Sh. maker. 9. Jan.
1826 ✓ NORCOT. George. s. " " Lamerton. " " 17. Dec.
1827 PERCY. Anne. d. John & Eliz. Ottery. lab. 6. May.
1828 ✓ NORCOT. Susan. d. James & Prothesia Lamerton.
Shoemaker. & Parish Clerk. 22. June
" PIERCY. Roger. s. Will. & Anne. Ottery lab. 29. "
1830 ✓ NORCOT. Jane. d. James & Prothesia Lamerton. Par. Clerk. 28. Nov.
1831 PERCY. Jane. d. John & Eliz. Ottery lab. 2. Jan.
" " Richard Sleep. s. Will. & Anne. " " 9. "
1833. " Mary. & Jemima
twins. d. Will. & Anne. " " 20. "
1834 " James. s. Thomas & Thomasina Village Tailor. 9. March
1835 " Harriet. d. Will. & Anne. Ottery lab. 26 April
" " Jane. d. Thos. & Thomason. Village Tailor. 6 Sept.

Baptisms cont. [This was numbered page 84]

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1837 | PERCY. | Thomas. | s. | Will. & Anne. | Ottery. | lab. | 26. Feb. |
| 1838. | " | Alice Prothesia. | d. | Thos. & Thomasine | Village. | Taylor. | 18. Feb. |
| " | " | John. | s. | Thos. & Mary. of | Waterford Inn. | Innkeeper | 13. July |
| " ✓ | NORCOT. | Emma. | d. | James. & Marianne | Village | Shoemaker. | 9. Dec. |
| 1839. | PERCY | Anne. | d. | Will. & Anne. | Ottery. | farmer. | 31. March |
| 1840 ✓ | NORTHCOTT | Jane. | d. | James & Merianne | Hill. | Shoemaker. | 29. Nov. |
| 1841. ✓ | NORCOTT | John. | base s. of | Sarah | Village | - | 16 Feb. |
| 1841 | PERCY. | Thomas. | s. | Will. & Anne. | Ottery | farmer. | 25. Dec |
| 1843 ✓ | NORTHCOTT | Prothesia | base d. of | Sarah. | Lamerton. | | 15 Oct. |
| " ✓ | " | Lousia | d. | James & Mary Anne. | Devonport. | Cordwainer. | 25 Dec. |
| 1844 | PERCY. | Will. Henry | s. | Will & Anne. | Ottery Cross | farmer. | 9. April |
| " ✓ | WITHERIDGE. | Will. | s. | John Phillips & Jane. | " | Died aged 1 mth. lab. | 12 Nov. |
| 1846. ✓ | " | Will. | s. | John. & Jane. | " | " | 27. March. |
| " | PERCY. | Jessie | d. | Will. & Ann. | " " | farmer. | 3. June. |
| 1847 | NORTHCOTT. | Jane. | d. | John & Jane. | Heathfield | lab. | 30. May. |
| " | PERCY. | Mary Jane | d. | Will. & Mary Ann. | Lamerton. | farmer. | 25. Dec. |
| 1848 ✓ | WITHERIDGE. | Mary. | d. | John & Jane. | Ottery. | lab. | 4. Aug. |
| " | PERCY. | Rhoda. | d. | Will & Ann. | Headerle. | farmer. | 7. Nov |
| 1849. | " | Francis Will. | s. | Will & Mary Anne. | Village. | Sawyer. | 11. March. |
| 1850 | " | " " | s. | " " " | " | " | 7. April. |
| " | NORTHCOTT. | Will. Palmer. | s. | Richard & Jane. | " | Cordwainer | 30. Aug. |
| 1851. | " | Sarah Ann. | d. | James & Susanna. of | Collacombe Down. | miner. | 9. Feb |
| 1851 ✓ | " | Prothesia | d. | James & Mary Ann. | Village. | Cordwainer. | 25 Dec. |
| 1852 ✓ | " | James. | s. | " " " | " | " | " " |
| 1852 | PERCY. | Emma. | d. | Will. & Ann. | Headerle. | farmer. | 12. March. |
| 1853. | " | Louisa | d. | Will & Mary Ann. | Village | Sawyer. | 30 Jan. |
| " | NORTHCOTT. | Silvia | d. | Richard & Jane. | " | Cordwainer | 22. April |
| " ✓ | " | George. | s. | James & Mary Anne. | " | Shoemaker. | 22. July. |
| " ✓ | " | Mary Anne | d. | " " " | " | " | " " |
| " | " | Henry. | s. | George & Jane. | Plymouth | Joiner | 14. Aug. |

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## Baptisms cont.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1854 | PERCY. | Mary Jane. | d. | Thomas & Nancy. | Hill Town | Tailor | 10 June. |
| " | " | Mary Ann | d. | Richard & Jane. | - Village | Shoemaker. | 29 Dec. |
| 1855. | " | Louise | d. | Will. & Mary Anne. | " | Sawyer. | 30 Jan |
| " | NORTHCOTT. | Emma. | d. | James & Mary Ann | Rushford. | Shoemaker | 15 April |
| " | WITHERIDGE. | Alfred | s. | John & Jane. | Ottery | lab. | 27. " |
| " | PERCY. | Harry. | s. | Thos. & Nancy. | Hill Town | Tailor. | 26 Dec. |
| 1856 | NORTHCOTT | Tom. | s. | Rich. & Jane. | Village | Shoemaker. | 7 Sept. |
| 1857. | " | John. | s | James & Priscilla. | Rushford | miner. | 18 Jan |
| " | " | Harry | s. | James & Mary Ann. | " | Shoemaker. | 12. Jan. |
| | | | | | (12th Jan. given in Register) | | " |
| 1858 | PERCY. | Hannah. | d. | Will. & Nancy. | Hill Town | farmer. | 14. March |
| " | NORTHCOTT. | Richard | s. | Rich & Jane. | Village | Shoemaker. | 11. April |
| 1859 | " | Will. | s. | James & Priscilla. | ~~Rushford~~ " | Shopkeeper. | 27. Jan. |
| " | " | Selina | d. | Rich. & Jane. | Village | Innkeeper. | 21. Oct. |
| 1860 | " | Harry | s. | James & Mary Ann. | " | Shopkeeper. | 26 Feb. |
| 1861 | " | Lucy | d. | Rich & Jane. | " | Cordwainer. | 20 Oct. |
| 1862 | WITHERIDGE. | Mary | d | John & Emma. | " | mine worker. | 26 Oct. |
| 1863 | NORTHCOTT. | James. | s | James & Priscilla | Rushford | " lab. | 29. Sept. |
| " | " | John | s | Rich & Jane. | Village. | Innkeeper. | 11. Oct. |
| 1864 | WITHERIDGE. | George James. | s. | John & Emma. | " | mine worker. | 14 Aug. |
| 1865 | NORTHCOTT. | Charles. | s | Rich. & Jane. | Lamerton | ~~Cordwainer.~~ Shoemaker. | 22 July. |
| " | WITHERIDGE. | George Edwin | s. | John & Emma. | " | mine lab. | 5. Nov. |
| 1872. | NORHCOTT. | Thos. Henry. | s. | Thos. & Mary Ann. | | | |
| | | | | of N. Brent. | | Servant. | 25 Sept. |

continued to. 1891. last. Baptismal Reg. no more entries

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## Burials

Will. WITHERIDGE aged 1. month of Ottery. Dec. 1. 1844.

Burials end at 1854. so could not check. George James Chr. 1864.

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# LAMERTON REGISTER. Devon.

## WITHERIDGE. PERCY. NORTHCOTT.

## Lamerton Banns of Marriage. 1823 - 1851.

1824. Emanuel Sly & Harriet PIERCY. Both of this Par. July. Mar. 7 Aug.
1829 William Williams & Mary " sojourners March. " 26. March.
1837 James NORTHCOTT. & Mary Ann Williams
both of this Parish Dec. Mar. 9 Jan 1838.
1845. Will. PERCY. & Mary Ann. Davy. Both of this Par. Dec.
1846. John " & Mary Ann Mayjor " " Aug.
1847. Will Horne. of this P. & Eliz PERCY of Tavistock Feb. March.
1849. Rich NORTHCOTT. & Jane Palmer. Both of this P. April
" Thos. Treglon. & Susan NORTHCOTT. " Oct.
1850. Rich Horne. & Ann PERCY " April.

## Marriages. Some of this may be above.

1813 - 1880.

1821. Thos. Richards & Jane PIERCEY. Both of this Par.
with consent of father of Jan.
wit. Thos. PEIRCEY 3. Jan
1838 James. NORTHCOTT. Shoemaker. s. of James Shoemaker. &
Mary Ann Williams minor. d. of George. lab. 9. Jan
1846 William PERCY. lab. of Mill Hill. s. of Will. " &
Mary Ann Davy. of Lamerton d " Thos. " 4. Oct
1846. John PERCY Schoolmaster. of Lamerton s. Thos. " &
Mary Ann Mayjor. Schoolmistress " " d. Thos. farmer. 10 Aug.
1849. Thos. Tiglown miner. " " s. James. miner.
Susan NORTHCOTT. " " d. James. Shoemaker. 22. Nov.
1850. Richard Herne. lab. s. Will. lab.
Ann PERCY both of Mill Hill. d. Will. "
wit. John WITHERIDGE 7. May

## MARRIAGES. cont.

1852. Richard Saunders. aged. 26. Quarryman. of Mill Hill
s. of Richard Carpenter
✓ Mary Ann PERCY. " 20. of Mill Hill. d. of. John Teague.
miner. 23. March.

1859. ✓ Henry Hortop. 26. farmer. of Hill Town. S. of Will. farmer.
✓ Jane NORTHCOTT. 19. " Village. d. of James Shopkeeper. 16 Nov.
Wits. James. NORTHCOTT.

1862. ✓ John WITHERIDGE. 24. miner. of Ottery. s. of John.
Surveyor of Roads. 12. Feb.
✓ Emma NORTHCOTT 23. of Lamerton. d. James. Cordwainer

1862. ✓ John Veale. 21. miner. " s. John. lab.
✓ Louisa NORTHCOTT 20. " d. James 2. March

Banns. missing 1857-1880.

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname *Northcott* Family No. ______

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place

Birth

Marriage

Death

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Sarah Northcott (a)

Father's Name:
James Northcott (a)

Mother's Maiden Name:
Prathesia ________ (a)

Date Place

Birth [Bapt. June 21, 1818] Lamerton [Way's Tenement] Devon (a)

Death

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 John [Northcott] (a)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Feb. 16, 1841] - Lamerton [Village] (a)
Marriage
Death

2 Prathesia [Northcott] (a)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Oct. 15, 1843] - Lamerton (a)
Marriage
Death

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Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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Marriage
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(a) Lamerton Parish Register, Exeter City Library (Mrs. Kathleen M. Miller)

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Print or type all information. Use reverse side for sources and additional data.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
P. O. BOX 90
HARRISBURG 17120

Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Avenue (South)
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

September 24, 1970

Re: Emma Northcott Witheridge
Death Record

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your request for a certified copy of the above captioned subject's original death record.

A search of the death indices for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, has been made, but we have been unable to locate any record of this death. Before a further search of our records can be made, we must be furnished with the exact month of Emma's death and verify the correct year and place of her death.

Upon receipt of the requested information, prompt attention will be given the matter. THE ENCLOSED PREPAID RECEIPT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1.00, REPRESENTING THE FEE SUBMITTED, MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR REPLY.

Very truly yours,

George E. Bailor
George E. Bailor, Chief
Registration Section
Division of Vital Statistics

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Receipt $1.00

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
VITAL STATISTICS

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# APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A BIRTH OR DEATH RECORD

*This is a receipt for the total amount we received from you. Except for any refund we have made — this amount may be credited to any future application IF you return this form when you re-apply.*

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INDICATE NUMBER OF COPIES IN APPROPRIATE BLOCK ☐ BIRTH ☒ DEATH ☐ WALLET SIZE BIRTH CARD

NAME OF SUBJECT (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): Emma Northcott Witheridge (Mrs. John Phillip)

DATE OF ~~BIRTH~~ OR DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 1914 (age, about 76)

PLACE OF ~~BIRTH~~ OR DEATH (CITY, BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP): Nanticoke (COUNTY): Luzerne

FATHER'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): James Northcott

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST):

PURPOSE DESIRED: Genealogy

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: David E. Witheridge

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 2425 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

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NAME: Rev. David E. Witheridge
STREET: 2425 Irving Ave. S.
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Department of Health
Division of Vital Statistics
P. O. Box 90
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

[June 1, 1975]

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
June 1, 1975

Dear Keith:

Elizabeth and I are planning a trip east this summer, and we're hoping we can include a visit with you and Annie.

We have an annual conference of our organization of ecumenical staff people, which meets this year at Bethany College in West Virginia. That will be the last week in June.

Then we plan to spend some time in the Pittsburgh area visiting some of Elizabeth's relatives and doing a little genealogical research on one or two of her family lines.

The weekend of July 4th we expect to be down in North Carolina. If everything works out as we now anticipate, we'll be in the Washington-Baltimore-Annapolis area during the first part of the week of July 7.

In addition to seeing some of Elizabeth's relatives in Baltimore and Harford County, we have some research to do in Washington, Baltimore, and Annapolis. I think we'll want to spend a day at the Hall of Records in Annapolis. If you are going to be home that week, I hope we can get together for a while.

I'm sorry to say I still haven't connected your Witheridge ancestors to mine in Devon. However, I do have a lot more information about Witheridges than I had when we saw each other before. I'll bring some things along to show you.

I do have some information about your grandparents and great grandparents you may not have, especially about your Northcott ancestors. The vicar at Lamberton put me in touch with a lady who copied some material from the parish register on file in Exeter.

In any event, we hope to hear from you before June 20 letting us know if you'll be home during the week of July 7, as we do want to see you.

Yours sincerely,

Dave

David E. Witheridge

[Oct. 9, 1981]

From the desk of
REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

10/9/81

Principal
Annapolis Elementary School
Green Street
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Friend,

A distant cousin of mine, G Keith Witheridge, was Principal of your school until his retirement some years ago.

I have mislaid his current address, and I wonder if you would be kind enough to send it to me in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,
David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

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Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

The address of your cousin is:

Box 467
Lusby, Md. 20657

1-301-326-4164

Sincerely yours,
Victoria C. Wardner
Principal

# Editor's Note

The next three documents, W201-W203, also appear in folder 1.63g.

Keith apparently never replied to the letter.

Tom Witheridge
July 9, 2022

[Feb. 3, 1989]

W201
Log 1118

A transcription of this document by the editor (TFW) appears directly after it.

Log 111

[illegible] [illegible] Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN [illegible]
February 3, 1989

Dear Keith,

It's been many years since we've corresponded, and I see you have retired to Florida. I hope you and Jennie are having a delightful time there. As you see, I bought a copy of "Witheridges Across America," for which you probably [illegible] got me [illegible]. Having worked in genealogy for 25 years, I knew it would be of little value, except for this list, which probably comes from telephone and city directories and various other computerized lists.

Since Witheridge is a very uncommon name, when so written, I didn't think there were many in America.

[illegible] this book [illegible] [illegible] completely correct, and it does, of course, with a list [illegible] 100% complete, but it shows [illegible] the name really is.

John Phillips Witheridge and Jane Percy in Ottawa, Jamaica about 1837.

We look forward to hearing from you when you are able to write.

Yours sincerely,
David + Elizabeth

It appears to me that all the people on this list belong to only two or three families. In the first place, starting with William G. Witheridge of Birmingham, Michigan, all the rest on the list are relatives of mine. My guess is that from the beginning of the list down through yours all are relatives of yours, since your grandfather lived first in [illegible], N.J., when he came from England. That leaves only M. L. Witheridge of Indianapolis, and he or she may also be a relative of yours.

I'd appreciate it very much if you would take a little time and identify as many of these Witheridges as you can. If the New Jersey Witheridges are your relatives, is there one of them who might be the most interested in family history? Do you know of any other Witheridges who are not on this list?

Last May my wife Elizabeth and I had a marvelous month-long trip in Britain. After about a week in the London area, we hired a car and drove [illegible] miles through England, Scotland and Wales. We spent several days in Devon, and we met a number of Witheridge relatives there, as well as in other parts of Britain. We were met at the airport and later returned there by Kim Cook and her family, and we stayed with them a couple of days each time. Kim's mother was a Witheridge. Kim and a few others have organized the Witheridge Society to tie together as many Witheridges and Witheridge descendants as possible and to assist in genealogical research.

Have you had any further success in tracing back your family tree in Devon? The last I knew you had gotten as far back as

# Transcription of DEW's February 3, 1989, letter to Keith Witheridge, document W201, folder 1.63g

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Minneapolis, MN 55405
February 3, 1989

Dear Keith,

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Since Witheridge is a very uncommon name, even in Britain, I didn't think there were many in America. In ordered this book to see if my assumption was correct, and it was. Of course, such a list is never 100% complete, but it shows how scarce the name really is.

It appears to me that all the people on this list belong to only two or three families. In the first place, starting with William N. Witheridge of Birmingham, Michigan, all the rest on the list are relatives of mine. My guess is that from the beginning of the list down through you, all are relatives of yours, since your grandfather lived first in Wharton, N.J., when he came from England. That leaves only M. R. Witheridge of Indianapolis [Indiana], and he or she may also be a relative of yours.

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Have you had any further success in tracing back your family tree in Devon? The last I knew you had gotten back as far as John Phillips Witheridge and Jane Percy in Ottery, Lamberton about 1837.** We look forward to hearing from you when you are able to write.

Yours sincerely,
David & Elizabeth

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* According to DEW's summary in document calendar 138, the list should have appeared in his files as document W208. Unfortunately, as of December 15, 2021, that document is missing. It will probably turn up; see the index entry for *Witheridges Across America*.

** See the next document (W202) for the birth certificate of John and Jane's son, William (b. 1844).

W202
Log 1119

## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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*The statutory fee for this certificate is 3s. 9d. Where a search is necessary to find the entry, a search fee is payable in addition.*

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Tavistock

1844 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Milton Abbott in the Cou

| Columns :— 1<br>No. | 1<br>When and where born | 2<br>Name, if any | 3<br>Sex | 4<br>Name, and surname of father | 5<br>Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | 6<br>Occupation of father | 7<br>Signature, description, a residence of informant |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 283 | Thirtieth of October 1844 Ottery Lamerton | William | Boy | John Witheridge | Jane Witheridge formerly Percy | Labourer | John With Father Ottery Lamerto |

Form A502X 3/66 Hw.-RE-30

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 21st day of

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953.
Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register O of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to be giver force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.
CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

*Application Number* PAS. 107836/66/F/5.

Tavistock

Milton Abbott in the County of Devon.

| 5<br>Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | 6<br>Occupation of father | 7<br>Signature, description, and residence of informant | 8<br>When registered | 9<br>Signature of registrar | 10*<br>Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jane Witheridge formerly Percy | Labourer | John Witheridge Father Ottery Lamerton | Seventeenth of November 1844 | John Percy Registrar | |

Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

, under the Seal of the said Office, the 21st day of October 1966.

*See note overleaf

l Deaths Registration Act, 1953.
y purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence urther or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to be given in the said Office shall be of any id.

ticulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE ENGLAND

W203
Log 1120

# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

*The fee for this certificate is 5s. 0d. When application is made by post, a handling fee is payable in addition.*

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

*Application Number* PAS 89437/69/6/3.

Registration District Tavistock

1862. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of Lamerton in the County of Devon

| No. | When married | Name and surname | Age | Condition | Rank or profession | Residence at the time of marriage | Father's name and surname | Rank or profession of father |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 182 | Feb. 12 1862 | John Witheridge | 24 | Bachelor | Miner | Ottery | John Witheridge | Surveyor of Roads |
| | | Emma Northcott | 23 | Spinster | ——— | Lamerton Village | James Northcott | Cordwainer |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me

This marriage was solemnized between us, John Witheridge
Emma Northcott

in the presence of us, James Northcott
Henry Hartop

Henry J. Phillpott
Vicar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 25th day of September 1969.

MA 880514

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 63 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section (3) of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

CAUTION:—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

25/9/69

[DEW's notes from a phone call to Keith] [Oct. 17, 1996]

Telephone call to Keith Witheridge - 10/17/96
1200 S. Courtenay Parkway, #606
Merritt Island, FL 32952
(407) 455-2359 85 yrs. old

[Annie's death] Annie died about two years ago
He is living in a retirement village

[Son Donald] Donald is living in the northern part of Florida.
Has been down to see Keith once or twice
His last work was traveling all over the country
finding sites for motels. Doesn't work now.
Address: 1934 Sevilla Blvd. W.
Atlantic Beach, FL 32232 - 4578

58 yrs. old

[Oct. 17, 1996]

2425 Irving Ave
Minneapolis, MN 554
October 17, 1996

Dear Keith,

It was good to talk to you and to get up-to-date on the news of your family.

Here is the family information I spoke about, and also the information about our gathering in England next May.

I hope all continues to go well with you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

David

[Only the first, third, and eighth pages of this document are included here. Keith Witheridge's son, Donald, is on page 3.]

# An Annotated Bibliography On

# CABLE TELEVISION

## I Reports, Papers, and Booklets. (Free unless otherwise noted.)

Better Broadcasting Council. A Model Ordinance for Cable Television for the City of Chicago. Chicago: Better Broadcasting Council, 1970. 15 pp. $2.00.

A good attempt to write the ideal ordinance, from a public interest perspective.

Write: Better Broadcasting Council, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Room 630, Chicago, Illinois 60604; or call: (312) 922-1372.

Center for Analysis of Public Issues. Crossed Wires: Cable Television in New Jersey. Princeton: The Center for Analysis of Public Issues, 1971. 94pp. $5.00.

A superior work, essential to those seriously interested in CATV. A supurb evaluation of the extensive experience of New Jersey municipalities with CATV. Included are listings of the important issues in franchise negotiations, as well as a sample CATV franchise. The importance of avoiding hasty decisions is stressed.

Write: The Center for Analysis of Public Issues, 92A Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08540; or call: (609) 924-9750.

________. Public Issues: New York CATV Supplement. 1971.

"In this series, we plan to inform potential users of developments in the New York City public access CATV channels, discuss problems in planning and telecasting public access productions, and highlight interesting and innovative uses of the channels." (Supplement No. 1(July, 1971), p. 1)

Write: New York CATV Project, Center for Analysis of Public Issues, 18th Floor, 415 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10017; or call: (212) 758-6017.

"Community Cable TV and You," National Film Board of Canada, Challenge for Change Newsletter, February, 1971, 12pp.

This cartoon-assisted introduction to CATV is a joy to read and guaranteed to communicate the basics of CATV to anyone. Subscribe to the Newsletter; it's free, fun, and relevant.

Write: Challenge for Change Newsletter, N.F.B., P.O. Box 6100, Montreal 101, Quebec, Canada.

A short introduction to cable for municipal officials, including 25 pages of Bloomington, Minn.'s ordinance and pre-ordinance legislation. Not as incisive as SEMCOG's similarly-intended report. (See SEMCOG entry.)

Write: League of Minnesota Municipalities, 3300 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55414; or call (612) 373-9992.

National Academy of Engineering. Communication Technology for Urban Improvement. A report of the Committee on Telecommunications. Washington, D.C.: National Academy of Engineering, 1971. $3.00

Ideas on how cable can help solve many urban problems.

Write: National Academy of Engineering, Committee on Telecommunications, 2101 Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037; or call (202) 393-8100.

National Cable Television Association.

[Donald Witheridge, son of Keith]

Many items are available on different aspects of cable's past, present, and future. Most are light reading, but the historical summaries are useful.

Write: Donald Witheridge, Director of Public Relations, NCTA, 918 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006; or call: (212) 466-8111.

National Education Association. Schools and cable television. A booklet prepared by the Division of Educational Technology. Washington: National Education Assoc., 1971. vi + 66pp. $2.25. 10% off for 2-9; 20% off for more.

Superb. "... the reason for this publication - to alert the teaching profession to the opportunities and options available in the development of cable television and to offer guidelines for the sound development of this new communications system in the public interest in the years ahead."(p. vi)

Write: NEA Publications-Sales Section, 1201 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; or call: (202) 833-4231.

New York State Education Department. "Cable Television Information Packet." Compiled by Dr. Bernard Cooper.

An assortment of testimony, bills, and sample franchises focusing on the educational issues in CATV.

Write: Bureau of Mass Communications, Division of Educational Communicatin Room 264, State Education Dept., Albany, New York 12224; or call: (518) 474-224

New York State Public Service Commission. Regulation of Cable Television by the State of New York. Report to the Commission by Commissioner William K. Jones. Alban N.Y. State Public Service Commission, 1970. 220pp. $5.00. Mimeographed.

History and advice.

Write: Francis Rivett, Public Service Commission, 44 Holland Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12208; or call (518) 474-7080.

CATV Directory of Equipment and Services. $6.95. Free with CATV subscription

CATV Systems Directory. $8.95. Free with CATV subscription.

C. S. Tepfer Publishing Co., Inc., 607 Main Street, Ridgefield, Conn. :

Cablecasting. Monthly. $18/yr.

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T.V. Digest, Inc., 2025 Eye St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006:

CATV & Station Coverage Atlas. Annual reference book. $17.50.

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T.V. Factbook # 40: 1970-71 Edition. Includes CATV statistics. $38.

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Any comments, questions, criticisms, or requests for multiple copies may be addressed to:

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1510 E. 23rd Street
Minneapolis, Minn. 55404

who is the compiler of this bibliography and responsible for its contents,

or call Kurt Meyers at:

(612) 373-9906.

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[Oct. 20, 1996]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
October 20, 1996

Dear Donald,

You will no doubt be surprised to get a letter from an unknown Witheridge. There aren't many Witheridges in America, or even in Britain for that matter. I've been interested in genealogy since the 1960s, and I think I am aware of practically all of them in this country.

It was back in 1964 that I first made contact with your father and asked him about his family background and its possible connection with my family. At that time he mentioned you and said you were in public relations with the Washington Gas Light Company. Later, in 1971, I found your name in "An Annotated Bibliography on Cable Television" listed as Director of Public Relations for the National Cable Television Association. So you see I have known about you, but lost track of your whereabouts or what you were doing.

[See the previous document]

My wife Elizabeth developed Alzheimer's disease and broke her hip in 1991, and I was her caregiver until her death about a year ago. During that time I had to give up my genealogy work, but recently I've gotten back into it. One of the things I wanted to straighten out was the Witheridge family I had found in New Jersey. I thought they were connected with your family, because your grandfather had been born in Wharton, N.J. So I got the Census indexes of New Jersey and Pennsylvania from 1880 through 1920 to see if I could figure it out.

What I found , however, was that there was no connection between your two families--at least not in this country. But in the process I was able to add a little information to what I knew about your family, and you can see that I have enclosed copies of the family group sheets for your family as far back into England as I have the record. I thought you would like to have these copies.

I got your current address from your father when I was talking to him on the phone the other day. I found him through the Minneapolis Public Library, and I called him to be sure I had the right address, so I could send him these same revised family sheets. I'm glad he is living in a situation that he likes.

In England there is an organization called "The Witheridge Society," which was begun about nine years ago, and of which I am a member. I've been in touch with them by mail and have known their founder and some other members for many years, but I haven't been able to attend any of their annual meetings.

This coming May they are planning a grand get-together of Witheridge descendants from all over the world in Tiverton, Devon, which is near the little town of Witheridge, from which we get our name. It isn't a large enough town to have accommodations for as many as we are expecting, so that is why we are meeting in Tiverton. I already know there will be Witheridge descendants not only from England, but also from Sweden, Canada, the United States, and Australia.

I hope the enclosed description will start you thinking about the possibility of your joining us there next May, along with Patricia, of course.

It will be a fascinating weekend, and I am looking forward to it with great anticipation. You have probably been to England, but in any case, 1997 will certainly be a good year to go. All Witheridge descendants and their spouses are urged to attend this tenth anniversary event, whether or not they are members of the Witheridge Society.

If you have time, I'd appreciate a note from you, or maybe a call, (612) 377-4810. I'm glad I have finally made this effort to get in touch with you.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Witheridge
document

[May 22, 1996]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 22, 1996

Dear Tony,

I enjoyed talking to you a week or so ago and was delighted to know that you are coming to Minneapolis for our June 8th Witheridge get-together. I think we'll have a very good time.

Besides Kim and Roy Cook from England, and Kathy and Paul Witheridge from Sarnia, Ontario, we'll have my son Tom, his wife Virginia, and their seven-year-old daughter Rebecca, who live in one of our suburbs, and my son Jim, who is gay, and his partner, David Forborg, who live in Minneapolis. Then from Detroit we'll have my niece, Jennifer Burke; and from Saginaw, Michigan, we'll have my sister-in-law, Janice Witheridge, and her son Jay. My brother John had a heart attack and surgery, so he won't be able to come.

From Arkansas we'll have my second cousin, Jean Tomlinson. She has a son Danny and a daughter Pat Johnson living in the Twin Cities, and they will also be at the Saturday brunch. From North Battleford, Saskatchewan, we hope to have Sharon and Ted Brydges. She is some kind of cousin to Paul Witheridge of Sarnia.

I've also invited my niece and nephew, Virginia Anne Sorensen and Bill Witheridge, from Bay City, Michigan; and my nephew and his wife, Jamie and Penny Mark, from Sackville, New Brunswick, but I haven't heard yet whether they can make it.

In addition there will be a half dozen friends from Minneapolis, who are not Witheridge descendants. So it has developed into quite an affair.

We'll gather at the Minnesota Historical Society building at 345 Kellogg Blvd. in St. Paul at 11:00 a.m. to give a chance to get acquainted before the complimentary luncheon is served about 12:00. I understand that you'll be coming Saturday morning, and I hope you can arrive by that time. Then about 2:00, those who want to go through the Society's wonderful museum may do so, after which we're hoping people will come to my house in Minneapolis to talk further and have a bit of tea and cookies.

We can't invite everyone to dinner that night as our guests, but we're making a reservation at a Minneapolis restaurant for as many as would like to join us at their own expense. On Sunday noon we're planning a light lunch at my house for those who will still be in town.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you about when you will be arriving and where you might be staying. I'm sorry that we won't have room for you at my house or my son Tom's, but we'll be filled up as you can see.

I should say that Kim and Roy and I are spending four days, June 3-6, on a trip up the North Shore of Lake Superior as far as Thunder Bay, Ontario, and won't be back until Thursday evening, June 6. So if you need to talk to someone about your plans during that period, please call either Tom or Virginia at (612) 922-4784, or Jim or David at (612) 825-7449.

I'm enclosing a map to help you find the Minnesota Historical Society, or "History Center", as it is called. As you come into St. Paul on I 94, follow the signs for I-94 West and Minneapolis. Get off at the Marion St exit and turn left onto Kellogg Blvd. (Marion goes right, and Kellogg is the same street going left.) Go past the traffic signal at John Ireland Blvd. to the next exit to the left marked "History Center."

Yours sincerely,
David Wetheridge
(612) 377-4810

Richard Witheridge
(Witheridge Society officer)
documents

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
March 22, 2001

[Mar. 22, 2001]

Dear Richard.

The enclosed draft for £72 is to pay for the Witheridge Society dues for my son Jim and me—three years for each. I have forgotten when my dues ran out. It's hard to remember when you pay three years at a time, but I think I should have paid last year. Please let me know when this three-year payment will expire.

This is Jim's first payment of dues. He wants to get the Witheridge Times at his own residence. I think he was already assigned a membership number when I first joined. His Witheridge ancestry is the same as mine, of course, so all you need is his address:

Mr. James P. Witheridge
3404 Emerson Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55408
U.S.A.

I hope that all is going well with you and Maureen and that you will have a good meeting in May. Kathy has planned a great North American reunion on June 23rd and is expecting a large turnout.

Best wishes,

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[June 10, 2004]

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10 June 04

Dear David

Sorry to have to remind you but your subscription to the Society became due in January 2004. Could you please make your cheque payable to The Witheridge Family History Society. Thanking you.

Regards
Richard.

Richard Witheridge
Membership Secretary.

Jim's is also due.

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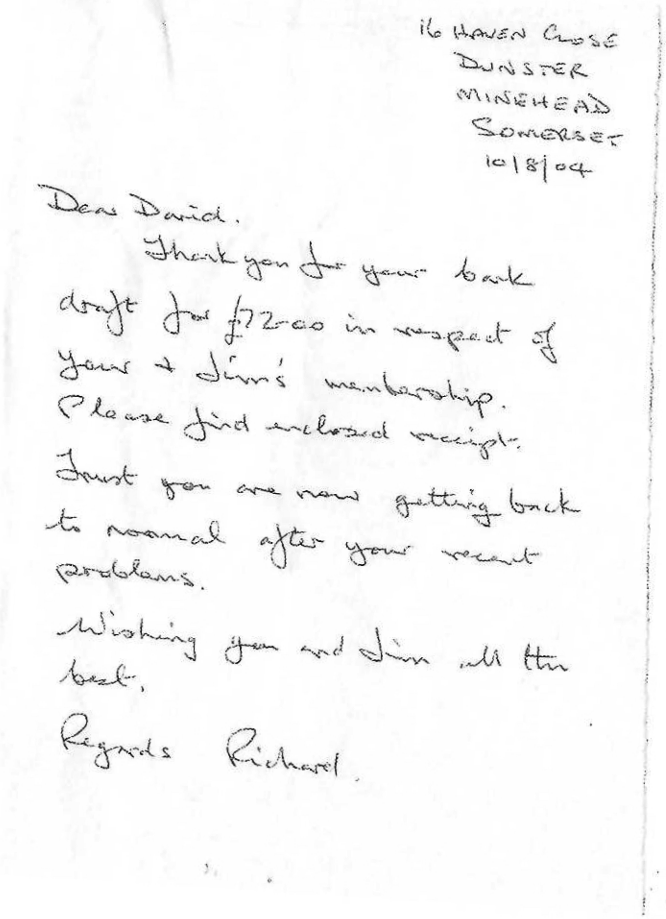

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10/8/04

Dear David.

Thank you for your bank draft for £72-00 in respect of your & Jim's membership. Please find enclosed receipt.

Trust you are now getting back to normal after your recent problems.

Wishing you and Jim all the best.

Regards Richard.

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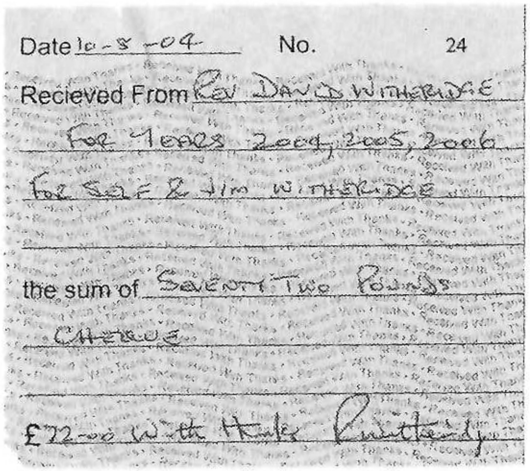

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Vida M. Wonnacott
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[Aug. 22, 1999]

33, Mill St.
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22nd August 1999.

Dear Mr. Witheridge,
I am a fairly recent member of the Witheridge Society although my connection to it is a fairly tenuous one.

My mother's maiden name was CHUGG e.g. John Chugg mar. Alice Witheridge 1744 E. Down etc. & John CHUGG mar. Mary Parminter 1731 ILF. (~~His~~ Her son Thomas from whom I am descended mar. Grace Parminter's dau. etc.).

It about the mar. of Thos Witheridge (1622?) & his marriage to Mary Parminter of Watermouth that I am writing. According to records (e.g. Original copy of ILF. Parish Register) Mary P was the mother of three children, Thomas 1650 & Mary (1650) & Katherine. (1654)

However John Witheridge informs me that Mary was the second wife (No. 1. Margaret?!) & mother of Katherine only. This is clearly not so. Since John is an experienced genealogist I am intrigued to learn what evidence of Margaret there is!. Apart from the I.G.I. that is.

Incidentally George Ley (2nd) mar. a Mary Parminter also & Geo Ley (4th) mar. the dau. of a Mary Parminter & was heir to the Parminter estate of West Down – all spent!

I did send a copy of the Parminter tree to John but I know he is a very busy man. If he has been touch with this information already please accept my apologies – my curiosity got the better of me!

Best wishes.
Vida Wonnacott.

[Aug. 30, 1999]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.
August 30, 1999

Miss Vida M. Wonnacott
33, Mill St.
Torrington
Devon EX38 8AL
England

Dear Vida,

I received your letter today, and I have looked over my records carefully, but I'm afraid I can't help you. The only item I have that matched any of your records is the marriage of George Ley (2nd) to Mary Parminter in Chittlehampton in 1715. I got this from John Sharp of Combe Martin, but I don't know her parents—only that she was born in 1695 and died in 1726. I am also descended from the Ley family through Rebecca Ley, who married William Witheridge in Combe Martin in 1723.

Have you been in touch with Kim Cook? I think she has the most complete and accurate Witheridge records, and she has them on a computer, so they are relatively easy to locate. She may have records of Alice Witheridge who married John Chugg and Thomas Witheridge who married Mary Parminter. You have her address in the Witheridge Times, but I'll repeat it here:

Mrs. Kim Cook
18, Hawkhurst Way
West Wickham
Kent BR4 9PF

Good luck and best wishes,

David E. Witheridge

(Vida Wonnacott 083099)

Rob and Cathy Staples
documents

## Editor's note:

What follows is an email string that started on August 20, 2021, as an exchange among members of the Witheridge Society but soon morphed into a two-person exchange involving Rob Staples and me. I have edited the string to remove the participants' email addresses and to clarify certain details, using brackets to identify my changes. ***Please note that photographs and other attachments to the emails begin on page 22.***

The first three messages concern the future of the society and therefore don't involve me, as I wasn't a member. I'm including those messages here because of their unusual importance: They commemorate the members' reluctant decision to disband the organization.

On October 5, 2021, society co-founder Annette Witheridge added me to the email address list and introduced me to the group. I replied to everyone on October 6, but Rob Staples of Australia was the only one who replied to me. At that point the email string became an ongoing exchange between Rob (and, of course, his wife, Cathy, although Rob is the Witheridge descendant in the couple) and me. We hit it off immediately and hope to stay in touch for years to come.

Tom Witheridge
July 20, 2022

**[The following email message from Jason Cook appears to be the agenda for the 2021 "virtual" Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Witheridge Family History Society, which was held during the Covid pandemic and thus could not be attended in person.]**

**From:** Jason Cook
**Sent:** Friday, August 20, 2021 6:28 PM
**To:** [Various members of the Witheridge Society]
**Subject:** Witheridge Family History Society Virtual AGM 2021

1. Chairman's opening and welcome
I would like to welcome everyone to the 2021 Witheridge Family History AGM.

A brief explanation to remind you all of the process. If you have a question or comment to make about any item, feel free to do so - just remember to reply to all, in order to prevent duplication of comments. I will respond as quickly as I can - I have to go to work sometimes! - but there may be some things that require assistance from other committee members. You have 7 days for this process, at the end of which I will close the meeting. Voting (if necessary) will take place afterwards.

2. Apologies for absence
3. Outstanding matters arising from the Minutes of the 2020 VAGM
4. Matters arising from the 2021 Officers' Reports
5. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The following Officers and Committee Members have agreed to stand again, and will continue in these positions automatically if no further nominations are received and they run unopposed, in line with our Constitution.

- Chairman: Jason Cook
- Vice Chairman: Chris Davey
- Membership Secretary: Geoff Shingler
- Treasurer: Liz Davey
- Assistant Treasurer: Chris Davey
- Facebook Moderators: Maxine Neale, Bill Dwyne
- Webmaster: Bill Dwyne
- Committee Members: Roy Cook, Philip Milnes-Smith

Nominations are welcome for any position, and we presently have vacancies for the following:

- additional Facebook Moderator/s
- Secretary (as this is presently a non-member paid position to fill the vacancy)
- Newsletter Editor (as this is presently covered by the Secretary)
- Research Co-Ordinator, and
- additional Committee Member/s.

Amy Kennedy has agreed to continue acting as Secretary if an external appointment is still required, but if none feel able to collaborate with her as Newsletter Editor or take on the position in full, the frequency of newsletters will continue to be dictated by content, as we continue to welcome news or articles from all members.

6. Overseas Representatives

Unfortunately, Jennifer & Richard Woolcott will be unable to continue as the Society's Australian Representatives this year for personal reasons. We would like to record our thanks for all their sterling service, and send our fondest wishes for the best possible health in the coming year. The position as the Society's North America Representative remains vacant. We are still welcoming volunteers and/or nominations for both positions. However, if none are forthcoming, we may need to consider alternative options e.g. one suggestion, given our increased use of digital communication in recent years, would be to appoint temporary Overseas Representatives specifically to handle local events such as Reunions, and manage other elements of the original role centrally.

7. Appointment of Auditor

We are very grateful to Janice Cawsey who has kindly agreed to act as our Auditor again for the current year.

8. Plans for the future of the Society

For me, this is the single most important item on the agenda. We are in urgent need of assistance on the committee, and new members (or a means of raising funds). Without input on this topic, it is highly likely that the society will have to fold in the near future. Please give this item very careful consideration.
9. Any other business
10. Chairman closes meeting

**On 26/08/2021 15:39, Shingler Family wrote:**

My only suggestion for the future of the society, as a different suggestion to those made by others previously, would be if there is another (small?) family history society that the Witheridge Family History Society could merge with, to create a bigger overall organisation. I don't know if there are any suitable ones, given that we are a single-name FHS. As individual people/families, we don't have specific geographical links any more.
The Shingler family

**From:** Bill Dwyne
**Sent:** Thu, 26 Aug 2021 16:53
**To:** [Various members of the Witheridge Society]
**Subject:** Witheridge Family History Society Virtual AGM 2021

Hi. Seems that the common sentiment favours ending the Witheridge Society. If the society is to close I suggest that any digital material that any of you have should be placed online on the societies website. Search engines and commercial family history sites scan private web pages for data. This is a way of ensuring that the Witheridge data becomes part of a much larger set and remains available to future generations. After all, that was one of the purposes of gathering it in the first place. Digital data would include photos, scans of documents and data files from your family tree program. Regardless of the outcome I am willing to keep the website active.
*Cheers - Bill D.*

**On Tue, Oct 5, 2021 at 6:57 AM, Annette Witheridge wrote:**

I know some of you already know Tom Witheridge, brother of Jim and son of the Reverend David Witheridge. But I'd like to email introduce everyone here. During lockdown Tom has started the Herculean task of digitalising his father's extensive Witheridge genealogy files. As many of you know, the Rev David devoted a massive amount of time to locating birth, marriage and death certificates and researching our various families in the pre-internet age.

**From:** Tom Witheridge
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 October 2021 2:58 AM
**To:** Annette Witheridge
**Cc:** [Various members of the Witheridge Society]
**Subject:** Re: Witheridge Family History Society

Hello all,

First, I want to thank you, Annette, for looping me in. Just knowing how to contact all of you has taken a huge burden from my shoulders. I recognize a few of your names but, to tell the truth, most of you are newcomers to my brain! The main contacts and friends and relatives upon whom Dad relied for so many years are now, sadly, gone, and the mailing addresses and phone numbers Dad used routinely are most likely defunct. This new connection will help me to spread the word when Dad's work is available online (hopefully before the end of 2022) **[this proved too optimistic!]**.

Jason, I am so glad to be able to contact you by email and convey my personal condolences on the loss of your dear mother. She was a force of nature and a wonderful person, as everyone on this email list is already well aware. Having gone through the same experience with both of my own parents, I know that the loss you suffered is one of the hardest things we must all face. I do hope the extended worldwide family that your mom, more than anyone else, helped to create has been, and will continue to be, a source of comfort.

The focus of Dad's work over more than four decades, conducted with the constant help and support of Mom (Elizabeth P. Witheridge), was much broader than the Witheridge surname. They were interested in tracing, not just his identifiable ancestral lines, but hers, too. Since most of her forebears arrived in America well before the Revolution and had more common English surnames (such as Gilbert, Penney, and Plumb), more work had already been done by others. The hardest part for Dad, in some cases, was "jumping the pond" back to a verifiable connection in Great Britain.

On the other hand, Dad's paternal and maternal families, both of which came over much later, presented more of a challenge. We all know how rare the name Witheridge is. On his mother's side was a family called Nemitz, from a part of Germany where two world wars had made the retrieval of basic vital documents very difficult, if not impossible (even for a genealogist conversant with German, which Dad wasn't, except for a brief exposure as a young student).

Knowing virtually nothing about genealogy when I started this project, I have been "learning on the job" by going through Dad's six-plus crammed banker boxes of paper files, arranged alphabetically by last name or location (e.g., Devon, Cornwall, Essex). Thankfully, by the time I got to Witheridge, I had learned a lot. I've left Nemitz for last, even though it comes earlier in the alphabet, because I expect that line (and its allies) to be the hardest of all. But one thing I already know for sure is that, while Dad made important contributions to the history of many different families, his most important contribution of all was to our knowledge of the Witheridge family.

That's enough background for now. I've got to get back to the banker boxes and my HP printer-scanner (I'm on my second HP, having worn out the first many months ago). My current plan, after digitizing all of Dad's paper files and creating an extensively annotated index to the documents, is to find an online repository where they will be preserved and readily accessible forever. At the moment, it looks like that will be *Internet Archive*, a nonprofit repository established by a rich guy whose goal is to make every public domain book and publication available in perpetuity, without cost. It's already widely used for classic secondary sources in the field of genealogy. We'll see if it will work for this gigantic, multi-volume document dump!

One more thing: I don't know what you're considering for perpetual placement of the *Witheridge Times*, but you should definitely consider *Internet Archive* (even if you also maintain a version of the Witheridge Society website). I've been amazed by how many of the genealogical sources that Dad borrowed on inter-library loan (and then xeroxed with rolls of dimes) at the Minneapolis Public Library are now readily available for free, after a few keyboard clicks, at *Internet Archive.*

Here's a link to their introductory blurb:
https://help.archive.org/hc/en-us/articles/360001820212-How-to-upload-scanned-images-to-make-a-book.

It's good to meet you all, and I'm happy you're out there!

Tom Witheridge

**On Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 2:15 AM Rob and Cathy Staples wrote:**

Dear Tom

I read with great interest your note to all in WFHS and marvelled at your work embarking on the task of scanning and preserving the research undertaken by your Dad. Well worth the doing and a wonderful tribute to your Dad by you.

A quick background from me before I get to the main point of my response to you.

My name is Rob (Robert) Staples and I live in Australia. I am 67 years old and still work in my own consulting practice as a Civil Engineer (I still enjoy it). I am married to Cathy (40th anniversary next year) and we have three children (David, Gillian and George). We have two grand daughters (Ella and Hallie) — Gillian's daughters. I am an avid fly fisher and we live in the Snowy Mountains of New South Wales (about 500 km south west of Sydney).

The Witheridge connection — My Mum was a Witheridge (Mary Witheridge and she married Tom Staples in 1950). Her father was Philemon Witheridge (married Catherine MacDonald) and his father was also Philemon Witheridge (married Mary Carvath). Philemon the elder emigrated to Australia around 1880 from England (Devon). They were fishermen on the South Coast of New South Wales in a region known as the Shoalhaven. **[See two excerpts on p. 28, taken from a family notebook; they were sent by Rob Staples as attachments to this email string.]**

One of the points in me writing — apart from simply saying thankyou — is that I thought you might be interested in the YouTube link below. It is the story of my Great Uncle, Thomas Witheridge, who sadly was killed on the Somme in WWI, and his brother Robert. The story was put together by another relative to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Tom's passing in March 1917. Many of the photos in the story were taken by me and there is a picture of me and Cathy at Thomas's grave in Bapaume, France taken in 2009.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErkK0LiDxF0&feature=youtu.be

**[A series of still photographs covering the entire YouTube video is located immediately following this email string. It is the final document in folder 1.64e.]**

It is a sad but important story — I hope it is of interest to you.

I very much appreciate you reaching out. Best wishes in your endeavours scanning the records of your Dad.

Love and best wishes to all.

Rob Staples
**Rob and Cathy Staples**

**From:** Tom Witheridge
**Sent:** Friday, 8 October 2021 2:28 AM
**To:** Rob and Cathy
**Subject:** Re: Witheridge Family History Society

Dear Rob and Cathy,

Thank you so much for the beautiful and extremely moving YouTube video commemorating the service of your relatives in World War I. On both sides of my family there are ancestors and other relatives of mine who have fought in various wars, from the American Revolutionary and Civil Wars to the more recent ones, but I'm not aware as yet of any who made the ultimate sacrifice, like Thomas, or suffered severe and life altering injuries, like Robert. I was fighting back tears as I watched.

I wonder if and how I'm related to you, Rob. **[July 26, 2022, update: Rob and the editor are, in fact, distant cousins, the common grandparents being Thomas Witheridge (bapt. 1650) and Mary Sherman (bapt. 1656/7); see "The Combmartin & Berrynarbor Family Tree" in Kim Cook's summer 1988 *Witheridge Times* article (document W264, folder 1.63h), where Rob's ancestor, Philemon Witheridge (b. 1844 or 1846), is on p. 8, and the editor's father, DEW, is on p. 9.]** I'm just now wrapping up my review of Dad's Witheridge files, but I still have a month or two of reviewing, indexing, and digitizing before I move on to the last remaining surnames in my parents' ancestry. **[This projection turned out to be absurdly optimistic!]** It's still quite possible I'll run across some evidence of the connection between us: One of Dad's oft-repeated

beliefs was that all Witheridges around the world must be related, because it's such a rare name, and so many of us originated centuries ago in the same few Devon and Cornwall towns.
Right now I'm finishing up the very thick file of Dad's correspondence with Kathy and Paul Witheridge (denizens of Sarnia, Ontario). For a number of years, Kathy was the North American rep for the Witheridge Society, and Dad appears to have been her chief mentor. In her documents I've seen a number of references to Dorothy Witheridge in Australia, who was serving at the time as the Australia rep. Presumably you know (or know of) Dorothy and may very possibly be related to her. If memory serves, thus far I haven't encountered any correspondence between her and Dad in his dozens of Witheridge files; however, I have found quite a few examples of his correspondence with various other Witheridge-surnamed or -related Australians. He was very keen to find and get to know, if only by snail mail, members of all Witheridge branches around the world.

Now I have a favor to ask. Would you do me the honor of giving me permission to include this email string, including the YouTube link, in a section of Dad's documents identified by your names? This magnificent memorial to brave Australians who share my last name (and especially to the war hero with whom I share both first and last names) deserves to be recorded in perpetuity in the collection of my parents' family history research documents. I would also like to include you, Rob, in my annotated index, and to make your entry more useful to family history buffs in the future, I'd like to know your full name, your date and place of birth, your parents' full names and dates and places of birth, Cathy's full name and date and place of birth, Cathy's parents' names and dates and places of birth, your marriage date and place, and your children's full names and dates and places of birth. (Whew!)

One last thought before I close. Not knowing much about YouTube, I can only assume (and hope) that the link will work forever. That's a big assumption. If all goes according to my current plan, which is subject to alteration if it proves impossible, I'll be uploading my parents' huge document collection (together with introductory materials, a very extensive annotated index, and a comprehensive chart of my own children's ancestry) to a reputable and well-funded nonprofit website called *Internet Archiv*e. I haven't gotten down to brass tacks with their procedures yet, but it seems likely that even very small media files like the YouTube vid of your heroic relatives might also be the sort of thing that could be uploaded there. It might be worth checking. Example: I practically fell off my chair the other day when I googled and found this 1958 episode — the one and only episode preserved from the multi-year silly but heartwarming U.S. television series, "It Could Be You" — on *Internet Archive*. By way of background, George Witheridge was a brother of my grandfather, William Allen Witheridge (Dad's father); George owned a flower shop in San Fernando, California. Here's the link (you can skip to 6:56):

https://archive.org/details/ItCouldBeYou

Thank you again for this important memorial video. I hope to hear back from you!

Tom Witheridge
Denver

P.S. Since a photo of you was included in the video (you must be lying about your age, Rob), I'm attaching some pics of my daughter (Rebecca, 33, a mental health professional like me and her mom [my ex]), her fiance, Will Schick (40, a software developer), and yours truly (73). As you can see, they are both rock climbers; that's why they moved here from Chicago five years ago, and when I realized they were never coming back, that's why I followed them from Chicago to Denver two years ago. **[See the pictures on p. 22 below.]**

**On Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 6:43 PM Rob and Cathy wrote:**

Hi Tom

Back again — apologies for not getting back sooner. Even in Covid times life is pretty full on. I have quite a few projects on the move at present which is good. More than happy for you to share whatever you need to share of my correspondence with you.

I had a chuckle at your reference to the photo at the war grave in France and my age — that was 12 years ago and I think the last 12 years have seen an exponential decline — I'll dig out some more recent photos in future emails. I am sure we will be talking more as time goes on.

I am so pleased you appreciated the YouTube video — it is quite moving.

Now the interesting thing about the video and your question about Dorothy Witheridge. You might recall Robert Witheridge — he was the brother badly wounded who returned to Australia and had a family of his own. I have attached for your information a copy of a letter that Dorothy sent to my mother Mary back on 23 November 1997 **[see the document on p. 23]**. This letter is an invitation for mum to provide some family information and telling her about WFHS. She describes that she is the widow of Michael who was the fourth son of Robert Witheridge (and Jean). Sorry for the quality of the letter — I took a photo of it from my Dad's records. Mum passed 6 yrs ago and Dad is still going strong at 93. Unfortunately I never met Dorothy — before my time involved with WFHS and family reunions.

Regarding our connection — again I will need to go through the records mostly from Kim Cook's research — she was a marvel. **[See, for example, document W264 in folder 1.63h.]** I kick myself for not spending more meaningful time with her. We corresponded by email and I met with her twice (2012 and 2018) on visits to UK. My Great Grandparents Philemon Witheridge Snr and Mary (Carvath) I understand emigrated to Australia from the Devon area (originating from Combe Martin as I understand). There has to be a link there somewhere — perhaps several generations previous. Part of the fun of the research!! I recall seeing some reference in the research to the North American connection — will need to track it down.

Love the link to ICBY [the "It Could Be You" TV show] — George has a family resemblance that I can recognise — there has to be a connection. Thanks for the photos of your family — really appreciated. Attached is a photo of my family at our eldest son David's wedding a couple of years ago. Will keep in touch. **[See the picture on p. 29 below.]**

Cheers for now.
Rob
**Rob and Cathy Staples**

**On Wed, Oct 13, 2021 at 4:48 PM Tom Witheridge wrote:**

Hi again,

You look far better than yours truly, although my excuse is that I'm a number of years on from you at 73, soon to be 74, and your whole family is beautiful. Now I must confess that in my last I told a white lie: I represented Will as my daughter's "fiance." He was actually her boyfriend, with whom she has been for many years. But it was only a lie for two days. On Sat., Oct. 9 (the same day I got my Pfizer [Covid vaccination] booster shot, so a double red-letter day), Rebecca and Will were out climbing in the Rockies front range near Denver, on a three-tier climb (so high that you have to set up two additional climbs after the first one), and while they were resting briefly between the second and third tiers, Will (a true computer programming geek) pulled out a decoder ring, handed it to Rebecca, and asked "So, you wanna get married?" Between tears of joy she, of course, said yes, and they continued to the top.

Changing subjects, when I saw the name Philemon Witheridge (two uncommon names combined), I knew right away that you and I must be related (somehow). In fact, today I got to Dad's file on Philemon, which was empty except for a couple of references to his other files. The references were to John James of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and to Barbara Willis in Australia. I have Dad's thick file on John James, but only one document in Mr. James's file in which Dad mentioned Ms. Willis; there was no actual file for her (unless it's misplaced and I may run across it somewhere — but I'm getting close to the end of the Witheridge files, and I'm not hopeful of finding it).

What I've been doing for the past month or two is going through all of the dozens of Witheridge files (Dad worked on all of his ancestral lines and all of Mom's, but his work on Witheridge was the most novel and, for him personally, the most important). My trip through the documents allows me to read them, put sticky notes on them, and thereby prepare to scan them and write fairly detailed index notes so people in the future can figure out where the documents are and what they contain. I've learned a lot about genealogical research doing this for the past almost two years, but nowhere near as much as my brilliant, engineer-brained dad knew. So all I can say at the moment is that there's little doubt that you and I are related, if we can get far enough back to find common grandparents. Dad's earliest known (to him) Devon ancestors were alive in the 1500s.

Also today I was going through Dad's file on Neil Witheridge, who was born in 1924 (10 years younger than my dad) and was living in southern Scotland when Dad and Mom met him in Aberdeen on their second of three trips to the UK in 1980. Two years later, after doing more primary document research, Dad wrote to Neil to tell him where things stood at the time. He said that he and Neil were "definitely related" (7th cousins). Their common 6-great grandparents were Thomas Witheridge (b. 1650) and Mary Sherman (b. 1656/7, married 1677/8 in Fremington. Dad said, further, that his and Neil's earliest common ancestors (as known to Dad at the time) were Thomas Witheridge (bapt. 1554/5) and Johan Mogridge (bur. 1625/6). Dad had gotten the link between himself and Neil from John James in Vancouver. (Neil's grandfather and Mr. James's great grandfather were brothers; Neil and Mr. James were therefore second cousins once removed.)

I'm not smart enough to figure out what we'd have to know in order to know that Philemon is at least a good clue, if not the key, for figuring out our own relationship. But that's what I know now. Unfortunately, my dad isn't available for advice on how to proceed (he passed shortly after Obama's victory in 2008, which made him so happy).

That's plenty for now. Let me know if any of this rings a bell, and let's stay in touch!

~ Tom

**From:** Tom Witheridge
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 October 2021 11:15 AM
**To:** Rob and Cathy
**Subject:** Re: Witheridge Family History Society

P.S. I just realized that I hadn't actually studied your mom's 2-page letter before writing my last email. By the way, no need to apologize for the quality of the reproduction; it's far, far better than many of the documents I've been scanning (including, I'm sorry to say, many by my beloved dad's own hand; he had perfectly legible penmanship — both printed and cursive — but also the bad habit of writing with pencil so faintly that I simply can't make it dark enough to be easily read when scanned).

After reading your mom's perfectly legible response to Dorothy at the end of the letter, I confess that I'm lost in the several generations. When time permits (no rush), if you could create a simple "mini-tree" from Philemon directly to you, with all the intermediate generations accounted for, I would be greatly in your debt. (If you want to get fancy, go ahead and add all the brothers and sisters involved, but I'm basically interested in seeing your own relationship to the original Philemon in Australia and his wife.

Example, showing the direct line between my daughter and her great-grandparents:

Gen 1, William Allen Witheridge (my grandfather) = Edith Sophia Nemitz (my grandmother) > Gen 2, David Edward Witheridge (my dad) = Elizabeth Helen Kendall Plumb (my mom) > Gen 3, Thomas Frank Witheridge (me) = Virginia Mildred Selleck (my former wife) > Gen 4, Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge (my daughter)

Again, absolutely no rush. Thanks in advance!

~ Tom

**On Wed, Oct 13, 2021 at 7:43 PM, Rob and Cathy wrote:**

Thanks Tom

Great to hear from you again. Fantastic story about Rebecca and her engagement — one to remember always. Our best wishes to all.

Interesting I too have a recollection reading somewhere about our family tracing back to the 1600's.

I do not have the family tree readily to hand — something I have promised myself for some time but making the connection with you gives me more incentive and motivation to do something more detailed.

For starters:

Gen 1: Philemon Witheridge b 1844 d 1937(my Great Grandfather) = Mary (Carvarth) — Married Porthleven, Cornwall 1871 **[see their marriage certificate on p. 28]** — 16 Children !! Emigrated to Australia around 1880 — we have photos of both in later years.

Gen 2: Philemon Witheridge b 1888 d 1948 (my Grandfather and 7th child of Philemon Snr and Mary) — Married Catherine McDonald, Sydney 10 Aug 1912 — 6 Children (William/Gladys/May/Ken/Ruth/Mary)

Gen 3: Mary Witheridge b 1929 d 2015 (my Mum), married Thomas Staples b 1928 (my Dad) 23 September 1950, Sydney — married 65 years
Four Children [see Gen 4]:
Gregory b 1953 d 1953 infant
Robert b 1954 m Catherine Dwyer 1982 (3 Children and 2 Grandchildren)
Kerrilyn b 1956 m John Meyer 1984 (2 Children)
Michelle b 1960 m Stewart Denson 1980 (4 Children and 10 Grandchildren)

Gen 4: Robert married Catherine Dwyer 17 April 1982
David b1984 divorced
Gillian b1987 m Shane Turner 2013 — 2 daughters — Ella b 2014 and Hallie b 2018 [i.e., Gen 5]
George b1988

That is the quick snapshot - so much more.

I have quite a collection of other family info mostly Witheridge — but trying to gather other info on Dad's side of the family.

Talk again soon — next exciting episode.

Cheers for now.
**Rob and Cathy Staples**

**From:** Tom Witheridge
**Sent:** Friday, 15 October 2021 2:50 AM

**To:** Rob and Cathy
**Subject:** Re: Witheridge Family History Society

Perfect! Thanks so much!

As a reward, here's a sneak preview from my annotated index of Dad's documents. This index entry is entitled "Multiple and frequent births." Obviously, it's subject to change as I go through the many remaining files, but here's how it looks today:

Triplets were born to Joseph Plumb (b. 1683) and his second wife, Thankful Gaylord, and apparently all survived; one of the two boys was given the deliciously descriptive name of Waitstill (see Amariah Plumb [b.1733]). Twins were born to Robert Plume (b. 1617) and Mary Baldwin (b. 1625/6); see p. 164 of folder 1.56r. Twins were born to John Welch (b. 1745) and Deborah Munroe (1747) on an unknown date; both died in infancy on Apr. 28, 1786; see p. 208 in folder 1.56s. Twins were born to John Read (b. 1598) and Sarah Lessie (b. ca. 1602); they both died in infancy; see p. 173 in folder 1.56r. Jacob Kendall (b. 1661) and his first wife, Persis, had twin boys in 1687; when one died in infancy, the grieving couple gave the surviving twin his father's name. For an example of epic mothering — although it is unknown if any of her 16 children arrived two (or more) at a time — see Mary Atwater (b. 1527), who died at 93, outliving the husband who fathered them by 44 years, and having had "a total of 367 descendants in her lifetime." Numerous men in this index also had many offspring: For example, the Rev. Mr. John Sherman (b. 1613), the first minister in the Connecticut settlement of Totokett (now North Branford), fathered 26 children with two wives; William Amos (b. 1717) fathered 16 children with two wives; Jacob Kendall (b. 1661) fathered 19 children with two wives; ***Philemon Witheridge (b. 1844) fathered 16 children with Mary Carvarth, whom he married in Porthleven, Cornwall, England, in 1871 (they emigrated to Australia around 1880 and appear to have exponentially expanded the down-under census upon arrival).***

All the entries prior to Philemon and Mary are from my mother's side, so it's nice to know that there's no truth to the ugly rumor that the Witheridges have remained a tiny clan because of, well, you know. (I made that up; there's no such rumor.) I will, of course, credit you for the data in red in your own index entry, when I get to it in the next month or two. Do you perchance know Philemon's middle name and Mary's middle name and birthdate? If not, don't worry; I may run across it in the John James file or elsewhere.

~ Tom

**On Sat, Oct 16, 2021 at 1:34 PM, Rob and Cathy wrote:**

Thanks Tom — your dad really did his research. Happy with the referencing. I will send the actual emigration year when I locate it. I don't recall seeing any middle names referenced in any of the research information I have seen and suspect it was not their practice — however that is an assumption of mine. Another little fact to check.

Keep up the great work — it must consume a lot of your time. Well done.

Cheers

Rob
**Rob and Cathy Staples**

**From:** Tom Witheridge
**Sent:** Sunday, 17 October 2021 9:48 AM
**To:** Rob and Cathy
**Subject:** Re: Witheridge Family History Society

Yes, it's a lot of work, but it's a labor of love (and after all, I'm retired, living in a city I moved to two and a half years ago, where the only people I know, beyond a few very casual acquaintances in my 29-unit condominium building, are my daughter and her fiance, who, as you know, was recently upgraded from boyfriend).

Plus, there are a lot of wonderful discoveries and feelings attached to this project. For example, just yesterday I came to the last file in Dad's clump of several dozen Witheridge-related files (alphabetically organized), an older gent named William John Witheridge, still working his small farm in West Buckland, Devon, with help from two sons. Dad and Mom formed a geographically distant but emotionally close relationship with William John and his extended family, visiting them on all three of their trips to Britain and exchanging Christmas cards, when that was still a thing. Even though it was the last file, Dad's first letter to William was ecstatic: "You're the first Witheridge I've found who lives in England and is related to my father" (or words to that effect). It brought both tears and smiles. Their granddaughter, a little girl named Sarah Witheridge (now Sarah Witheridge-Harrison), wrote two charming letters to Dad over a decade, from her earliest days at university (on Winnie the Pooh stationery) to the late nineties. She's one of the relatively few contacts documented in Dad's files who is undoubtedly still alive (at ca. 61[correction: she would actually be ca. 50]). Today I found William and his wife Hilda's graves on the website FindAGrave.com and sent an email on the internal website of the Church of England, asking them for the email address for the vicar of St. Peter's Church in West Buckland, where they are buried in the churchyard, so I can try to locate that little girl, who attended their Sunday school, or whomever now owns that farm. Fingers crossed!

***[Editor's note: The Church of England never replied. Even though I was finally able, several months ago, to make direct email contact with the church secretary of the parish in which Sarah's mom is still listed online as a lay leader, and I have asked the secretary to forward my email, and she claims she has done so, no one in the family has responded. It makes me sad. See also my editor's notes at Patricia Balment and Sarah Mary Witheridge (b. ca. 1972) — TFW, July 17, 2022.]***

~ Tom

**On Sat, Dec 18, 2021 at 7:35 PM, Rob and Cathy wrote:**

Hi Tom

Wishing you and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. I do hope this finds you in good health.

We have had wonderful rain here this past few months. Like all things weather related the rain has caused problems for our farmers trying to harvest what was looking like an absolutely bumper crop. We'll say some prayers wishing for favourable weather to enable them to harvest.

We are all well and getting ready for Christmas. Off to a good friend's property (a grazing property near us) for a friends and family Christmas gathering this afternoon (it is 1:30 pm Sunday 19 December as I write). We have had thunderstorms this morning and more rain.

All well here and looking forward to our Christmas break (maybe a couple of weeks of holiday).
All the best to you and your family. Keep in touch.

Regards
RobS
**Rob and Cathy Staples**

**From:** Tom Witheridge
**Sent:** Monday, 20 December 2021 4:51 AM
**To:** Rob and Cathy
**Subject:** Re: Witheridge Family History Society - Merry Christmas

Hi Rob and Cathy,

So good to hear from you! I should warn you, I'm a very bad Facebooker, but I'm an even worse holiday greetings guy. But I do love GETTING them and always respond. (Go figure.)

Things are going well here in Denver with my little family of three (myself included). My daughter Rebecca recently "upgraded" her longtime boyfriend (with whom she lives) from boyfriend to fiance. He proposed after the first three tiers of a four-tier rock climb, and they continued on to the pinnacle ... with her heart all aflutter, of course; fortunately, they are both very skilled and careful climbers! It will all happen next October. Their plan is to get legally married at the downtown Denver courthouse, then host a celebration for about 30 close relatives six hours away on the other side of the Rockies in Moab, Utah, where I've been with them a couple of times already. It's a very popular and fun resort town in the middle of some of the most scenic areas in the U.S., including Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park (Google to see what I mean about the scenery). It's a very young-adult-friendly locale, filled with rock climbers and mountain bikers (and old farts like me).

This is my third winter in Denver, since moving from Chicago (where I spent a total of 26 years, including a year of infancy). Having grown up in the frozen north (Minneapolis, Minnesota) and spent another 22 years there as an adult, I must say that Denver is like the tropics, by comparison! Happy holidays to you and your family!

Tom

P.S. I'm still plowing through my dad's Witheridge files, and I've tried to make sense of the limited Australia lines he knew about. Below is what I've written so far in the annotated index. Do any of these names, besides Philemon (whom I know you know about!) ring a bell? (I may very well have more names to ask you about before all is said and done). "DEW" is my dad, David Edward Witheridge; "John James" is a Witheridge descendant with Australian connections, one of Dad's informants, who was living in Vancouver, B.C., Canada in the late 1980s but may very well no longer be among us.

Here's the index entry for "Witheridge family, Australia branch" so far: "See Emma Witheridge (b. ca. 1820). See Mrs. Heather Smith. Regarding the Philamon Witheridge who "ran away to sea [from England] when quite young and travelled the world for some years," see a 1988 letter from Barbara Willis (q.v.) to John James (q.v.), which Mr. James forwarded to DEW (document W215, folder 1.63g); DEW could give Mr. James no help on that particular Witheridge line (see p. 2, document W218, same folder). Regarding a William Witheridge who immigrated to Australia "from Devon in the latter half of the last Century" and married a Polly, whose birth surname might also have been Witheridge, see the May 16, 1983, letter from Mavis Witheridge (b. 1920) to John James (q.v.), which Mr. James forwarded to DEW (see document W216, folder 1.63g); the letter tells a fascinating story, but DEW could give Mr. James no further information about William and Polly (see p. 2, document W218, same folder)." [Since December of 2021, this entry has been expanded considerably.]

Here's Philemon's index entry (so far): "According to Barbara Willis (q.v.) of Milperra, New South Wales, Australia, in a 1988 letter to John James (q.v.), this Philamon "ran away to sea [from England] when quite young and travelled the world for some years. He eventually returned to England and married Mary CAVETH (or CAVETT). They had 5 children who died in England. They migrated to Australia (not sure of the year) & landed [at] Port Douglas Queensland c 1870. They had 13 children in Australia & eventually settled in Batemans Bay N.S.W. Philamon lived to be 90." See document W215, folder 1.63g." [This index entry has also been changed considerably.]

Rob and Cathy: I'd never heard of Milperra, so I Googled it and was astonished to read about the massacre there. I thought we Yankees had a monopoly on criminal motorcycle gangs!

Rob, if you can add more meat to the above Philemon bones, I would be grateful. I'm attaching a PDF of the Barbara Willis document mentioned above. Her handwriting was hard for me to decipher, especially since I knew nothing of the topic and thus couldn't infer a word from its context. If you have additional info on Philemon, his wife, their parents in England, their kids who died in England, and their several generations of offspring in Australia, thanks in advance — and I'll send as many electrons to their death as necessary to ship it all to the Cloud!

~ T

**From:** Rob and Cathy
**Sent:** Friday, 7 January 2022 10:06 PM
**To:** Tom Witheridge
**Subject:** RE: Witheridge Family History Society - Merry Christmas

Hey Tom

As you can see I am pretty slack myself — I have not opened the computer for a couple of weeks – simply needed to chill out from the electronic world and smell the roses, enjoy Christmas and go fishing. So my apologies. Really interesting information about all this and YES I have lots of information about Philemon and Mary (nee Carveth). They were my great grandparents. One of their sons born in Australia was my grandfather, also Philemon.

I have attached a photograph of Philemon the senior — he does fit the image perfectly of a seafarer **[see the picture on p. 24; also see p. 26]**. They actually lived in Berry NSW and both Philemon snr and Mary are buried in Berry Cemetery. They may have lived at Batemans Bay but that is the first I have heard of that. Both Batemans Bay and Berry are on the south coast of New South Wales. Berry is in what is known as the Shoalhaven district of the southcoast. My grandfather was also a fisherman (fishing commercially from a small seaside town called Greenwell Point where my mother was born).

I have lots of information about this branch of the family and those immediate descendants. Also attached is a photo of both Philemon and Mary **[pp. 24 and 26]** — I assume not long before her death in 1926. Her face shows the pain of losing a son Thomas in the Great War and another son Robert badly wounded.

I am sure you will find these incredibly interesting.

We need to catch up.

Do you do Zoom conferencing on your computer?? I use this regularly for work and find it a fantastic video conferencing medium.

Talk soon mate.
Cheers
RobS
**Rob and Cathy Staples**

***[Editor's note: It appears that the date on the following email is not the date when it was received, if it was received at all — see Rob's February 28 email below and my Mar. 4 follow-up. I do remember changing my email settings around this time, and it's very possible, indeed probable, that those changes somehow precipitated my doing something stupid that, in turn, caused the difficulty. Truth be told, I am, and at my current age will likely remain, a card-carrying Luddite. — TFW, July 14, 2022.]***

**On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 2:54 PM Tom Witheridge wrote:**

Hi Rob,

Sorry again for the delayed reply. My excuse this time is that I'm a very linear thinker and worker, quite the opposite of the traits needed for scouring, scanning, and indexing my dad's voluminous collection of documents pertaining to dozens of different family lines, both his and my mom's. Fortunately he organized his files pretty much alphabetically, but that doesn't really solve the problem of going from start to finish, particularly since he numbered many of the documents but left a great many of them unnumbered (not sure why, except perhaps that the numbered ones seem to be more "high calorie" in the genealogy department). So, long story short, I do get bogged down in minutiae and worry about leaving a particular family name or branch until I get to an obvious end or pausing point. Right now I'm immersed in the Canadian lines uncovered by Kathy Witheridge of Sarnia, Ontario, and I don't want to put that aside until I get it mostly done. Do you know of Kathy? She is — or was, not sure she's still with us [update: as of spring 2022 she still is] — the wife of Paul Witheridge; her birth surname was actually Wood, not Witheridge. But she was the genealogist of the pair, and a very good one from what I can tell. For quite a few years she was the equivalent of your Dorothy Witheridge down there (Witheridge Society rep for North America). Speaking of Dorothy, I just found out yesterday in one of Dad's documents that Tony (Anthony J.) Witheridge is Dorothy's son; Tony was originally from Australia but spent some time working and living in Geneva, Illinois, just west of Chicago.

When I started this project a couple of years ago I figured, what the hell, there's really no perfect way to attack it, might as well go from A to Z through the files. I might as well have gone from Z to A for all the help that gives me, especially since each major letter of the alphabet contains both Dad's and Mom's lines! Hers, by the way, include such families as Amos, Crackbone (good one, eh?), Dunseath, Gilbert, Kendall, Leonard, Penney, Plumb, Read/Reed, Richardson, Scott, and Welch (among many others) — virtually all of which crossed the Atlantic before the American Revolution, unlike Dad's ancestors, including Witheridge, who are relative newcomers. But that doesn't mean it was a slam-dunk to prove Mom's connections to her ancestors in the old country, so both Dad and Mom spent many years on such seemingly simple tasks as figuring out if her Gilberts were actually connected to Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Sir Walter Raleigh's half brother (they weren't, contrary to the very old and obviously popular family story). Bummer!

So now I'm back to the salt mines, plowing through the Canadians. I do know, and think I've already mentioned, that John James of Vancouver has a strong connection to the Australian branch (including Philemon, if memory serves). I'll probably know more about that when I dig more deeply into his non-numbered documents, which I've just skimmed so far.

Oh, about Zooming. No, I really don't, even though my daughter and future son-in-law use it (and other variants) constantly for work. I confess that I'm better in print (email or text), especially when I'm dealing with topics like genealogy, which is inherently hard for me. Before starting this project I was so dull that I didn't know the difference between a second cousin once removed and a first cousin twice removed (still don't, to tell you the truth), but at least when it's in writing I can go at my own pace!

Ciao for now!

Tom

**From:** Rob and Cathy
**Sent:** Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 4:51 AM
**To:** Tom Witheridge

Hi Tom

Hope this finds you well. Just going through my emails and noted my [previous] email [see the July 14, 2022, editor's note above]. Just checking to see if you received the information and also that all is good with you and your family.

Our news is that both Cathy and I have decided to retire from full time work. Cathy finishes her nursing vocation on 1 April. Mine will be a little more drawn out — probably over several months whilst I complete existing projects.

My best wishes.

Regards
Rob
**Rob and Cathy Staples**

**From:** Tom Witheridge
**Sent:** Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 9:28 AM
**To:** Rob and Cathy
**Subject:** New subject line (I decided to start over ...)

Hey Rob,

As you can see, I've started a new email string and suggest we abandon the previous one(s). As you can also see, I have pasted below the reply I wrote on Jan. 20 [update: that email is now located *above*] but stupidly sent to myself instead of to you and Cathy! Please forgive me!

Welcome to the world of old retired farts. You will love fishing day and night, and sleeping as long as you want (and can — but I've noticed that even retirement, sadly, doesn't cure insomnia) without guilt! I retired in early 2014 and haven't regretted a minute of it (except the fact that time keeps accelerating).

I seem to remember that when I was still working, incoming email messages were placed at the top, so you'd see the new message first and could scroll down to see, in order, every previous message in the string. Maybe I'm getting a little nuts, but now it seems the other way around: The newest message (at least with [my email vendor]) is on the bottom, and the oldest one is on top. But maybe not. Anyway, in situations like this I like to start fresh!

All is well here. I'm still plugging away at The Project (halfway through the biggest tranche of Dad's files, Witheridge). In the background I listen either to the revolting developments in Ukraine or, when I can't stand that any longer, to my Spotify collections of all-time rock favorites, jazz, classical

— even hip hop, which is superior to the news from Ukraine. The only good thing is that maybe the brave Ukrainians will teach the brave Russian anti-Putin underground a thing or two.

Bye for now, and here's to a long and happy retirement!

Tom

**From:** Rob and Cathy
**Sent:** Sat, Mar 5, 2022 at 3:44 PM
**To:** Tom Witheridge

Thanks Tom

Fabulous to hear from you — both emails!! I know the feeling — sometimes the fingers don't do what the brain suggests and vice versa. All good.

I am impressed with your research activity — far in advance of me however I am keen to get more active now that I have made the commitment to retire (from paid work). I know I will have plenty to keep me occupied. Also know I will not regret the decision and corresponding with folk like you reinforces it — thanks for the encouragement!!

Sadly I never got to meet Dorothy Witheridge — she sounds like she was a great lady and organiser. It was only in later years after she had handed over the reigns as WFHS Australian rep that I took an interest in family history.

Keep up the great work and keep in touch — I am winding down my projects now but still busy doing so. Attached is a photo of one of my home projects — our Veggie Garden — my wife Cathy has called it the Covid Project. **[See the pictures on p. 25.]**

Cheers

Rob S
**Rob and Cathy Staples**

**From:** Tom Witheridge
**Sent:** Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 11:05 AM
**To:** Rob and Cathy

Magnificent garden! It will keep you folks busy for sure, but also healthy!

One reason my project is taking so long is that I keep running into interesting, fun, but also tragic, factoids that draw my attention away from the routine scanning and indexing processes. For example, there's the John Witheridge, a shipmaster from Barnstaple in the 1600s, who actively traded with indigenous people in what is now the U.S. state of Maine (they actually trusted him, because he treated them well, unlike most other foreign invaders, and for that reason they insisted on using him as their primary contact). But earlier in his career he had run into difficulty with the Barbary Pirates, and this brief summary appears in one of Dad's documents: ""Parish Records of S. Botolph, Aldgate. 25 Jan 1617 — Collection for one John Witheridge and Nicholas Paige Ship-maisters, whose Shipp and goods were taken by Turkish pirates and fiftie men of their Companie sould for Slaves into Barberie ... one and twentie shillings and five pence." I have no idea if our John was one of the enslaved mariners, but if he was, he got free, because his trading on the rivers of Maine started five years later. What a way to earn a living!

The most heartbreaking story I've encountered so far has to do with the Argust family of the West Midlands of England (John Grenville Argust [b. 1918] was a Witheridge descendant in my Dad's line). At first I learned that John and his wife, Jean, had two sons, Nigel and Glyn, born in the 1950s, both of whom my parents met on their trips to Britain. Much later I was going through another file, where Dad recorded some notes from a conversation with John's sister, Pearline Fryer. The list of John's children suddenly expanded to three: Nigel and Glyn actually had an older brother, Noel. Noel, who was aptly named, was born the day before Christmas, 1951; he died the day after Christmas, 1951. I had to stop what I was doing and fight back tears for quite some time, having lost a newborn of my own 36 years ago this month.

Bottom line, there's a whole lot more to family history research than dates and places.
By all means let's stay in touch!

~ Tom

**From:** Rob and Cathy
**Sent:** Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 3:52 AM
**To:** Tom Witheridge

Thanks Tom — fabulous to hear from you. We are so alike — I get detoured into all sorts of things especially when it comes to family history. Those stories you cite are part of the amazing tapestry. I had an elder brother Gregory Thomas Staples born a year before me in 1953 (will need to check the dates). He died two days after — my parents told me there was an abnormality where his insides were out of his body. So tragic – and I never appreciated what Mum and Dad went through. Dad did tell me the story of how he sat in the hearse with this little white coffin by his side. He is buried beside my mother's parents at Botany Cemetery in Sydney. There are of course others — the hardships are difficult to contemplate. Hearing your personal story — I can't even bear to think how much that hurts. I thank you for sharing my friend.

My best wishes.
Rob

**From:** Tom Witheridge
**Sent:** Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 8:56 AM
To: Tom Witheridge

What a horrible experience for your parents. You never forget, even decades later. In our case (me and my ex-wife), we had a miscarriage, and then in 1986 a normal pregnancy, or so we thought. But at the beginning of the third trimester all hell broke loose. Virginia developed preeclampsia — a very serious condition that's still poorly understood, but basically the woman gets super-high blood pressure and some other related symptoms that require bed rest and urgent treatment, because if it advances to full eclampsia, mom dies and so does her baby. The only real "cure" is delivery. David was born by C-section, well below 3 lbs. and well over 2 months early. He was only able to live 18 days, at the best children's hospital in Chicago (and probably the entire midwestern U.S.).

Two years later, when Virginia was 40 and I was 41, one last chance: Another pregnancy, this time a girl. Everyone advised us that preeclampsia rarely struck twice, so we went ahead with our plan to sell our house in a promising but not yet gentrified neighborhood and move to a house already rehabbed in a much better neighborhood. Well, preeclampsia came our way again. [The remainder of this paragraph is deleted.]

Rebecca is now a mental health professional (like her mom and me) here in Denver, where she climbs rocks with her soon-to-be hubby. By the way, there is no history on either Virginia's side or mine, as far as we know, of preeclampsia. As I said, it's a very poorly understood syndrome. A med student once told me, "Whoever solves this one will win the Nobel Prize in medicine."

But I still mourn little David and will never forget him. When I make a final comprehensive ancestor chart (using Dad's data) for Rebecca, I'll be including her older brother on it, right next to her (and actually, above her). Just like big brother Noel Argust (b. 1951) [who was Rebecca's cousin, not ancestor].

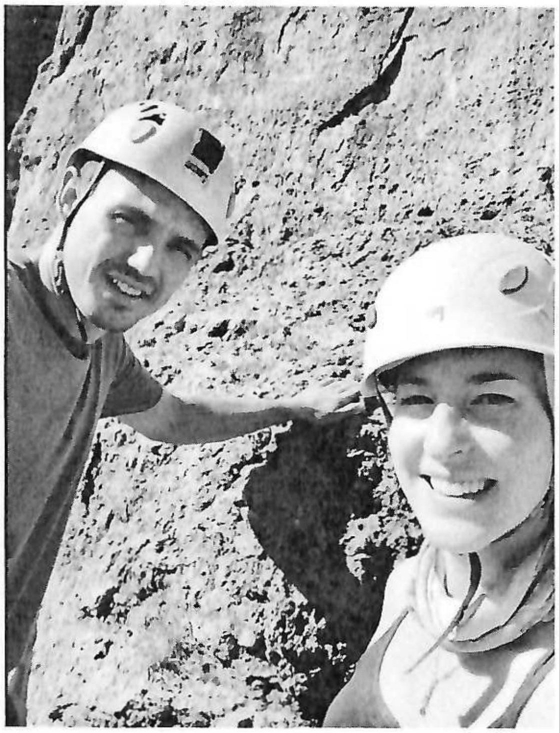
~ T

**[The pictures and other email attachments follow, starting on p. 22.]**

**[Still pictures from the memorial YouTube video — described by Rob in his first email to Tom on p. 6 — are located immediately following p. 29.]**

See Tom Witheridge's email on pp. 7-8.

Tom Witheridge at Canyonlands National Park, Utah, 2020

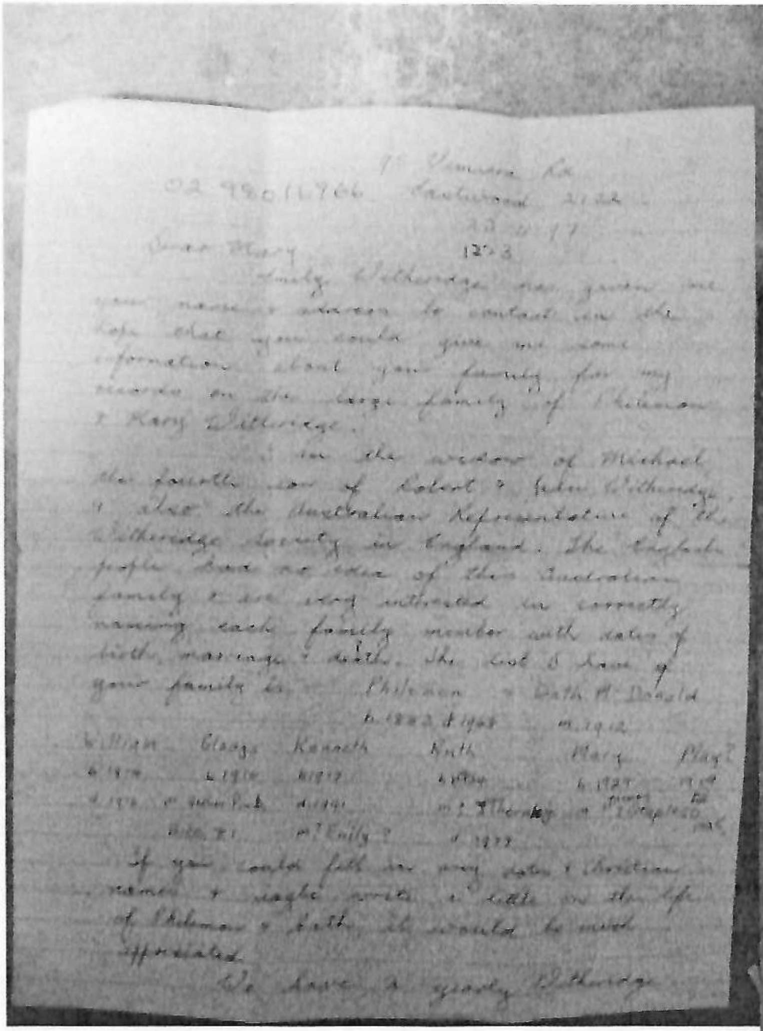


Will Schick and Rebecca Witheridge Schick climbing rocks near Denver, Colorado, 2019

Will Schick and Rebecca Witheridge Schick in Denver, Colorado, 2018

Tom Witheridge and Rebecca Witheridge Schick in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 2018

Letter from Dorothy Witheridge to Rob Staples's mother, Mary; see his email on p. 8.



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Dear Mary 1233

Emily Witheridge has given me your name & address to contact in the hope that you could give me some information about your family for my records on the large family of Philemon & Mary Witheridge.

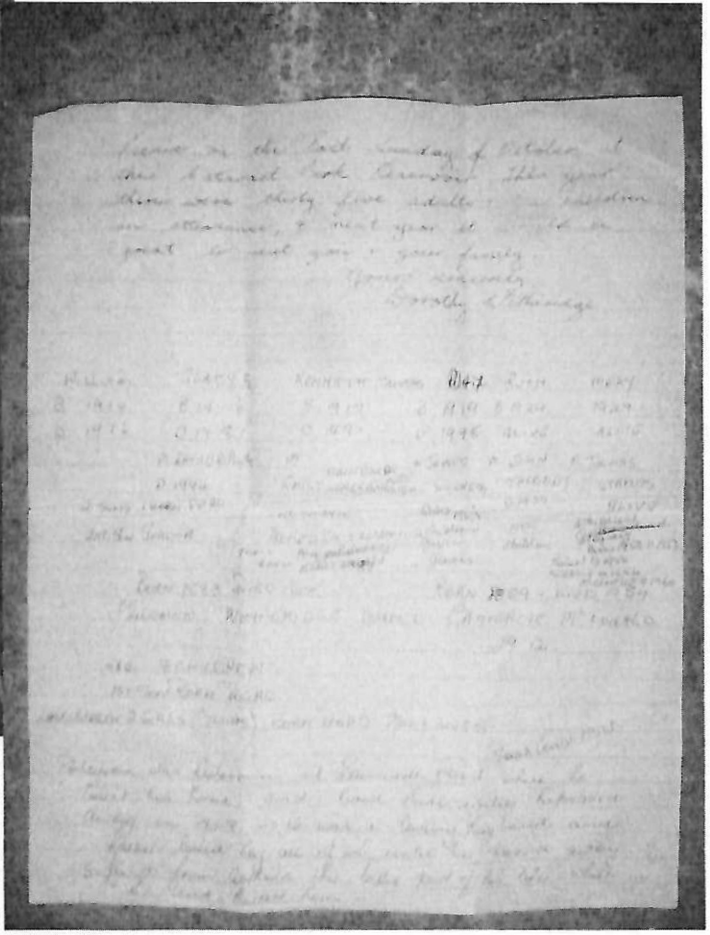
I am the widow of Michael the fourth son of Robert & Helen Witheridge, & also the Australian Representative of the Witheridge Society in England. The English people have no idea of this Australian family & are very interested in correctly naming each family member with dates of birth, marriage & death. The list I have of your family is: Philemon & Ruth McDonald

b.1882 d.1968 m.1912

William Gladys Kenneth Ruth Mary

If you could fill in any dates & Christian names & maybe write a little on the life of Philemon & Ruth, it would be much appreciated.

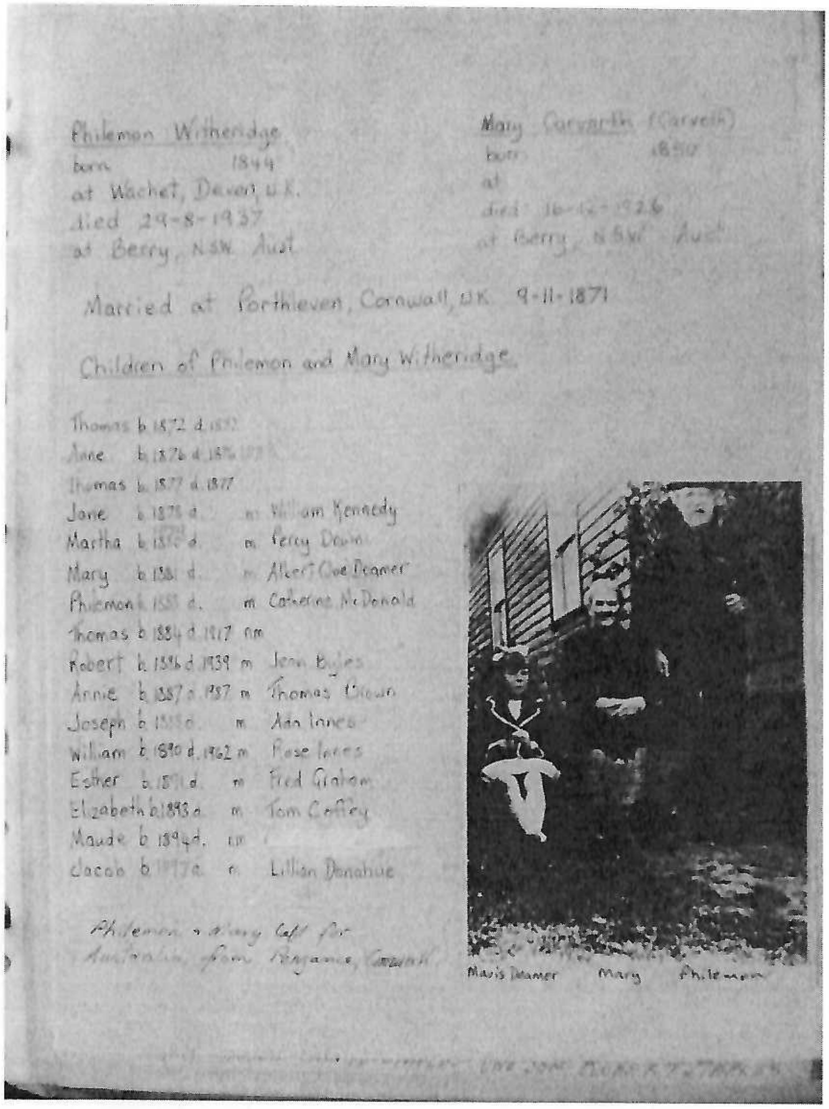
We have a yearly Witheridge



reunion on the last Sunday of October at the National Park. This year there were thirty five adults & children in attendance, & next year it would be great to meet you & your family.

Yours sincerely
Dorothy Witheridge

Philemon Witheridge, Sr. See Rob's email on p. 16. See also the index entry for Philemon Witheridge (b. 1844 or 1846).



Philemon Witheridge
born 1844
at Wachet, Devon, U.K.
died 29-8-1937
at Berry, NSW Aust

Mary Curvarth (Carveth)
born 1850
at
died 16-12-1926
at Berry, NSW Aust

Married at Porthleven, Cornwall, UK 9-11-1871

Children of Philemon and Mary Witheridge

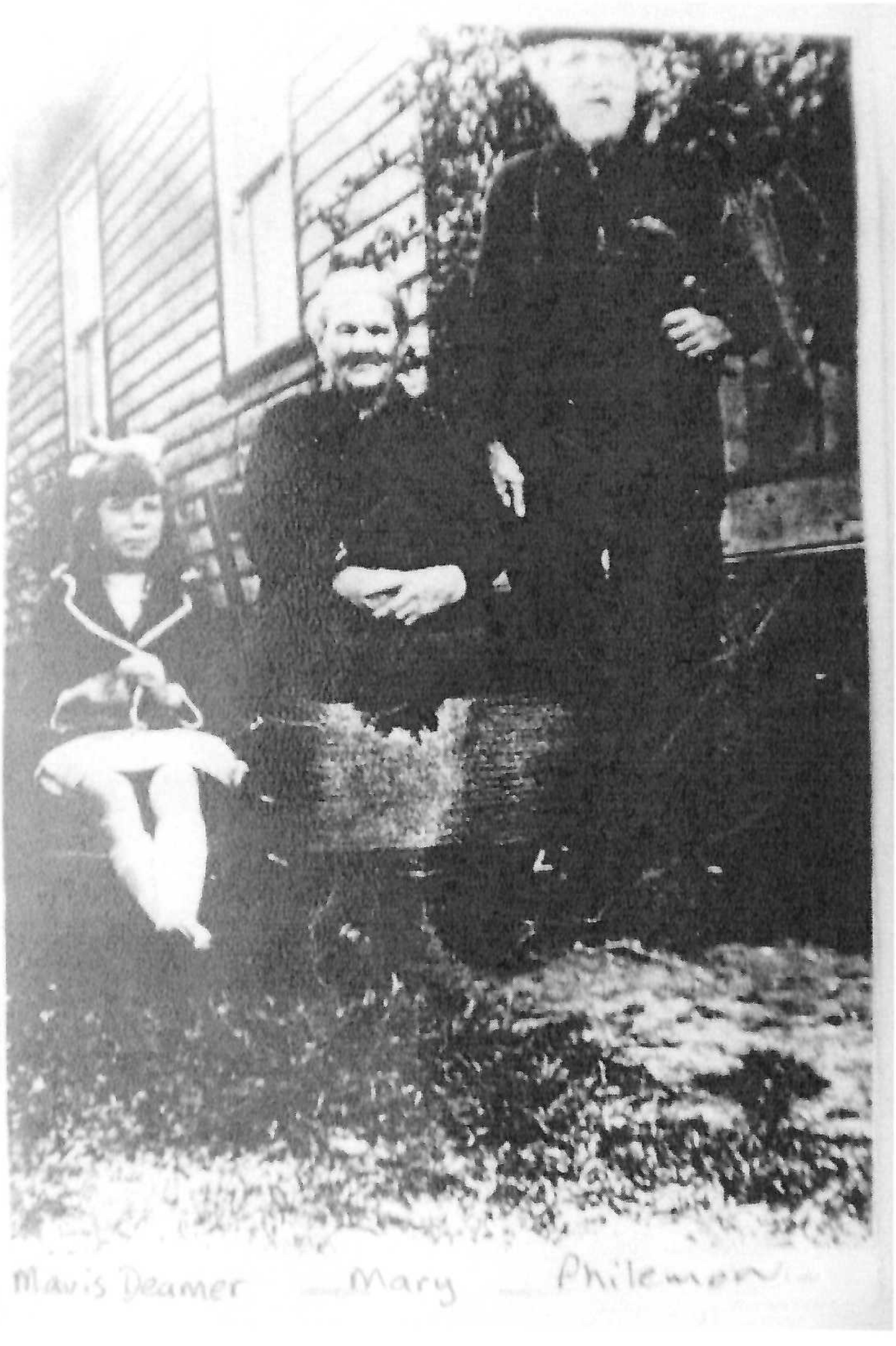
Thomas b 1872 d 1872
Anne b 1876 d 1876
Thomas b 1877 d 1877
Jane b 1878 d m William Kennedy
Martha b 1880 d m Percy Dawn
Mary b 1881 d m Albert (Joe) Deamer
Philemon b 1883 d m Catherine McDonald
Thomas b 1884 d 1917 nm
Robert b 1886 d 1939 m Jean Byles
Annie b 1887 d 1957 m Thomas Brown
Joseph b 1888 d m Ada Innes
William b 1890 d 1962 m Rose Innes
Esther b 1891 d m Fred Graham
Elizabeth b 1893 d m Tom Coffey
Maude b 1894 d nm
Jacob b 1897 d m Lillian Donahue

Philemon & Mary left for Australia from Penzance, Cornwall

Mavis Deamer Mary Philemon

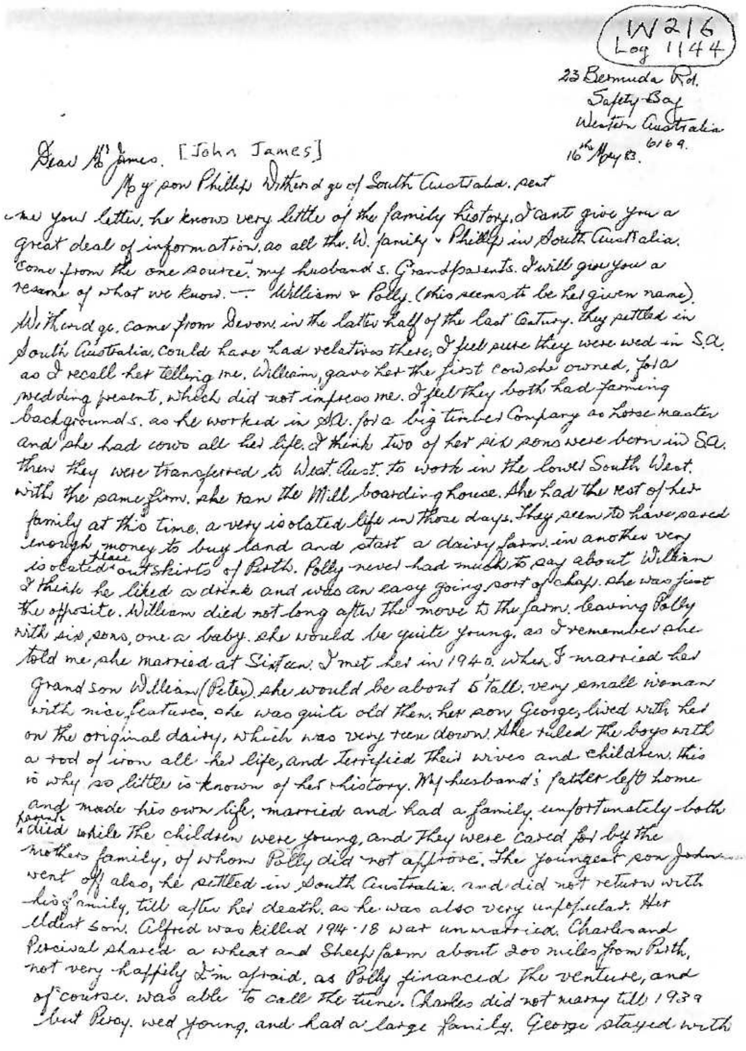
Also see a larger version of this picture on p. 26.

Rob and Cathy's "Covid project," built by Rob during the pandemic. See his email on p. 19.


Mavis Deamer
Mary
Philemon

Mary and Philemon with Mavis Deamer; see Rob's email on p. 16.

Letter from Mavis Witheridge to John James about the family of her husband, Peter (aka William) Witheridge; see Tom Witheridge's email to Rob Staples on p. 15. Mr. James was a Witheridge descendant living in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. A larger copy of this document (W216) is located in folder 1.63g.



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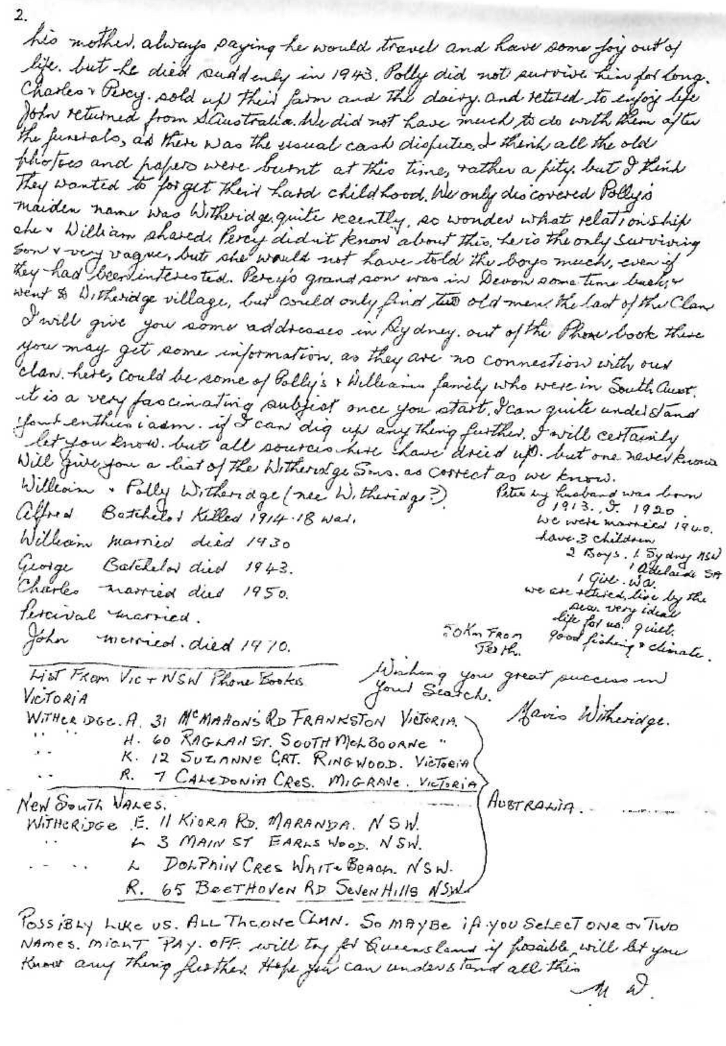
Log 1144

23 Bermuda Rd.
Safety Bay
Western Australia
6169.

16th May 83.

Dear Mr James. [John James]

My son Phillip Witheridge of South Australia. sent me your letter. he knows very little of the family history. I cant give you a great deal of information. as all the W. family + Phillip in South Australia. Come from the one source. my husband's. Grandparents. I will give you a resume of what we know. — William + Polly (this seems to be her given name). Witheridge. came from Devon. in the latter half of the last Century. they settled in South Australia. could have had relatives there. I feel sure they were wed in S.A. as I recall her telling me. William, gave her the first cow she owned, for a wedding present, which did not impress me. I feel they both had farming backgrounds. as he worked in SA. for a big timber Company as horse master and she had cows all her life. I think two of her six sons were born in SA. then they were transferred to West. Aust. to work in the lower South West. with the same firm. she ran the Mill boarding house. She had the rest of her family at this time. a very isolated life in those days. They seem to have saved enough money to buy land and start a dairy farm. in another very isolated place outskirts of Perth. Polly never had much to say about William I think he liked a drink and was an easy going sort of chap. she was just the opposite. William died not long after the move to the farm. leaving Polly with six, sons, one a baby. she would be quite young. as I remember she told me, she married at Sixteen. I met her in 1940. when I married her Grand son William (Peter). she would be about 5' tall. very small woman with nice, features. she was quite old then. her son George, lived with her on the original dairy, which was very run down. She ruled the boys with a rod of iron all her life, and terrified their wives and children. this is why so little is known of her history. My husband's father left home and made his own life, married and had a family. unfortunately both parents died while the children were young, and they were cared for by the mothers family, of whom Polly did not approve. The youngest son John went off also, he settled in South Australia. and did not return with his family, till after her death. as he was also very unpopular. Her Eldest son. Alfred was killed 1914-18 war unmarried. Charles and Percival shared a wheat and Sheep farm about 200 miles from Perth, not very happily I'm afraid. as Polly financed the venture, and of course. was able to call the tune. Charles did not marry till 1939 but Percy. wed young, and had a large family. George stayed with



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his mother. always saying he would travel and have some joy out of life. but he died suddenly in 1943. Polly did not survive him for long. Charles + Percy. sold up their farm and the dairy. and retired to enjoy life John returned from S.Australia. We did not have much to do with them after the funerals, as there was the usual cash disputes. I think all the old photos and papers were burnt at this time, rather a pity. but I think they wanted to forget their hard childhood. We only discovered Polly's maiden name was Witheridge. quite recently. so wonder what relationship she + William shared. Percy didn't know about this. he is the only surviving son + very vague, but she would not have told the boys much, even if they had been interested. Percy's grandson was in Devon some time back, + went to Witheridge village, but could only find two old men the last of the Clan I will give you some addresses in Sydney. out of the Phone book there you may get some information. as they are no connection with our clan. here, could be some of Polly's + William's family who were in South Aust. it is a very fascinating subject once you start. I can quite understand your enthusiasm. if I can dig up any thing further. I will certainly let you know. but all sources here have dried up. but one never knows Will give you a list of the Witheridge Sons. as correct as we know.

William + Polly Witheridge (nee Witheridge?)
Alfred Batchelor Killed 1914-18 war.
William married died 1930
George Batchelor died 1943.
Charles married died 1950.
Percival married.
John married. died 1970.

Peter my husband was born 1913. I. 1920
we were married 1940.
have 3 children
2 Boys. 1 Sydney NSW
1 Adelaide SA
1 Girl. WA.
we are retired, live by the sea. very ideal life for us. quiet. good fishing + climate.

50Km From Perth.

Wishing you great success in your Search.

Mavis Witheridge.

List From Vic + NSW Phone Books
VICTORIA
WITHERIDGE. A. 31 McMAHON'S RD FRANKSTON VICTORIA.
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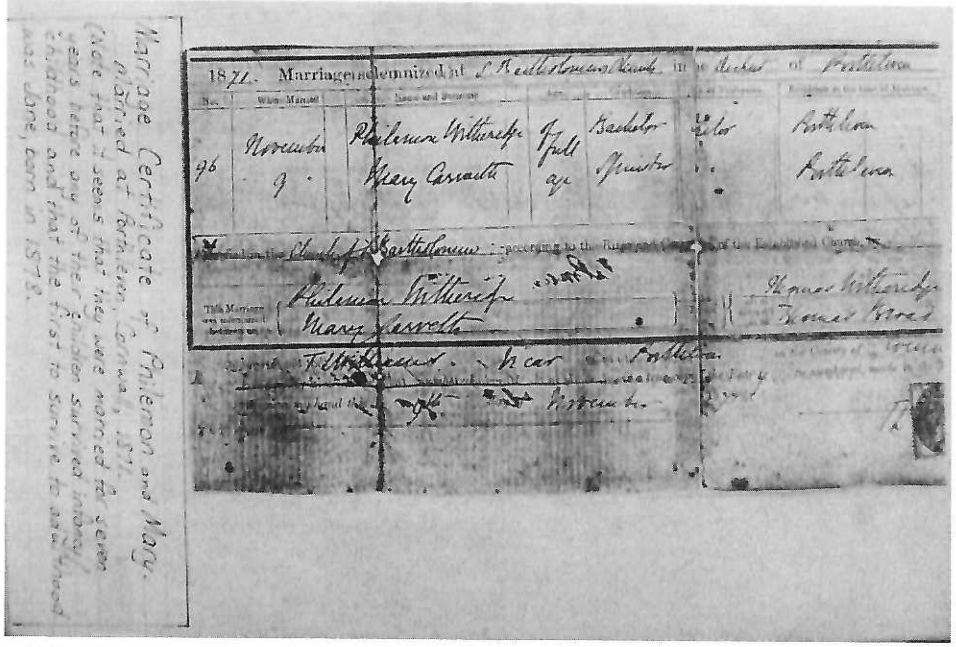
" K. 12 SUZANNE CRT. RINGWOOD. VICTORIA
" R. 7 CALEDONIA CRES. MULGRAVE. VICTORIA

NEW SOUTH WALES.
WITHERIDGE E. 11 KIORA RD. MARANDA. NSW.
" L 3 MAIN ST EARLS WOOD. NSW.
" " L DOLPHIN CRES WHITE BEACH. NSW.
R. 65 BEETHOVEN RD SEVEN HILLS NSW.

AUSTRALIA.

POSSIBLY LIKE US. ALL THE ONE CLAN. SO MAYBE IF YOU SELECT ONE OR TWO NAMES. MIGHT PAY. OFF. will try for Queensland if possible, will let you know any thing further. Hope you can understand all this

M W.



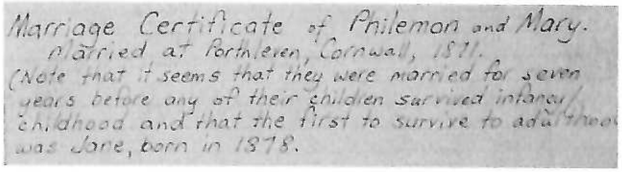
| 1871. Marriage solemnized at St Bartholomew's Church in the Parish of Porthleven | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When Married | Name and Surname | Age | Condition | Rank or Profession | Residence at the time of Marriage |
| 96 | November 9 | Philemon Witheridge<br>Mary Carvarth | Full age | Bachelor<br>Spinster | Sailor | Porthleven<br>Porthleven |

Married in the Church of St Bartholomew according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Philemon Witheridge, Mary Carvarth; in the Presence of us, Thomas Witheridge, Thomas [illegible]

Marriage Certificate of Philemon and Mary.
Married at Porthleven, Cornwall, 1871.
(Note that it seems that they were married for seven years before any of their children survived infancy/childhood and that the first to survive to adulthood was Jane, born in 1878.

Marriage certificate of Philemon Witheridge and Mary Carvarth; they were married in Porthleven, Cornwall, England, in 1871. See Rob's email on p. 11.



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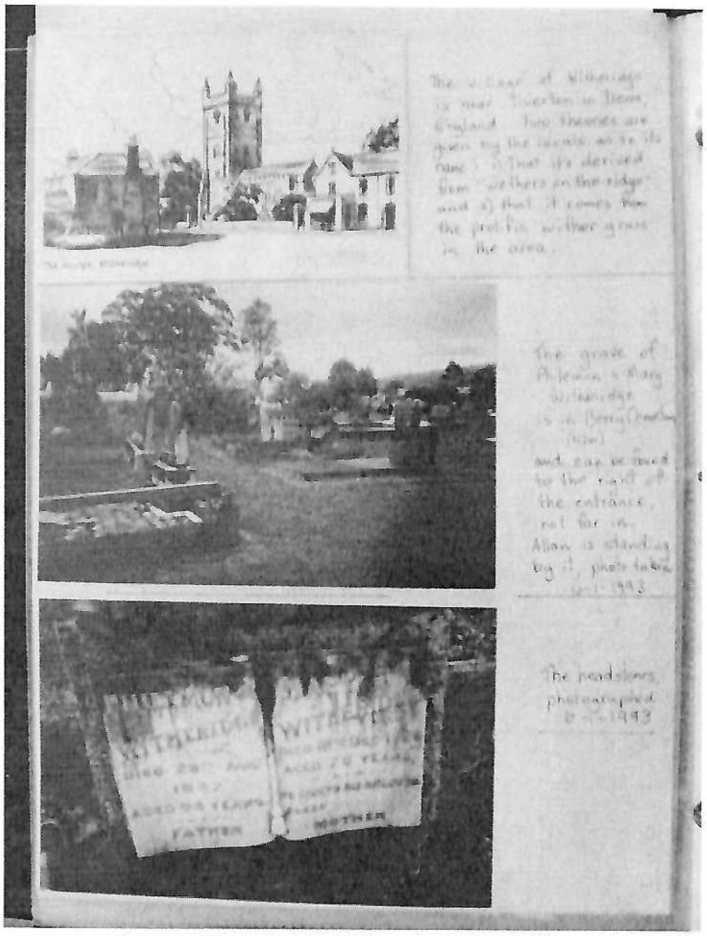
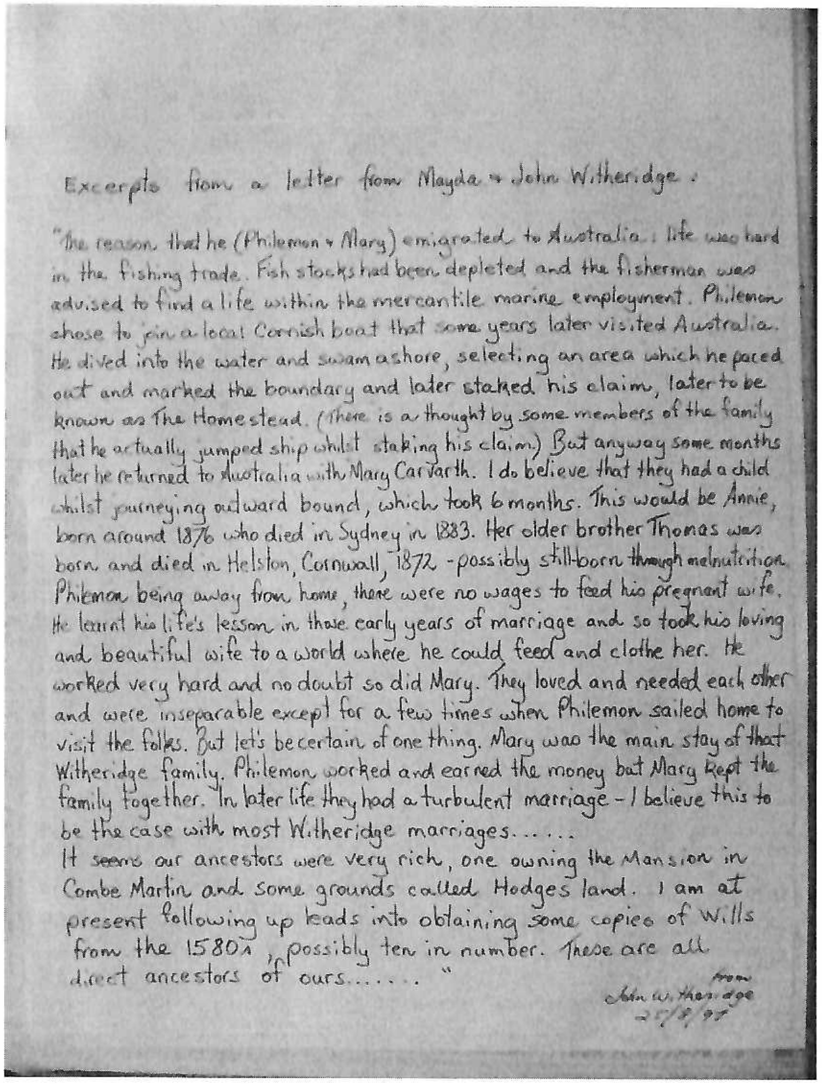


The village of Witheridge is near Tiverton in Devon, England. Two theories are given by the locals as to its name: 1) That it's derived from "wethers on the ridge" and 2) that it comes from the prolific wither grass in the area.

The grave of Philemon & Mary Witheridge is in Berry Cemetery (NSW) and can be found to the right of the entrance, not far in. Allan is standing by it, photo taken [illegible] 1993

The headstone, photographed [illegible] 1993

Excerpts from a family notebook; see Rob's email on p. 5.



Excerpts from a letter from Mayda & John Witheridge.

"The reason that he (Philemon & Mary) emigrated to Australia: life was hard in the fishing trade. Fish stocks had been depleted and the fisherman was advised to find a life within the mercantile marine employment. Philemon chose to join a local Cornish boat that some years later visited Australia. He dived into the water and swam ashore, selecting an area which he paced out and marked the boundary and later staked his claim, later to be known as The Homestead. (There is a thought by some members of the family that he actually jumped ship whilst staking his claim) But anyway some months later he returned to Australia with Mary Carvarth. I do believe that they had a child whilst journeying outward bound, which took 6 months. This would be Annie, born around 1876 who died in Sydney in 1883. Her older brother Thomas was born and died in Helston, Cornwall, 1872 - possibly still-born through malnutrition. Philemon being away from home, there were no wages to feed his pregnant wife. He learnt his life's lesson in those early years of marriage and so took his loving and beautiful wife to a world where he could feed and clothe her. He worked very hard and no doubt so did Mary. They loved and needed each other and were inseparable except for a few times when Philemon sailed home to visit the folks. But let's be certain of one thing. Mary was the main stay of that Witheridge family. Philemon worked and earned the money but Mary kept the family together. In later life they had a turbulent marriage - I believe this to be the case with most Witheridge marriages......
It seems our ancestors were very rich, one owning the Mansion in Combe Martin and some grounds called Hodges land. I am at present following up leads into obtaining some copies of Wills from the 1580s, possibly ten in number. These are all direct ancestors of ours......"

from
John Witheridge
25/8/95

Left to right: George, Rob, David, Cathy, and Gillian Staples. See Rob's email on p. 8.

# Editor's Note

The document that starts on the next page, bringing this section to a close, was sent to me as an internet link by Rob Staples on October 6, 2021, at the height of the Covid pandemic. It consists of 66 screenshots I made in order to transform a YouTube video into a format suitable for this collection.

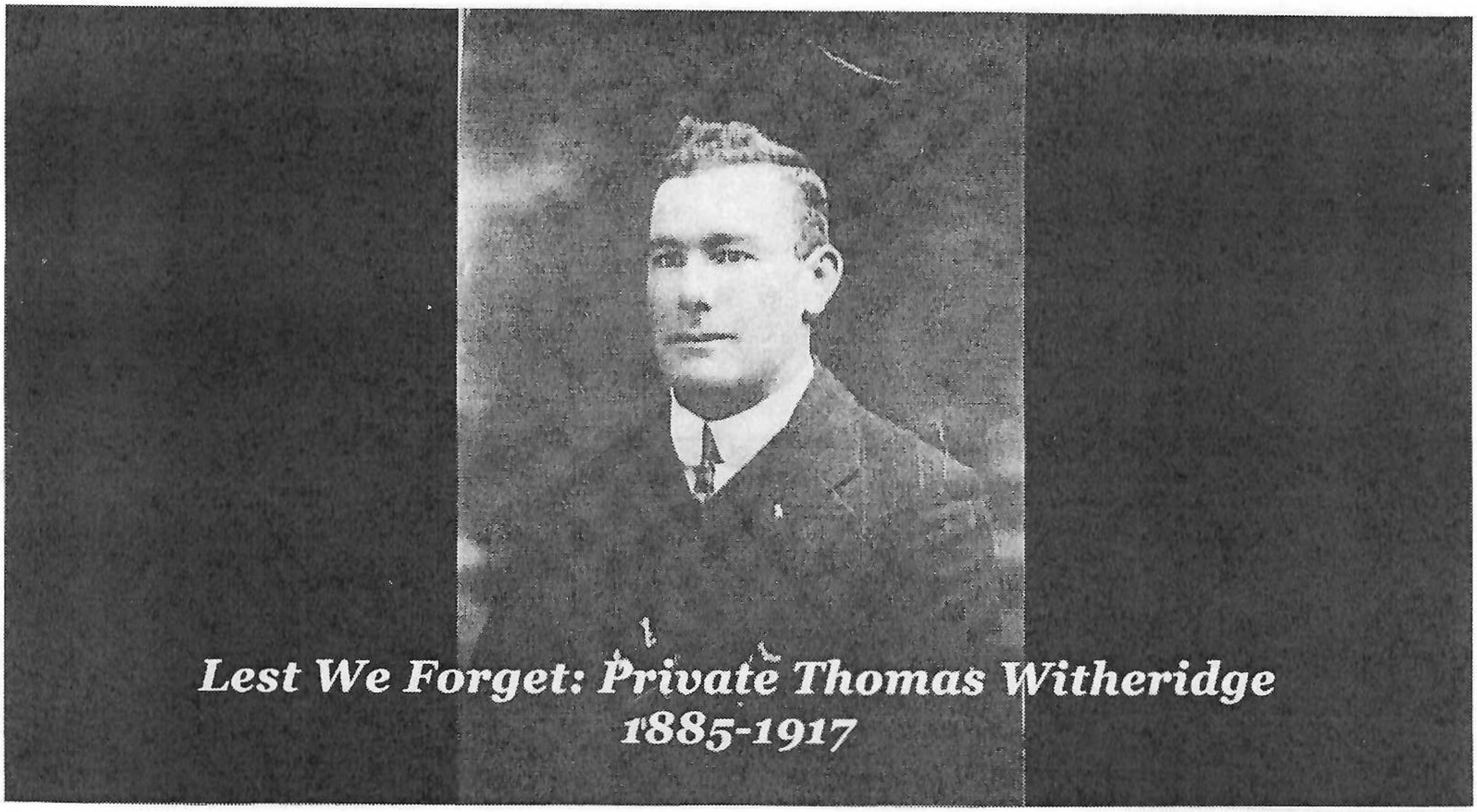
In Rob's own words, here is the provenance of the document:

> It is the story of my Great Uncle, Thomas Witheridge, who sadly was killed on the Somme in WWI and his brother Robert. The story was put together by another relative to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Tom's passing in March 1917. Many of the photos in the story were taken by me and there is a picture of me and Cathy [Rob's wife] at Thomas's grave in Bapaume, France taken in 2009. ... It is a sad but important story — I hope it is of interest to you. ... Rob Staples.

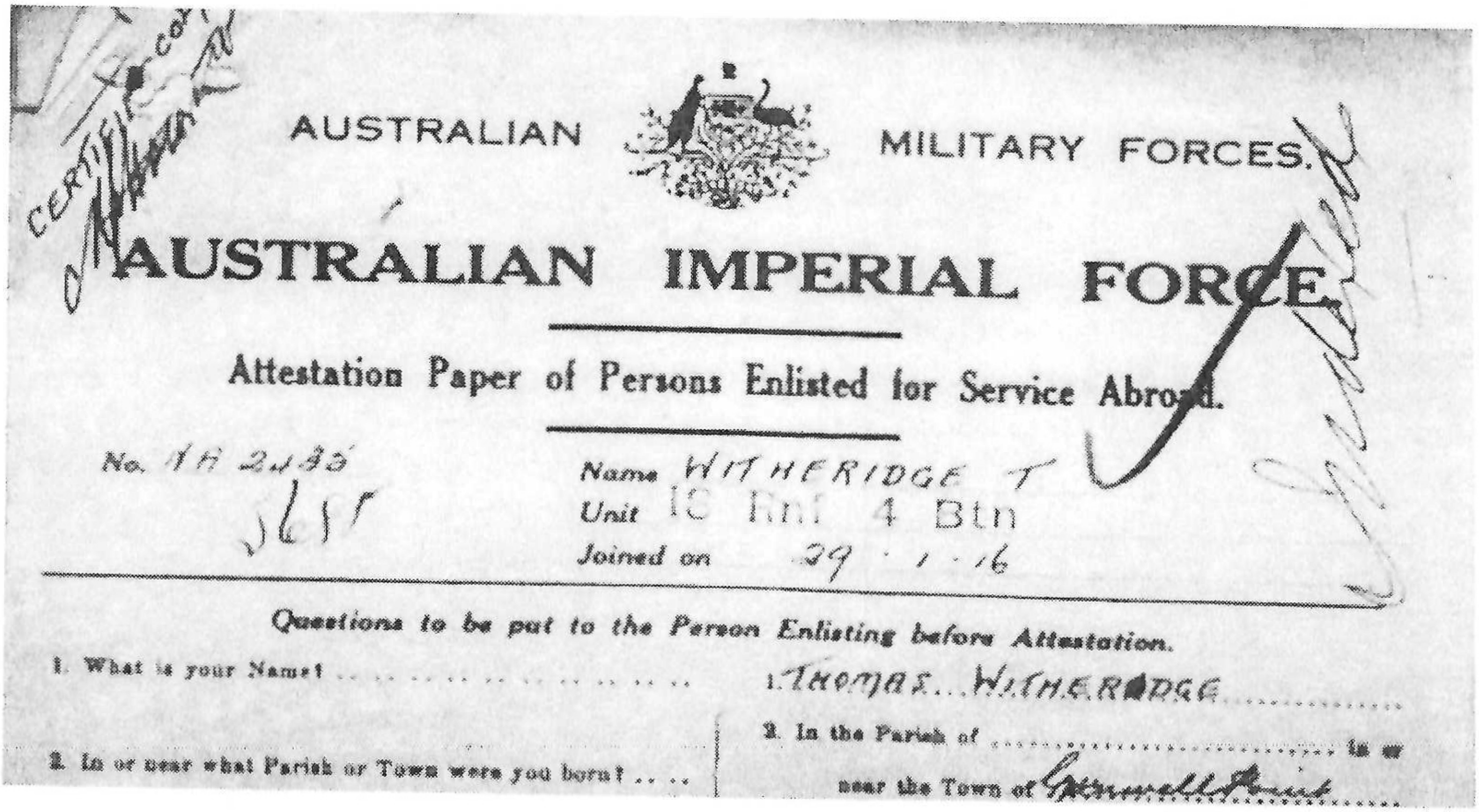
Here is a link to the YouTube video, which may or may not be accessible in perpetuity, although I sincerely hope it will be: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErkK0LiDxF0&feature=youtu.be

This very moving story has brought tears to my eyes twice — when I first watched the video, and when I transformed it into still pictures for this document.

Tom Witheridge
July 13, 2022



*Lest We Forget: Private Thomas Witheridge*
*1885-1917*



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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1A 2135
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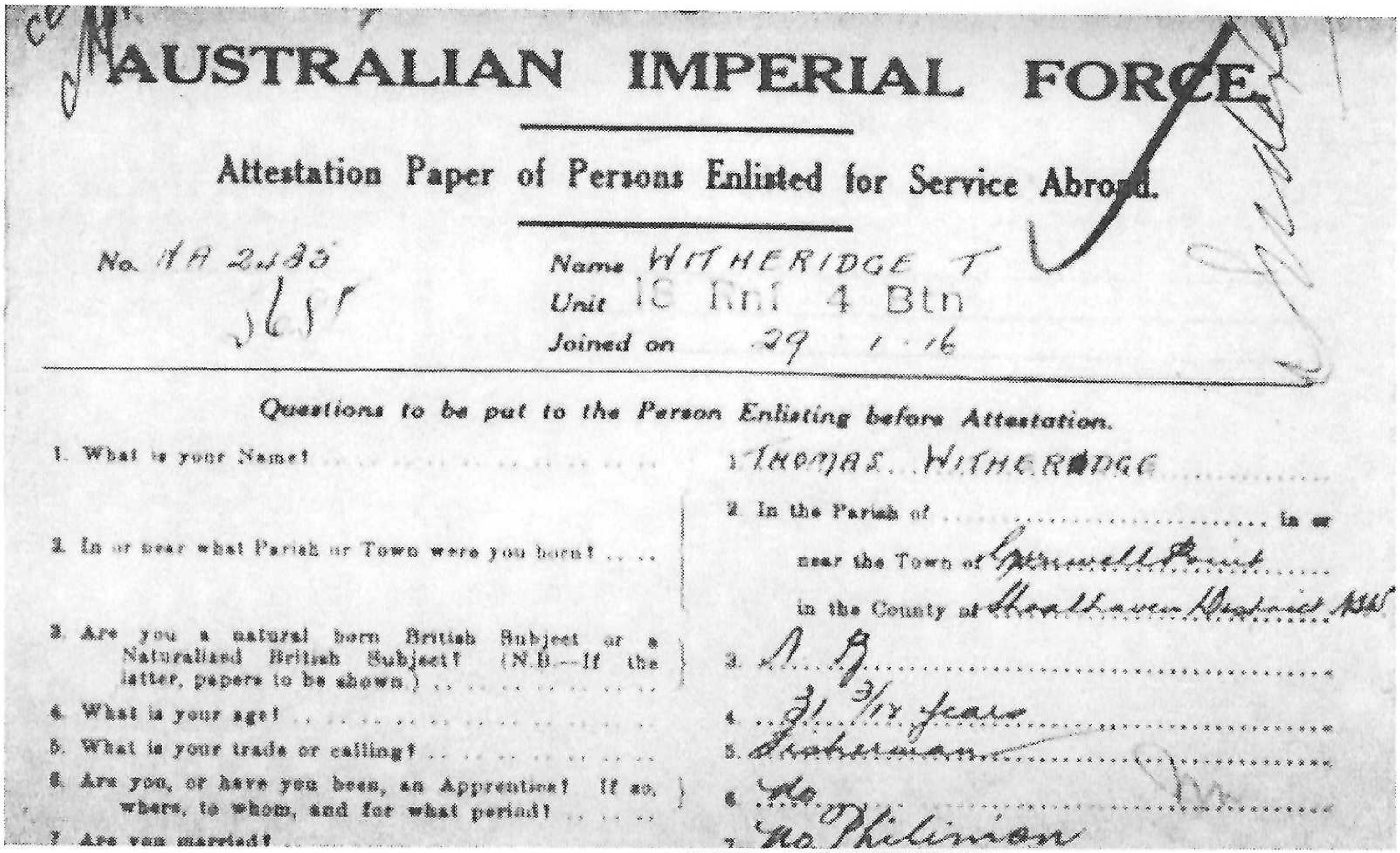
*Name* WITHERIDGE T
*Unit* 16 Rnf 4 Btn
*Joined on* 29 · 1 · 16

*Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.*

1. What is your Name? .......................... 1. THOMAS WITHERIDGE ..............

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ..... 2. In the Parish of .............................. in or near the Town of Greenwell Point ..........



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. AA 2135 3655
Name WITHERIDGE T
Unit 18 Rnf 4 Btn
Joined on 29 1 16

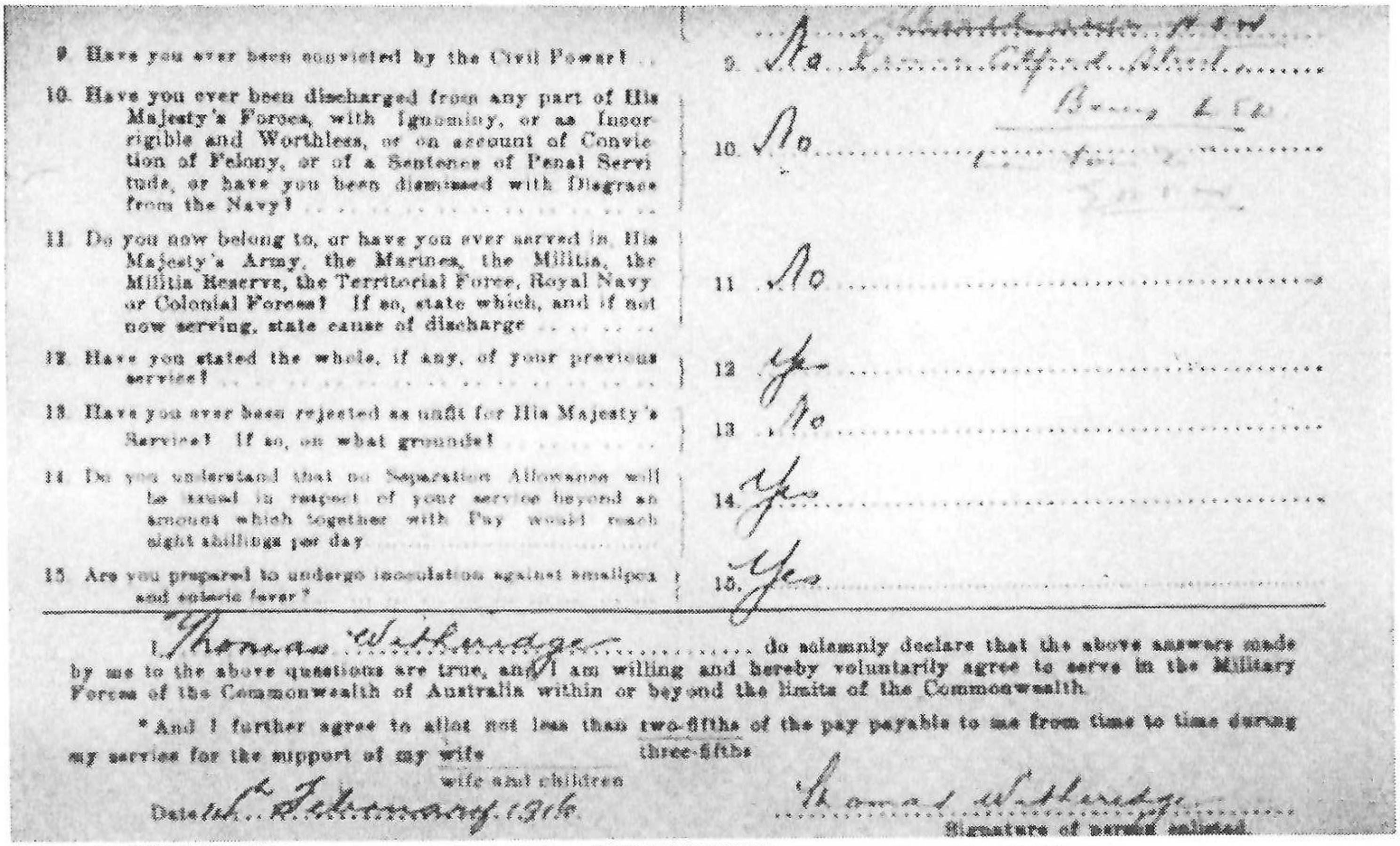
Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. What is your Name? | 1. THOMAS WITHERIDGE |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | 2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Greenwell Point in the County of Shoalhaven District NSW |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) | 3. N B |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. 31 3/12 years |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? | 5. Fisherman |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? | 6. No |
| 7. Are you married? | 7. No Philimon |

Thomas, together with his brother Robert, enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 29 January 1916 at Victoria Barracks, Liverpool.

Thomas, a Fisherman from Greenwell Point, Shoalhaven, NSW was 31 years of age.

Thomas was described as having a florid complexion, with grey eyes and brown hair, stood at 5 feet and 11 inches and weighed 180lbs (82kgs).



| | |
|---|---|
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? | 9. No |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? | 10. No |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge | 11 No |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? | 12 Yes |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? | 13. No |
| 14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day | 14. Yes |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? | 15. Yes |

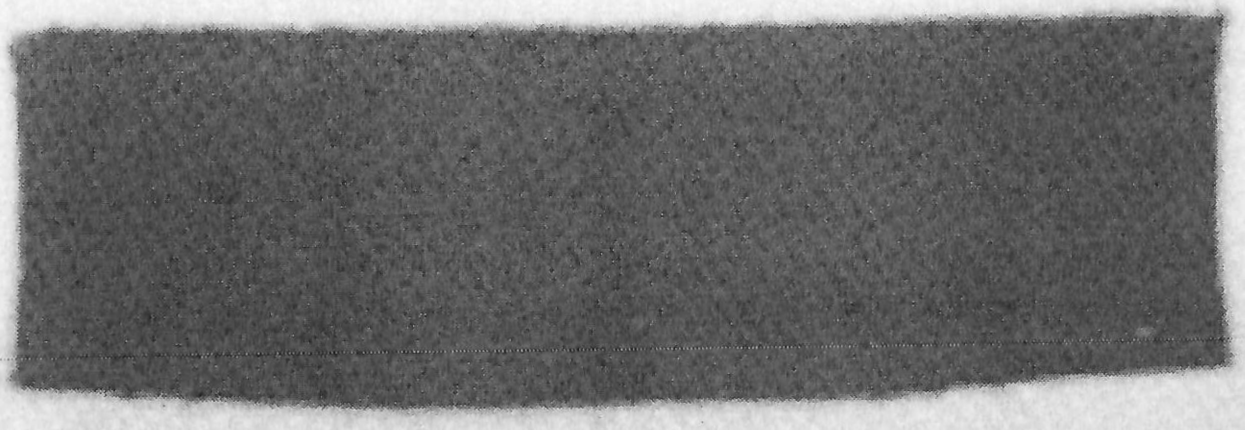
I, Thomas Witheridge do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

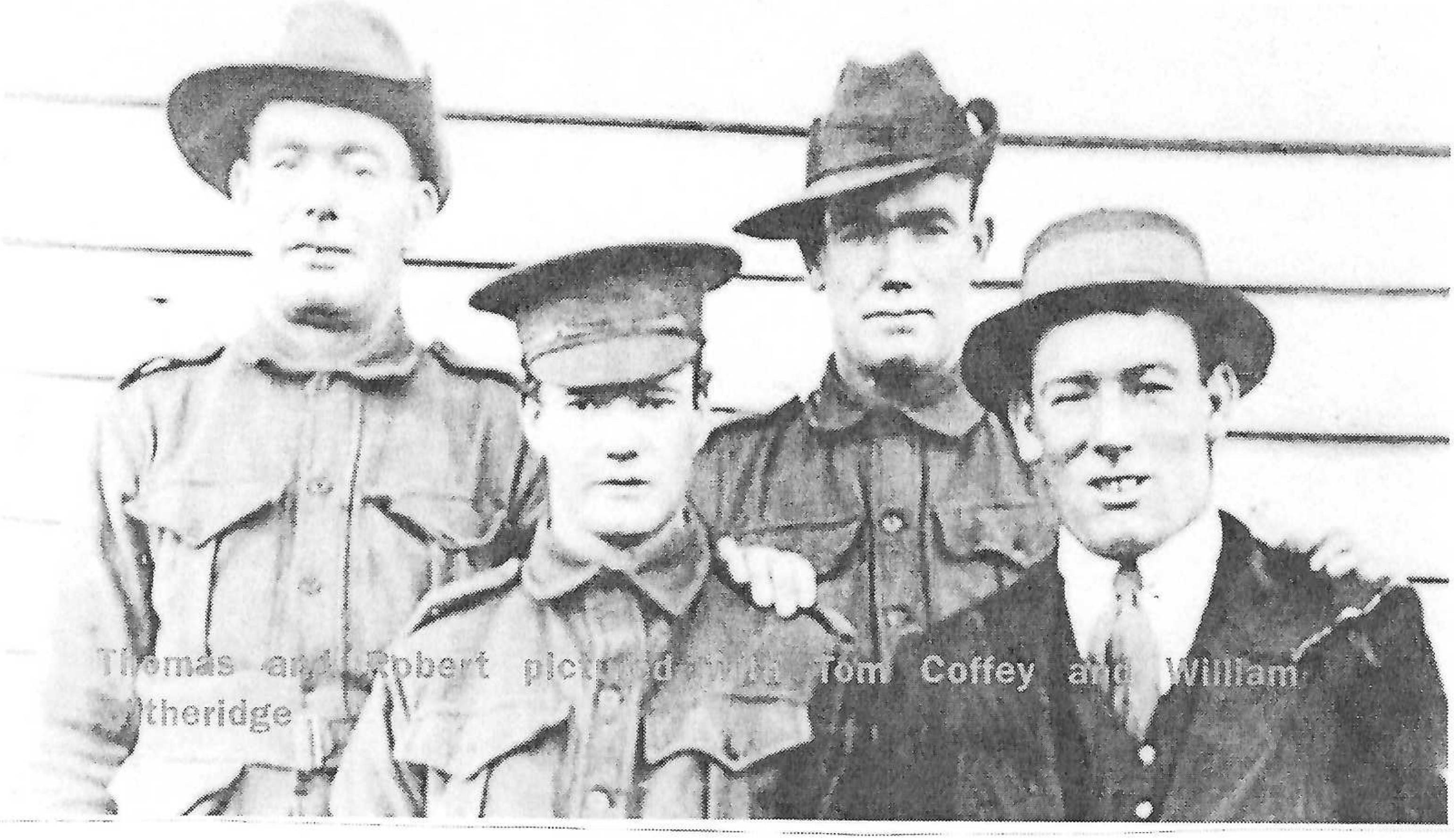
*And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths / three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife / wife and children

Date 1st February 1916

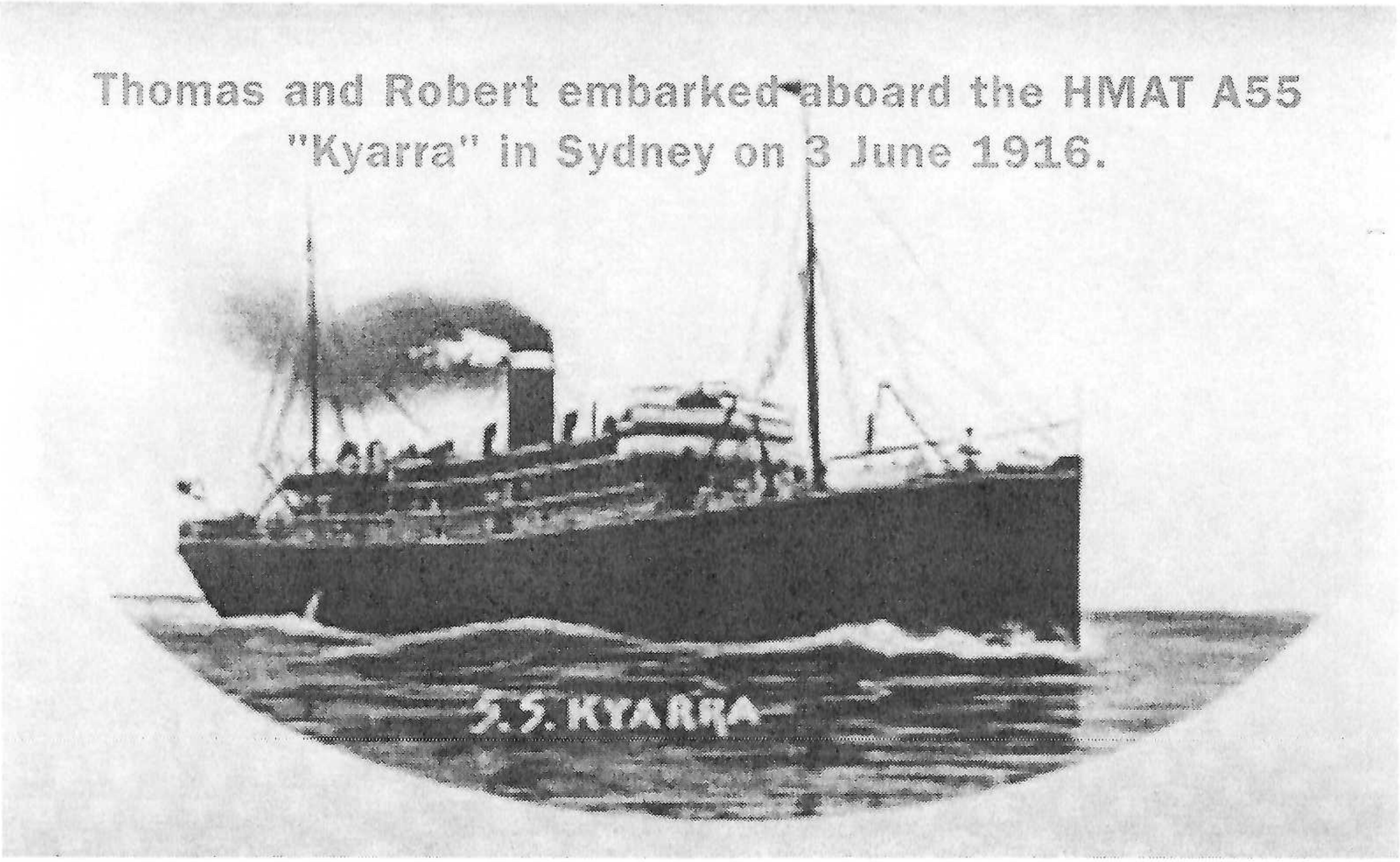
Thomas Witheridge
Signature of person enlisted

## Thomas and Robert joined the Australian Infantry Force 4th Battalion, 18th Reinforcement.



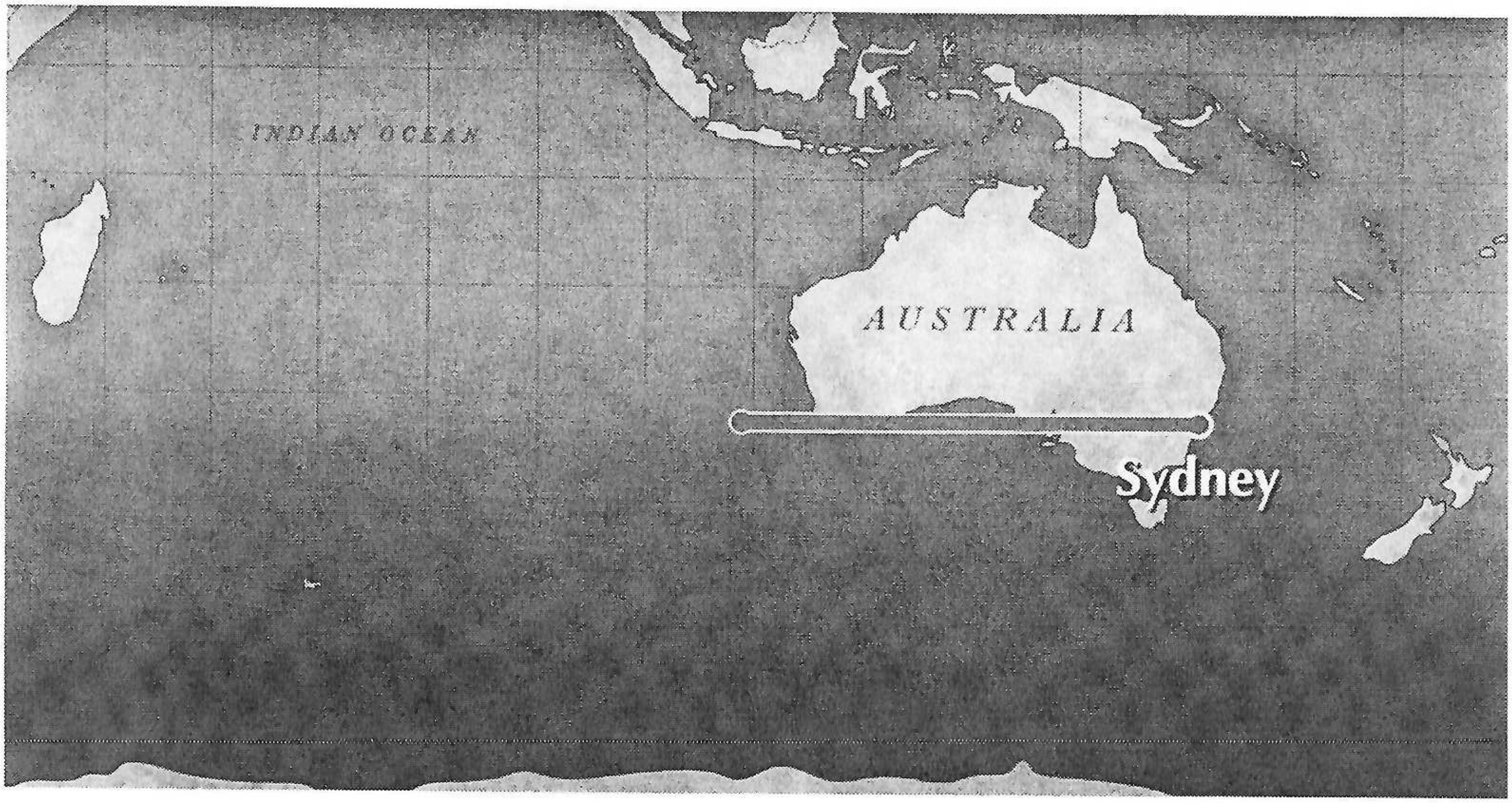


Thomas and Robert pictured with Tom Coffey and William itheridge



Thomas and Robert embarked aboard the HMAT A55 "Kyarra" in Sydney on 3 June 1916.

**During the voyage Thomas nearly died of appendicitis and disembarked at Capetown in South Africa on 23 July 1916 where he was transferred to hospital for an operation.**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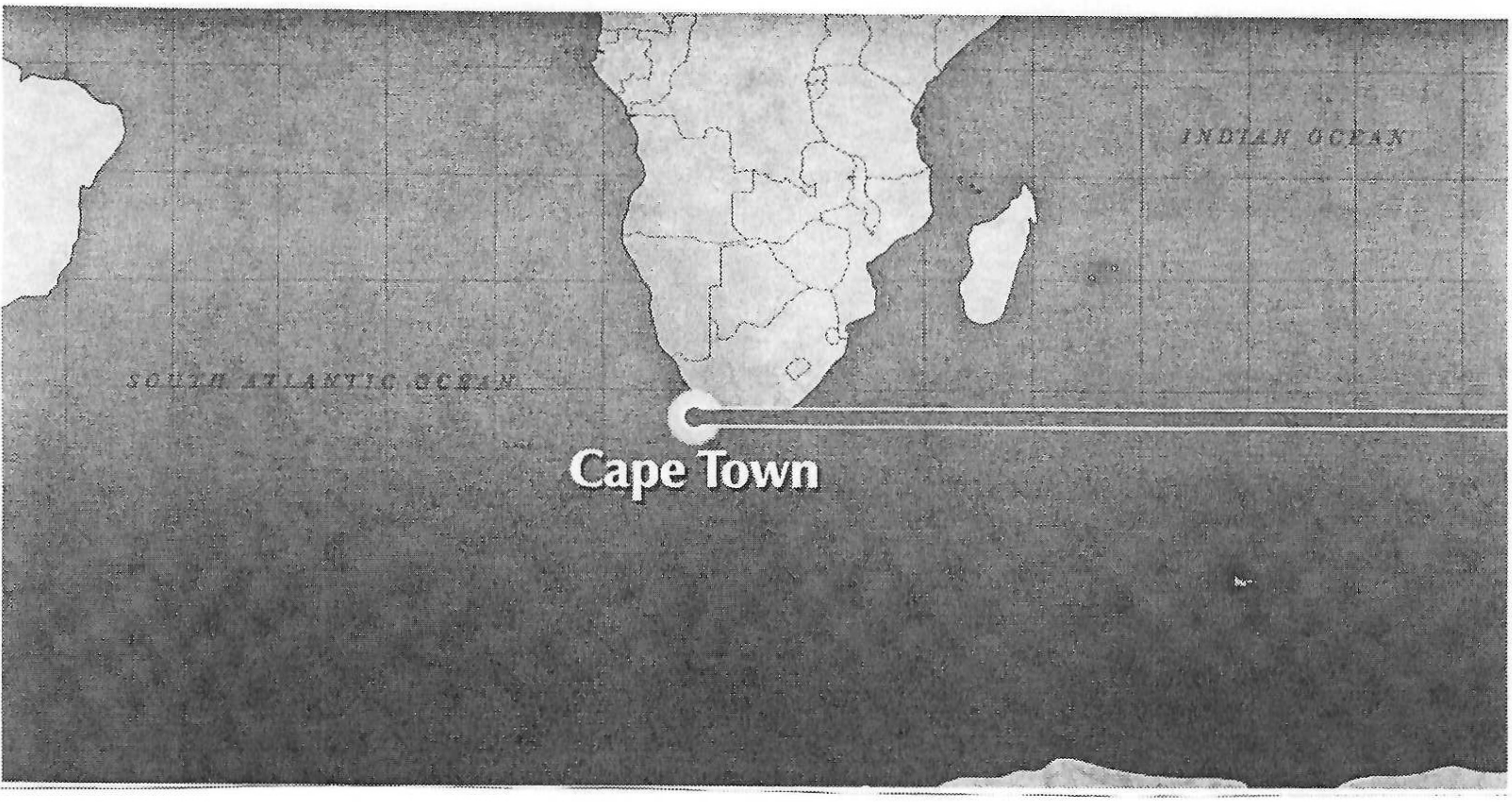
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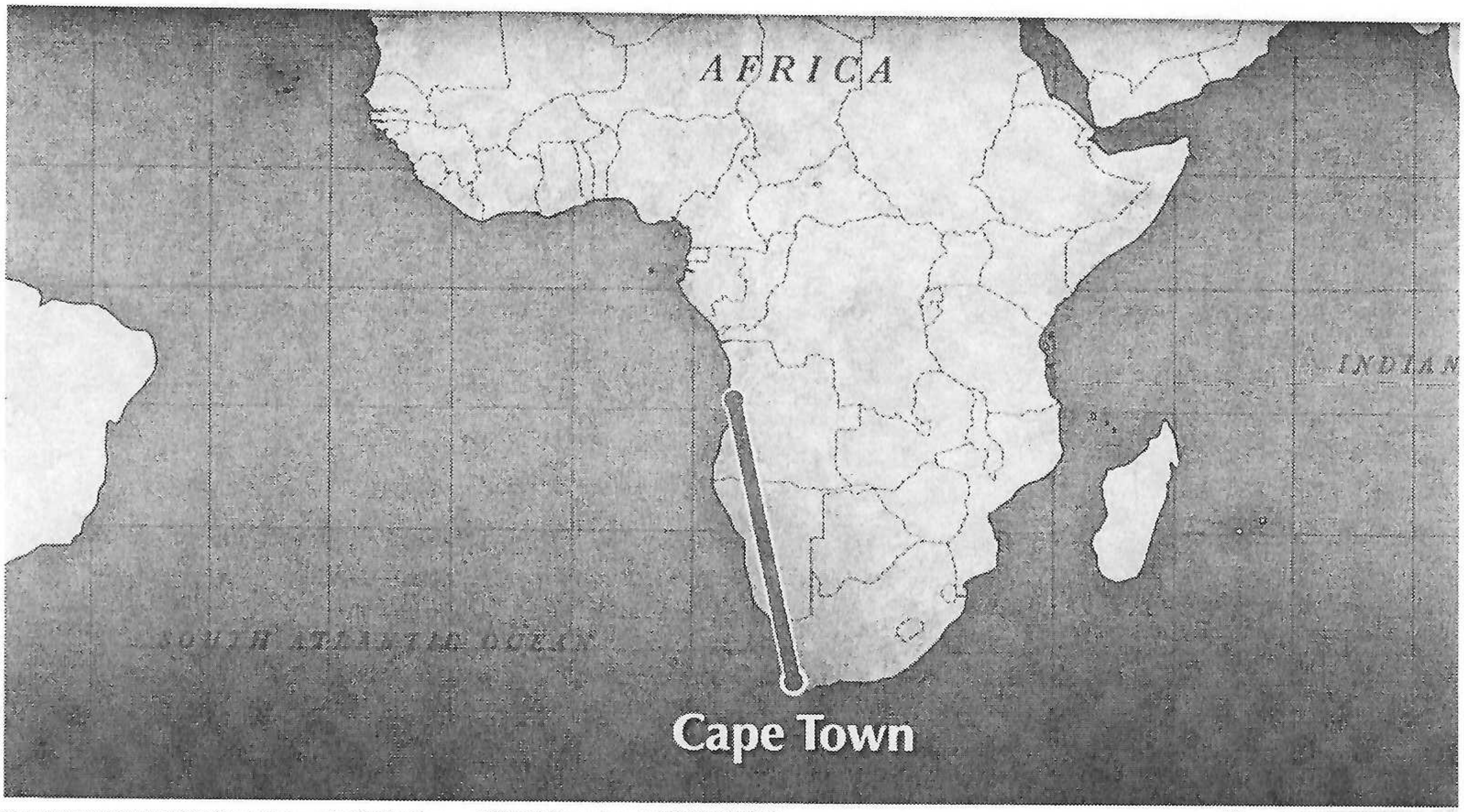
On 6 September 1916 he re-embarked the “Ballarat” for England.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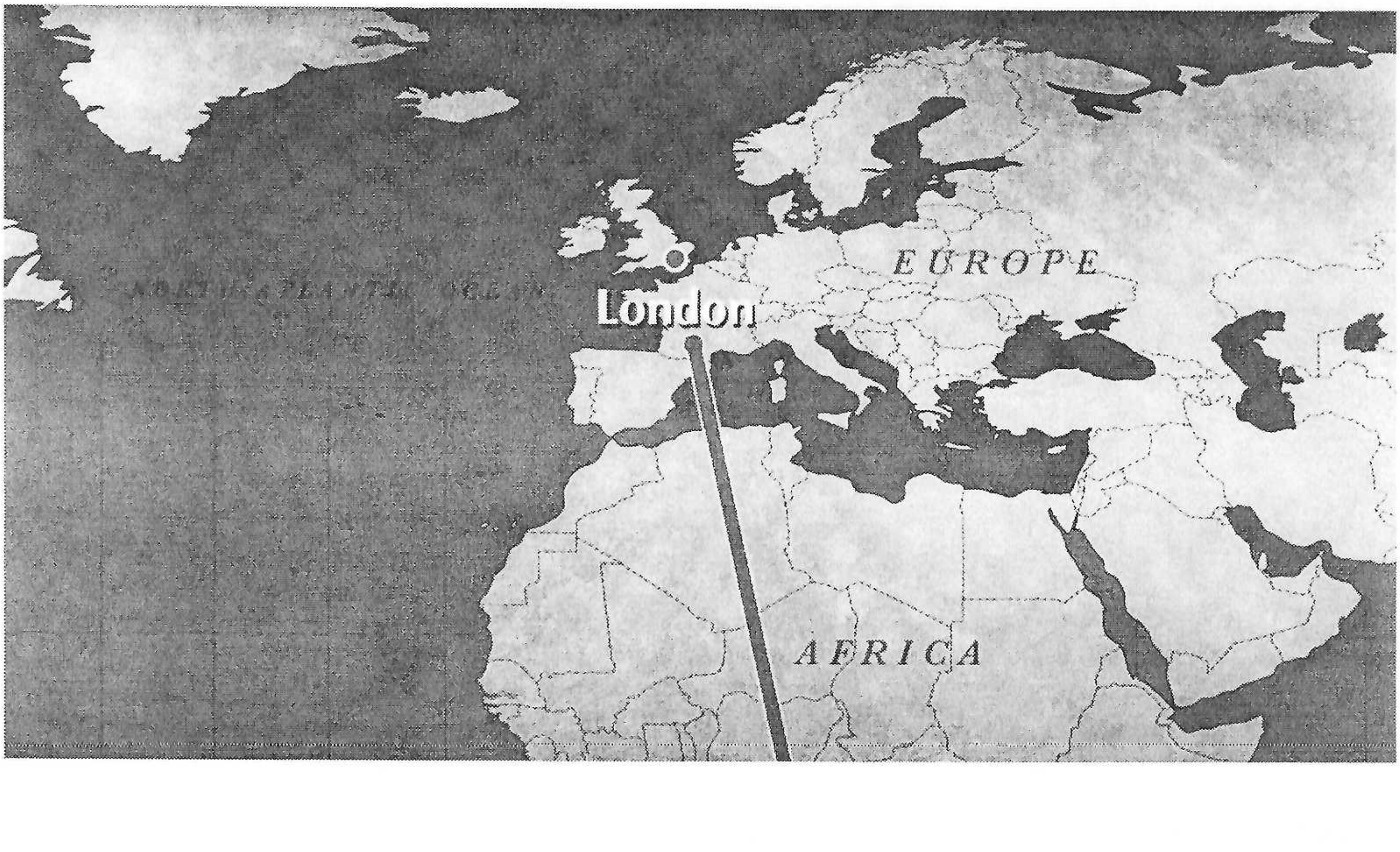
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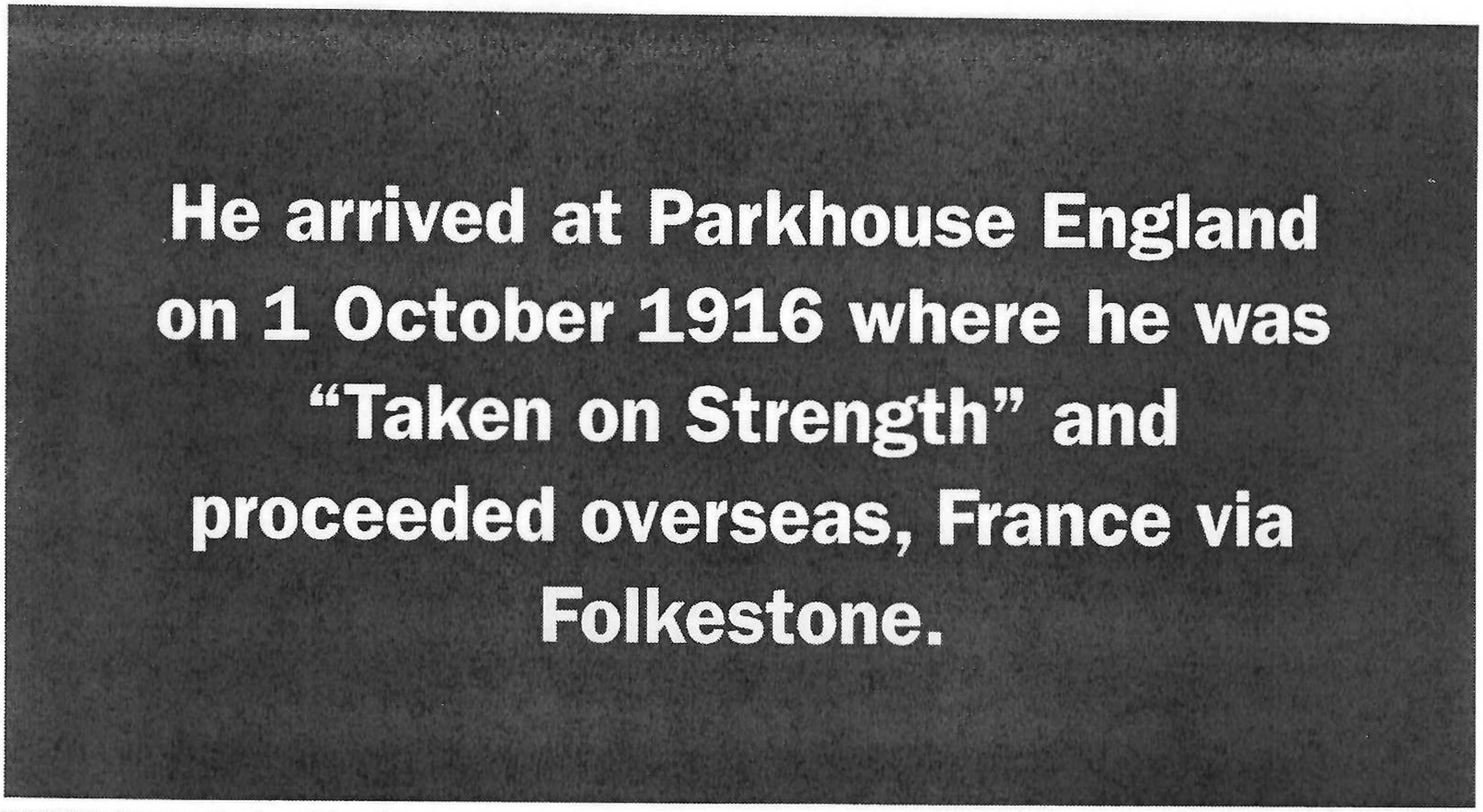
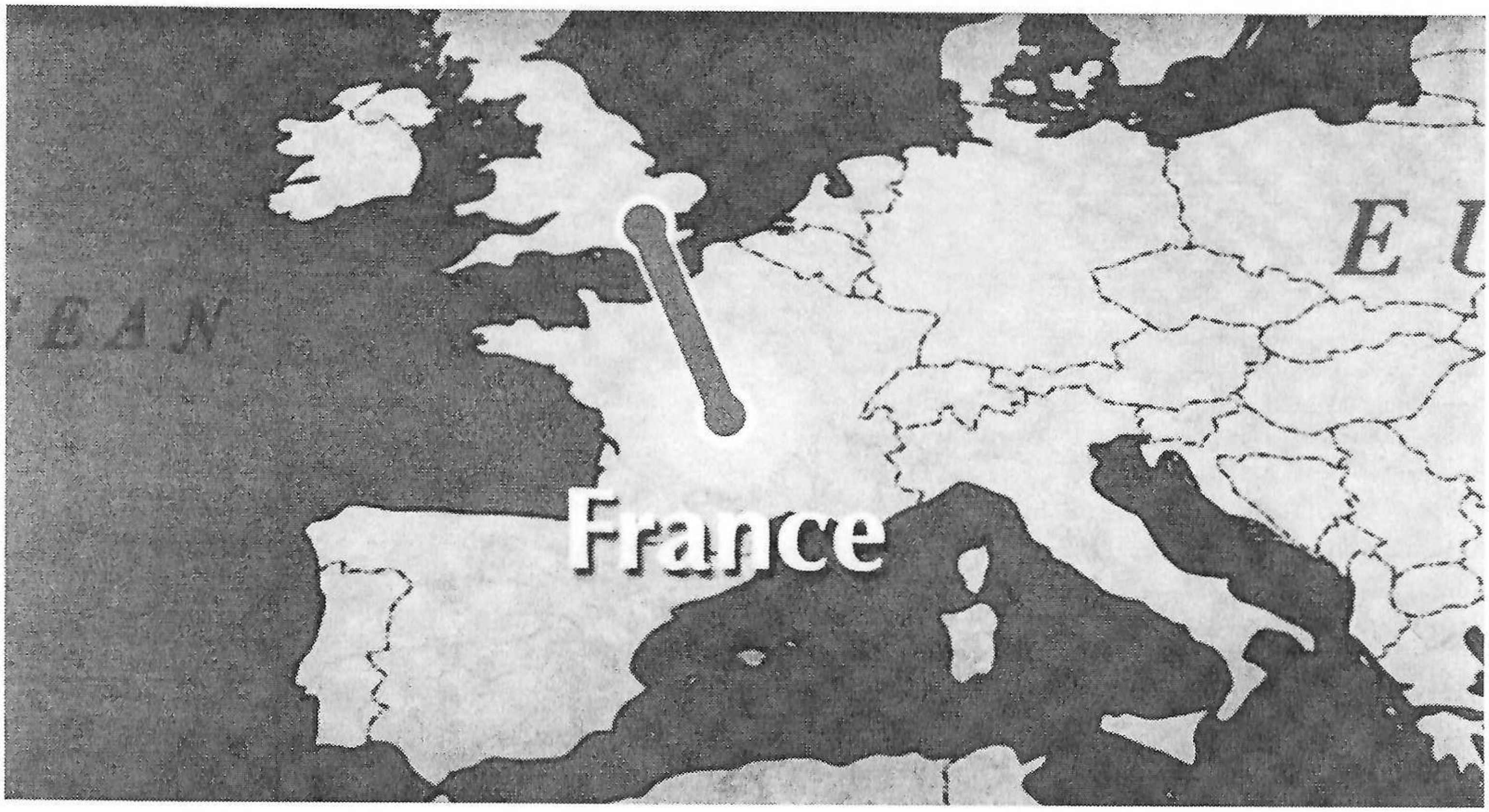
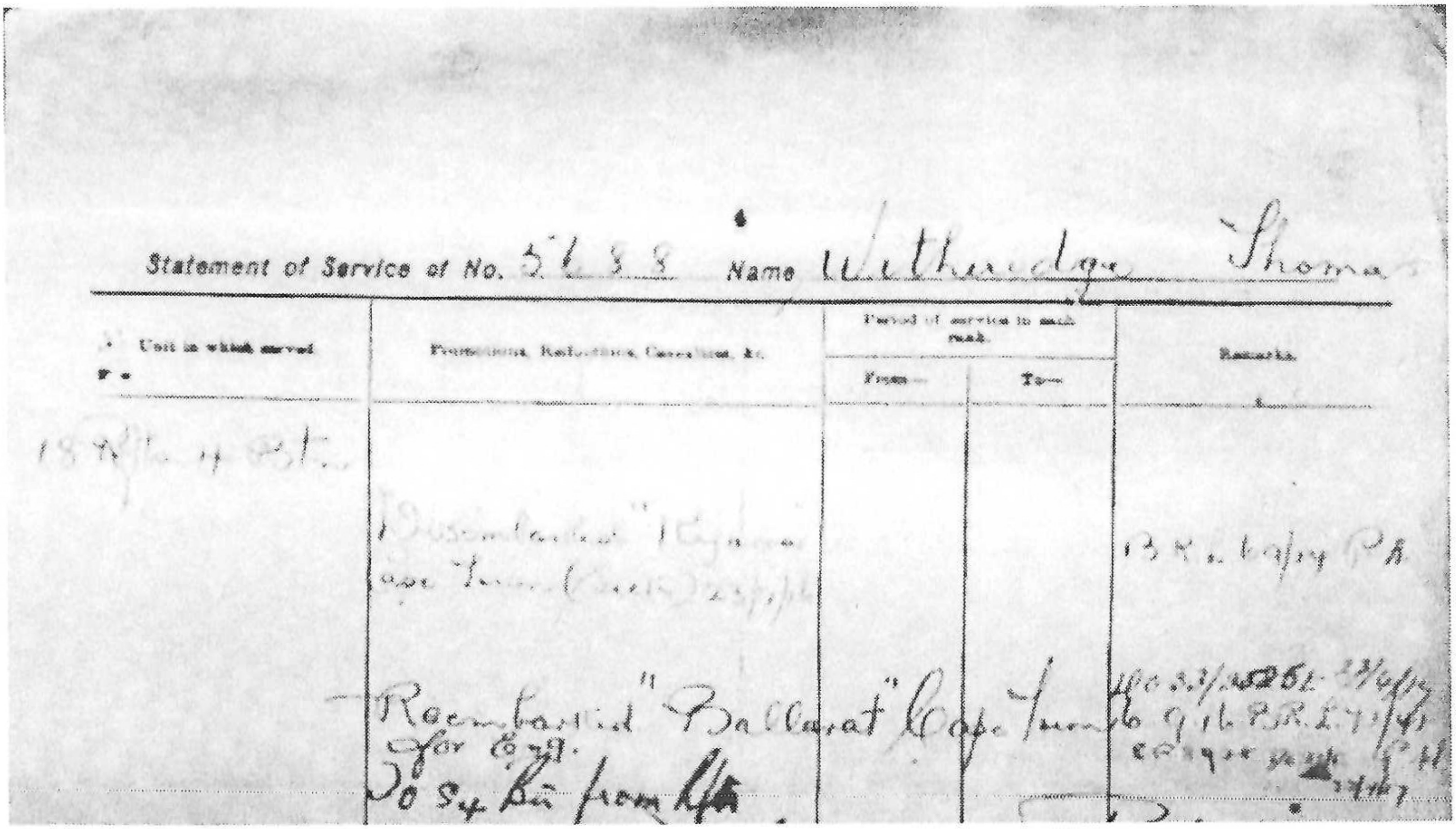


He arrived at Parkhouse England on 1 October 1916 where he was "Taken on Strength" and proceeded overseas, France via Folkestone.



Thomas joined the 4th Battalion on 20 December 1916. His casualty form showed he was **KILLED IN ACTION** in France on the 2 March 1917.



Statement of Service of No. 5688 Name Witheridge Thomas

| Unit in which served | Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c. | Period of service in each rank. | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | From— | To— | |
| 18 Rfts 4 Bt. | | | | |
| | Disembarked "Kyarra" Cape Town (Sick) 23/5/16 | | | B.R. 69/14 P.A. |
| | Re-embarked "Ballarat" Cape Town for Eng. | | | [illegible] |
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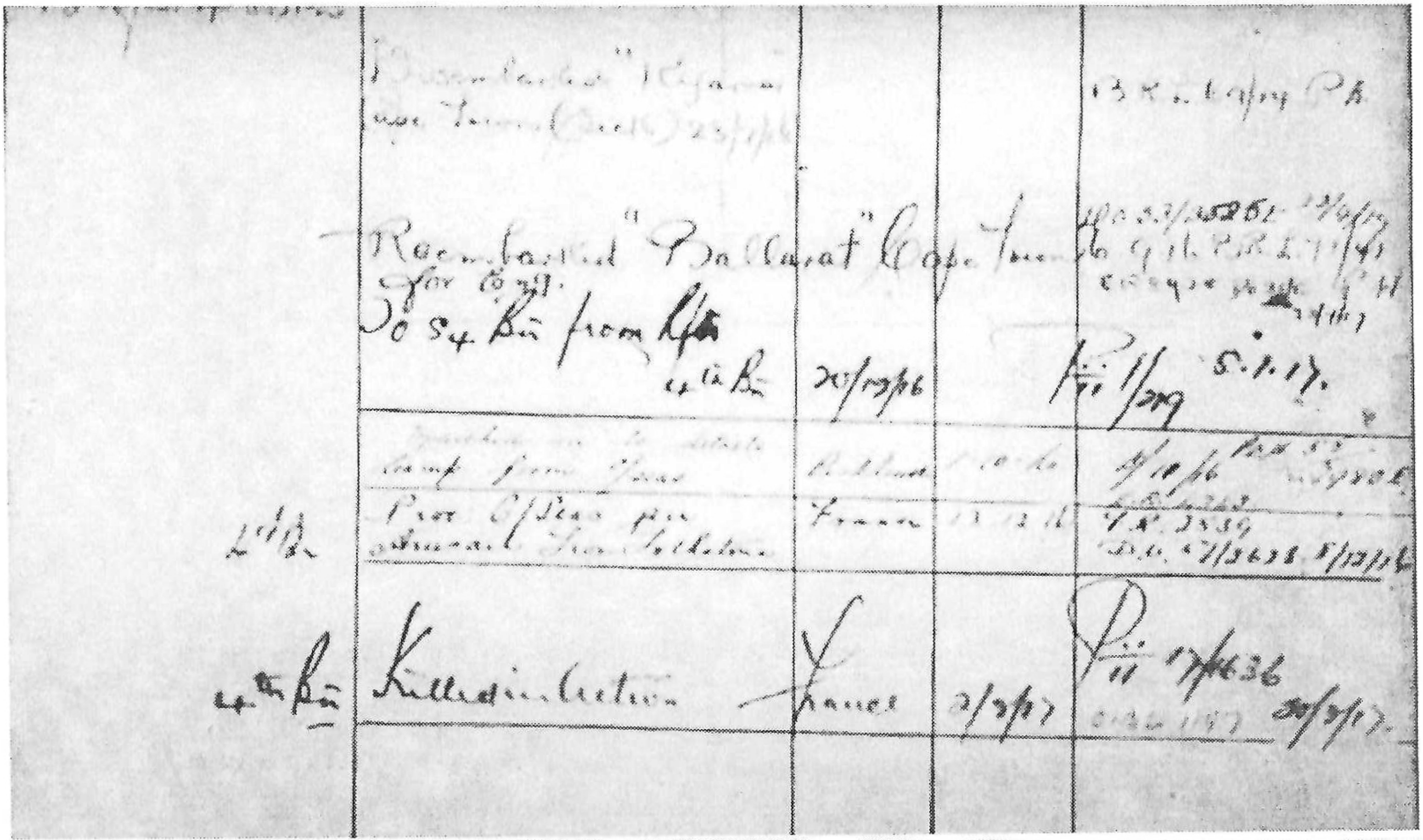

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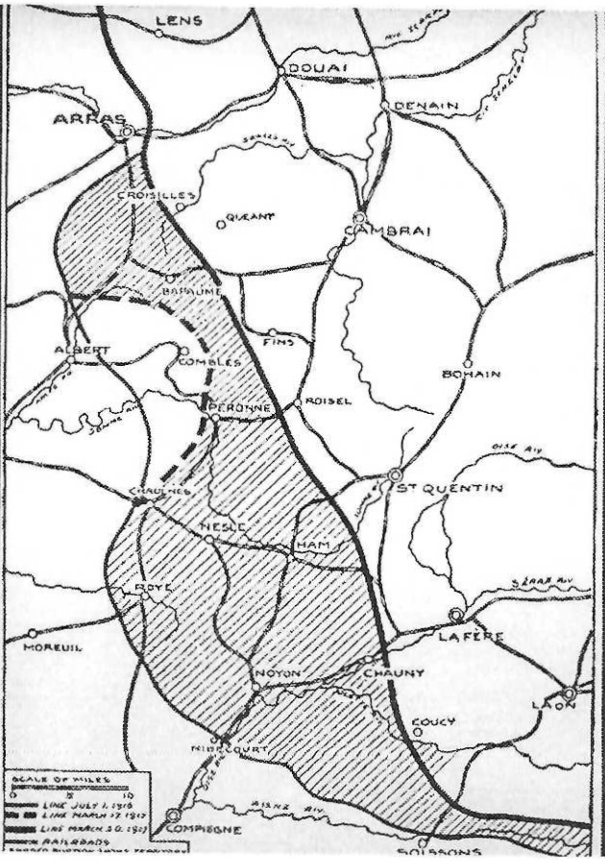
| | Reembarked "Ballarat" Cape Town for Engd. | | | [illegible] |
| | To 54 Bn from [illegible]<br>4th Bn | [illegible] | | [illegible] 5.1.17. |
| 4th Bn | [illegible] | France | 13.12.16 | [illegible] |
| 4th Bn | Killed in Action | France | 2/3/17 | [illegible] 20/3/17. |

While his service records provide no detail on the circumstances of his death, excerpts from the war diary of Private Francis V Addy, 4th Batallion (Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales) provide some background to the events leading up to his death.

**In late February 1917, the Germans commenced a mass withdrawal of troops as part of a strategic retreat to form a shorter defensive position known as the Hindenburg Line.**

**Initially unaware of the strategic change the Allies encountered little resistance and the 4th Battalion advanced westward towards Le Barque.**

**On March 2 there were a number of rearguard actions undertaken by the Germans by the Bapaume Road in an effort to retard their progress.**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LINE JULY 1, 1916
LINE MARCH 17, 1917
LINE MARCH 20, 1917
RAILROADS

**Sun. Feb. 25th:**

"Left Albert this morning on short notice. "Fritz" is said to be falling back & we are wanted to give him a helping hand.

Passed through Contalmaison & Bazentin to Bendigo Camp."

**Tues. 27th. Feb:**

"We relieved the 12th Bn. after they got tired of chasing "Jerry".

Don't quite understand what his move is but we are getting miles of country off of him."

Fri. Mar. 2nd:
""Fritz" came at us early this morning with a strong force.

He caught some posts napping but was driven off with far greater losses than our own.

Our rate of going forward must be too rapid to suit his falling back for he attacked right along the 1st & 2nd Brigade front.

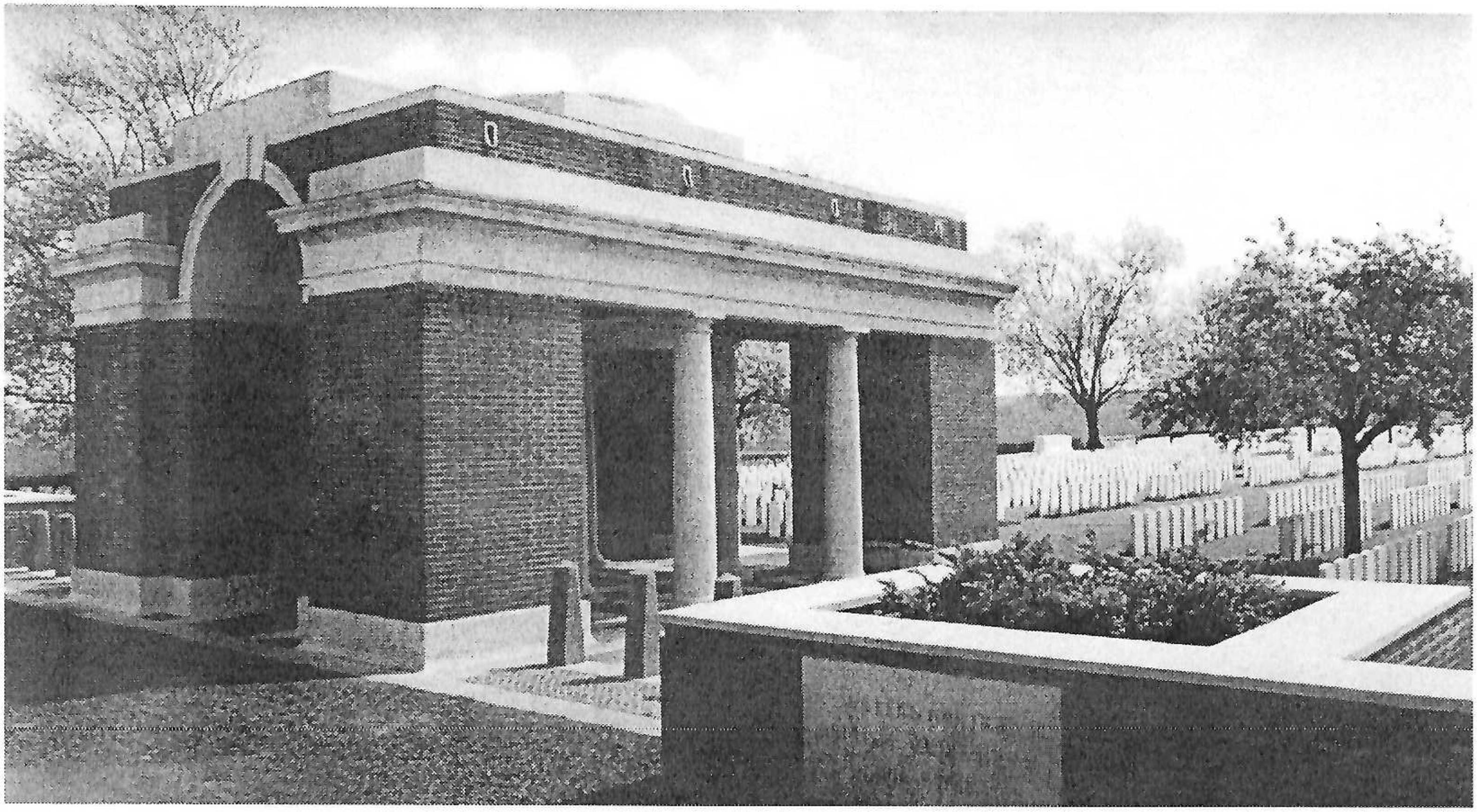
Big fog was on this morning & "Fritz" actually got to the entrance of the underground dugout of "C" Company's Hqrs. & put some bombs down..."

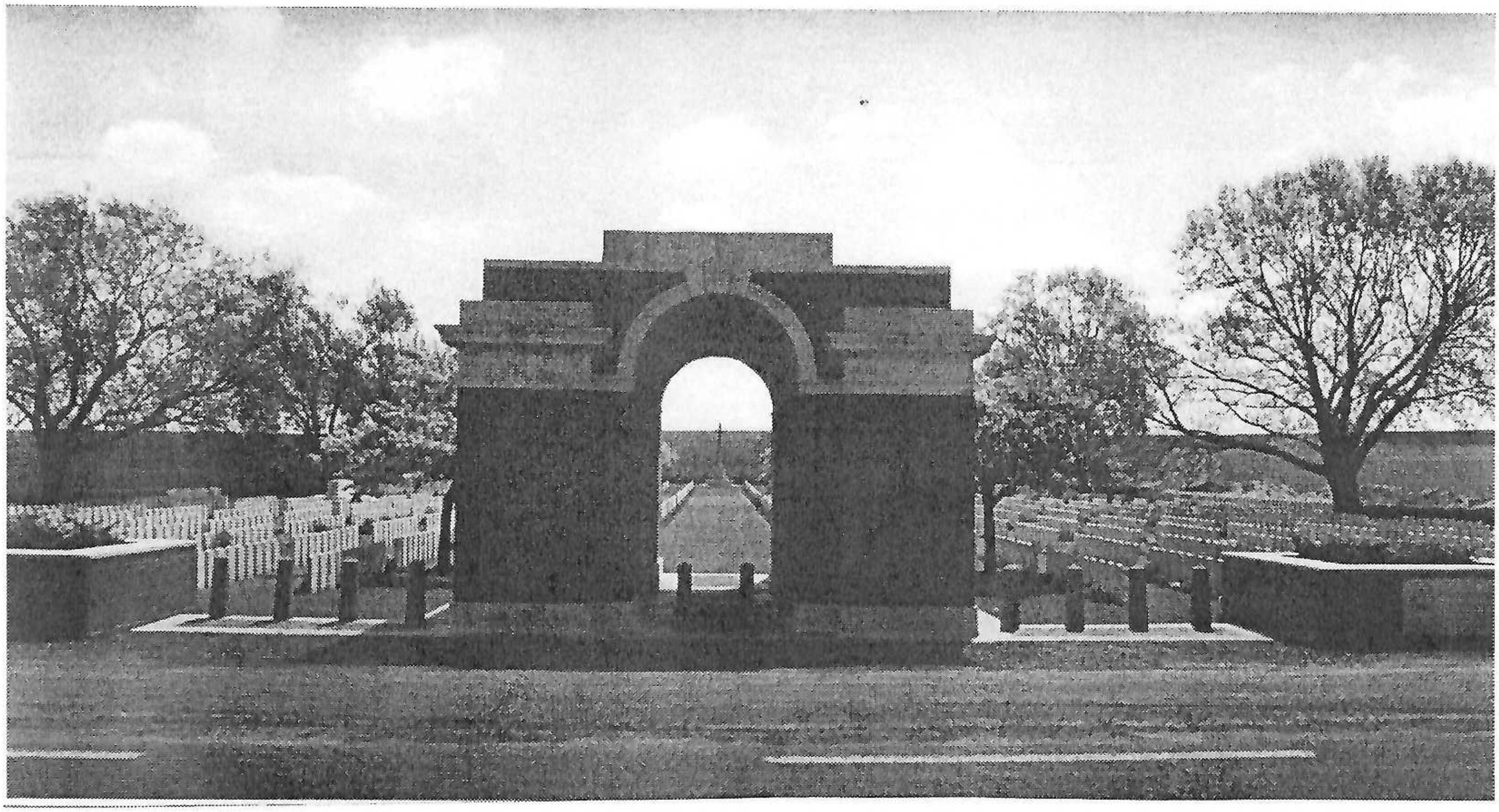
"...Losses on our side must be expected but we have lost some of our best men.

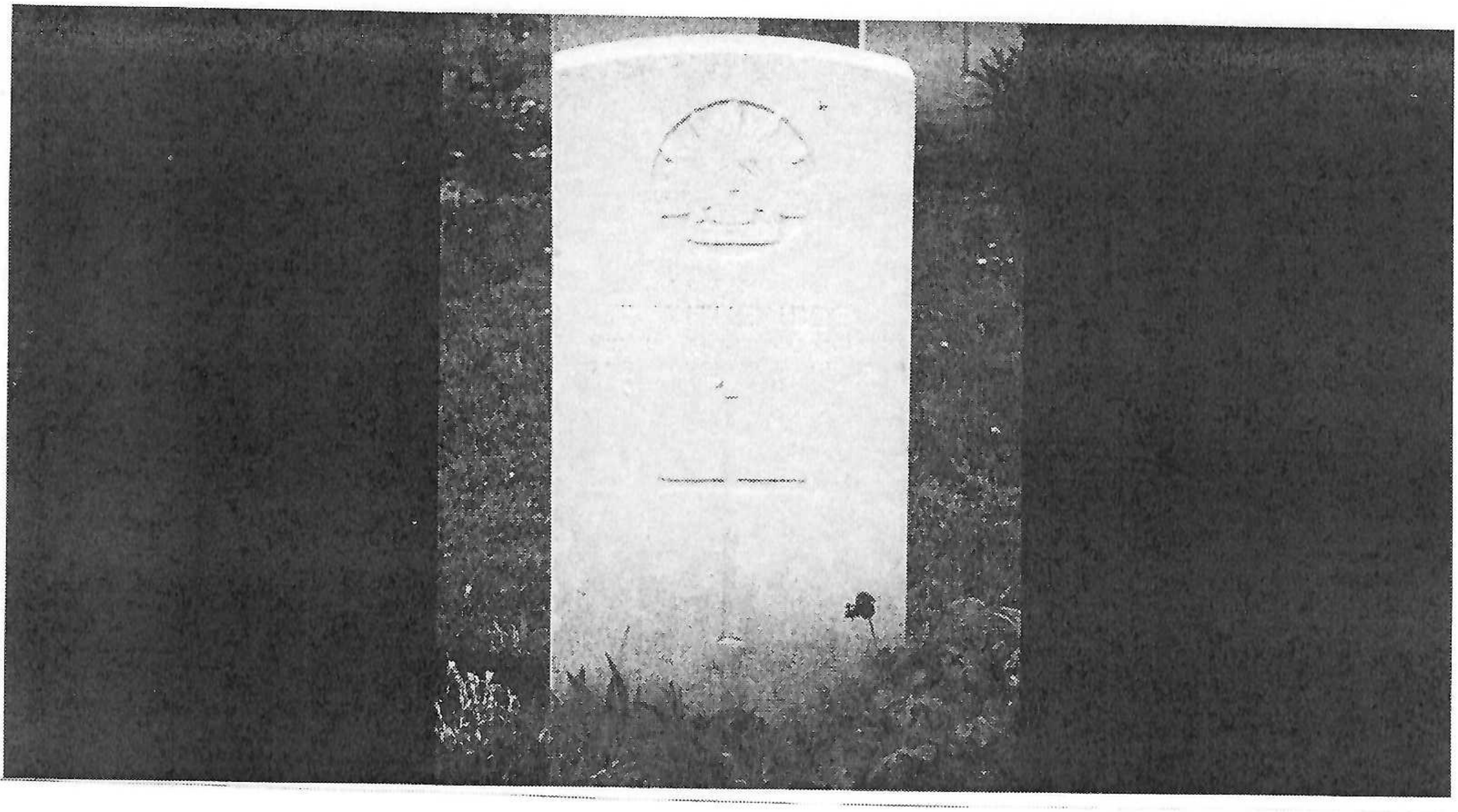
Peter Tyson, Corp Hacker. Leiut Lane, Leake, Witheridge, Mount Stephens, Bach, Kinnard, Mallard, Skinner, Anderson, Wilson, Huckle & Jim Moore were killed or wounded – mostly killed & four machine gunners are supposed to be prisoners.

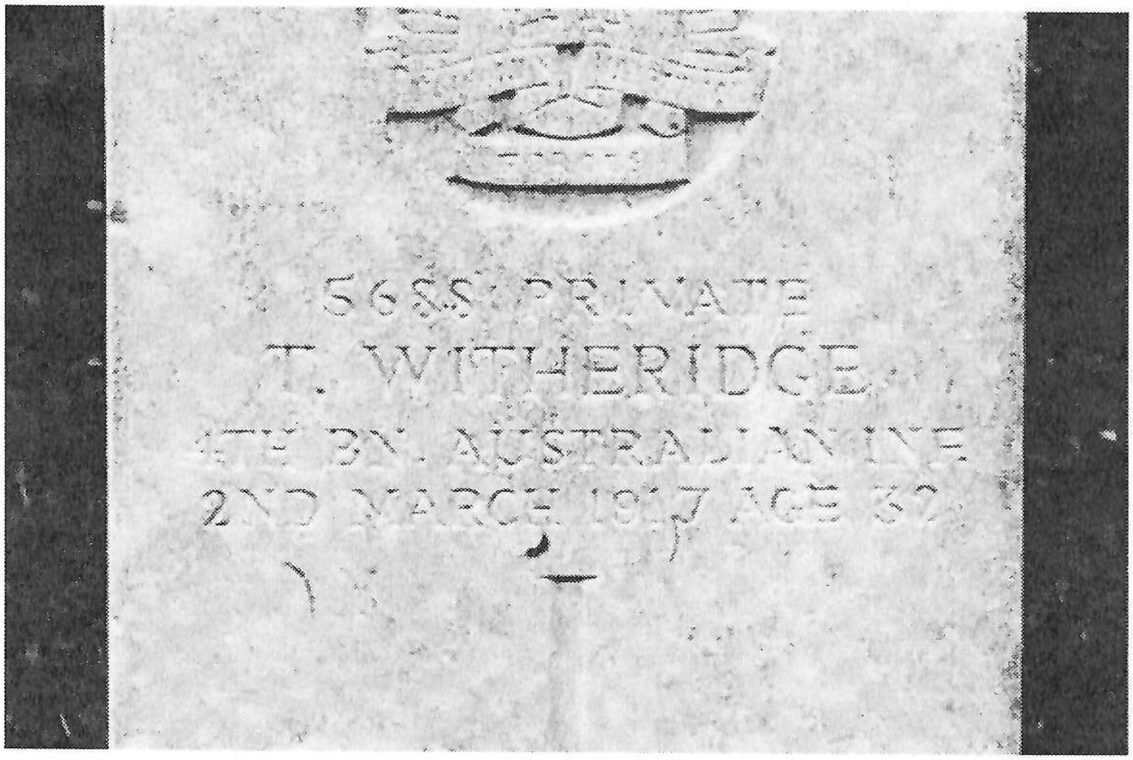
We captured 45 "Jerries" & "imshied" many more off the planet."

**Thomas was buried south west of Baupaume France and later exhaumed and transferred to the British War Cemetery at Warlencourt.**





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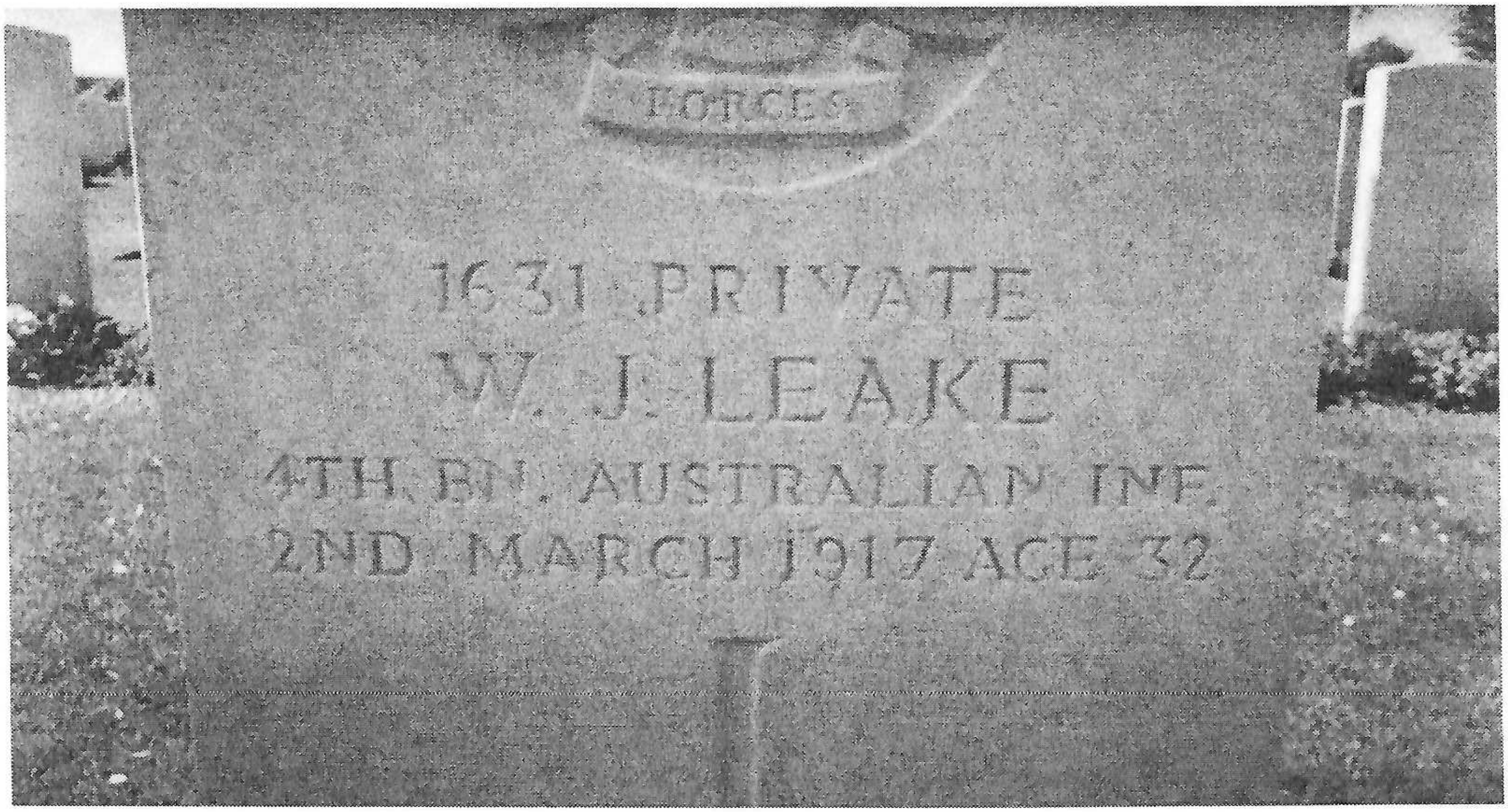
4TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.
2ND MARCH 1917 AGE 32

Thomas was buried alongside the other members of his unit who were killed on that 2nd day of March 1917.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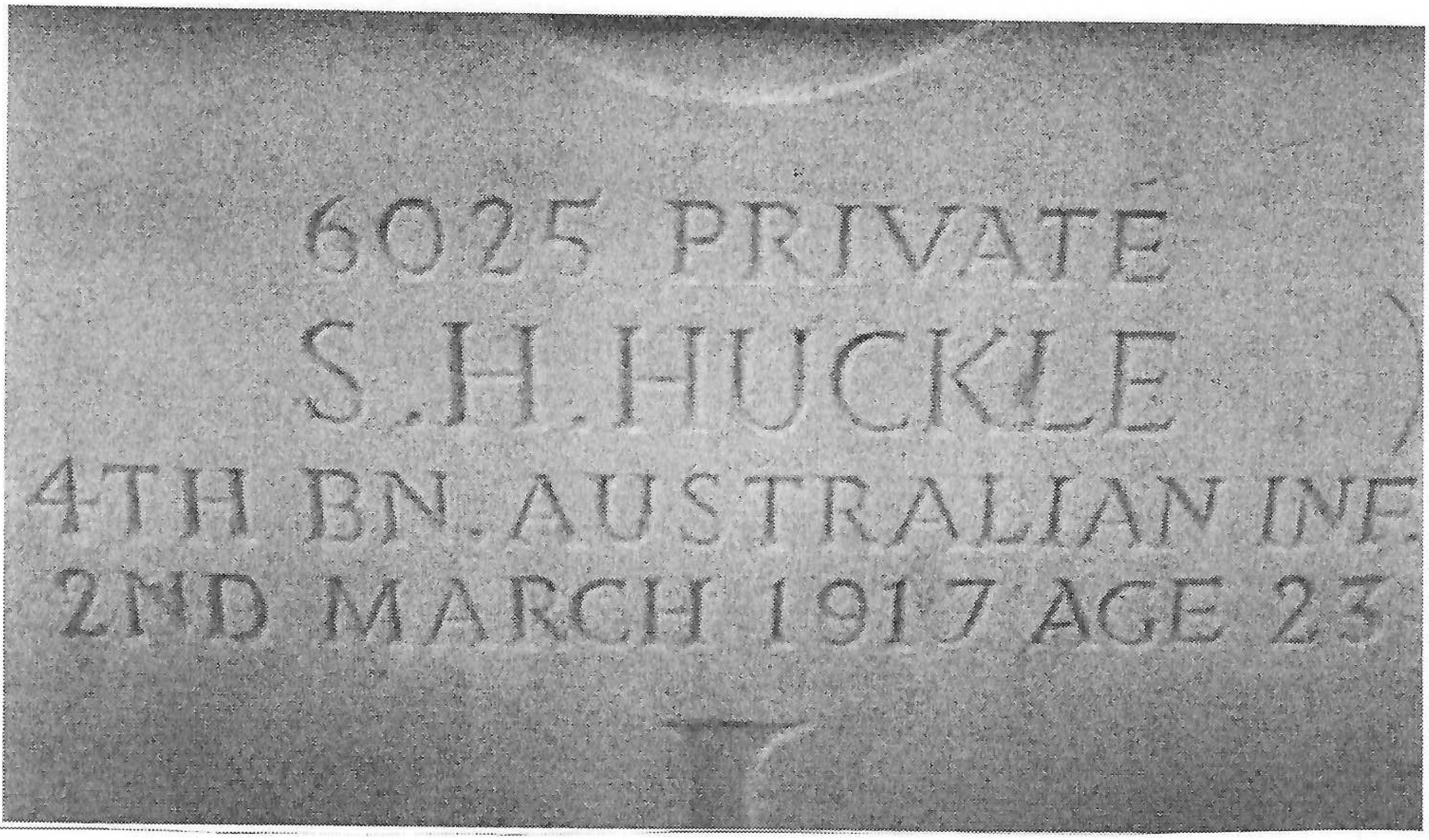
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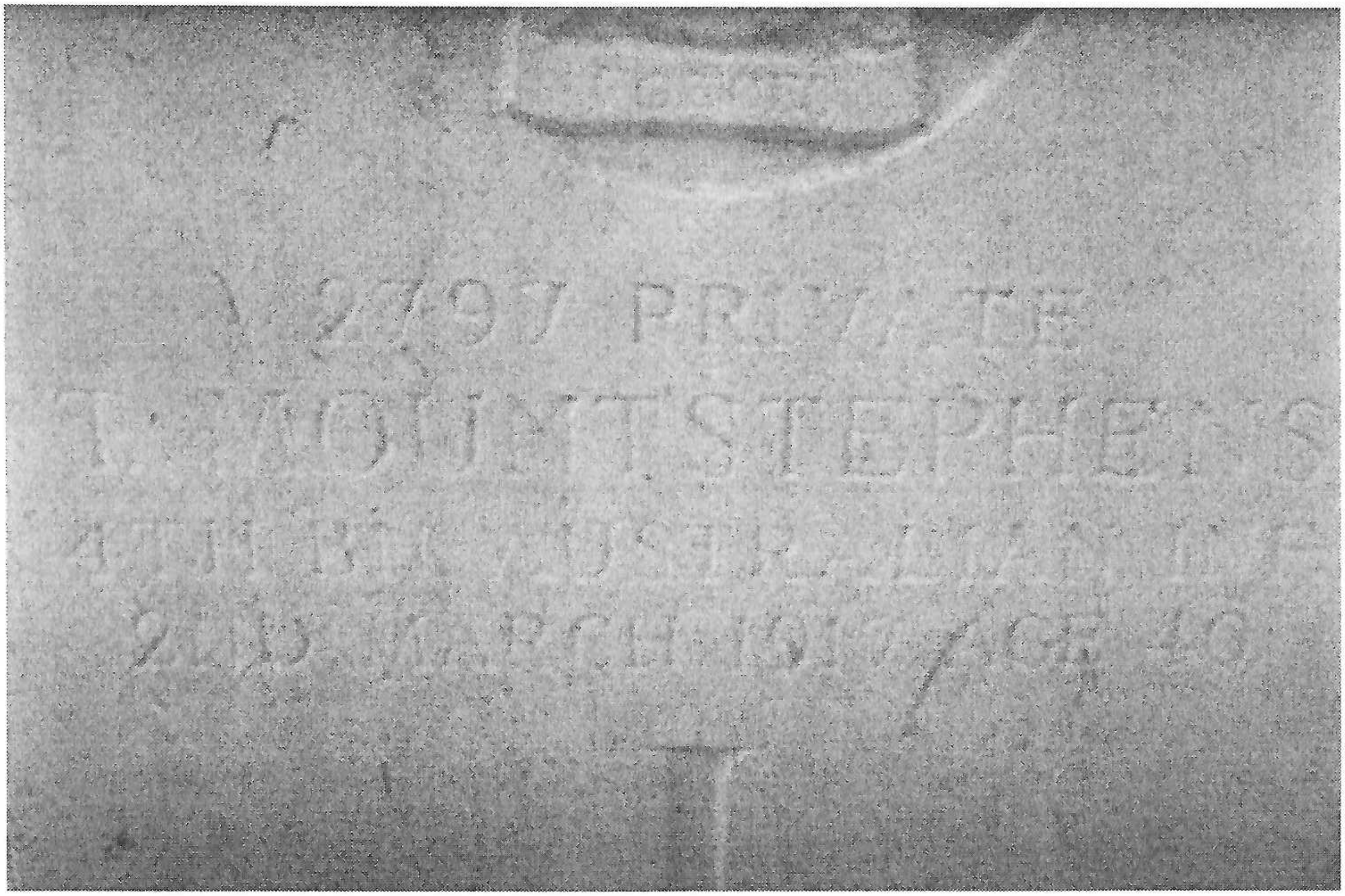
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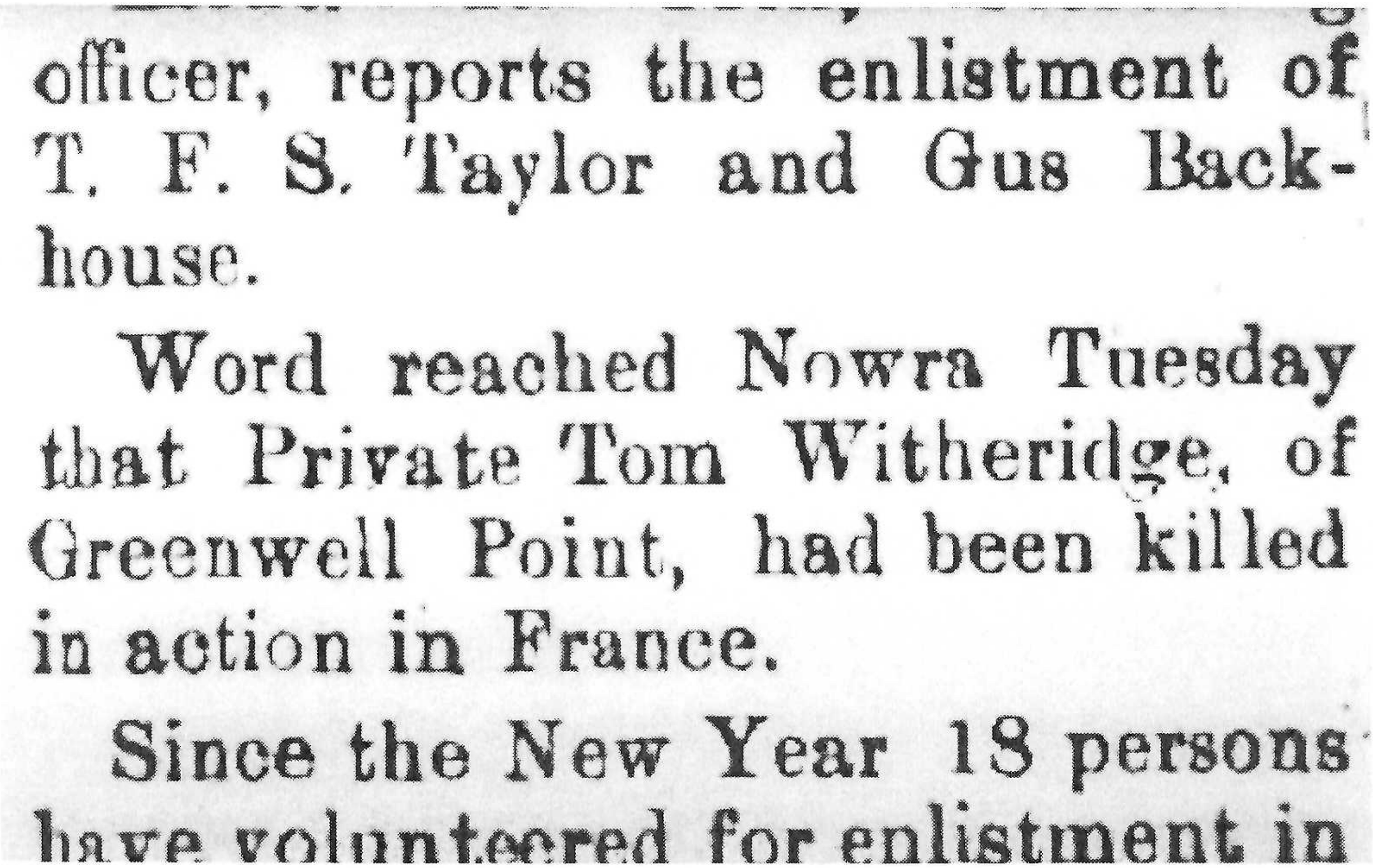
News of Thomas's death was published in the "Ulladulla and Milton Times" on Saturday 7 April 1917.

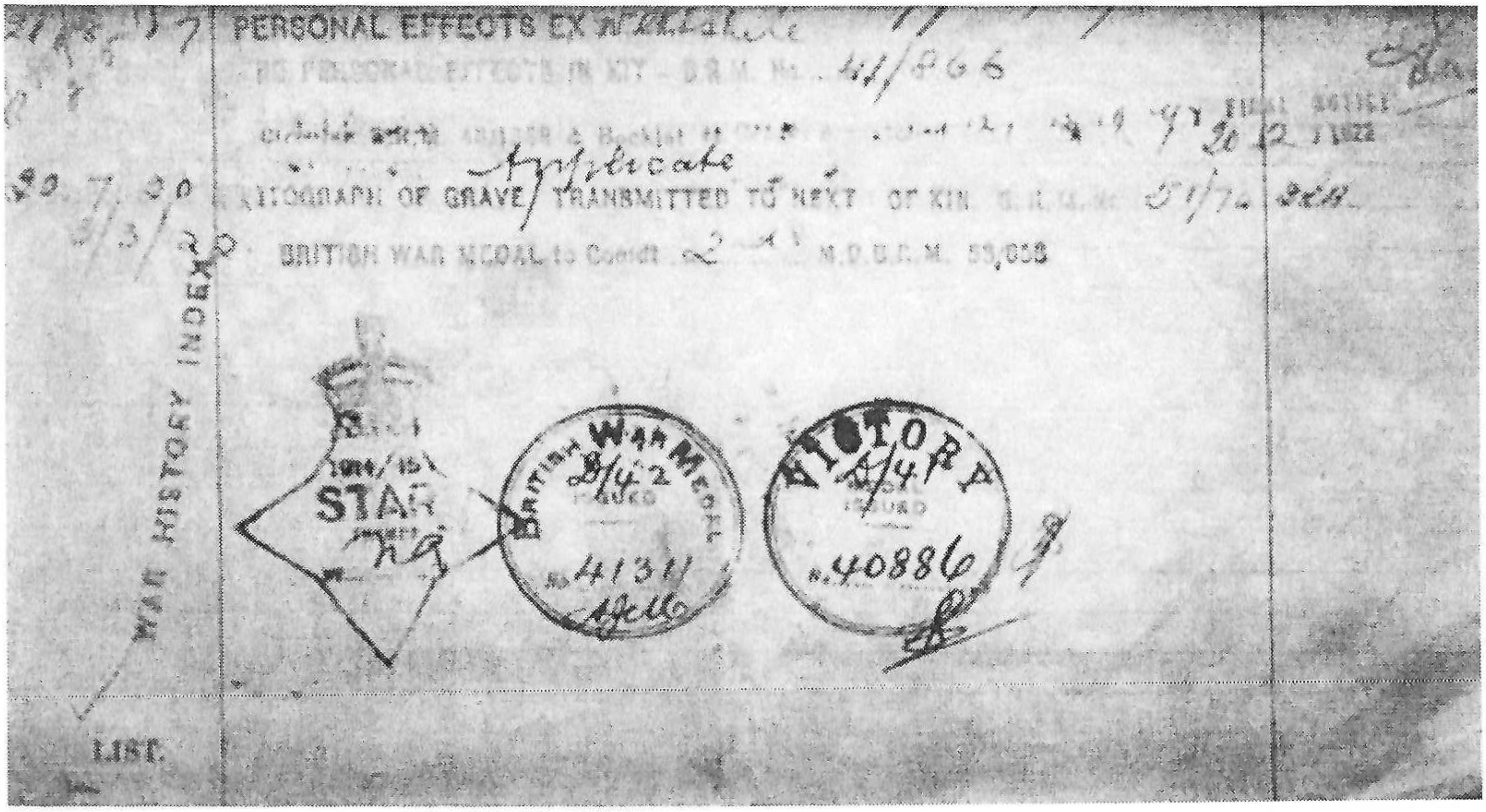


officer, reports the enlistment of T. F. S. Taylor and Gus Backhouse.

Word reached Nowra Tuesday that Private Tom Witheridge, of Greenwell Point, had been killed in action in France.

Since the New Year 18 persons have volunteered for enlistment in

**Thomas was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, but was not eligible to receive the 1914/15 Star.**



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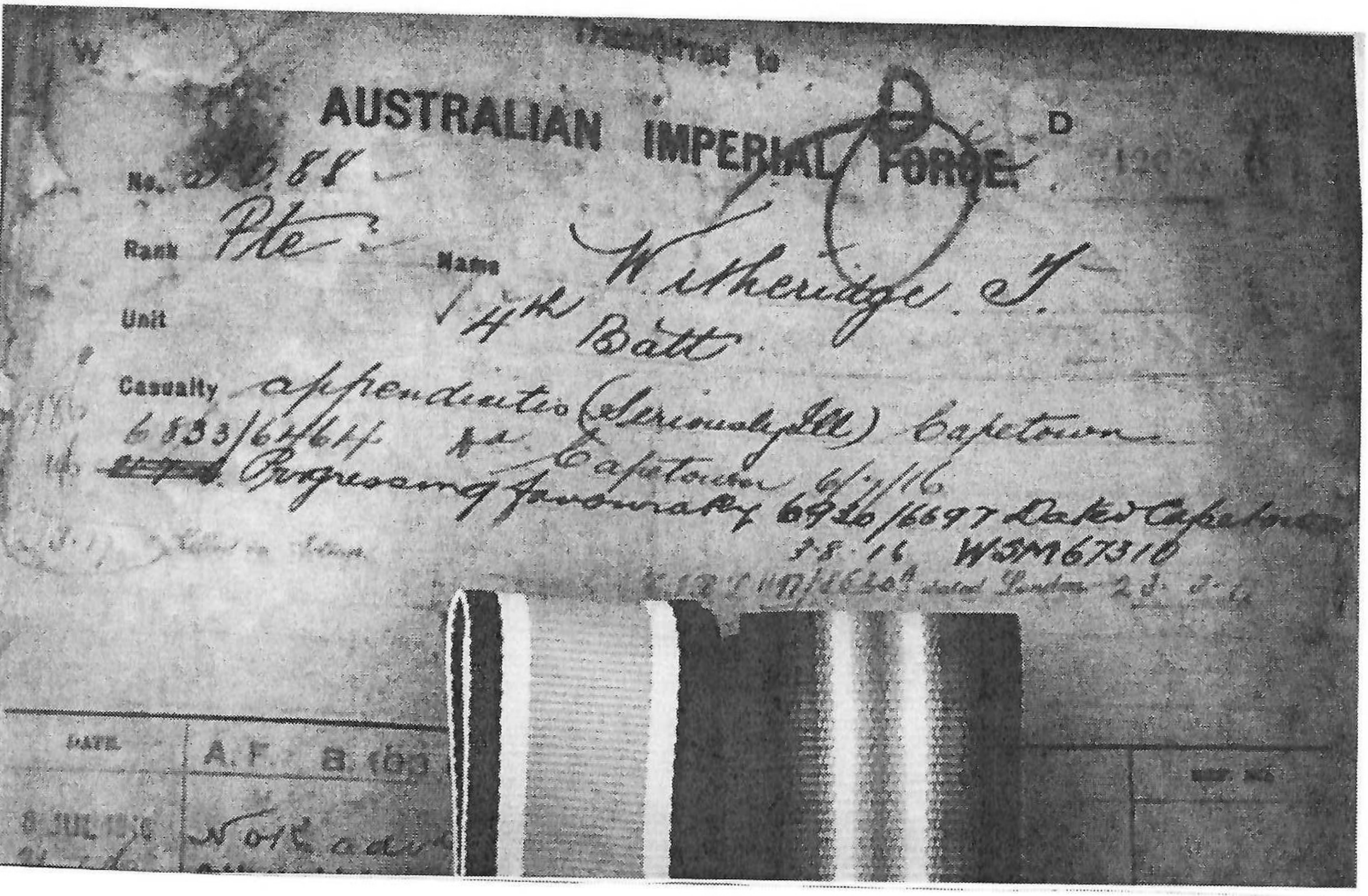

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Unit 14th Batt

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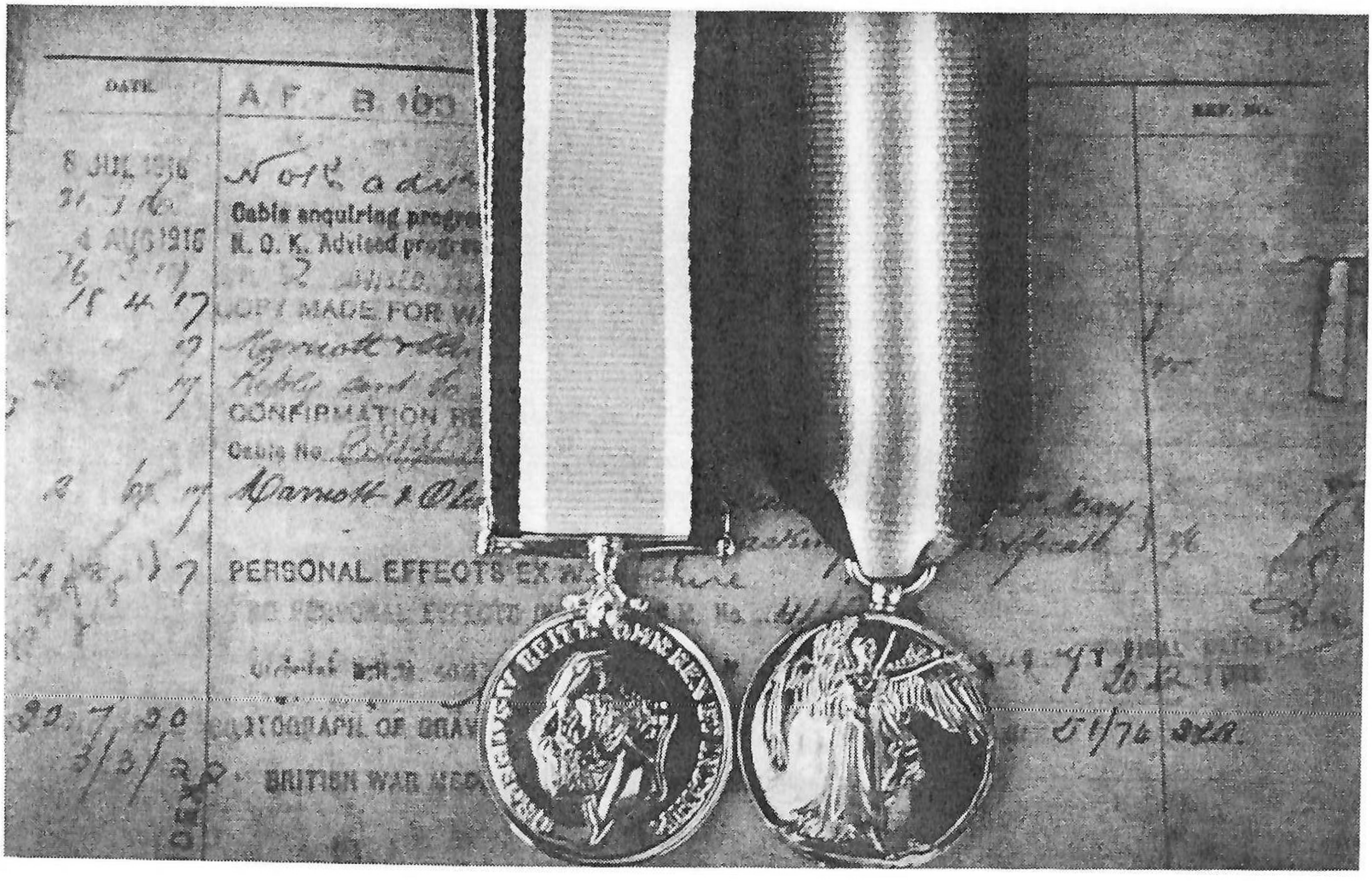

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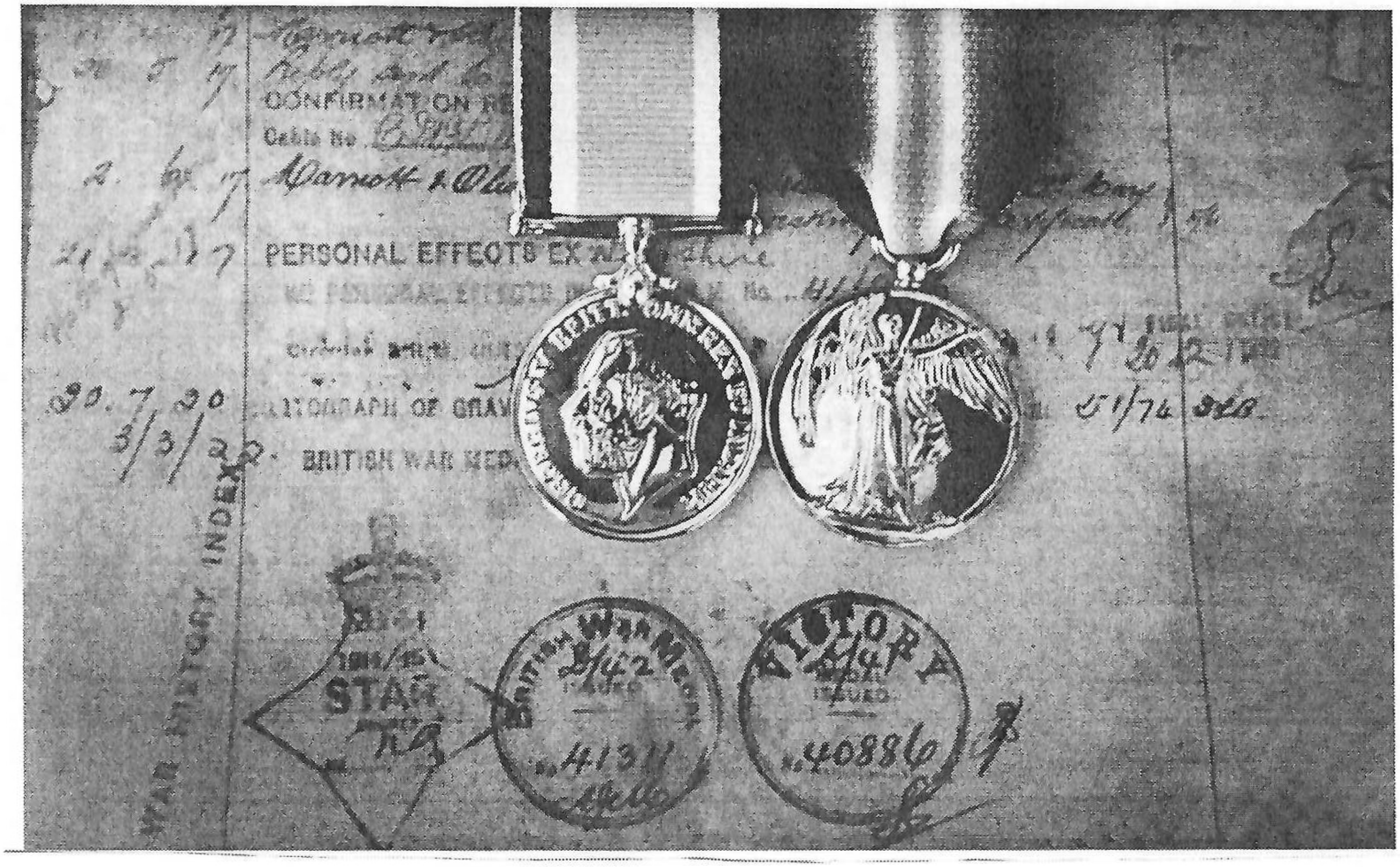
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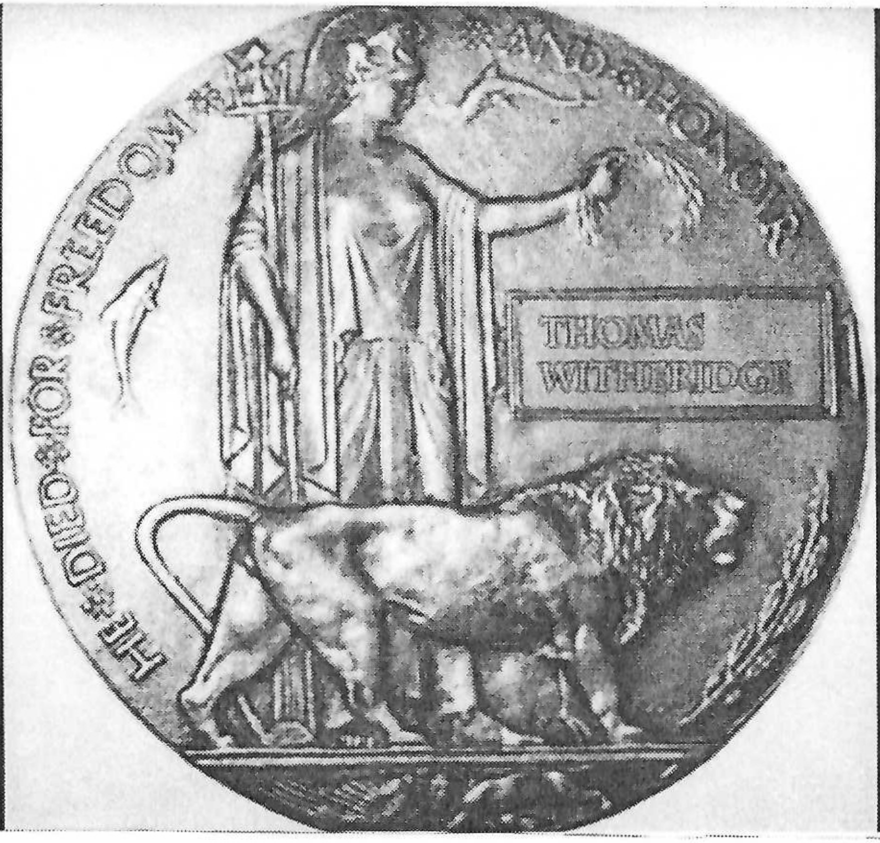
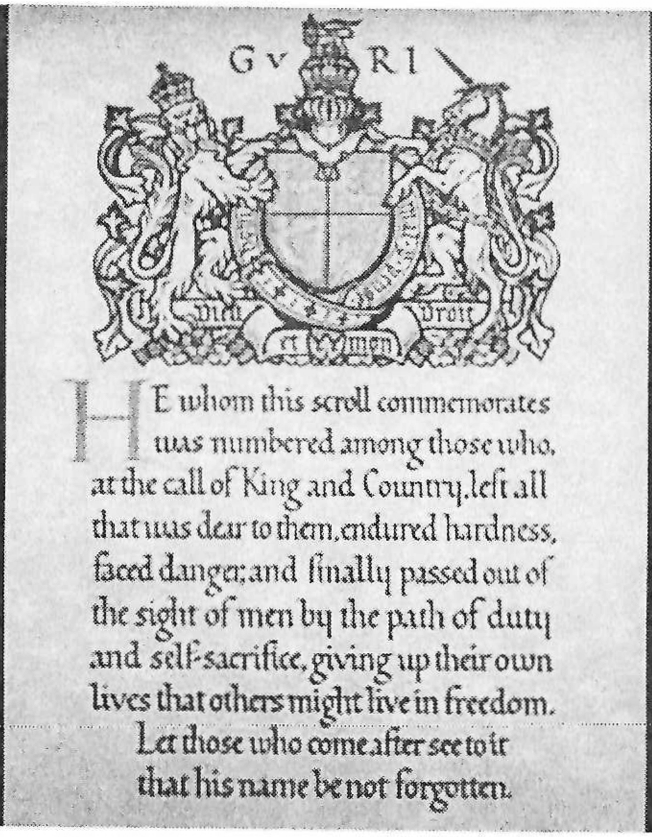
Thomas's parents, Philomon and Mary, also received a Memorial Plaque and Memorial Scroll.

The Memorial Plaque was issued after the war to the next-of-kin of service personnel who were killed as a result of the war.

The plaques were made of bronze, and hence popularly known as the "Dead Man's Penny". The name does not include the rank since there was to be no distinction between sacrifices made by different individuals.


HE DIED FOR FREEDOM AND HONOUR
THOMAS
WITHERIDGE


Dieu et mon Droit

G v R I

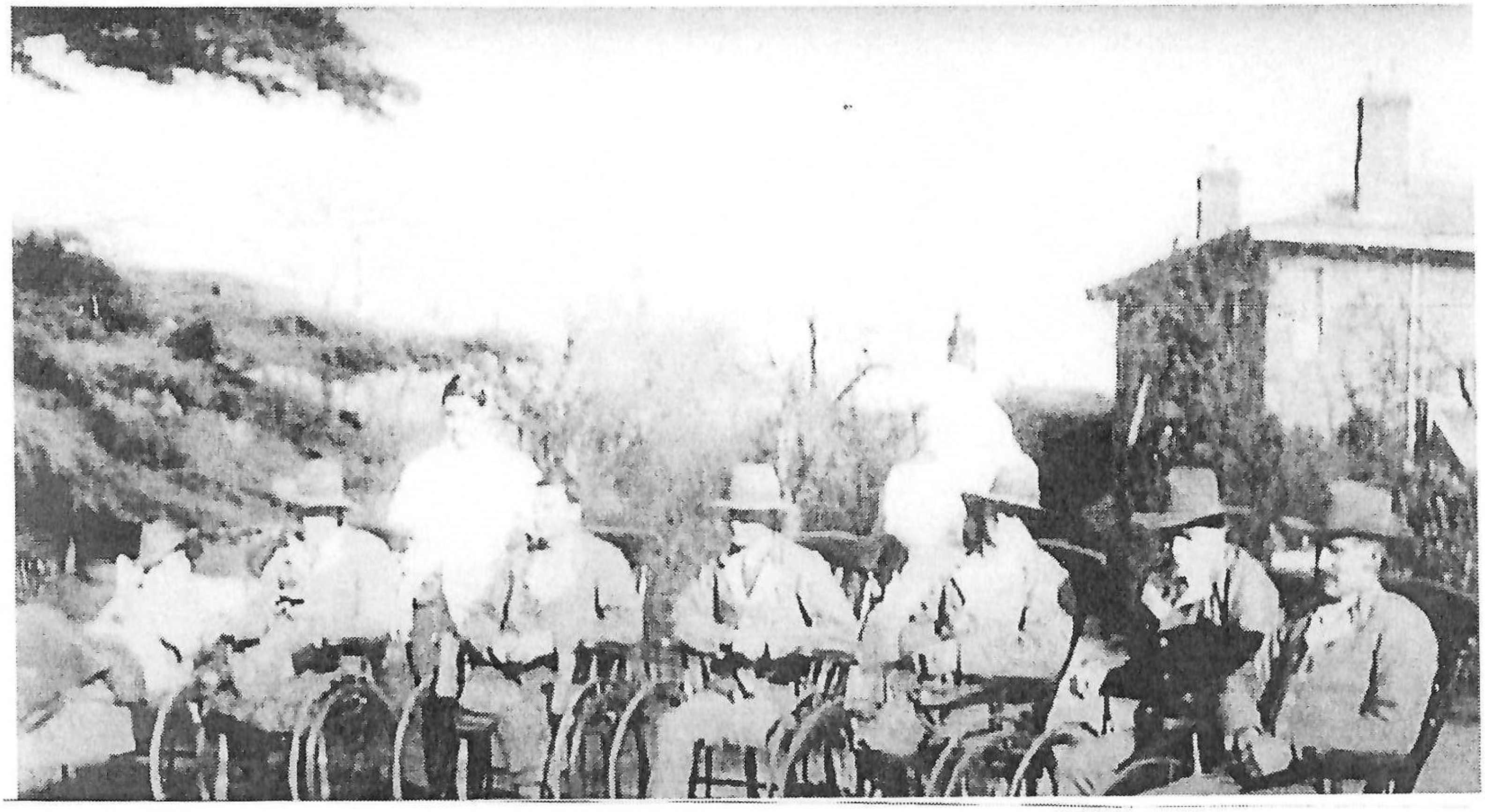
HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger; and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it
that his name be not forgotten.

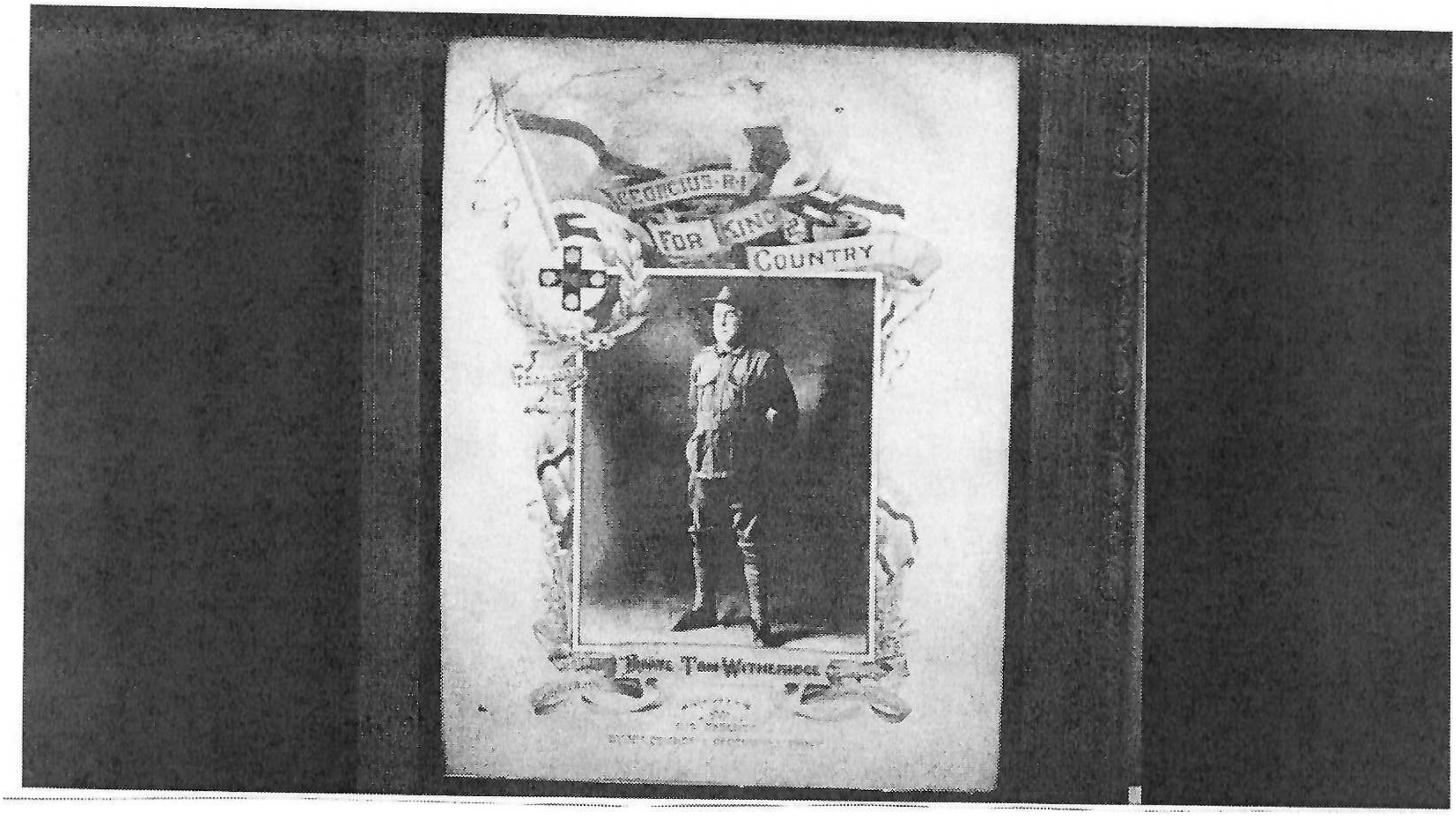
Robert was 29 years of age when he enlisted. He was wounded in action on 4th October 1917.

Robert had his left leg and left foreman amputated as a result of his wounds.

He convalesced at Southall, London and married Jean Elizabeth Byles, one of the nurses who cared for him, on 30th September 1918.



On 6 July 1918 a photo of Thomas was presented to his parents by his Friends at Greenwell Point. Photos of both Thomas and Robert were displayed on easels in the family home.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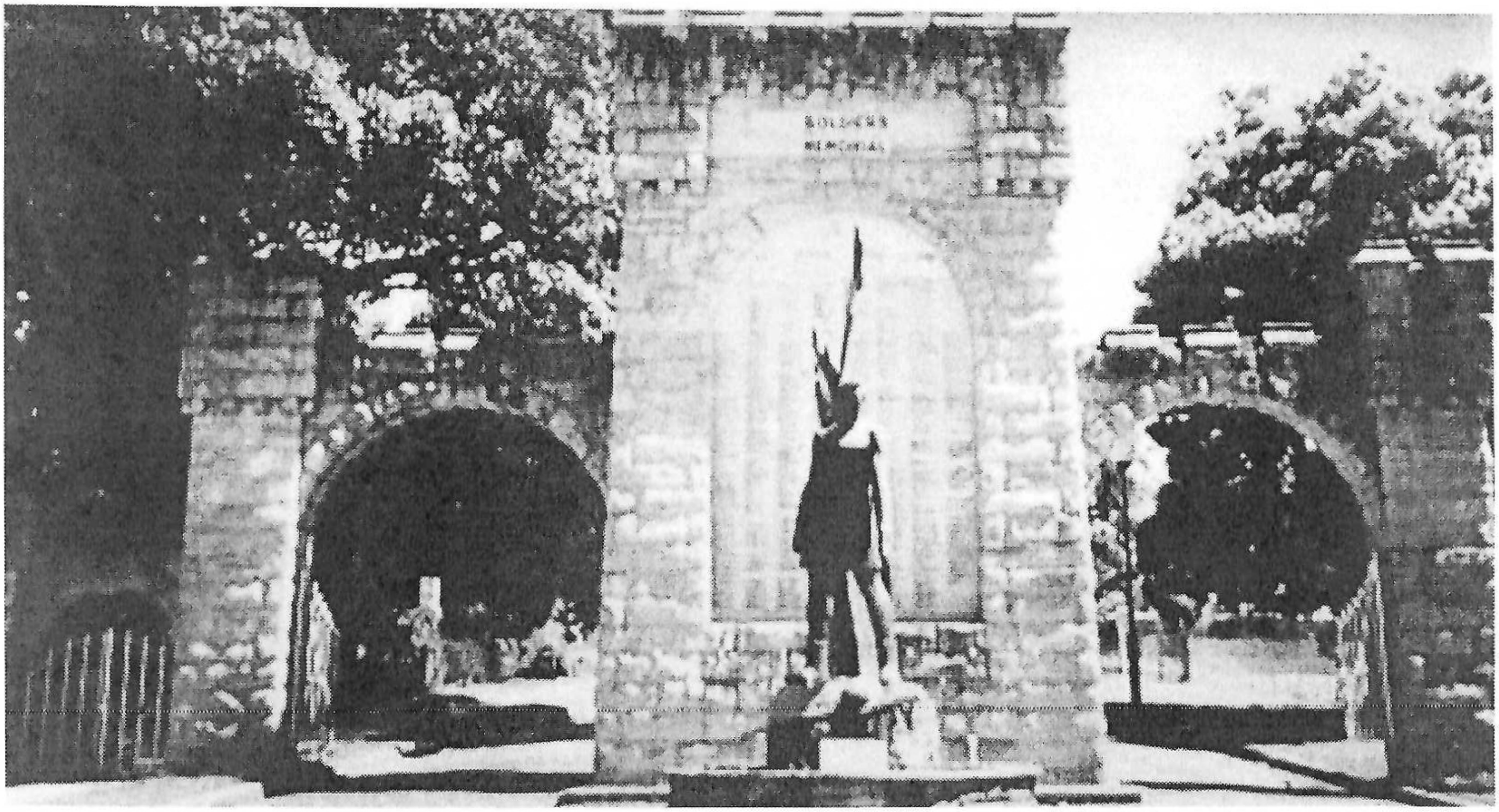
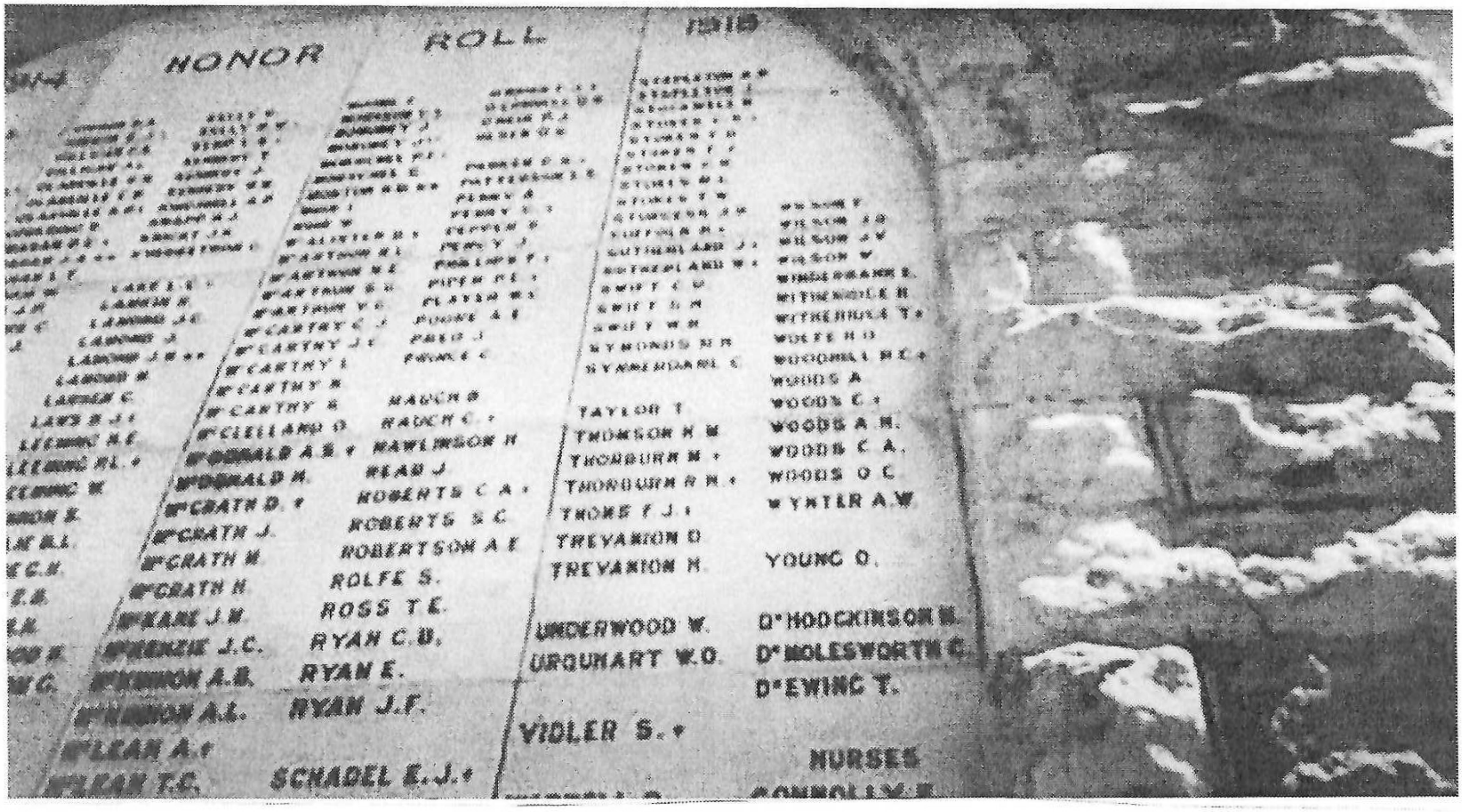
FOR KING &
COUNTRY
Private Tom Witheridge

Thomas's photo is now on display at the
Lake Tabouri Museum.

Thomas's name is inscribed on the WW1 Roll of Honour Wall at the WW1 Memorial at the Nowra Showground and at the Australian War Memorial.

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M'DONALD A.S. +
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M'GRATH M.
M'GRATH H.
M'KANE J.H.
M'KENZIE J.C.
M'KINNON A.B.
M'KINNON A.L.
M'LEAN A. +
M'LEAN T.C.
RAUCH B.
RAUCH C. +
RAWLINSON H.
READ J.
ROBERTS C.A. +
ROBERTS S.C.
ROBERTSON A.E.
ROLFE S.
ROSS T.E.
RYAN C.B.
RYAN E.
RYAN J.F.
SCHADEL E.J. +
SWIFT C.W.
SWIFT S.H.
SWIFT W.H.
SYMONDS H.R.
TAYLOR T.
THOMSON H.M.
THORBURN M. +
THORBURN R.H. +
THOMS F.J. +
TREVASKIS D.
TREVASKIS H.
UNDERWOOD W.
URQUHART W.D.
VIDLER S. +
WILSON J.D.
WILSON J.V.
WILSON W.
WITHERIDGE H.
WITHERIDGE T. +
WOLFE H.D.
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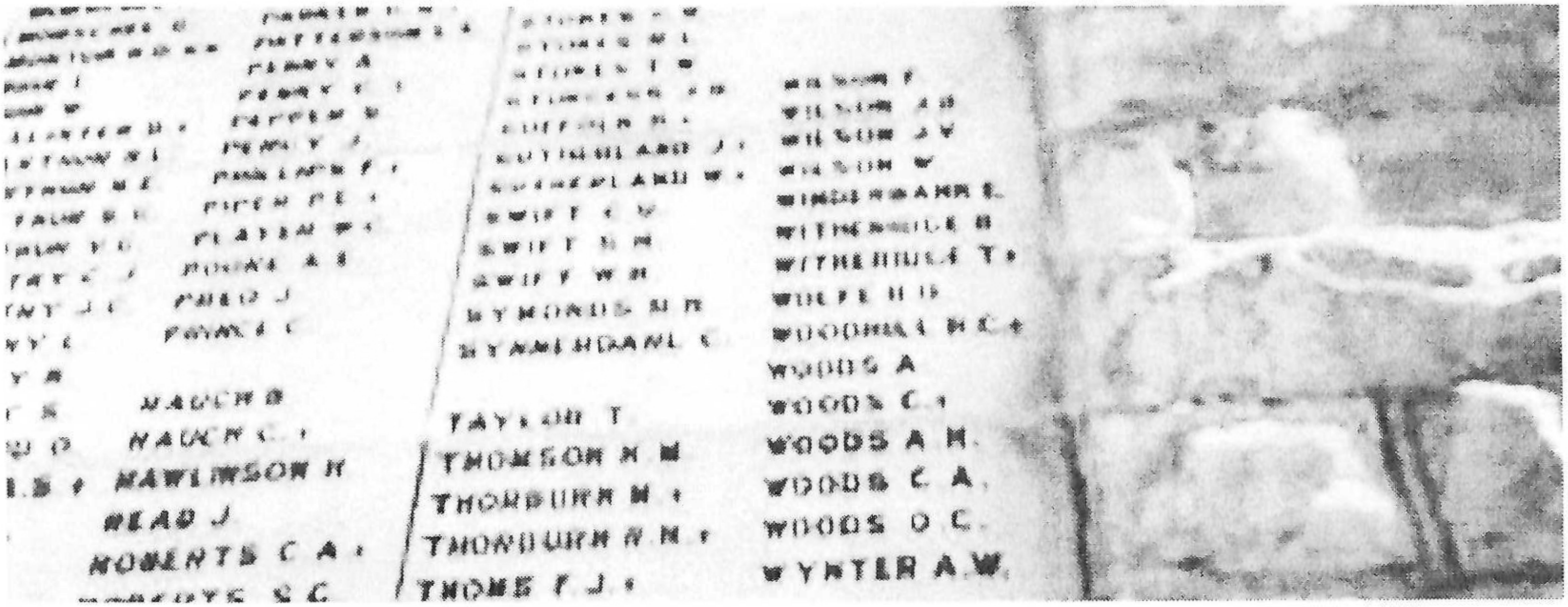
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PIPER P.E. +
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PRINCE C.
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RAWLINSON H.
READ J.
ROBERTS C.A. +
SUTHERLAND J. +
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SWIFT C.W.
SWIFT S.H.
SWIFT W.H.
SYMONDS H.R.
TAYLOR T.
THOMSON H.M.
THORBURN M. +
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THOMS F.J. +
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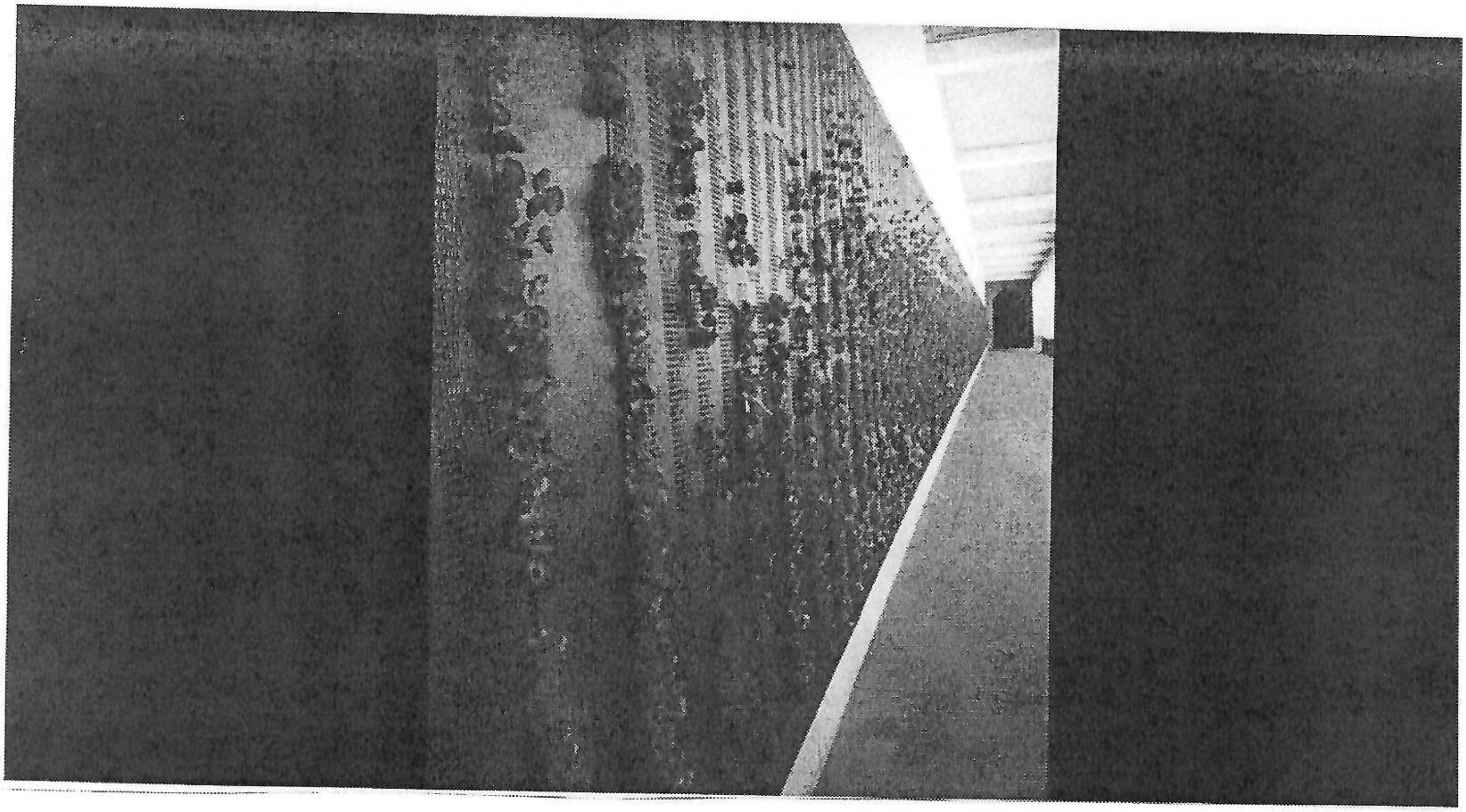

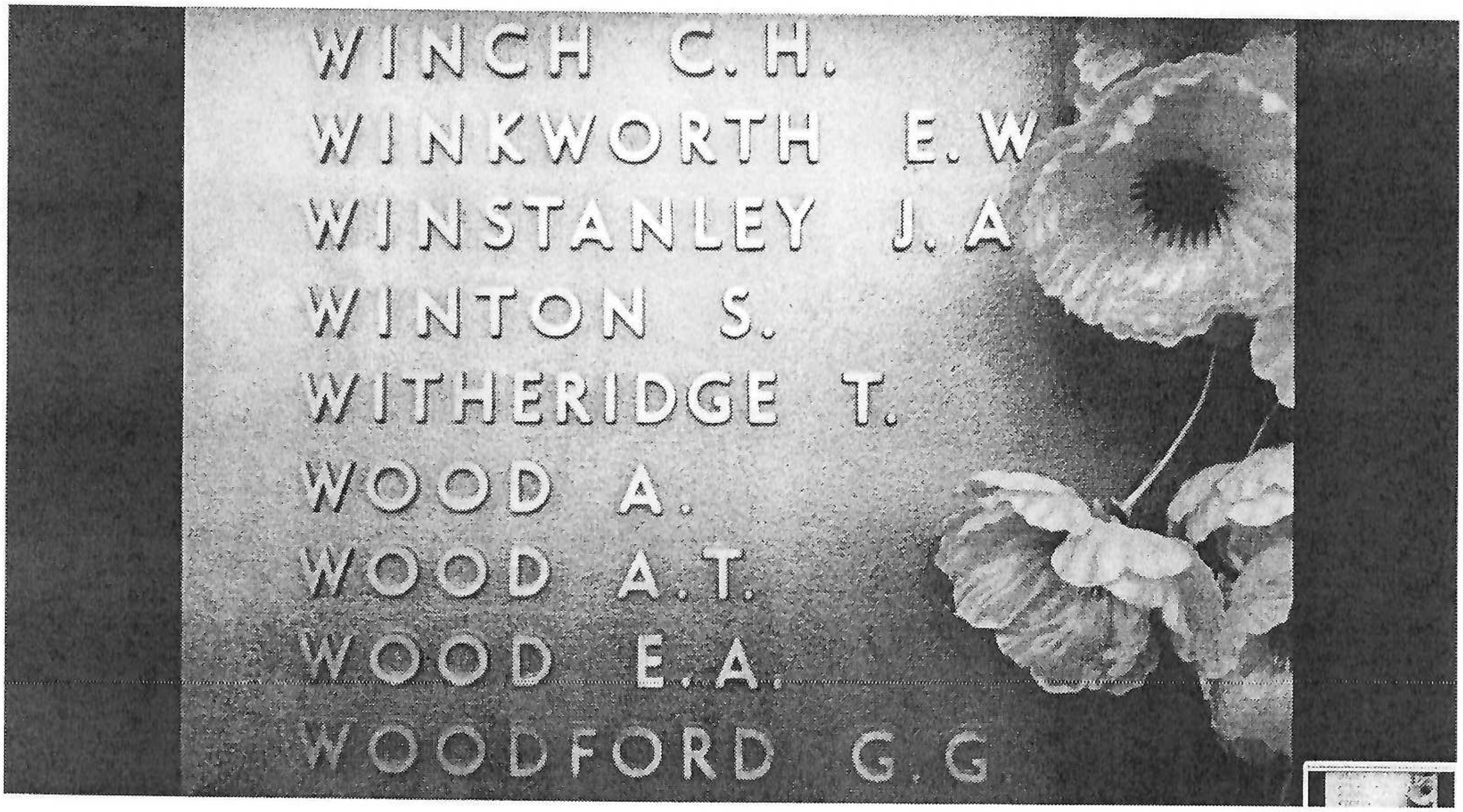
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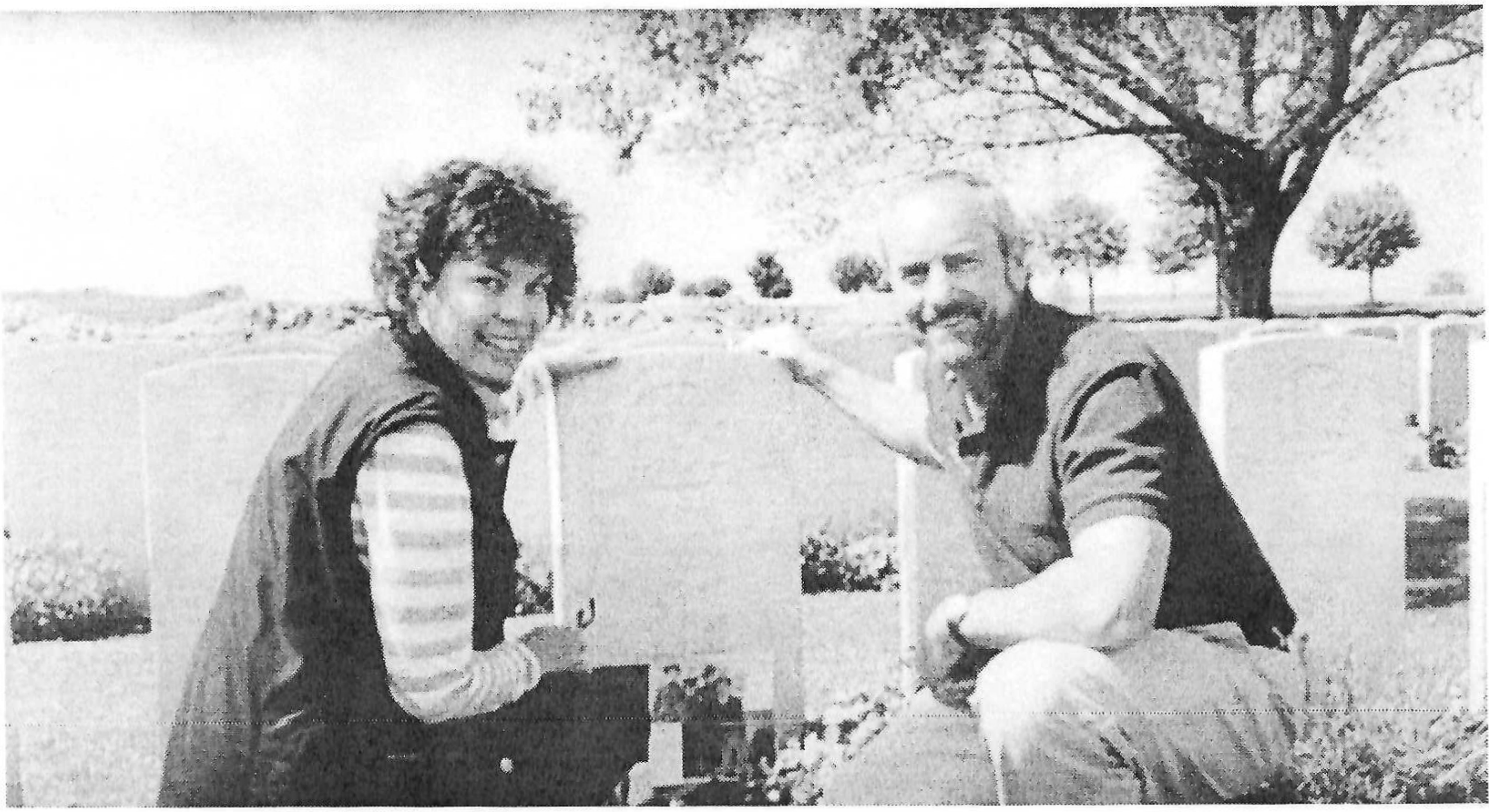
WOODFORD G.G.

**The 2nd March 2017 will mark the 100 year anniversary of Thomas's death.**



Lest We Forget

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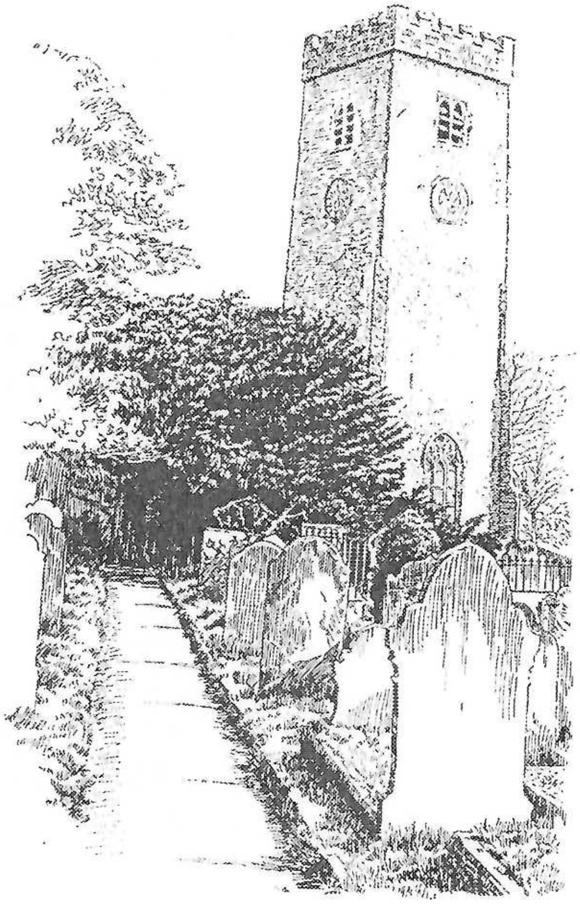


STOKE GABRIEL CHURCH

The
Witheridge
Society

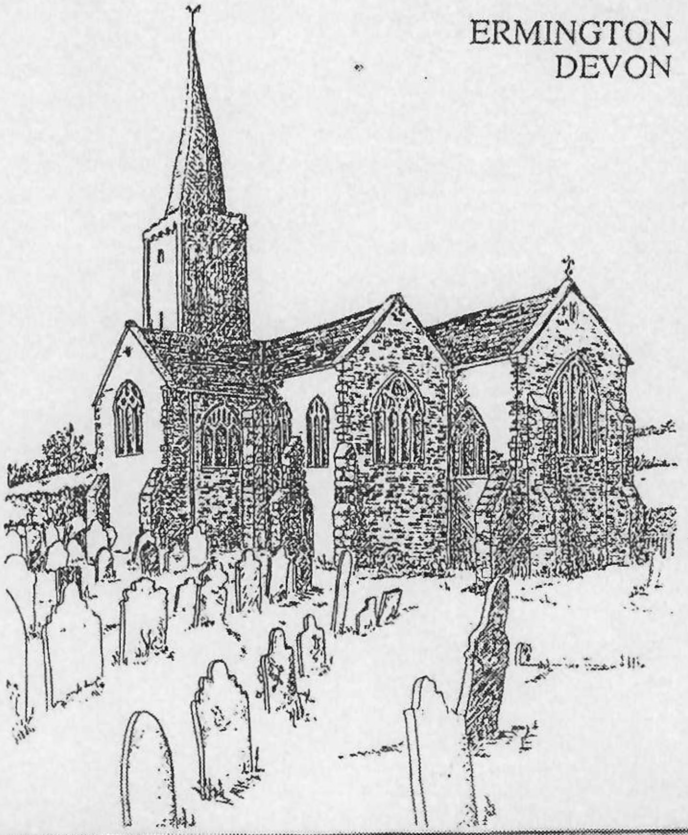
Christmas Greetings
and Best wishes
for the New Year

From Jean
& Phil

On the 4th October 1829, William Witheridge, the son of John and Jane Witheridge, married Susan Brimmicombe in Stoke Gabriel Church.

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

ERMINGTON
DEVON



The Witheridge and Wetheridge Family History Society

Christmas Greetings
and Best wishes
for the New Year

from
Jean & Phil
Witheridge

The Ermington Witheridge's were living in this parish before the church registers were started in 1605.
Leon Witheridge is recorded paying rent for 'Strode' in 1540.
This family lived in Ermington until 1950, when the last, Mrs Rhoda Witheridge, died.

The Witheridge Society

Secretary:
Miss Annette Witheridge,
Flat B,
2 Goring Road,
Bounds Green,
London, N11.

Membership Secretary:
Mr Rod Witheridge,
Granville House,
33 Barrowgate Road,
Chiswick,
London, W4 4QX.

29th January 1988

Dear

The inaugural meeting of the Witheridge Society, which has been formed to bring together people of Witheridge (or Wetheridge) descent, was held on 4th May 1987.

We hold details of some 2,000 Witheridges and Wetheridges, from about 1540 to the present day, so if you wish to trace your own family, past or present, we should be able to help you. We also have information on the two Devonshire locations from which our ancestors took their name, as well as details of the many towns and villages where branches of the Witheridge and Wetheridge families settled. In the case of three of these villages we can provide extensive family trees dating from the 16th or early 17th century to the present day.

We will publish regular bulletins, together with news of members, and we hope that the Society will provide a useful forum for members to share the results of their own research. We also hope to arrange regular Witheridge reunions at which members can get to know one another, and perhaps make contact with long-lost or even hitherto unknown relations!

If you would like to join the Society, or at this stage would just like to know a little more about our activities, please contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Rod Witheridge,
Membership Secretary

1988

# The Witheridge Society

Witheridge Day, incorporating the Annual General Meeting of the Witheridge Society, will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May 1988, at St Francis Church Hall, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham, Kent. For those who travel by car there is a large car park in Ravenswood Avenue, directly opposite the church, where parking is free on Bank Holidays. For those arriving by train at West Wickham station, the walk to the hall is up-hill, so we can arrange for a car to meet trains at West Wickham station if necessary.

The Witheridge Society is a family society, and Bank Holidays are family days, so we particularly wish to make whole families, including young children, welcome. However, as some sections of the meeting are not geared for children, we have planned an alternative programme. This involves a visit to the local swimming baths (95p adults, 45p juniors, 36p oap) which has a pleasant spectator lounge and snack vending machines, in the morning. In the afternoon we plan to visit a local park (weather permitting) with attractive grounds and play areas. Adults may also opt for this programme if they prefer.

All participants are asked to bring a plate or dish of food (sweet or savoury) which can be shared at lunchtime. There are good kitchen facilities, so we can cope with dishes that need defrosting and/or reheating. Tea and coffee will be served at morning registration, with lunch and during the afternoon (soft drinks for children). As this is an informal family day, it would be appreciated if a number of people could help with serving refreshments, and washing up afterwards!

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Travel directions, the day's programme and AGM agenda are overleaf, but if you have any queries, please telephone 01-777 6072.

## Programme

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| 10.15am | Registration and coffee (or tea) |
| 11.00am | Welcoming address - Philip Witheridge |
| 11.30am | 'Witheridges and Where to Find Them' - Joyce Browne |
| 12.30pm | Questions and discussion |
| 1.00pm | Lunch served in hall |
| 2.15pm | Witheridge Society Annual General Meeting - see agenda below |
| 3.15pm | Detectives with Documents - Kim Cook |
| 3.45pm | Coffee (or tea) break |
| 4.15pm | Mix and Match - a time to meet, compare notes and enjoy the exhibits |
| 5.30pm | Closing address |

## Alternative Programme

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| 10.45am | West Wickham Swimming Baths (till 12 noon) |
| 2.15pm | Visit to McAndrew's Park (till 3.45pm) |

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## Annual General Meeting

### Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of inaugural meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Secretary's report
6. Membership Secretary's report
7. Treasurer's report
8. Election of officers
9. Plans for future activities
10. Any other business

## Travel directions

West Wickham is situated on the main A232 (Kingston, Surrey to Orpington, Kent) road, about 3 miles east of Croydon.

The sketch map opposite shows the main approach roads to West Wickham - A21, A22, A23, A214, A2022 and M25. Drivers on the M25 travelling from the west may prefer to leave the motorway at exit 6, take the A22 north and turn right on to the A2022 on the outskirts of Purley. While this may be shorter on the road, it may be quicker in time to continue on the motorway to exit 4, take the A21 to Farnborough and then fork left on to the A232. Those coming from the Dartford Tunnel leave the motorway at exit 4.

For those travelling by rail, there are four main line stations within easy reach. Listed below are the main routes into these stations.

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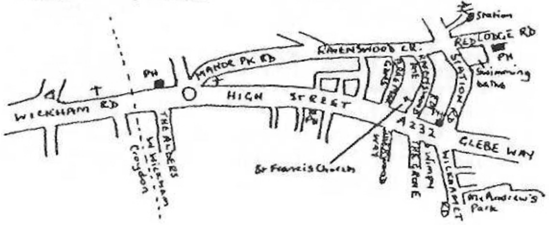
| Bromley South - | Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Maidstone, Margate, Orpington, Sevenoaks, London Victoria |
| East Croydon - | Brighton, Chichester, Eastbourne, Gatwick, Guildford, Portsmouth, Reading, Worthing, London Charing Cross, London Bridge and Victoria, and through trains from Midlands and North |
| West Croydon - | Epsom, Sutton, Wimbledon |
| West Wickham - | London Charing Cross, London Bridge |

From Bromley South, take bus 119 to Wickham High Street. From East Croydon, take bus 119, 166, 194, or 194A to Wickham High Street. From West Croydon take bus 119 to Wickham High Street. From West Wickham station it is a short walk to St Francis Church, but we can meet trains if requested.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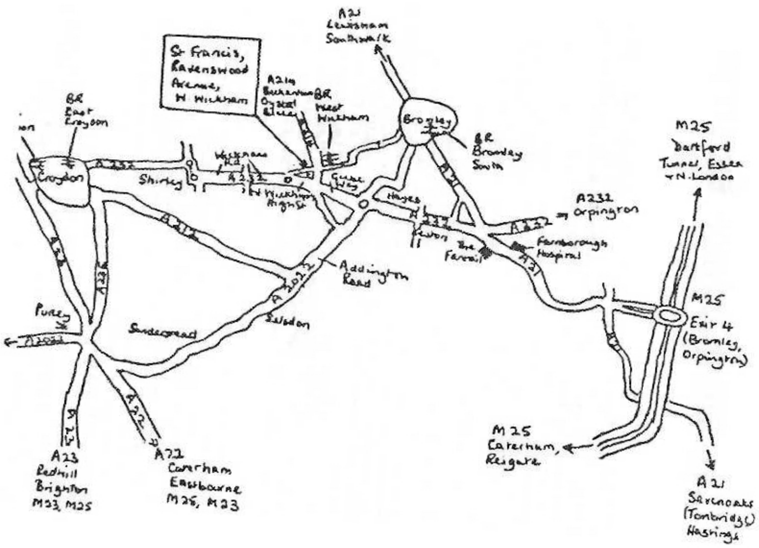
St Francis Church
THE GROVE
McAndrew's Park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Shirley
Wickham Rd
A232
W Wickham High St
Bromley
BR Bromley South
Hayes
Keston
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Farnborough Hospital
A212
A2022
Addington Road
Selsdon
Sanderstead
Purley
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A23
A22
M25
Dartford Tunnel, Essex & N. London
M25
Exit 4
(Bromley, Orpington)
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Caterham, Reigate
A23
Redhill
Brighton
M23, M25
A22
Caterham
Eastbourne
M25, M23
A21
Sevenoaks
(Tonbridge)
Hastings

# The Witheridge Society

c/o 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF

## Witheridge Day 1988

If you wish to attend the Witheridge Day at West Wickham on 2 May 1988, please complete the form below, giving the name, age if under 16, and membership number of each member of your party. Please indicate whether each will be following the main programme and attending all meetings (M), or opting for the alternative programme with some outside activities (A). Please include also a contact address and telephone number for your party.

Please also complete the section indicating whether you are bringing with you items for exhibition or display (but please note that we cannot accept any responsibility for such items), and also indicate whether you are bringing a sweet or savoury dish for the shared lunch and how many servings it makes.

Finally, please indicate whether anyone in your party would be willing to stand for election to the Committee, and also if there is anyone you would like to nominate for any post. The first nomination received will be treated as the proposal, the next as the seconder. Nominations may also be given to the Chairman on the morning of the AGM day.

Please send all forms to 18 Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9PF, to arrive by Friday 29 April 1988.

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## Witheridge Day 1988

The following people will be attending the Witheridge Day at West Wickham on 2 May 1988.

| Name | Age | Mem No | M/A |
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I/we will be travelling by car/train to Bromley South/train to East Croydon/train to West Croydon/train to West Wickham - to be met (delete as appropriate).

I/we understand that the organisers of this event cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property, however caused.

Signed................................ Date..............

I/we will/will not be bringing items for exhibition and will/will not need display space (table/wall).

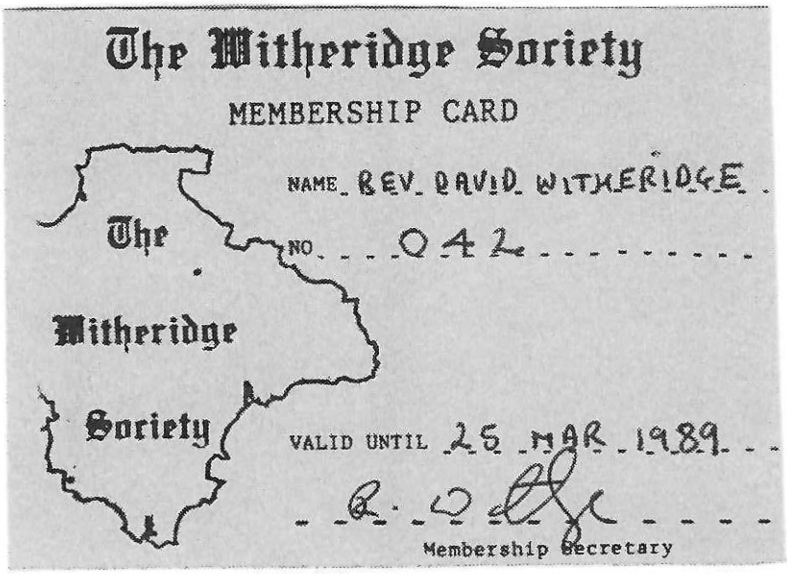
I/we will be bringing a savoury/sweet dish of ..... servings.

........................ is willing to stand for election.

I nominate ................................ for election.

Signed................................ Date..............

Contact address.............................Tel.........



## The Witheridge Society

MEMBERSHIP CARD

The
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NAME REV. DAVID WITHERIDGE

NO 042

VALID UNTIL 25 MAR 1989

Membership Secretary

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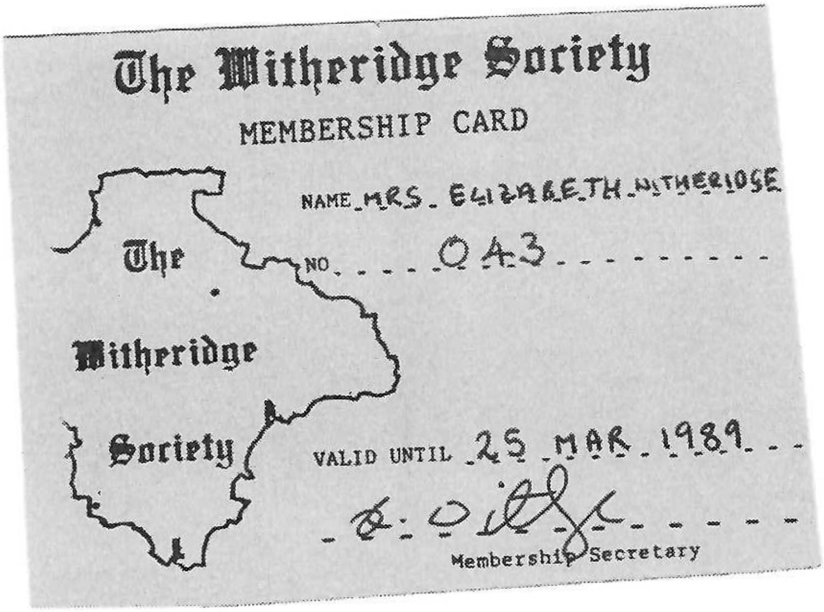

## The Witheridge Society

MEMBERSHIP CARD

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NAME MRS. ELIZABETH WITHERIDGE

NO 043

VALID UNTIL 25 MAR 1989

Membership Secretary

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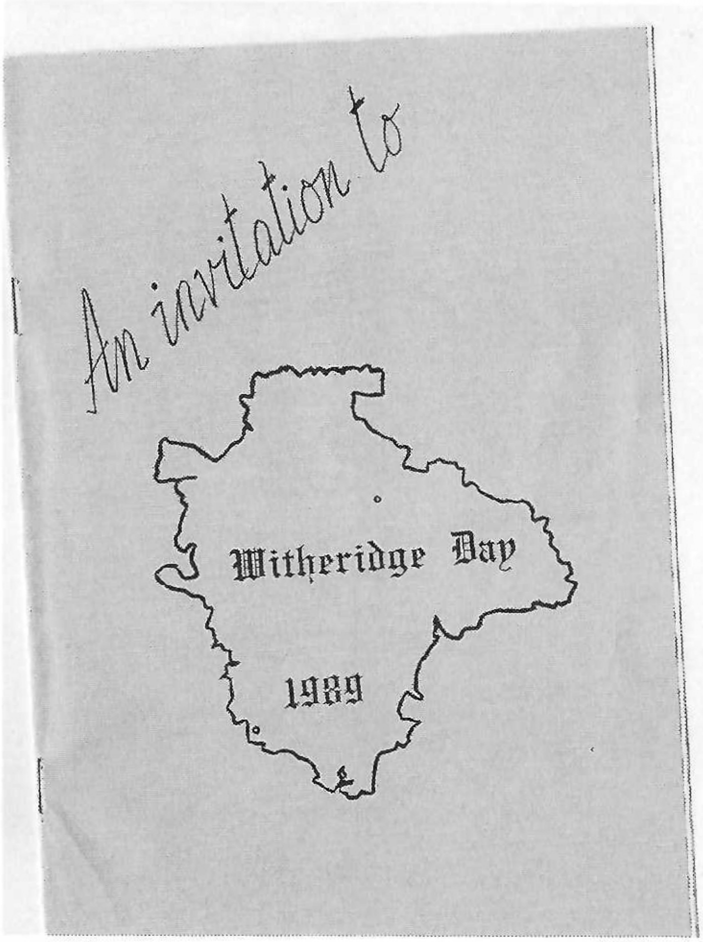

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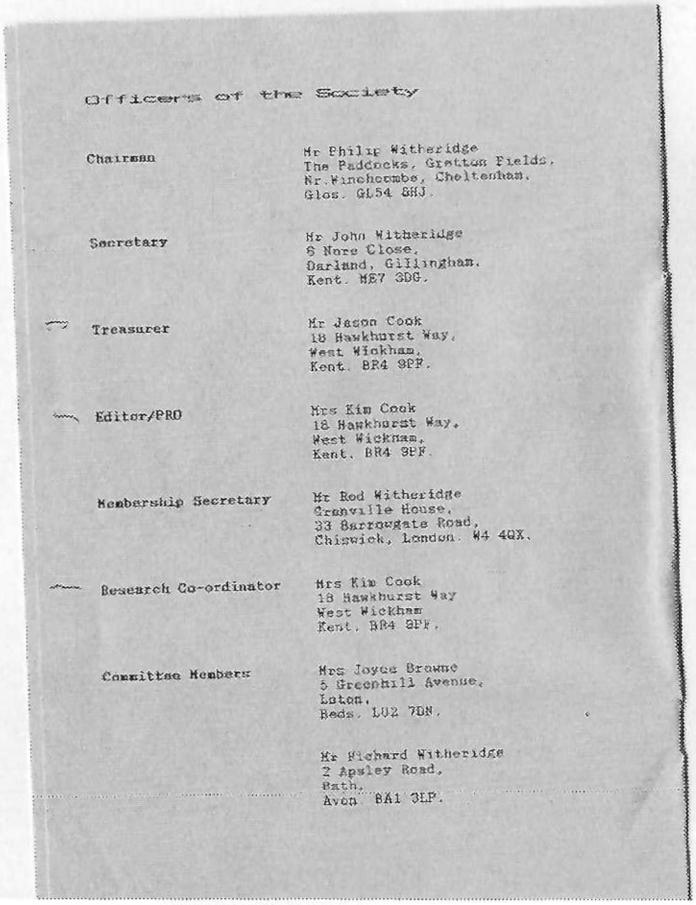

## Officers of the Society

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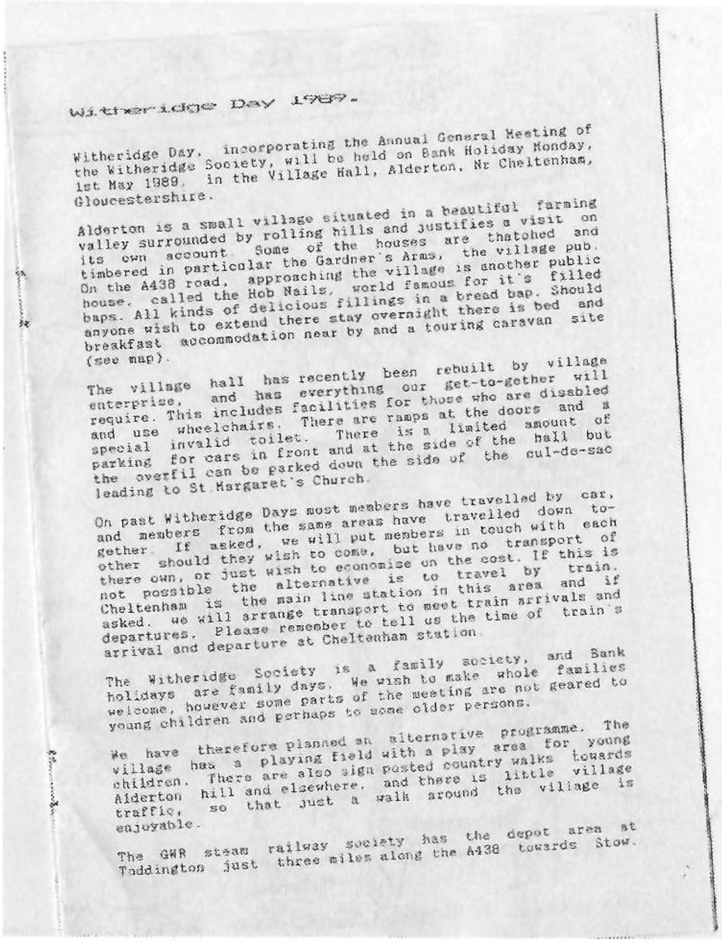
|---|---|
| Chairman | Mr Philip Witheridge<br>The Paddocks, Gretton Fields,<br>Nr.Winchcombe, Cheltenham,<br>Glos. GL54 5HJ. |
| Secretary | Mr John Witheridge<br>6 Nore Close,<br>Darland, Gillingham.<br>Kent. ME7 3DG. |
| Treasurer | Mr Jason Cook<br>18 Hawkhurst Way,<br>West Wickham,<br>Kent. BR4 9PF. |
| Editor/PRO | Mrs Kim Cook<br>18 Hawkhurst Way,<br>West Wickham,<br>Kent. BR4 9PF. |
| Membership Secretary | Mr Rod Witheridge<br>Granville House,<br>33 Barrowgate Road,<br>Chiswick, London. W4 4QX. |
| Research Co-ordinator | Mrs Kim Cook<br>18 Hawkhurst Way<br>West Wickham<br>Kent. BR4 9PF. |
| Committee Members | Mrs Joyce Browne<br>5 Greenhill Avenue,<br>Luton,<br>Beds. LU2 7DN. |
| | Mr Richard Witheridge<br>2 Apsley Road,<br>Bath,<br>Avon. BA1 3LP. |



# Witheridge Day 1989.

Witheridge Day, incorporating the Annual General Meeting of the Witheridge Society, will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May 1989, in the Village Hall, Alderton, Nr Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Alderton is a small village situated in a beautiful farming valley surrounded by rolling hills and justifies a visit on its own account. Some of the houses are thatched and timbered in particular the Gardner's Arms, the village pub. On the A438 road, approaching the village is another public house, called the Hob Nails, world famous for it's filled baps. All kinds of delicious fillings in a bread bap. Should anyone wish to extend there stay overnight there is bed and breakfast accommodation near by and a touring caravan site (see map).

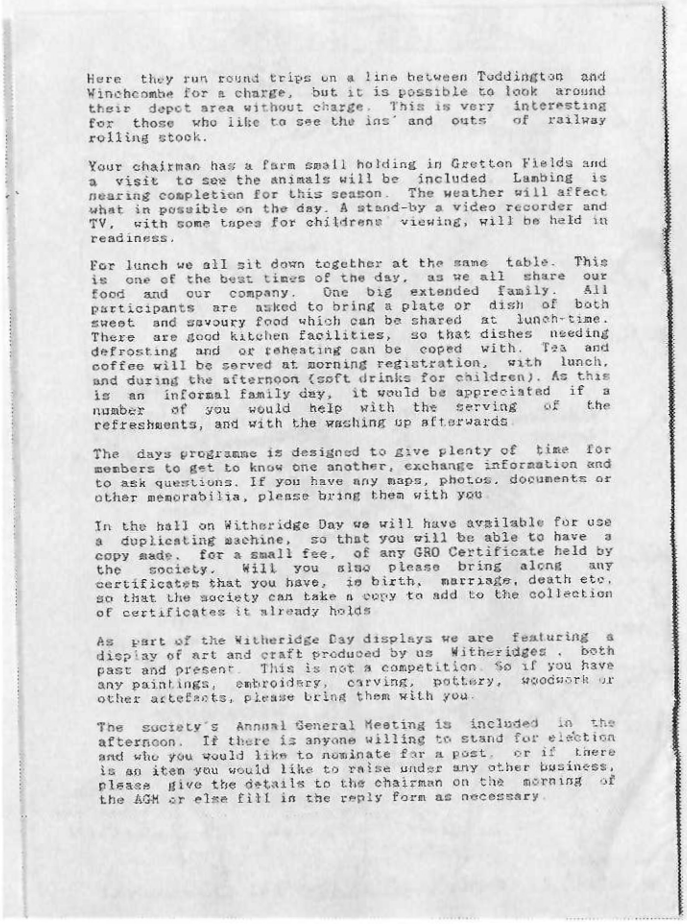
The village hall has recently been rebuilt by village enterprise, and has everything our get-to-gether will require. This includes facilities for those who are disabled and use wheelchairs. There are ramps at the doors and a special invalid toilet. There is a limited amount of parking for cars in front and at the side of the hall but the overfil can be parked down the side of the cul-de-sac leading to St Margaret's Church.

On past Witheridge Days most members have travelled by car, and members from the same areas have travelled down to-gether. If asked, we will put members in touch with each other should they wish to come, but have no transport of there own, or just wish to economise on the cost. If this is not possible the alternative is to travel by train. Cheltenham is the main line station in this area and if asked, we will arrange transport to meet train arrivals and departures. Please remember to tell us the time of train's arrival and departure at Cheltenham station.

The Witheridge Society is a family society, and Bank holidays are family days. We wish to make whole families welcome, however some parts of the meeting are not geared to young children and perhaps to some older persons.

We have therefore planned an alternative programme. The village has a playing field with a play area for young children. There are also sign posted country walks towards Alderton hill and elsewhere, and there is little village traffic, so that just a walk around the village is enjoyable.

The GWR steam railway society has the depot area at Toddington just three miles along the A438 towards Stow.



Here they run round trips on a line between Toddington and Winchcombe for a charge, but it is possible to look around their depot area without charge. This is very interesting for those who like to see the ins' and outs of railway rolling stock.

Your chairman has a farm small holding in Gretton Fields and a visit to see the animals will be included. Lambing is nearing completion for this season. The weather will affect what in possible on the day. A stand-by a video recorder and TV, with some tapes for childrens' viewing, will be held in readiness.

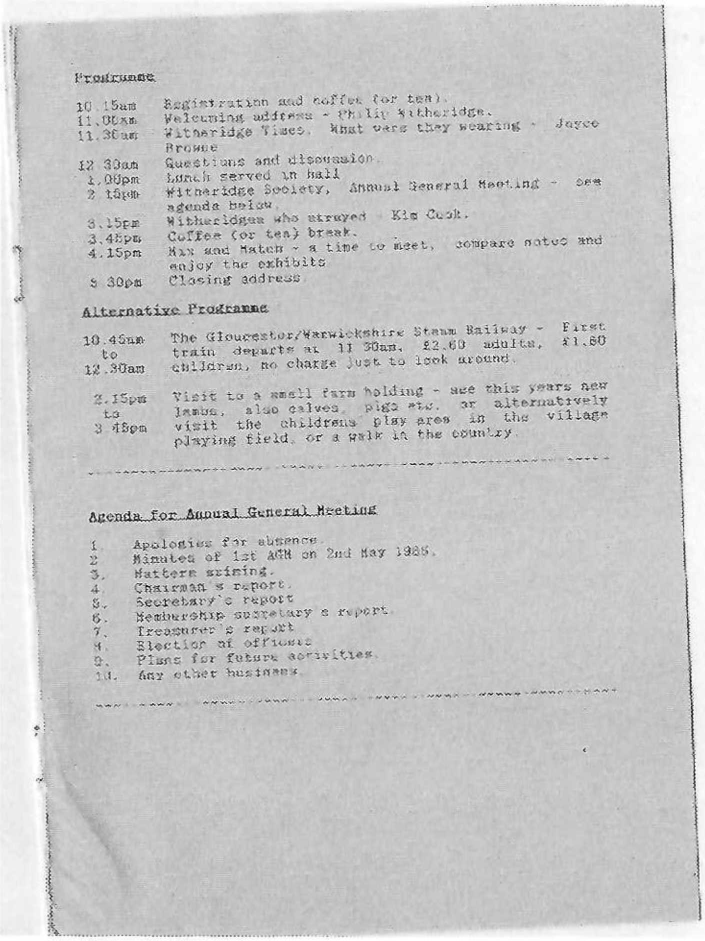
For lunch we all sit down together at the same table. This is one of the best times of the day, as we all share our food and our company. One big extended family. All participants are asked to bring a plate or dish of both sweet and savoury food which can be shared at lunch-time. There are good kitchen facilities, so that dishes needing defrosting and or reheating can be coped with. Tea and coffee will be served at morning registration, with lunch, and during the afternoon (soft drinks for children). As this is an informal family day, it would be appreciated if a number of you would help with the serving of the refreshments, and with the washing up afterwards.

The days programme is designed to give plenty of time for members to get to know one another, exchange information and to ask questions. If you have any maps, photos, documents or other memorabilia, please bring them with you.

In the hall on Witheridge Day we will have available for use a duplicating machine, so that you will be able to have a copy made, for a small fee, of any GRO Certificate held by the society. Will you also please bring along any certificates that you have, ie birth, marriage, death etc, so that the society can take a copy to add to the collection of certificates it already holds.

As part of the Witheridge Day displays we are featuring a display of art and craft produced by us Witheridges, both past and present. This is not a competition. So if you have any paintings, embroidery, carving, pottery, woodwork or other artefacts, please bring them with you.

The society's Annual General Meeting is included in the afternoon. If there is anyone willing to stand for election and who you would like to nominate for a post, or if there is an item you would like to raise under any other business, please give the details to the chairman on the morning of the AGM or else fill in the reply form as necessary.



Programme

10.15am Registration and coffee (or tea).
11.00am Welcoming address - Philip Witheridge.
11.30am Witheridge Times. What were they wearing - Joyce Browne
12 30am Questions and discussion.
1.00pm Lunch served in hall
2 15pm Witheridge Society, Annual General Meeting - see agenda below.
3.15pm Witheridges who strayed - Kim Cook.
3.45pm Coffee (or tea) break.
4.15pm Mix and Match - a time to meet, compare notes and enjoy the exhibits
5 30pm Closing address

**Alternative Programme**

10.45am to 12.30am The Gloucester/Warwickshire Steam Railway - First train departs at 11 30am. £2.60 adults, £1.60 children, no charge just to look around.

2.15pm to 3 45pm Visit to a small farm holding - see this years new lambs, also calves, pigs etc. or alternatively visit the childrens play area in the village playing field, or a walk in the country.

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**Agenda for Annual General Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of 1st AGM on 2nd May 1985.
3. Matters arising.
4. Chairman's report.
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6. Membership secretary's report.
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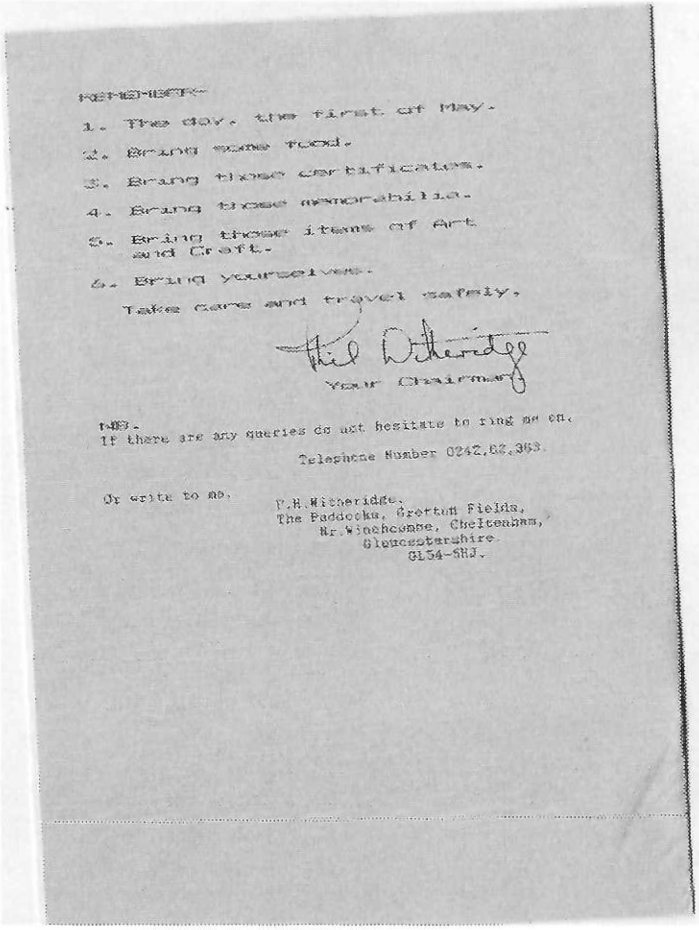


REMEMBER-

1. The day, the first of May.
2. Bring some food.
3. Bring those certificates.
4. Bring those memorabilia.
5. Bring those items of Art and Craft.
6. Bring yourselves.

Take care and travel safely.

Phil Witheridge
Your Chairman

NB.
If there are any queries do not hesitate to ring me on,

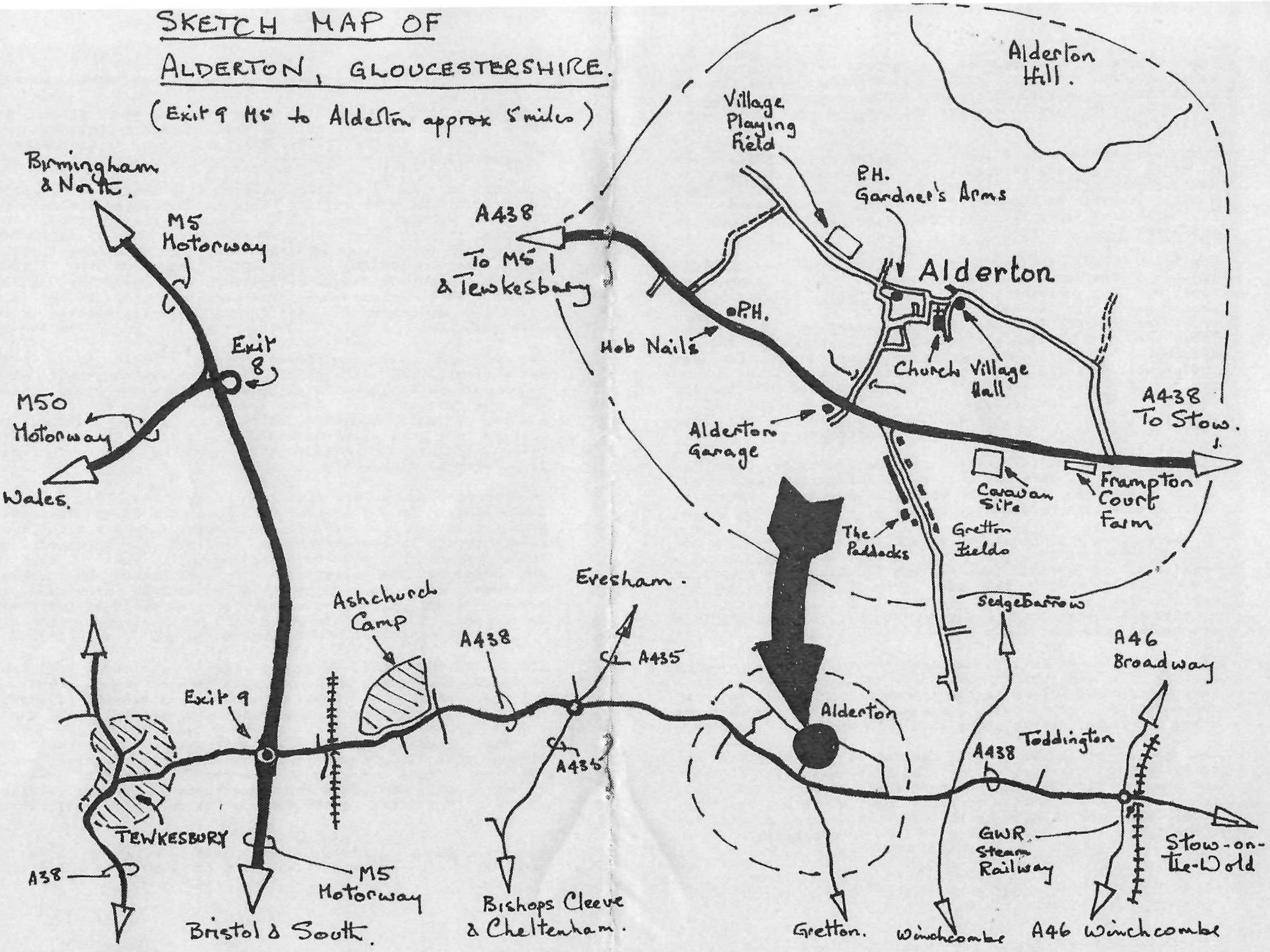
Telephone Number 0242,62,363.

Or write to me,

P.H.Witheridge,
The Paddocks, Gretton Fields,
Nr.Winchcombe, Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.
GL54-5HJ.

# SKETCH MAP OF ALDERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

(Exit 9 M5 to Alderton approx 5 miles)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Village Playing Field
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Alderton
Alderton Hill.
P.H.
Hob Nails
Church
Village Hall
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Alderton Garage
Caravan Site
Frampton Court Farm
The Paddocks
Gretton Fields
Evesham.
Sedgebarrow
Ashchurch Camp
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Alderton
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Toddington
TEWKESBURY
A435
A38
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GWR Steam Railway
Stow-on-the-Wold
Bristol & South.
Bishops Cleeve & Cheltenham.
Gretton.
Winchcombe
A46 Winchcombe

# Witheridge Day 1989.

If you wish to attend the Witheridge Day 1989 at Alderton on Monday 1st May 1989, please complete the form below and return to,

Mr.P.H.Witheridge.
The Paddocks, Gretton Fields, Nr.Winchcombe,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL54-5HJ.

If you have any queries, or need help in other ways, please telephone on **0242,62,363.**

If you are a new member would you complete the membership application form and the genealogical chart as far as you are able, and also send them with your subscription to the above address. This will give us time to try to identify in advance of the meeting your family tree and other related members.

1) Name.................................Age under 16.....M/A
Address..................................................
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I/We will be travelling by car/train (train's arrival time in Cheltenham............am)

I/We understand that the organisers of this event cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property, however caused.
( / ) delete above as appropriate. M - Main programme A - Alternative

Signed.................................Date..../..../....
Telephone Number for contact..............................

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I wish to propose ..................................for the post of ........................with their agreement.
I wish to bring up the following item under other business..
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Signed.................................Date..../..../....

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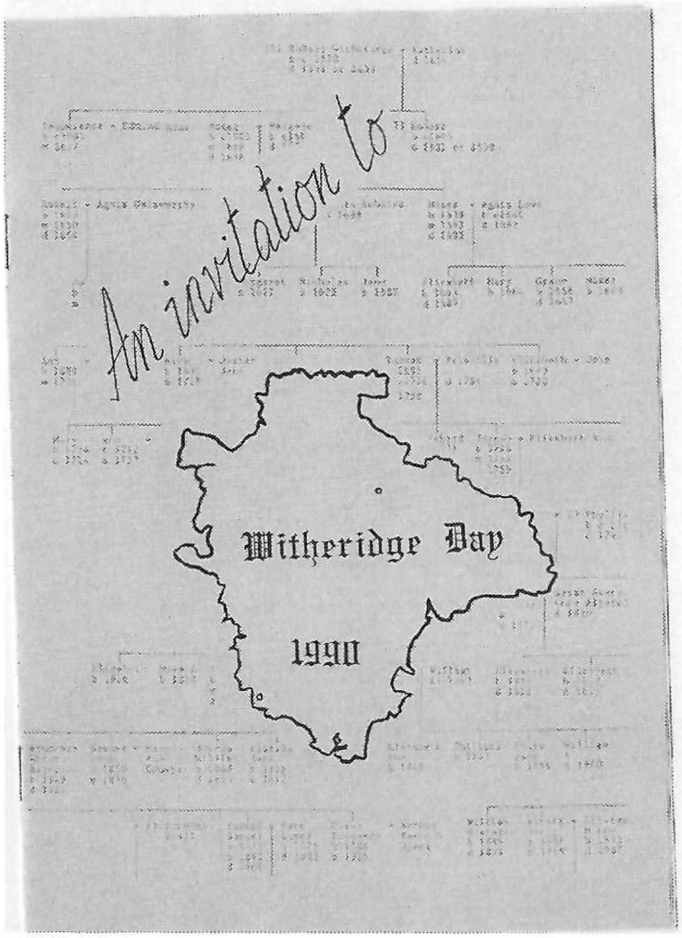
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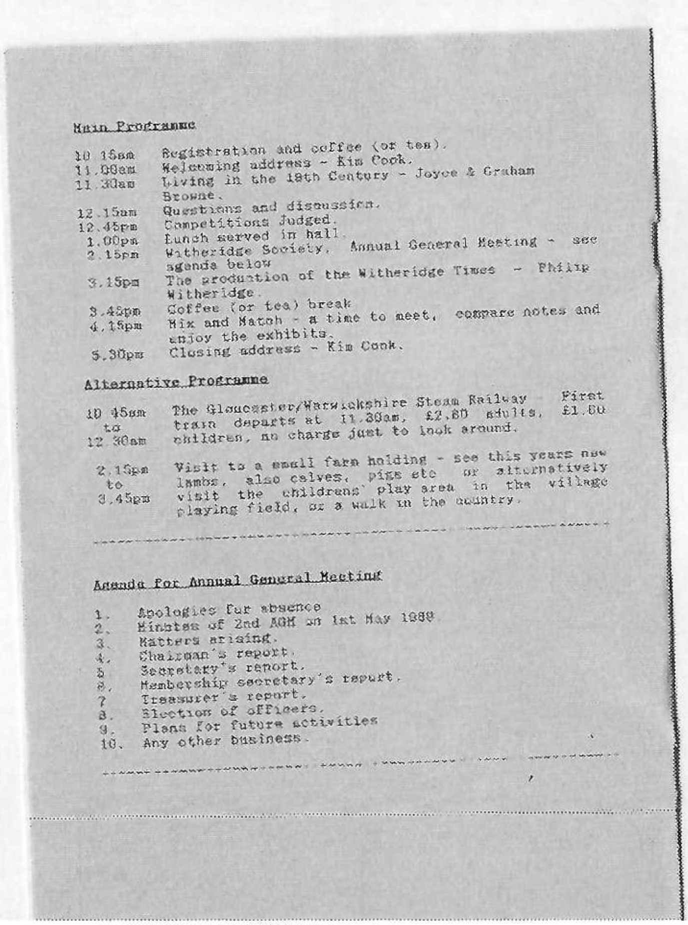
**Main Programme**

10.15am Registration and coffee (or tea).
11.00am Welcoming address - Kim Cook.
11.30am Living in the 19th Century - Joyce & Graham Browne.
12.15am Questions and discussion.
12.45pm Competitions Judged.
1.00pm Lunch served in hall.
2.15pm Witheridge Society. Annual General Meeting - see agenda below
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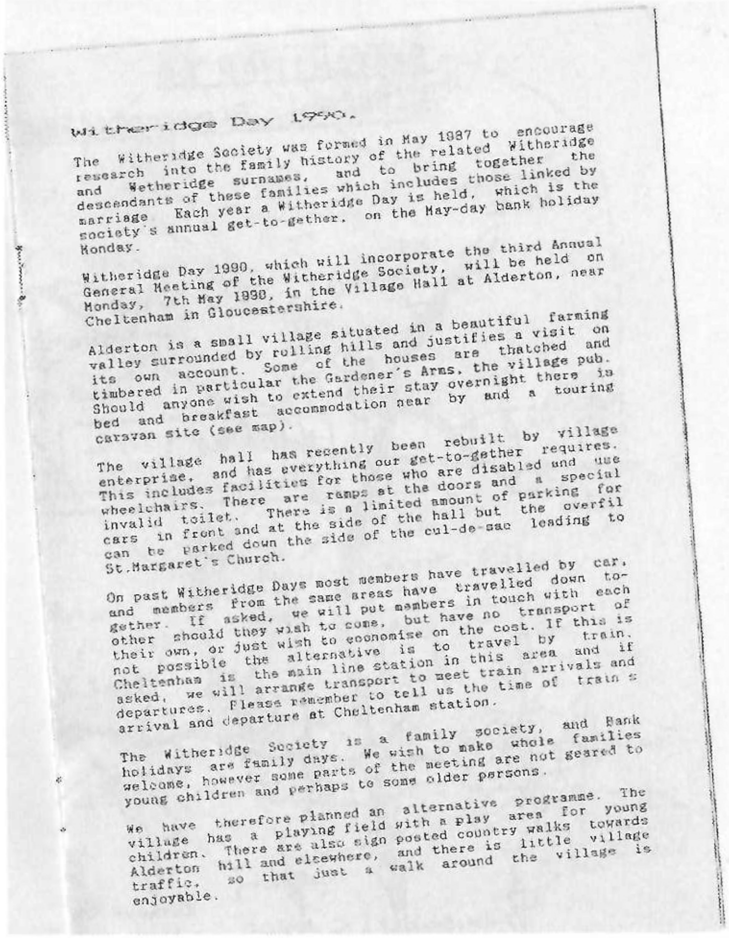


## Witheridge Day 1990.

The Witheridge Society was formed in May 1987 to encourage research into the family history of the related Witheridge and Wetheridge surnames, and to bring together the descendants of these families which includes those linked by marriage. Each year a Witheridge Day is held, which is the society's annual get-to-gether. on the May-day bank holiday Monday.

Witheridge Day 1990, which will incorporate the third Annual General Meeting of the Witheridge Society, will be held on Monday, 7th May 1990, in the Village Hall at Alderton, near Cheltenham in Gloucestershire.

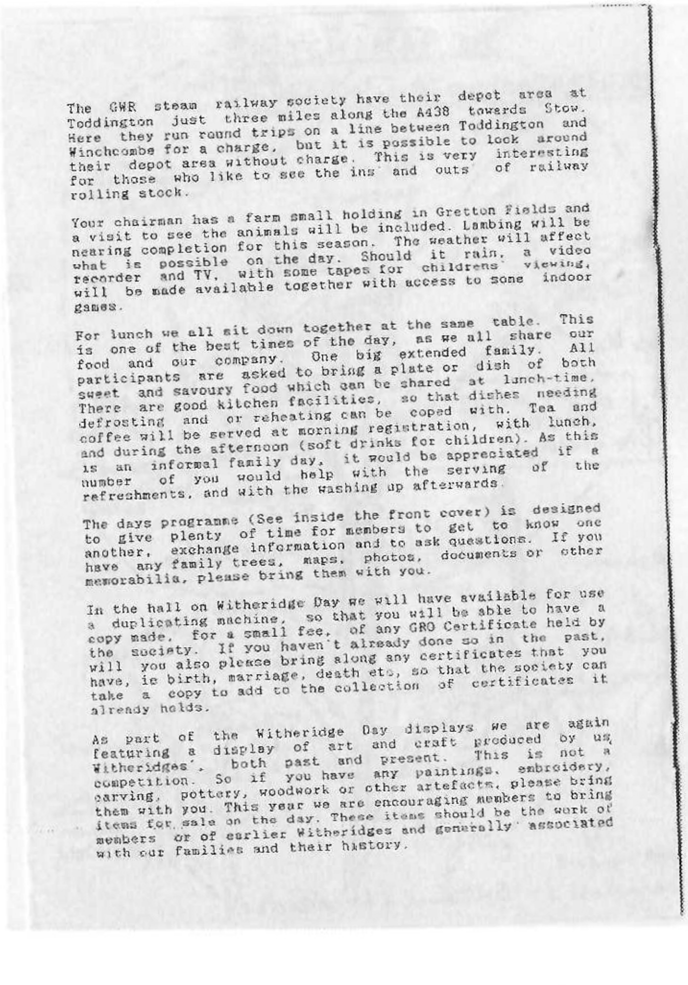
Alderton is a small village situated in a beautiful farming valley surrounded by rolling hills and justifies a visit on its own account. Some of the houses are thatched and timbered in particular the Gardener's Arms, the village pub. Should anyone wish to extend their stay overnight there is bed and breakfast accommodation near by and a touring caravan site (see map).

The village hall has recently been rebuilt by village enterprise, and has everything our get-to-gether requires. This includes facilities for those who are disabled and use wheelchairs. There are ramps at the doors and a special invalid toilet. There is a limited amount of parking for cars in front and at the side of the hall but the overfil can be parked down the side of the cul-de-sac leading to St.Margaret's Church.

On past Witheridge Days most members have travelled by car, and members from the same areas have travelled down to-gether. If asked, we will put members in touch with each other should they wish to come, but have no transport of their own, or just wish to economise on the cost. If this is not possible the alternative is to travel by train. Cheltenham is the main line station in this area and if asked, we will arrange transport to meet train arrivals and departures. Please remember to tell us the time of train's arrival and departure at Cheltenham station.

The Witheridge Society is a family society, and Bank holidays are family days. We wish to make whole families welcome, however some parts of the meeting are not geared to young children and perhaps to some older persons.

We have therefore planned an alternative programme. The village has a playing field with a play area for young children. There are also sign posted country walks towards Alderton hill and elsewhere, and there is little village traffic, so that just a walk around the village is enjoyable.



The GWR steam railway society have their depot area at Toddington just three miles along the A438 towards Stow. Here they run round trips on a line between Toddington and Winchcombe for a charge, but it is possible to look around their depot area without charge. This is very interesting for those who like to see the ins and outs of railway rolling stock.

Your chairman has a farm small holding in Gretton Fields and a visit to see the animals will be included. Lambing will be nearing completion for this season. The weather will affect what is possible on the day. Should it rain, a video recorder and TV, with some tapes for childrens' viewing, will be made available together with access to some indoor games.

For lunch we all sit down together at the same table. This is one of the best times of the day, as we all share our food and our company. One big extended family. All participants are asked to bring a plate or dish of both sweet and savoury food which can be shared at lunch-time. There are good kitchen facilities, so that dishes needing defrosting and or reheating can be coped with. Tea and coffee will be served at morning registration, with lunch, and during the afternoon (soft drinks for children). As this is an informal family day, it would be appreciated if a number of you would help with the serving of the refreshments, and with the washing up afterwards.

The days programme (See inside the front cover) is designed to give plenty of time for members to get to know one another, exchange information and to ask questions. If you have any family trees, maps, photos, documents or other memorabilia, please bring them with you.

In the hall on Witheridge Day we will have available for use a duplicating machine, so that you will be able to have a copy made, for a small fee, of any GRO Certificate held by the society. If you haven't already done so in the past, will you also please bring along any certificates that you have, ie birth, marriage, death etc, so that the society can take a copy to add to the collection of certificates it already holds.

As part of the Witheridge Day displays we are again featuring a display of art and craft produced by us Witheridges', both past and present. This is not a competition. So if you have any paintings, embroidery, carving, pottery, woodwork or other artefacts, please bring them with you. This year we are encouraging members to bring items for sale on the day. These items should be the work of members or of earlier Witheridges and generally associated with our families and their history.

We feel that the society's funds should benefit from the sale of any items on the day at the rate of 10% of the selling price.

This year coincides with the 150th aniversery of the letter post. We will provide a table specifically to display items of the post received or sent by Witheridges, ie letters, post cards, stamps etc. Please try to bring something. If your item needs a bit of background information to go with it, then please write a short note of explanation for display with it.

This year we are introducing two competitions which I hope everyone whether they can attend on the day or not will try to enter. A certificate will be awarded to the winners of these competitions.

The first competition is to be a culinary delight. You will all have heard of a `Shepherds Pie`. Well it should be realised that the `Wetherherds` would also have had a pie to sustain them as they herded their wether flocks on the `Wether Ridges` all those years ago. The original recipe would no doubt have used those bits cut off the wether lambs during castration and tail docking Or anything else that came to hand from the field, warren or hedgerow. The only requirements for this competition is that the pie should be eaten cold with the fingers and that sufficient is provided so that each member present on the day can taste a morsel for adjudication. The pie will be judged on its appearance and its taste.

The second competition will be for the most original and authentic forgery of a Witheridge document or other memorabilia. This could be for instance be the original recipe to the Wetherherds Pie above Or perhaps it could be a royal warrant conferring a special privilege on a Witheridge, say the right to collect the royal horse droppings during the trooping of the colour. Or it can be an artifact, say the back scratcher presented to King James whilst hunting on Dartmoor. Let your imagination have a free rein. These items will be judged for their originality, their humour, and their apparent authenticity.

The society's Annual General Meeting is included in the afternoon. The agenda for the AGM is given inside the front cover. If there is anyone willing to stand for election and who you would like to nominate for a post, or if there is an item you would like to raise under any other business, please give the details to the chairman on the morning of the AGM or else fill in the reply form as necessary.

REMEMBER-

1. The day, the seventh of May.
2. Bring some food.
3. Bring those certificates.
4. Bring those memorabilia.
5. Bring those items of Art and Craft and of the Post.
6. Bring your entries to the competitions.
7. Bring yourselves.

Take care and travel safely.

Phil Witheridge

Your Chairman.

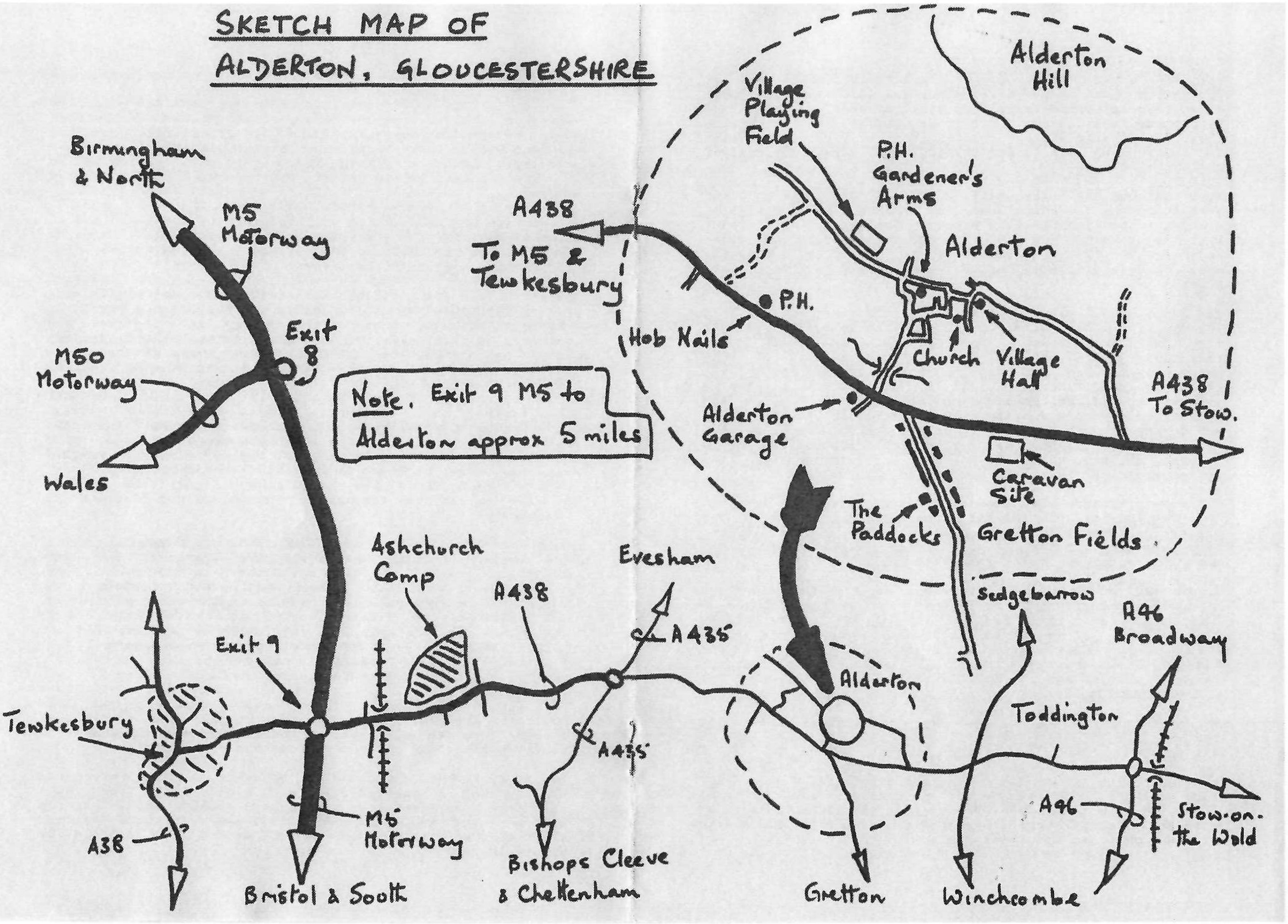
NB.
If there are any queries do not hesitate to ring me on,

Telephone Number 0242,620353.

Or write to me,

P.H.Witheridge.
The Paddocks, Gretton Fields,
Nr Winchcombe, Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.
GL54-5HJ.

# SKETCH MAP OF ALDERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE



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Village Playing Field
P.H. Gardener's Arms
Alderton
Alderton Hill
Church
Village Hall
A438 To Stow.
Alderton Garage
Caravan Site
The Paddocks
Gretton Fields
Sedgebarrow
A46 Broadway
Ashchurch Comp
A438
Evesham
A435
Exit 9
Tewkesbury
A38
M5 Motorway
Bristol & South
A435
Bishops Cleeve & Cheltenham
Alderton
Toddington
Gretton
Winchcombe
A46
Stow-on-the Wold

# Witheridge Day 1990.

If you wish to attend the Witheridge Day 1990 at Alderton on Monday 7th May 1990, please complete the form below and return to,

Mr.P.H.Witheridge.
The Paddocks, Gretton Fields, Nr.Winchcombe,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL54-5HJ.

If you have any queries, or need help in other ways, please telephone on **0242,62,363.**
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If you are a new member would you complete the membership application form and the genealogical chart as far as you are able, and also send them with your subscription to the above address. This will give us time to try to identify in advance of the meeting your family tree and other related members.

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I/We understand that the organisers of this event cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property, however caused.
( / ) delete above as appropriate, (M). Main programme, (A). Alternative programme.

Signed...................................Date..../..../....
Telephone Number for contact.............................

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Annual General Meeting.
I wish to propose ..................................for
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I wish to bring up the following item under other business..
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Signed...................................Date..../..../....

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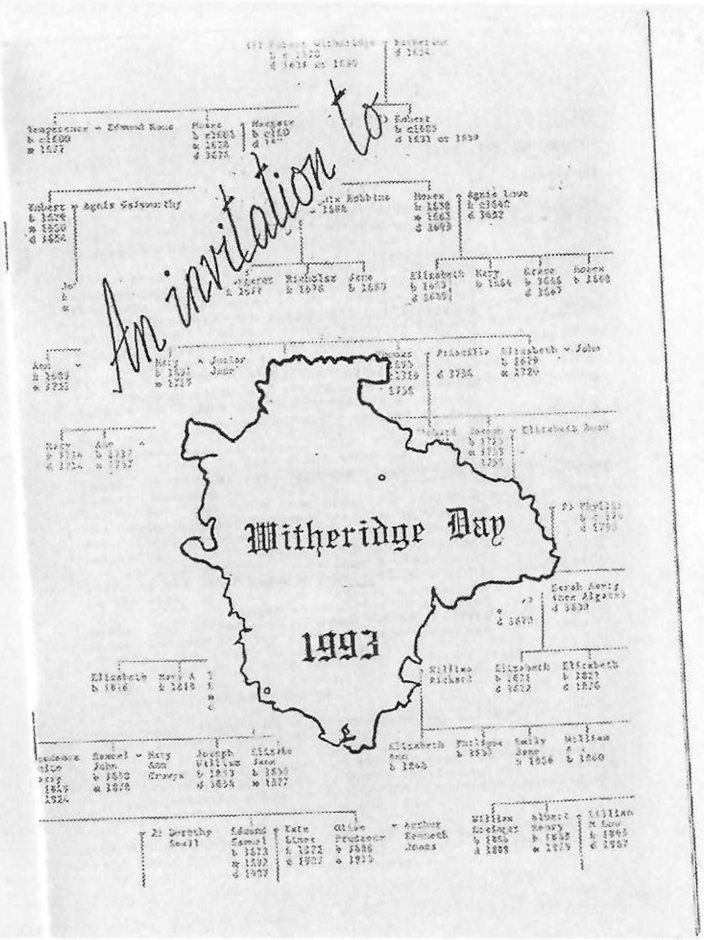

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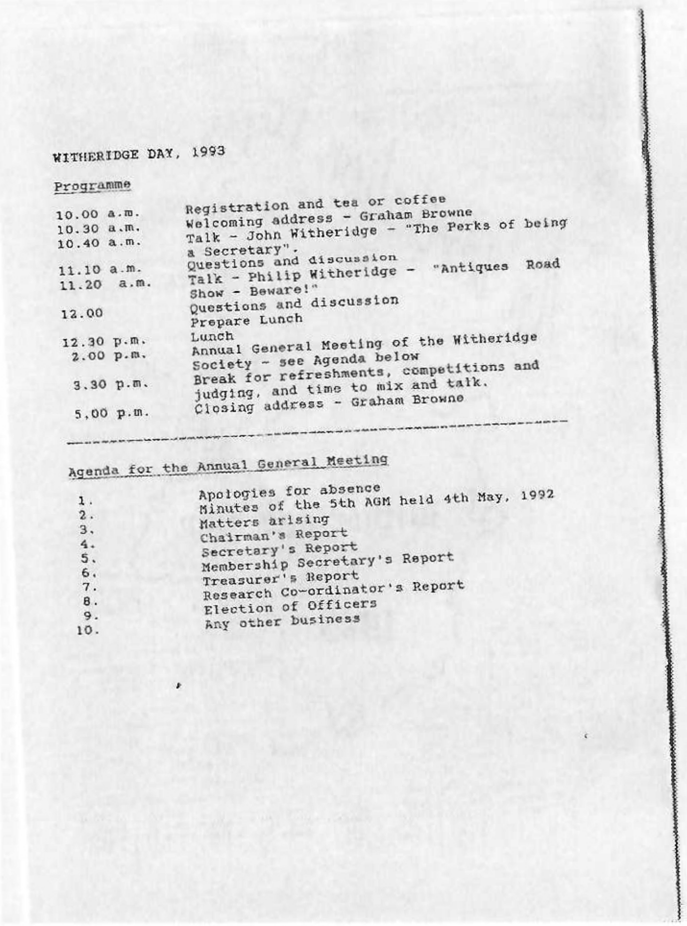

WITHERIDGE DAY, 1993

Programme

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| 10.00 a.m. | Registration and tea or coffee |
| 10.30 a.m. | Welcoming address - Graham Browne |
| 10.40 a.m. | Talk - John Witheridge - "The Perks of being a Secretary". |
| 11.10 a.m. | Questions and discussion |
| 11.20 a.m. | Talk - Philip Witheridge - "Antiques Road Show - Beware!" |
| | Questions and discussion |
| 12.00 | Prepare Lunch |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2.00 p.m. | Annual General Meeting of the Witheridge Society - see Agenda below |
| 3.30 p.m. | Break for refreshments, competitions and judging, and time to mix and talk. |
| 5.00 p.m. | Closing address - Graham Browne |

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 5th AGM held 4th May, 1992
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Membership Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Research Co-ordinator's Report
9. Election of Officers
10. Any other business

WITHERIDGE DAY 1993

This, our sixth Witheridge re-union, incorporating the Annual General Meeting of the Society, will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd May, 1993.

Once again the venue will be the Village Hall at Alderton, Gloucestershire. This location has proved popular among those who have attended in past years, and so it was decided to take advantage once again of the amenities offered. The hall is modern, with a good kitchen, ramps for wheelchairs, and other facilites for the disabled.

Parking for cars is limited at the immediate front and side of the hall, but a nearby cul-de-sac leading to St. Margaret's Church offers space.

Most members travel to Alderton by car, but for those wishing to travel by train, Cheltenham is the nearest train station. There is also a bus terminus at Cheltenham, and if asked we will arrange transport to meet trains or buses. Please remember to tell me, or past Chairman, Philip Witheridge, who lives near Alderton, of the time of arrival and departure if you need transport to and from Cheltenham. Our telephone numbers are inside the back cover of this invitation.

There is bed and breakfast and touring caravan accommodation in the area.

Among the attractions of this unspoilt area is the G.W.R Steam Railway Society's depot at Toddington, three miles from Alderton in the direction of Stow-on-the-Wold, on the A438. Steam trains make round trips between Toddington and Winchcombe, and it is possible to look around the depot and rolling stock without charge.

Winchcombe itself is a pretty Cotswold village which is always a great tourist attraction.

Although we have described the village of Alderton in previous invitations, it is worth mentioning again that it is an attractive place to walk round, with its thatched and timbered cottages and picturesque 'pub'.

On Witheridge Day, we welcome all members, of whatever age, and their families, and you will find our timetable for the day on the inside of the front cover.

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Members are asked to bring one dish of savoury food, and one dish of sweet food for lunch, which can be shared. As the kitchen facilities are good, food can be de-frosted or heated. If for any reason, you cannot bring food with you, do not let this deter you from coming - we usually have food to spare. All members help to 'assemble' our lunch, and we usually sit at one long table and thoroughly enjoy the companionship.

On arrival, and during the lunch and afternoon breaks, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Volunteers for setting tables, serving food, and washing up are greatly appreciated!

We hope that members will again bring items of interest for display around the hall. These could include arts and crafts, needlework by members or their families, Witheridge memorabilia, 'profiles' of Witheridges past and present, and of course your family trees.

Last year the competitions proved to be popular, and so we are repeating two of them, and introducing a new one.

1. Photographic competition with two categories:
    (a) Landscape
    (b) Other subjects

2. Poetry: A short comic or serious poem to be displayed and read

3. Test your knowledge - a Family History Quiz

Philip Witheridge has kindly agreed to make his photo-copier available in the hall, so that, for a small fee, any member may have a copy of any birth, marriage or death certificate held by the Society. Please bring along any certificates that you may have so that a copy can be taken to add to the Society's collection where necessary.

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.0.p.m. The Agenda is printed inside the front cover. All officers of the Society serve for one year and need to be re-elected at the Meeting. If there is anyone whom you would like to nominate for election, and who is willing to stand, please complete the lower section of the invitation reply form. If there is any item which you would like to raise under "Any other business", please send details to me, or notify me on the morning of the meeting.

REMEMBER -

1. The day - THE THIRD OF MAY, 1993
2. Bring some food
3. Bring those certificates
4. Bring the memorabilia
5. Bring the items of arts and crafts
6. Bring the photographs
7. Bring the poems

REMEMBER - We look forward to seeing you!

NB If you have any queries do not hesitate to ring me on

(0582) 29573

or write to me.

Graham Browne
5 Greenhill Avenue,
LUTON.
Beds.
LU2 7DN

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(0242) 620363

Membership Secretary:
John Witheridge,
6 Nore Close,
Darland,
Gillingham,
Kent ME7 3DG
(0634) 577291

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## WITHERIDGE DAY 1993

If you wish to attend Witheridge Day, 1993, at Alderton on Monday, 3rd May, please complete the form below and return it to:

Mr. Graham Browne,
5 Greenhill Avenue,
LUTON,
Beds.
LU2 7DN

If you have any queries, please telephone on 0582 29573 (Graham Browne), or 0242 620363 (Philip Witheridge, past Chairman), or 0634 577291 (John Witheridge, Membership Secretary).

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I/We understand that the organisers of this event cannot be held reponsible for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property, however caused.

Signed ...................................... Date .... /..../.......
Telephone number for contact ..........................................

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[April 2, 1993]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
April 2, 1993

Mr. John Witheridge
6, Nore Close, Darland, Gillingham
Kent ME7 3DG
England

Dear John,

Enclosed is a letter I sent to relatives and friends at Christmas time explaining our current situation. As I told Kim Cook when she telephoned overseas on Christmas Day, I have no idea how much I owe or when I last paid my annual subscription to the Witheridge Society. I don't remember receiving a reminder or seeing the amount mentioned in The Witheridge Times until this recent Spring 1993 issue.

I am sending this $40.00 check with the intention of paying for two years' subscription from when my last subscription expired. This should cover the exchange rate and any fee required for handling an American check. I'd appreciate word from you some day as to what I may still owe the Society and when my subscription expires.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Undated, but
possibly 1994]

THE WITHERIDGE SOCIETY.

A Founder Member and Chairman
of
THE COUNCIL OF FAMILY SOCIETIES.

Member of the GUILD of ONE NAME STUDIES.
Members No 1778.

Member Society of the
Federation of Family History Societies.

Membership Secretary
Witheridge Society

Mr J Witheridge
6 Nore Close,
Gillingham.
KENT. ME7 3DG.
England.

Letter Ref;DW/Ws/701

Dear David and Elizabeth,

I hope that you are both keeping fit and that life is treating you both well.

I have included with this letter a statement from our bank to explain how you subscriptions stand at this present moment. You are paid up fully for last year and this year now upon us. In fact you are in credit By two pounds for the year 1996 or $3. 28 US dollars So when you consider payment for the year 1996 remember to allow for this figure that you have already paid. At this very moment the exchange rate is $1.64 to the pound. I hope this explains all. Thank you once again for you continued membership.

I have been asked by the members of our society to ask you if you could perhaps write us an article on your past researches and indeed those that you may be doing at this very moment,or failing this perhaps a little about your life over there. You see many of the newer members are not aware of the research and work that you have done for the Witheridge Society in the past. Very often I am asked who is the Reverend Witheridge from America. I am also very much aware that many of our existing older hands would love to read an article by both of you. lets face it, I write a little about the Combe Martin and Berrynarbor families and keep them well researched. But you knew these facts long before I had even heard of the family. So please let the members read an article from the true expert of these North Devon Families.
Well again that is all for now, I will write again as soon as I am able.

Yours Sincerely

John Witheridge John

Chairman of The Council of Family Societies
Committee member of the Guild Of One Name Studies
Membership Secretary The Witheridge Society.

1994

# AN INVITATION

TO

# WITHERIDGE DAY

MONDAY, 2ND MAY, 1994

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALDERTON,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

10. 0 A.M.

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WITHERIDGE DAY, 1994

Our seventh reunion, incorporating the Society's Annual General Meeting, will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May, 1994, at the Village Hall, Alderton, Gloucester.

Those of us who have been fortunate enough to attend previous reunions know what a pleasant village Alderton is, and we appreciate the excellent facilities in the Village Hall. Parking for cars is available near by, and some cars can park immediately outside the hall.

Cheltenham is the nearest train station and bus terminus for Alderton, and if asked, we will arrange to meet trains or buses. Please contact me, or past President Philip Witheridge, who lives near Alderton, if you need transport to and from Cheltenham. Our addresses and telephone numbers are on page three of this invitation.

The area around Alderton is rich in interest, the historic town of Tewkesbury is a few miles from the village, and charming Winchcombe is worthy of exploration.

Our Witheridge Day begins at 10.0 a.m., and we welcome all members and their families. The event is self-catering, and so we ask each member to bring one savoury and one sweet dish which can be shared for lunch. The kitchen facilities are good and food can be heated.

Tea or coffee and soft drinks are provided at intervals throughout the day.

If for any reason you are not able to bring food, please do not let this deter you from coming. We always find that we have food to spare.

We share lunch, usually at one long table, and setting and clearing the table and washing up are communal activities which everyone seems to enjoy!

Visiting members bring their arts and crafts and needlework for display around the hall, and everyone is interested in old photographs, memorabilia, and of course your family tree - anything connected with our Witheridge families.

During the day we propose to have three competitions. One will be to discover who can cram the most objects into a matchbox - please bring your filled matchboxes with you.

In the past the photographic competition has revealed much talent, and so we propose to repeat the competition this year with two categories:-

1. Landscape
2. An unforgettable holiday moment.

The third competition will be to guess the identity or use of unusual objects. Please bring any unusual objects you may have.

The birth, marriage and death certificates held by the Society will be available in the hall, and Philip has agreed to allow us the use of his photo-copier, so that for a small fee members may make a copy of any certificate in which they are interested. If you have any certificates which you would like to donate to the Society, please bring them with you.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.0. p.m, and the Agenda is printed below and in the magazine. All Officers of the Society serve for one year and need to be re-elected, if this is the members' wish, at the Meeting. If there is anyone whom you would like to nominate for office, and who is willing to stand, please complete the lower section of the invitation reply form.

If there is any question which you would like to raise under "Any other business", please send details to me, or notify me on the morning of the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at Alderton!

Graham Browne

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## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 6th AGM held on 3rd May, 1993
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Membership Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Research Co-ordinator's Report
9. Election of Officers
10. Any other business

## PROGRAMME - WITHERIDGE DAY, 1994

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| 10.00 a.m. | Registration and tea or coffee |
| 10.30 a.m. | Welcoming address - Graham Browne |
| 10.40 a.m. | Talk - John Witheridge- "The Council of Family Societies" |
| 10.50 a.m. | Questions on above. |
| 11.00 a.m. | Talk - Philip Witheridge - "Voyage of Discovery. South Milton, Thurlestone, West Alvington Families" |
| 11.40 a.m. | Questions and Discussion |
| 11.50 a.m. | Look at competitions and prepare lunch |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2.00 p.m. | Annual General Meeting |
| 2.30 p.m. | Break for refreshments, competition judging. and time to mix and talk. |
| 5.00 p.m. | Closing address - Graham Browne |

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REMEMBER - We look forward to seeing you, and if you have any queries do not hesitate to ring me on

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# WITHERIDGE DAY 1994

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If you are a new member please complete the membership application form and the genealogical chart as far as you are able, and send them with your subscription to the Membership Secretary. This will give us time to try to identify in advance of the meeting your family tree and other related matters.

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Annual General Meeting

I wish to propose .................... for the post of .................... with their agreement.
I wish to bring up the following item(s) under 'Any other business'.
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Signed ................................. Date ..../..../....

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[Jan. 13, 1995]

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Jan. 18, 1995

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter. You apparently are not aware that Elizabeth has Alzheimer's, and I am her full-time caregiver. I am enclosing my last three Christmas letters, and they will give you the complete picture.

I have done absolutely nothing on genealogy since November of 1991, and under the circumstances you can see why I would be unable to undertake any writing project.

My thoughts are often with you and the Wetheridge society and my many relatives and friends there. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

David E. Wetheridge

# The Witheridge Society

## Membership Application

Surname....................Christian names...........

Additional family members (if applicable)

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Address..........................................

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Postcode..................Telephone.................

I wish to apply for (*delete items not applicable)

* Full membership £7.00 pa

* Economy membership (student/oap/unemployed) £5.00 pa

* Family membership (all at one UK address and sharing newsletter) £10.00 pa

* Overseas membership [✓ £12.00 pa]

I enclose PO/cheque for £..... for one year's ....... subscription

Signed..........................Date...............

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Please indicate if you are able to offer help to any other members with special skills or services, eg paleography; checking census returns; collecting GRO certificates; checking PRO records Kew/London; giving hospitality; searching the local record office at ....................; other (please specify).........

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Please complete, as far as you possibly can, the chart enclosed, with details of 1) you; 2) father; 3) mother 4) father's father; 5) father's mother; 6) mother's father; 7) mother's mother; and so on.

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# The Witheridge Society

The Witheridge Society was formed in May 1987 to bring together people of Witheridge and Wetheridge descent.

The Society holds details of over 3,000 Witheridges and Wetheridges, from about 1540 to the present day, as well as transcripts of GRO birth, marriage and death indexes, PPR Wills indexes, and details of many parish records. If you wish to trace your own family, past or present, we should be able to help you.

We also have information on the two Devonshire locations from which our ancestors took their name, as well as details of the many towns and villages throughout the UK where branches of the Witheridge and Wetheridge families settled. For some locations we also have extensive and detailed family trees.

Three or four times a year we publish The Witheridge Times, which contains articles about past and present Wetheridges and Witheridges, news of members, hints for researchers and family trees. We also arrange Witheridge reunions at which members can get to know one another, and perhaps make contact with long-lost or even hitherto unknown relations.

Each year we combine our major reunion, which we call Witheridge Day, with the Society's Annual General Meeting. This is held on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, and we welcome families from far and wide.

If you would like to join the Society, please complete the application form opposite and send it, with your subscription, to our Membership Secretary, ~~Mr Rod Witheridge, Granville House, 33 Barrowgate Road, Chiswick, London W4 4QX.~~ We look forward to welcoming you!

Memb. Sec.: Mr. John Witheridge
6, Prestbury Avenue, Clayton
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.
England ST5 4QY

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# *Witheridge Day 1997*

Next year is the 10th Anniversary meeting of the Witheridge Society, and it has been suggested that we celebrate this by making Witheridge Day and the AGM something extra special.

One suggestion made at the 1995 Witheridge Day was that we should celebrate by holding the anniversary meeting in our namesake village of Witheridge, Devon. It was also suggested that we might consider a full weekend (Saturday, Sunday and Monday), particularly for those who would have further to travel.

Such a plan has advantages and disadvantages. A weekend away is more expensive, and the village of Witheridge is very difficult to get to by public transport. However, a full weekend away does make the effort of travelling more worthwhile, and many members would get real pleasure from staying in our namesake village. Visits to nearby towns and villages where our ancestors lived would also be possible, and some members might consider making the weekend part of a spring holiday in the West Country. The venue might even tempt more of our overseas members to visit the homeland and join us!

If we were to enlarge the event to cover the whole weekend, we would need to make some plans for the other days. Suggestions include a guided tour of the church, a tour of the village, a trip to one of the Witheridge home villages in North Devon, a short Thanksgiving Service, a get-together with some of the local people to establish good contacts, a talk on local history (from the authors of the book 'Old Witheridge'), and perhaps a small presentation to the village (planting a commemorative tree in the village, supplying a bench seat, a village sign or hanging baskets). We welcome other ideas and suggestions.

However, before we can even consider such a move, we need to know whether Witheridge has the facilities (a suitable hall, and adequate accommodation) to meet our needs.

The Parish Hall is available to let for that weekend. It has a main hall, which can seat up to 200 people, costing £5.50 per hour (ie £45 for our usual Witheridge Day gathering from 10am until 6pm), and a smaller Committee Room which can seat up to 40 people, costing £4.50 per hour (ie £36 for the day). The kitchen has kettles and urns, and provision for serving tea, coffee and cold food, as well as the usual washing-up facilities. Unfortunately, the cooker has had to be removed to comply with some EC regulation, but it might be possible to bring in our own microwaves if we wished to heat food. However, if we were to be staying the whole weekend, there would be a problem in storing any food brought for our usual shared meal. One alternative would be to contact one of the two local pubs (The Mitre and The Angel) and arrange for them to provide a meal, which could be eaten either in the pub, or brought across to the hall as a kind of take-away. This latter would be a better idea if there were going to be too many of us for the pub to seat.

As far as accommodation goes, The Mitre has six rooms (one en-suite), three twin-bedded, two doubles and one family room, (currently £14 per person per night, bed and breakfast). The dining room can seat up to 40 people. However, it may be changing hands shortly, and the new owners may be expanding. The Angel has bedrooms, but they are not currently equipped for letting. Hope House (the former Vicarage) also has one family room, two double rooms, one twin-bedded room and one single room, (currently £14 per person per night). West Yeo Farm has a family room and a single (£14 per person), as well as a self-catering unit for 6. Hole Farm and New House Farm also offer bed and breakfast accommodation.

Wherever we want to hold our tenth anniversary celebrations, the booking will have to be made as soon as possible after this year's AGM. A poll will be taken at the AGM, and if possible we will try and get the views of those who cannot be with us. The result, with a provisional booking form, will be mailed out as soon as possible after the AGM.

As 1997 will be a very special year for us, we do ask you to give the event very special consideration, and to try and come to our tenth anniversary. If you can encourage other Witheridge relations (however distant) to come too, that would be marvellous. They don't have to be members to come - we just want it to be our biggest Witheridge gathering ever!

# *Witheridge Day 1997*

As 1997 will be the tenth anniversary of the Witheridge Society, we are considering a number of ways to celebrate this. We have to decide whether to stick to a one-day AGM only, or whether to precede it with some sort of celebration on the Saturday and Sunday. It has also been suggested that we hold the 1997 event in Witheridge, Devon, instead of at Alderton, Gloucestershire.

As we would like to have the biggest ever attendance next year, it would help us if you could let us know which of the following options you would be most likely to support.

1. A one-day event in Alderton, Gloucestershire, as at present
2. A three-day event in Alderton (AGM preceded by two optional days of shared events)
3. A one-day event in Witheridge, Devon
4. A three-day event in Witheridge (AGM preceded by two optional days of shared events)

Please indicate which option you prefer. If you can give us an approximate number of those who would be attending, (and they need not necessarily be members of the Witheridge Society), that would be helpful. However, this does not in any way commit you - we are just trying to find out which option would attract the most people.

I/We would prefer the 1997 tenth anniversary of the Witheridge Society to be arranged as set out

in option number ................

The number of people who would be likely to attend is ..............

Name............................................................... Tel no......................................................

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If there are other Witheridge descendents you think might be interested in having details of our 1997 Witheridge Day celebrations, please fill in the name(s) and address(es) below.

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# *Witheridge Day 1997*

Useful contacts in Witheridge, Devon

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| Rev Vernon & Mrs Francesca Ross<br>The Vicarage<br>Witheridge<br>Tiverton<br>Devon EX16 8AE | 01884 860 768 |
| Parish hall bookings: Mrs Iris Coney | 01884 860 188 |
| The Mitre (currently Mr & Mrs Lefort) | 01884 860 395 |
| The Angel | 01884 860 429 |
| Hope House (Mrs Childs)<br>6 The Square, Witheridge | 01884 860 012 |
| West Yeo Farm (Mr & Mrs Woolacot) | 01884 860 300 |
| New House Farm (Chris Lawrence) | 01884 860 249 |
| Hole Farm (Mr Knapton) | 01884 860 265 |

# *The Witheridge Society*

## Witheridge Contacts

To help us complete our Witheridge records, please complete the details for other members of your family, however distantly related.

Your details

Surname..........................................................................Christian name(s).......................................................

Address........................................................................................................................................................

Town...................................................County/State.......................................Code....................Country................

The person named below is my....................................................He/she is/is not married and has ................children

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# WITHERIDGE DAYS 2nd/3rd/4th MAY,1998

**URGENT!**

I have had some enquiries concerning a two/three day event for May 1998. The two venues suggested are:- Tiverton-visiting the North Devon area including Combe Martin and Bideford,or Tavistock- visiting an historic mining village on the Tamar, and Plymouth.

In order to guage the level of support we may expect for these plans (this knowledge is vital to arrange bookings etc.,) I would be grateful if members and friends would indicate it they are likely to attend.

Name................ numbers..............

Please send or telephone replies to

Richard Witheridge,
2 Apsley Road,
Newbridge,
Bath,
Somerset
BA1 3LP

Tel:01225 423867

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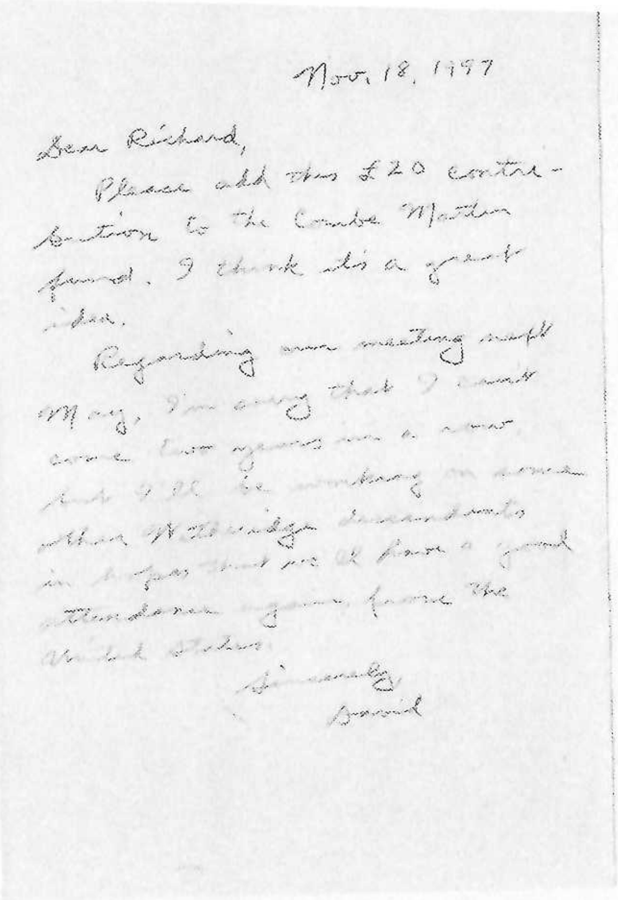

Nov. 18, 1997

Dear Richard,

Please add this £20 contribution to the Combe Martin fund. I think it's a great idea.

Regarding our meeting next May, I'm sorry that I can't come two years in a row, but I'll be working on some other Witheridge descendants in hopes that we'll have a good attendance again from the United States.

Sincerely,
David

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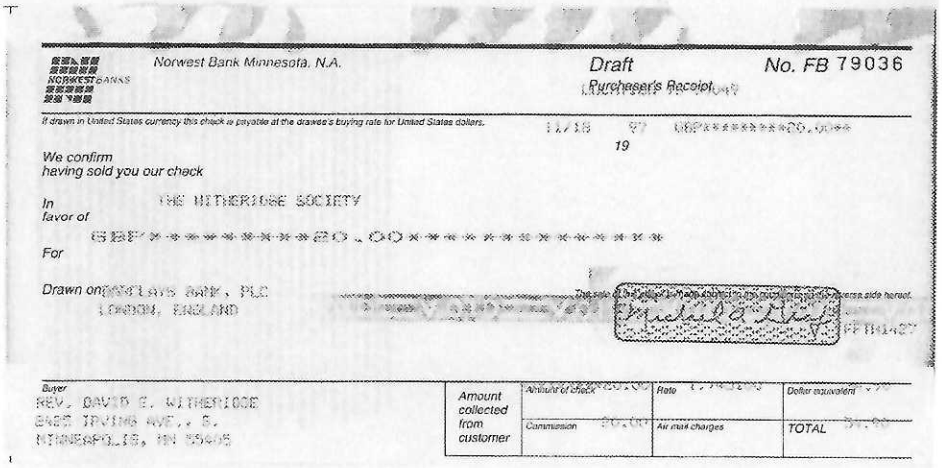

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No. FB 79036

If drawn in United States currency this check is payable at the drawee's buying rate for United States dollars.

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We confirm
having sold you our check

In favor of THE WITHERIDGE SOCIETY

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Drawn on BARCLAYS BANK, PLC
LONDON, ENGLAND

The sale of this check is made subject to the conditions on the reverse side hereof.

Michael A. [illegible]

Buyer
REV. DAVID E. WITHERIDGE
8425 IRVING AVE., S.
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55405

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# A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

## Graham Browne

14th June 1924 - 3rd August 2007

Luton Crematorium, Stopsley

Friday 17th August 2007

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**ENTRY MUSIC**
Four Seasons (Spring) - Vivaldi

**THE SENTENCES**

**FIRST READING**
Psalm 23 (AV)

**SECOND READING**
St John 14: 1-6

**ADDRESS**
The Reverend Raymond Wallace

**TRIBUTE**
David Browne (Nephew)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**
and other prayers

**THE COMMITTAL**

## HYMN

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

## FINAL PRAYER and BLESSING

## EXIT MUSIC

Four Seasons (Autumn) - Vivaldi

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*Joyce would like to invite you to the*
*Lansdowne Club in Villa Road for some*
*light refreshment and a chance to*
*reflect on Graham's life*

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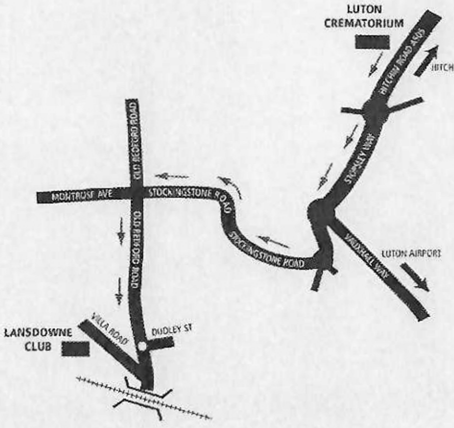
*Donations in memory of Graham for*
*the Pasque Hospice may be sent*
*c/o Neville Funeral Service, Neville House,*
*Marsh Road, Leagrave, Luton LU3 2ZR*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DEW as Honorary Vice President of
Witheridge Society
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# Editor's Note

On June 8, 1996, at a luncheon attended by 22 guests at the Minnesota History Center in downtown St. Paul, Dad was designated as the first Honorary Vice President for life of the Witheridge Society, because of his decades of work to advance the genealogical knowledge of Witheridge family lines on four continents.

He received the honor from the society's co-founder, Kim Cook (q.v.), who herself had been previously named Honorary President for life. Kim and her husband, Roy, came from England for the occasion and spent three weeks with Dad, with side trips to Chicago and Minnesota's north shore of Lake Superior.

This section contains Dad's file on the St. Paul event, including details of the catering (arranged by my former wife, Virginia Selleck). For additional details, see Dad's notes for a phone call to Joyce Aldrich (b. 1932) near the end of her section in folder 1.63k. See also Dad's May 22, 1996, letter to Tony Witheridge (q.v.) in Tony's section of folder 1.64e. See the correspondence regarding the event between Dad and Kathy Witheridge (b. 1942), dated May 24, July 10 (listing attendees), and July 17, 1996; the letters are located chronologically in folder 1.63i.

Later, both Kathy and Joyce Browne (q.v.) were also made Honorary Vice Presidents of the society for their significant contributions.

Tom Witheridge
July 30, 2022

# CATERING EVENT ORDER

BOOKED: GUAR DATE:
EVENT DATE: 6/8/96
DAY OF EVENT: Saturday
#EXPECTED: 25 (international event - all ages)
CONTACT: Virginia Selleck
PHONE #: 322-4784
GROUP: awards luncheon for father-in-law

BILLING:

13942 Drommond Trail
Apple Valley, MN
55124

26 (as of 6/4/96

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| lunch + program | 11-2 | Honeywell |

**Beverage Information:**
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23 Chicken 10.95
3 Vegetarian 10.95

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chef charge:
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**MENUS:**

8 Char. at 15.95
4 cider at 8.95

| | Estimate | Actual |
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| Cost of Food | | 284.70 |
| B. MHS 8% Discount | | — |
| C. Subtotal Food/NonAlcohol | | 284.70 |
| D. 16% Service Charge (C,J) | | 71.70 |
| E. Misc. Cost | | — |
| F. Total (C D E) | | 356.40 |
| G. Tax 7% (F) | | 24.95 |
| H. Cost Alcohol Beer/Wine | | 163.40 |
| I. Cost Alcohol Liquor | | — |
| J. Subtotal Alc. Bev. (H I) | | 163.40 |
| K. Tax 9.5% (J) | | 15.53 |
| L. Total Tax (G K) | | 40.48 |
| TOTAL COST (F J L) | | 560.28 |
| Deposit | | |
| Deposit #2 | | |
| Amount Due | | |

Please indicate your acceptance of this agreement by returning the top copy with an original authorized signature fourteen (14) business days prior to your event date. Bon Appetit also requires three (3) business days prior notice for any menu or guest count guarantees. In the event that the guarantee count is not submitted, charges will be based on the original number of guests expected as stated above, or the actual amount served, whichever is greater. In acceptance of this agreement, includes the understanding of Café Minnesota's Catering Policies.
pp = per person
++ = service charge and tax (service charge = 12% gratuity and 4% house charge)
(tax on food, house charge and gratuity = 7%, tax on alcoholic beverages = 9.5%)

Agreed to and Accepted By: ____________________

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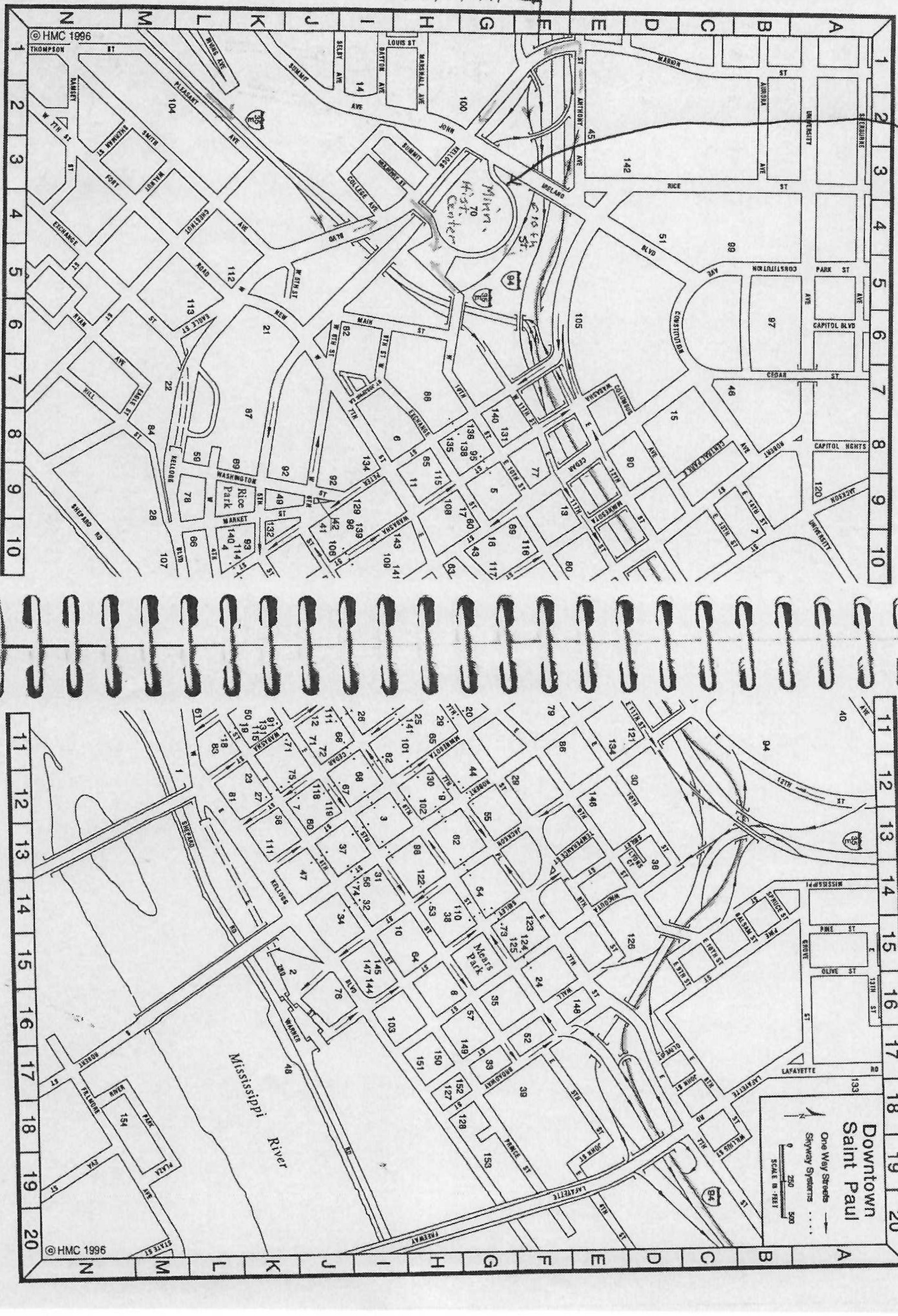

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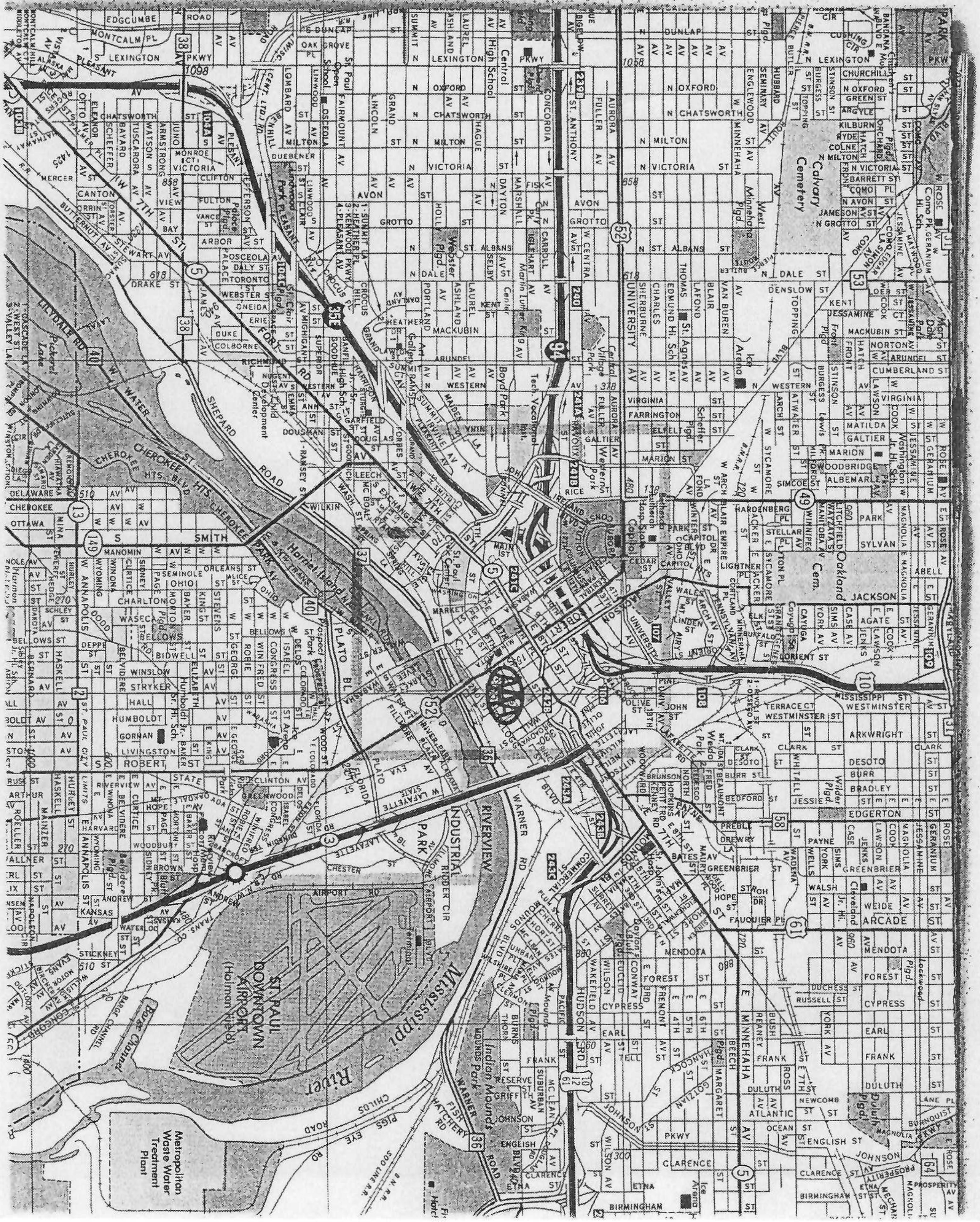

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Capitol
Indian Mounds Park
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Harriet Island
Barge Channel
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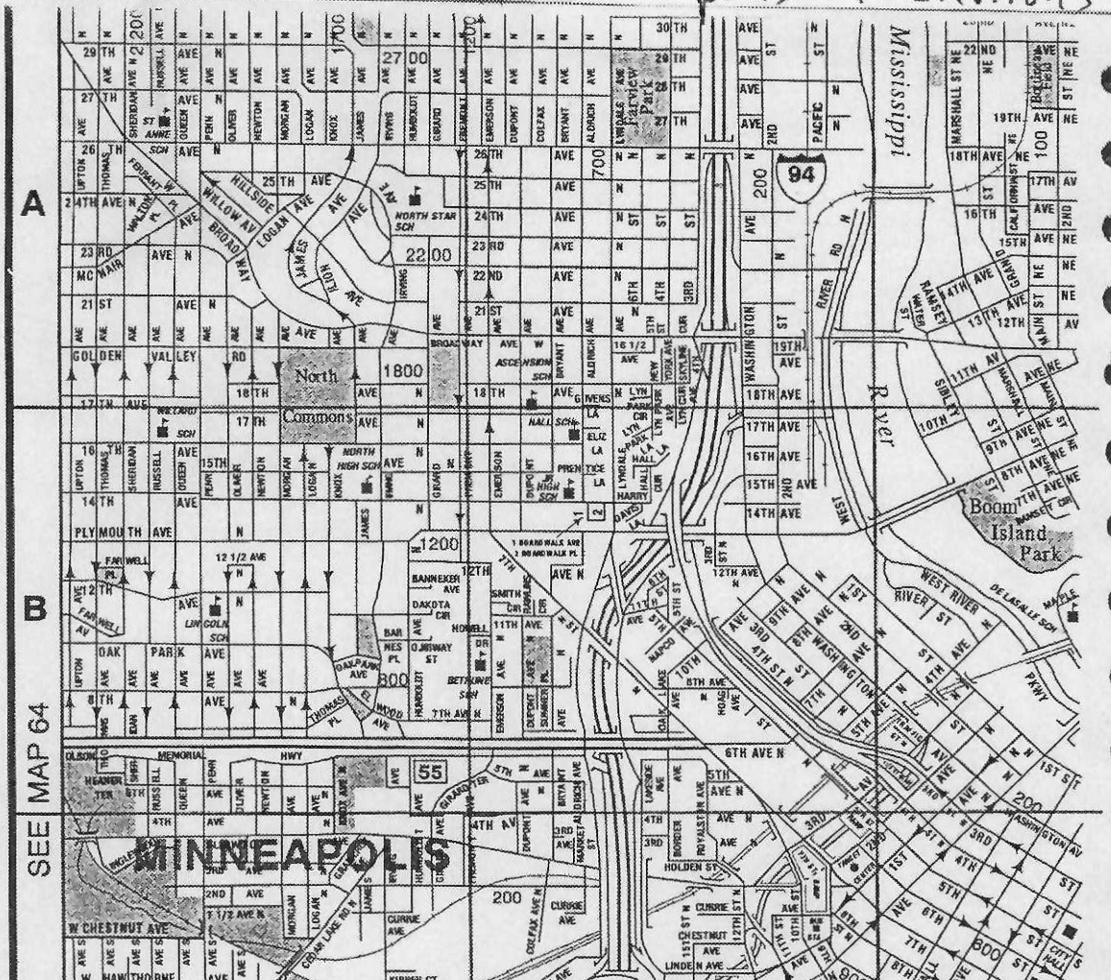
Downtown Minneapolis + environs



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Convention Center
City Hall
Court House
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Bethune Sch
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North Star Sch
Hall Sch
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Washington Av
West River Pkwy
Lowry Tunnel
Franklin Ave
Lake St
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Witheridge home,
2425 Irving Ave. So.

[Letter to DEW's niece, Jennifer (Jenni) Edith Mark (b. 1943) about plans for June 1996]

May 22, 1996

Dear Jenni,

I thought I'd write and give you the latest information about our June 8th weekend. I know you sent a note to Tom, but he probably hasn't replied, and I'm not sure he'll have time to do so, because he's going into the hospital on Thursday for an operation.

When you arrive on Friday, I think you should come to my house. (I assume you still know how to find it.) I still haven't heard from Jamie and Penny or Anne and Bill, so I can't tell whether you'll be staying with me or Jim or Tom. When I know the final plans, I can probably call you. The problem is, Kim and Roy and I will be spending four days, June 3-6, on a trip up the North Shore of Lake Superior as far as Thunder Bay, Ontario, and won't be back until Thursday evening, June 6. So if you need to talk to someone during that period, you'll have to talk to Tom or Virginia at (612) 322-4784, or Joan or David at (612) 825-7449.

At this point I know we'll have Kim and Roy Cook from England, Kathy and Paul Witheridge from Sarnia, Janice and Jay from Saginaw (John doesn't want to try it because of his heart attack and surgery) Jean Tomlinson, my second cousin from Arkansas, and her son Jimmy and daughter Pat Johnson who live in the Twin Cities. Joyce Aldrich, her sister, can't come from East Lansing, because her daughter-in-law is having an operation, so Joyce has to help with the children.

Just a week ago I had a call from a Tony Witheridge in Geneva, Illinois. I think he had been in touch with Janice and had heard about this June 8th luncheon, and he's going to come. He was born in Australia and has only been in this country 5 or 6 years

Then I got a letter from Sharon Brydges of North Battleford, Saskatchewan. She's a second or third cousin of Paul Witheridge and heard about our get-together from Kathy. She and her husband Ed would like to come, but haven't got it worked out yet. So we're going to meet a lot of new people. In addition there will be a half dozen friends from Minneapolis who are not Witheridge descendants.

We'll gather at the Minnesota Historical Society building at 345 Kellogg Blvd in St Paul at 11:00 a.m. to give us a chance to get acquainted before the complimentary luncheon is served about 12:00. Then about 2:00 those who want to go through the Society's wonderful museum may do so, after which we're hoping people will come to my house to talk further and have a bit of tea and cookies.

We can't invite everyone to dinner that night as our guests, but we're making a reservation at Pearson's in Edina for as many as would like to join us at their own expense. On Sunday noon we're planning a light lunch at my house for those who will still be in town.

So that's pretty much the whole story, and I'm really looking forward to seeing you for this very eventful weekend.

Love,

Uncle Dave

[DEW's notes from a phone call to his brother, John, and sister-in-law Janice, regarding plans for June 8, 1996, and other family matters]

Telephone call to John, 5/17/96
Talked to Janice

Dr. says he can drive, but he's afraid to go long distances
Goes to Bay City, but not to Flint

* Janice + Jay are coming

Thursday after bridge game
Arr. around noon on Friday (drive all night)
Leave Sunday or Monday

** Mary Kay was off a month or two for an operation

Janice will keep talking to John

Send a map to get to our house

* Jay is DEW's nephew, son of John Meredith Witheridge and Janice Witheridge.
** Mary Kay is DEW's niece, daughter of John and Janice.

[Letter to Janice Witheridge, DEW's sister-in-law, about plans for June 8, 1996]

May 22, 1996

Dear Janice,

I'm looking forward to seeing you and Jay (and maybe John) for our June 8th get-together. I'm enclosing a map so you'll be able to find my house. Coming through St. Paul keep your eyes on the signs for I-94 West and Minneapolis. In Minneapolis there will be a warning sign for a tunnel, and just before the tunnel take the exit labeled Lyndale-Hennepin. There are two lanes on the exit, and take the left-hand one marked Hennepin. Keep on Hennepin to 25th St. Turn right a few blocks to Irving. Turn right on Irving, and we are in the middle of the block on the right side – 2425.

You'll be staying with Tom and Virginia out in Apple Valley, but our place is easier to find, and they won't be home in the middle of the day on Friday.

At this point I know we'll have Kim and Roy Cook from England, Kathy and Paul Witheridge from Sarnia, Joanne from Royal Oak, Jean Tomlinson, our second cousin from Arkansas, and her son Benny and daughter Pat Johnson, who live in the Twin Cities. Joyce Aldrich, her sister, can't come from East Lansing, because her daughter-in-law is having an operation, so Joyce has to help with the children.

Then we'll have Tony Witheridge from Geneva, Illinois, and possibly Sharon and Ted Bridges from North Battleford, Saskatchewan. Of course, we'll have Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca, and Jim and his partner David Torborg. I haven't heard yet from James and Penny or Anne and Bill. In addition, there will be a half dozen friends from Minneapolis who are not Witheridge descendants.

We'll gather at the Minnesota Historical Society building at 345 Kellogg Blvd in St Paul at 11:00.

to give us a chance to get acquainted before the complimentary luncheon is served about 12:00. Then about 2:00 those who want to go through the society's wonderful museum may do so, after which we're hoping people will come to my house to talk further and have a bit of tea and cookies.

We can't invite everyone to dinner that night as our guests, but we are making a reservation at a Minneapolis restaurant for as many as would like to join us at their own expense. On Sunday noon we're planning a light lunch at my house for those who will still be in town.

I think I told you that Kim and Roy and I will be spending four days, June 3-6, on a trip up the North Shore of Lake Superior as far as Thunder Bay and won't be back until Thursday evening, June 6. So if you need to talk to someone during that period, please call either Tom or Virginia at (612) 322-4784, or Jim or David at (612) 825-7449.

So that's pretty much the whole story, and I think we'll all enjoy the weekend. Oh, if John decides he can come, please call me so we can change the luncheon reservation.

Love,
Dave

[DEW wrote this letter about the plans for June 1996 ~~to his niece, Anne ("Little Anne") Witheridge, and~~ his nephew, William Allen Witheridge II.]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
April 9, 1996

Dear Anne & Bill,

I tried calling you this evening, and I found you have an unlisted phone, so I'm writing you instead. I want to tell you about a Witheridge mini-reunion that's coming up, and I hope you may be able to come. It's a long story.

As you know Elizabeth and I made three trips to England starting in 1976, and we became very good friends with Kim and Roy Cook, who live in a suburb of London. Kim's mother's maiden name was Witheridge, and we got together because of our common interest in genealogy. We were their guests in England several times, and they visited us for a couple of weeks in 1990.

About eight years ago Kim started an organization called The Witheridge Society. I'm a member, but I haven't been able to attend any of their meetings, which are held once a year on the first Monday of May, which is a bank holiday in England. They publish a magazine quarterly, which I enjoy, and I've written a couple of small articles for it.

Some time ago I got the good news that they're coming again for a visit, this time the last two weeks in May and the first week in June. When Kim called about the trip, she said she was bring- me something she knew I'd like, but that it was a surprise. A little later she was talking to Tom on the phone, and she told him about the surprise, and he said, "Oh, I think you ought to tell him. I think he'd like to know in advance." So the next time Kim called, she told me.

She said the board of the Witheridge Society had voted unanimously to make me the Honorary Vice President of the society, and she is going to bring me a hand lettered certificate to present to me. This will be done at a special lunch in my honor on Saturday, June 8th, at the beautiful new building of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Kim was hoping to have a number of Witheridges present, as well as some others interested in genealogy, I told her there aren't many Witheridges near here, and this is a big country — everyone would have to come a long distance! But she got on the phone and called Kathy and Paul Witheridge in Sarnia — you know, across the river from Port Huron — and they agreed to come. Kathy isn't a Witheridge, of course, but she does the genealogy on her husband's family. She was born in England, so she has relatives there and has been to at least two of the Witheridge Society's annual meetings.

So I figured if Kathy and Paul can come from Sarnia, maybe my second cousin Joyce Aldrich and her husband Bruce could come from East Lansing. Her grandmother, Betsy Chivers, was a sister of my grandfather Witheridge. So I called her, and I'm not sure, but I think they are coming.

Then I figured if they can come, maybe John and Janice could come from Saginaw. So I called them, and sure enough, they're coming. John had a heart attack and by-pass surgery in January, so he can't drive yet, but Joy is coming and will drive.

Yesterday I called Jennifer and she liked the idea, and she's coming! I understand that Jamie and Penny are planning to take a trip to visit Louise and Jim in California in May, and I'm hoping they can plan it so they could stop off here on the way home. I tried to call them, but they were out, so I don't know.

So now you see why I hope you two can come. It's a long time since you've seen any of us, and you'd have a chance to meet some Witheridges you've never met before — even from England and Canada.

Give this some serious thought and give me a call, and we can talk a little more about it. If I'm not home, be sure to leave your telephone number on my answering machine!

All my love,

Uncle Dave

[This was DEW's second attempt to get
a response from his niece and
nephew, Anne and Bill.
No luck.]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
May 19, 1996

Dear Anne + Bill,

I hope you got my letter about our Witheridge get-together on Saturday, June 8th, and I hope you have been thinking seriously about how you can manage to join us. It has been developing into quite a gathering, and I know you would both enjoy it.

As I told you in my letter, Kim and Roy Cook will be here from England, and Kathy and Paul Witheridge from Sarnia. Jennifer is coming from Royal Oak, and Janice and Jay will be driving from Saginaw. I don't think John will be coming, because of his heart attack and surgery. I don't know yet about Jamie and Penny, but I'm afraid they won't be able to go to California, so we may not see them.

Joyce Aldrich can't come from East Lansing, because her daughter-in-law will be having surgery, and Joyce has to help with the children. But Joyce has arranged for her sister, Jean Tomlinson, who lives in Arkansas, to represent their family. Jean has both a son and a daughter living in the Twin Cities, and she is going to be up here for the high school graduation of a granddaughter, so she will just stay on for the June 8th lunch. Also, probably both her son and her daughter and their spouses will be there, Then last week I got a phone call from Tony Witheridge in Geneva, Ill., whom I had never heard of; and to make a long story short, he's going to come. I asked him where he was born, and he said Australia! He's lived in the U.S.A. about five years. I know he's a distant cousin of ours, as I have his family in my records, and they go back to Combe Martin in Devon as ours do.

Also last week I got a letter from Sharon Brydges in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. She is a Witheridge descendant and a relative of Paul Witheridge of Sarnia. I called her on the phone and had a long talk, and she and her husband plan to come as part of their vacation.

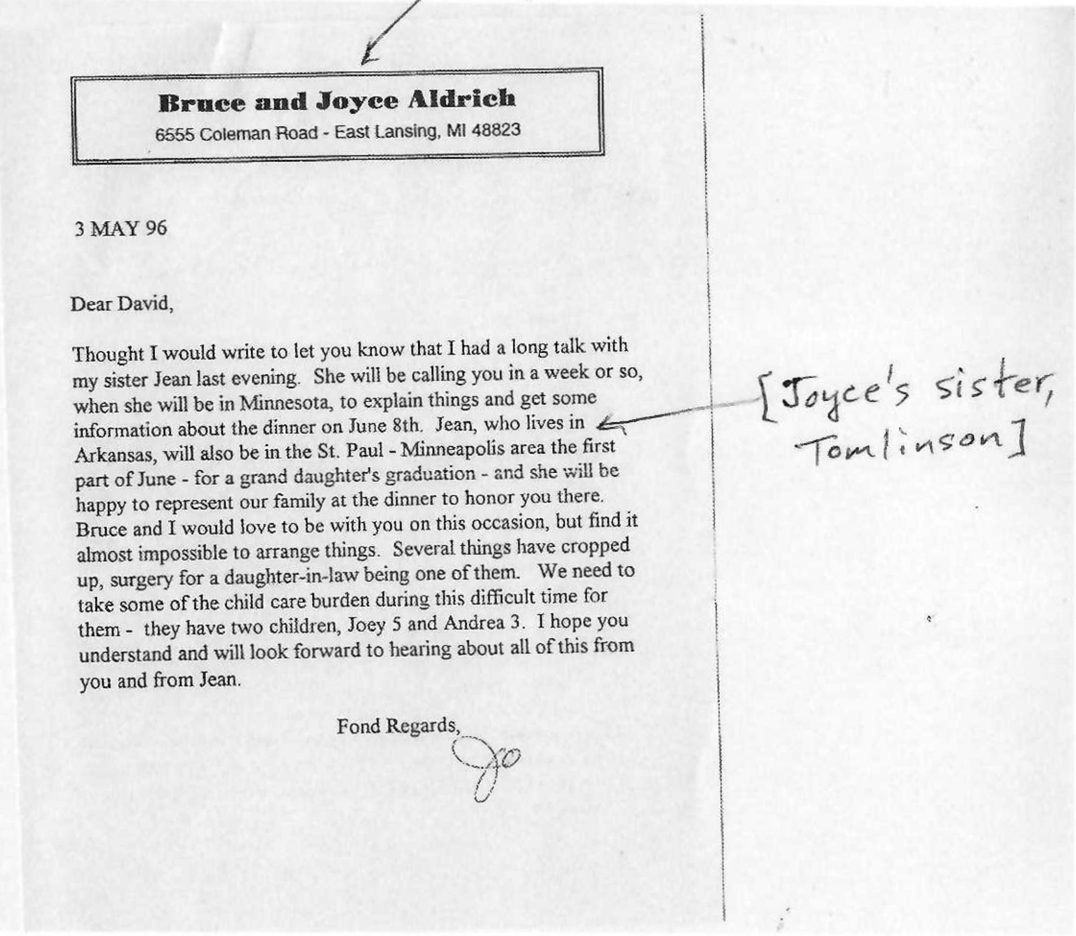
It's so long since I've seen you two that I'd certainly love to have you here for this amazing family occasion, and I know you'd love meeting all these new Witheridges. I just got to thinking maybe you two could come with Janice and Jay. I'm sure they'd have room, even if John should also decide to come. You could stay either at my house or at Toni's. We don't have that all worked out yet.

Please call me collect, (612) 377-4810, so we can talk this over.

Love,

David

[Joyce Aldrich (b. 1932)]



**Bruce and Joyce Aldrich**
6555 Coleman Road - East Lansing, MI 48823

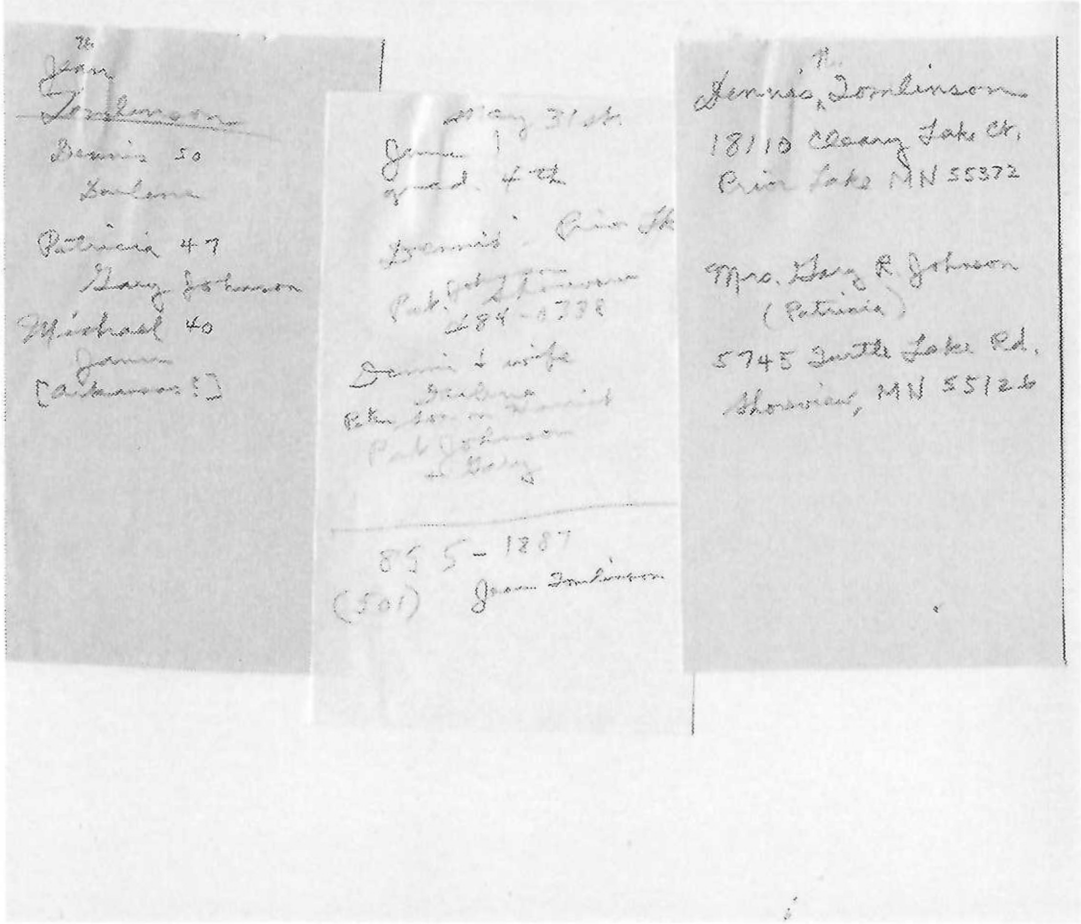
3 MAY 96

Dear David,

Thought I would write to let you know that I had a long talk with my sister Jean last evening. She will be calling you in a week or so, when she will be in Minnesota, to explain things and get some information about the dinner on June 8th. Jean, who lives in Arkansas, will also be in the St. Paul - Minneapolis area the first part of June - for a grand daughter's graduation - and she will be happy to represent our family at the dinner to honor you there. Bruce and I would love to be with you on this occasion, but find it almost impossible to arrange things. Several things have cropped up, surgery for a daughter-in-law being one of them. We need to take some of the child care burden during this difficult time for them - they have two children, Joey 5 and Andrea 3. I hope you understand and will look forward to hearing about all of this from you and from Jean.

Fond Regards,
Jo

[Joyce's sister, Jean Tomlinson]



Mr.
Jean
Tomlinson

Dennis 50
Darlene

Patricia 47
Gary Johnson

Michael 40
Joann
[Arkansas!]

May 31st
June 1
grad. 4th

Dennis' - Prior Lk

Pat. [illegible] Johnson
484-0738

Dennis & wife
Darlene
[illegible]
Pat Johnson
& Gary

855-1887
(501) Jean Tomlinson

Mr.
Dennis Tomlinson
18110 Cleary Lake Ct.
Prior Lake MN 55372

Mrs. Gary R. Johnson
(Patricia)
5745 Turtle Lake Rd.
Shoreview, MN 55126

[DEW's notes for a phone call to his sister, Louise Alice Witheridge Mark (b. 1913) and her husband, Jim, filling them in on the June 8, 1996 celebration and wishing Jim happy birthday]

2d call to Louise + Jim Mark, 6/23/96 (Jim's birthday)

Happy Birthday

How are you both? How's the weather?

Had a great Witheridge gathering

As you know, Jenni was here, but Jamie + Penny couldn't make it (Sorry they couldn't get to Calif.)

Good to get your letter, Louise. Jim read it - master of ceremonies - did a good job

James Penney Witheridge (b. 1946)

22 for lunch - mostly Witheridge descendants from Ontario, Minn., Mich., Arkansas, + Ill. (Australia)

DEW's sister-in-law, Janice Witheridge, and nephew, John Meredith Witheridge, Jr.

Perhaps best part was having Janice + Jay come, ending what seemed like a long alienation. John didn't want to come because of his heart attack + operation

Did I tell you about the man I found living in Mpls who was a Witheridge descendant?

Paul Wayne Freed (b. 1927)

Joyce Aldrich couldn't come but asked Jean Tomlinson from Arkansas to represent - also Jennie + Pat

Kim and Roy Cook

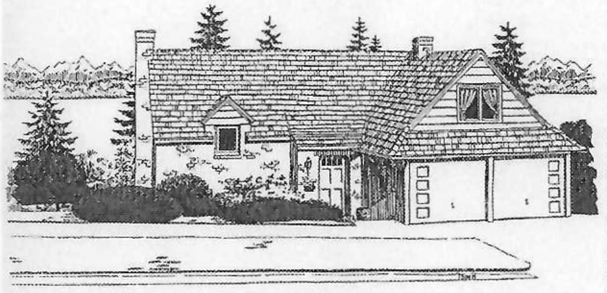
Kim told how I got the whole thing going by writing to her aunt

Also Kim told about plans for Witheridge reunion next May in Witheridge in Devon. Great interest and many already planning to go.

Kim + Roy left last Monday. Had a great time. Here three weeks. No Shore, Duluth, Canada, Symphony, Champion Skaters, Olympic Torch, Mall of America, three churches, Mormon Library, MHS Lib, fishing

Now I'm trying to recover + catch up on sleep. It's easier now, but I miss them

[Aug. 23, 1996]



Friday - 23 August

Dear David,

You are kind to remember me. It is true that I had a hospital stay and lagged about before and after. The medication made me feel even "lousier" so my complaint was legitimate. However, we learned that Louise out here in Seattle was needing help, so we put all else aside, girt up our loin cloths and other garments and hied ourselves out here. It was a good thing to do. She is better now, but still quite weak and not eating properly.

It is so beautiful here; we gaze out over the "Sound" dozens of times a day — night is nice, too.

I am feeling badly that we did not take part in your entertaining of the English cousins. It was our great loss and such an inconvenience for you. I'm hoping that it was a happy time and I'd surely like to hear about it... We are enclosing a check to pay for the uneaten meals and if any is over, we know of a favorite charity — the DIW — that could use every penny... You are so good to invite us.

God bless you, Dave. Love, Eleanor

Eleanor Baldwin,
wife of
Richard (Dick) Baldwin,
DEW's 11th cousin once removed

[Name tags for the June 8, 1996, event, showing the part of Devon, England, from which the person's Witheridge line originated. Not all of these people actually attended the event.]

**David Witheridge**
Minneapolis
Combmartin & Berrynarbor

**Jim Witheridge**
Minneapolis
Combmartin & Berrynarbor

**Tom Witheridge**
Minneapolis
Combmartin & Berrynarbor

**Virginia Selleck**
Minneapolis
Wife of Tom Witheridge

**David Torborg**
Minneapolis
Partner of Jim Witheridge

**Margaret Torborg**
Champlin, Minnesota
Mother of David Torborg

**Kim Cook**
Kent, England
Wembury

Kim created these name tags.

**Roy Cook**
Kent, England
Husband of Kim Cook

**Paul Freed**
Minneapolis
Bradworthy

**Bruce Freed**
Toronto, Ontario
Bradworthy

**Bill Whitbeck**
Minneapolis
Witheridge neighbour for 45yrs

**Liz Whitbeck**
Minneapolis
Witheridge neighbour for 45 yrs

## Rebecca Witheridge

*Minneapolis*
*Combmartin & Berrynarbor*

## Kathy Witheridge

*Sarnia, Ontario*
*Bradworthy*

## Paul Witheridge

*Sarnia, Ontario*
*Bradworthy*

## Eleanor Baldwin

*Minneapolis*
*Relative of Elizabeth Witheridge*

## Janice Witheridge

*Saginaw, Michigan*
*Wife of John Witheridge*

## Jay Witheridge

*Saginaw, Michigan*
*Combmartin & Berrynarbor*

## Pat Johnson

*Shoreview, Minnesota*
*Combmartin & Berrynarbor*

## Dick Baldwin

*Minneapolis*
*Relative of Elizabeth Witheridge*

## Ted Brydges

*N Battleford, Saskatchewan*
*Bradworthy*

## *Jennifer Burke*

*Royal Oak, Michigan*
*Combmartin & Berrynarbor*

## *Tony Witheridge*

*Geneva, Illinois (via Australia)*
*Combmartin & Berrynarbor*

## *George Mellon*

*Minneapolis*
*Relative of Elizabeth Witheridge*

## *Dolores Mellon*

*Minneapolis*
*Relative of Elizabeth Witheridge*

## *Jean Tomlinson*

*Bella Vista, Arkansas*
*Combmartin & Berrynarbor*

## *Denis Tomlinson*

*Prior Lake, Minnesota*
*Combmartin & Berrynarbor*

## *Sharon Brydges*

*N Battleford, Saskatchewan*
*Bradworthy*

[This was probably authored by Liz and Bill Whitbeck (q.v.), longtime neighbors and dear friends of DEW.]

# Press Release

## Honor for East Isles family historian

Friends, neighbors and relatives from around the globe gathered on Saturday June 8th at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul to honor Rev David E Witheridge, East Isles resident for forty-five years, on his appointment as Honorary Vice President of the Witheridge Society.

Formed in England in 1987, the Witheridge Society aims to encourage both the study of family history among Witheridge descendants, and the renewing and strengthening of family ties. David Witheridge, who has been studying his family history since the early 1960s, was the first non-UK resident to join the Society, and very generously made all his research material available to the Society. The Witheridge Society now has over 150 members spread throughout the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Sweden.

Over the years David Witheridge has maintained a growing correspondence with Witheridge descendants around the world, and many of these correspondents came for this special celebration.

At a luncheon in his honor, David was presented with a framed illuminated citation on vellum, which reads:

> "Presented by The Witheridge Society to Rev David E Witheridge of Minneapolis, on his appointment as Honorary Vice President, in recognition of many years of meticulous research, faithfully recorded and generously shared."

The citation is signed by the Society's founder and Life President Mrs. Kim Cook, and by the Society's Chairman Mr. Graham Browne. Kim Cook and her husband Roy traveled from the UK to visit with David Witheridge, and Kim made the presentation of the citation.

Other long distance visitors included Bruce Freed from Embro, Ontario; Tony Witheridge, an Australian currently residing in Geneva, Illinois; and Jean Tomlinson from Bella Vista, Arkansas.

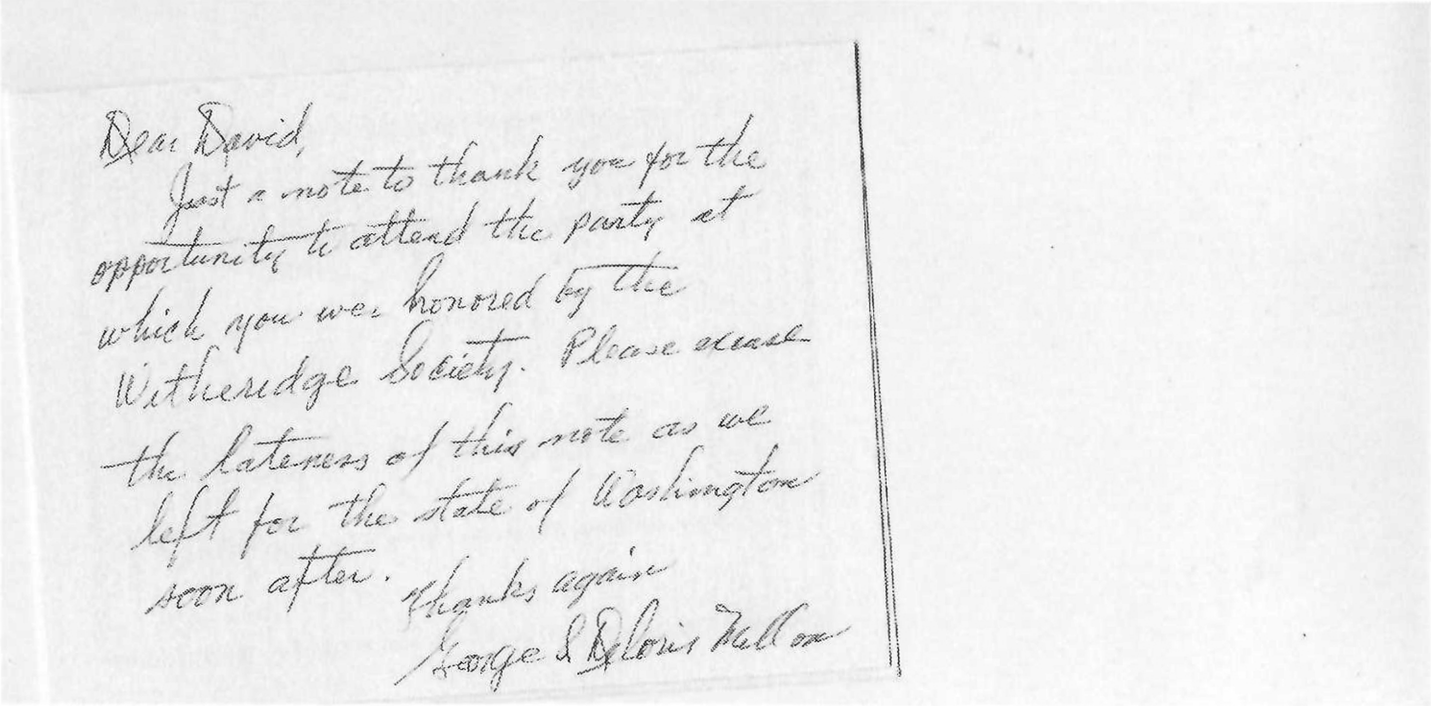
Also in attendance were David's sons, Jim Witheridge with his partner David Torborg, and his mother, Margaret Torborg; and Tom Witheridge with his wife Virginia Selleck and daughter Rebecca. David's sister-in-law Janice Witheridge and nephew Jay came from Saginaw, Michigan, and his niece Jennifer Burke from Royal Oak, Michigan. Other Twin Cities Witheridge decendants at the lunchon were Paul Freed of Minneapolis, Patricia Johnson of Shoreview, and Dennis Tomlinson of Prior Lake. Liz and Bill Whitbeck, East Isles neighbors of the Witheridges for forty-five years, were at the luncheon, as were George Mellon, former president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, and his wife Deloris, currently a member of it's board.

Note to Editors: For further information concerning this event, please contact David Witheridge at 377/4810

June 25, 1996

[George and Deloris Mellon (q.v.), both leaders of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, attended the luncheon on June 8, 1996.]

Thank You



Dear David,

Just a note to thank you for the opportunity to attend the party at which you were honored by the Witheridge Society. Please excuse the lateness of this note as we left for the state of Washington soon after.

Thanks again

George & Deloris Mellon

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
June 22, 1996

Mr. Graham Browne, Chairman
The Witheridge Society
5, Greenhill Avenue
Luton, Beds. LU2 7DR
England

Dear Graham:

I want to express my deep appreciation for the honor bestowed upon me in my appointment as Honorary Vice President of the Witheridge Society. Although I have been unable to attend the Annual General Meetings on Witheridge Day, my thoughts have been with you all, and I have watched with great satisfaction the progress of the Society since its beginning.

The visit to America this year by Kim and Roy Cook was a very special experience, climaxed by a luncheon at the Minnesota Historical Society building on June 8th, at which Kim presented me with a beautiful framed certificate naming me as Honorary Vice President.

The planning for this luncheon revealed an amazing interest in our common Witheridge heritage, and many in distant parts of the United States and Canada wanted to come, but couldn't. In the end we had twenty-two present, mostly Witheridge descendants from Minnesota, Ontario, Michigan, Arkansas, and Illinois (originally from Australia!), plus two very close neighbors and a former president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and his wife, currently a member of its Board.

Kim's description of the possibilities of a world-wide gathering of Witheridge descendants in Devon next May, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Witheridge Society, brought an enthusiastic response, with many already planning to attend. I am personally looking forward to this event, and I hope to see many Witheridge descendants whom we met on our three trips to England and many more whom I have not yet had the privilege of meeting.

So I thank you and the other officers and members of the Witheridge Society for honoring me in this way and for setting in motion a new wave of interest in Witheridge family history and in the Witheridge Society.

Yours very sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

5 GREENHILL AVENUE,
LUTON,
BEDS.
ENGLAND
LU2 7DN

29th June, 1996

Dear David,

I was very pleased indeed to receive your letter and to know that you welcome your appointment as Honorary Vice President of our Society, and I am glad that Kim's presentation of your certificate, on our behalf, has given you pleasure.

You, of course, are a very valued member of the Witheridge Society, and you have given a great deal of time and effort in researching the Witheridge name for us, and we with Kim are very grateful for all the help you have given and all the information you have shared.

Naturally, my wife Joyce and I would have liked to have been present at the luncheon and presentation, but it was not possible I'm afraid. However, we are glad that all went well for you and the Witheridge descendants from such widespread areas of America.

We are still in the process of arranging the venue, events, and possible accommodation for members and guests for the tenth anniversary of the Society. The venue, will we hope be in Tiverton, Devon, about seven miles from the village of Witheridge - but of course full details of the gathering will be sent to all members as soon as possible. It goes without saying that we are all looking forward to meeting you and making your acquaintance.

The time between now and next May will pass very quickly I am sure, and we hope that the arrangements we are making for the meeting will not disappoint you. For the time being I will close by saying that we are delighted that you are now our Vice President.

Yours very sincerely,

Graham

Witheridge Society 10th Anniversary Celebration

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Tel. 01225 423867

2 Apsley Road
Newbridge
BATH BA1 3LP
Somerset
19th November 1996

Dear David.

Hope you do not mind me using your christian name, but I feel that we all know you so well. via Kim and her talking about you.

Thankyou for your booking form and draft for the hotel and coach trip.

Bookings are a little slow but gradually building. probably due to people trying to arrange their trip.

We all look forward to meeting you next May.

Regards to you

R Witheridge.

William George
Witheridge (b. 1943)

Called Richard Witheridge 1/31/97.

Asked if it would be possible for the coach to stop at George Witheridge's farm on the way to Combe Martin. He said the schedule was too tight now and wouldn't allow for any additional stops. (Gave him George's address.)

Asked what time the coach would probably arrive at Combe Martin, and he said it was scheduled to arrive about 12:00 and leave about 1:00.

Berrynarbor ar. 1:10 lv. 1:25
Ilfracombe ? ar. 1:55 (?) lv. 2:10 (?)
Northam ar. 2:40 lv. 2:55
Bradworthy ar. 3:55 lv. 4:55

(Gave him Una Parsons' address.)

See Una Parsons in index.

Suggested they ask one of the authors of the Combe Martin book to speak to the group at Tiverton on Saturday and bring copies of the book for sale. (Gave him Michael Beaumont's address.)

see index entry for Michael Beaumont.

Said I wanted very much to visit the 300-yr.-old house at Witheridge farm in Somerset and thought others would like to see it, too. Suggested a visit be arranged for Monday afternoon at the end of the program. He plans to visit the house and talk to the occupants.

So far, there are 26 booked for the hotel. Most of those in England haven't booked yet, including Kim and Roy.

# WITHERIDGE SOCIETY 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Proposals have been made that we should hold a special weekend for our 10th Anniversary Witheridge Day. This weekend, including Witheridge Day, will be on Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th and Monday 5th May, 1997.

It is intended that the Saturday be used to get to know one another and to display any family trees, information and photographs etc., and to hold the necessary Annual General Meeting. A small buffet will be arranged for lunch time. This will take place at the Tiverton Hotel, Tiverton, Devon.

On the Sunday it is intended to run a coach trip to North Devon to visit places connected with the families of Witheridge. This will be starting at Tiverton and then drive to WITHERIDGE, Simonsbath, COMBE MARTIN, BERRYNARBOR, Ilfracombe, Braunton, Barnstaple, NORTHAM, Bideford, BRADWORTHY, Holsworthy, Hatherleigh, Crediton and returning to Tiverton. This is expected to start at 9.0..am.,and finish at 6.0.pm. It is hoped to have a local guide to tell us about the areas we visit. Food taken during the coach trip will be the members own responsibility .
NOTE Places in capitals will be the main stopping areas.

**Cost of the coach trip will be £5.00 per person.**
**Cost of the guide will be £2.00 per person**. Both based on a total number travelling of 40.

The Tiverton Hotel has offered to take block bookings at a reduced price of **£38.00, inc., VAT, per person per night.** This is for bed, breakfast and á lá carte evening meal. Each room is en suite, and has a double and single bed, tea and coffee making facilities, television, and also includes a trouser press. **A £3.00 supplement is added for those occupying a single room.**

**A deposit of £10. 00 is required when booking.**

The hotel has suggested that cancellation insurance be taken out as any late cancellations may mean loss of the booking deposit.

In order to take advantage of the block booking it is necessary to book the hotel early. It is also necessary to book the coach and guide at an early date.

All members will need to arrange their own transport to Tiverton, the nearest railway station being Exeter.

The Society can supply information on how to get to the Tiverton Hotel.

There are a number of small bed and breakfast places in the area, but these have limited accommodation and they are scattered around the area.

FOR HOTEL BOOKING PURPOSES

Names of people attending and address: ..............................................................

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..............................................Home Telephone Number.........................

Arrival date ...................................Departure date after breakfast on ....................

No. of adults...................................No. of children up to 12 years old.........

Ages of children ..............................No. of cots required, if any .......................

Accommodation Required - Rooms:

Single .......Twin Bedded ........Double Bedded ........ 3 bedded.........4 bedded ............

Room and Breakfast.....................Room,. Breakfast and evening meal.......................

**Enclosed deposit of £10.00** **Signature:** ________________________________

Cheques made payable to **TIVERTON HOTEL,** please

FOR COACH TRIP BOOKING PURPOSES

Number of people taking coach trip.................................

Deposit of **£2.00** per person, please, made payable to **THE WITHERIDGE SOCIETY**

Total cost will be **£7.00** per person.

**Enclosed deposit of** __________ **Signature** ________________________________

FOR AGM. BOOKING OF BUFFET MEAL

Number of persons intending to attend, Saturday .................................

**NOTE** The Society cannot be responsible for any loss, damage or injury sustained during the weekend activities. All bookings, deposits, etc., to be sent to **Richard Witheridge,** who will co-ordinate the hotel and coach trip arrangements.

**Richard Witheridge, 2 Apsley Road, Newbridge, BATH, Somerset, BA1 3LP**

**PLEASE REPLY AT THE EARLIEST DATE IN ORDER THAT ADVANTAGE CAN BE TAKEN OF THE HOTEL BLOCK BOOKING, AND IN ORDER TO BOOK THE COACH AND GUIDE. THANK YOU.**

WILL GO TRAVEL
1704 WEST LAKE STREET
MINNEAPOLIS MN
55408
PHONE (612) 825-7344 USA FAX (612) 827-3063

FEBRUARY 11, 1997

REV. DAVID WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING AVE S
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55405

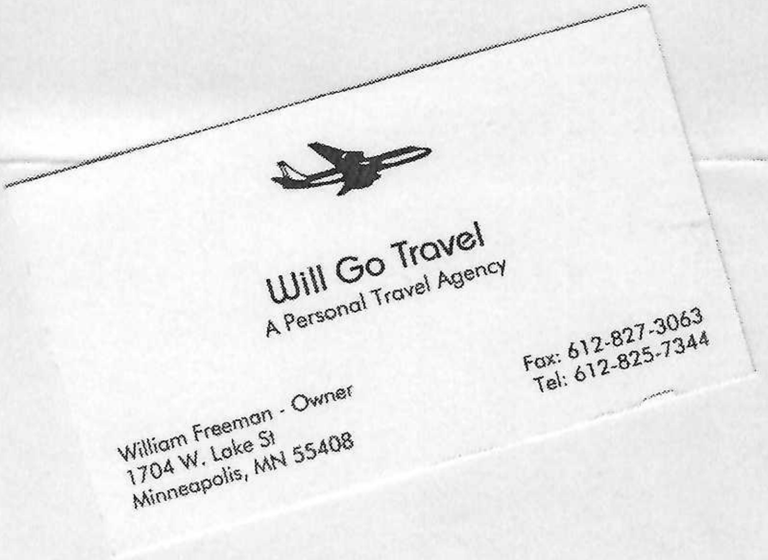
DEAR DAVID-

ENCLOSED IS YOUR INVOICE/ITINERARY FOR YOUR TRIP TO APRIL 30TH TRIP TO LONDON. PLEASE CHECK FLIGHT TIMES AND DATES TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE CORRECT.

ALSO ENCLOSED IS CRUISE AND TOUR PROTECTION PLAN BY TRAVELGAURD. IF YOU GIVE ME A RING AFTER MY RETURN FEB. 10TH I WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS WHAT COVERAGE YOU MAY NEED.

IT WAS VERY NICE HEARING FROM YOU, AND THANKS MUCH FOR USING WILL GO TRAVEL.

SINCERELY,
Bill
BILL FREEMAN
WILL GO TRAVEL CORP



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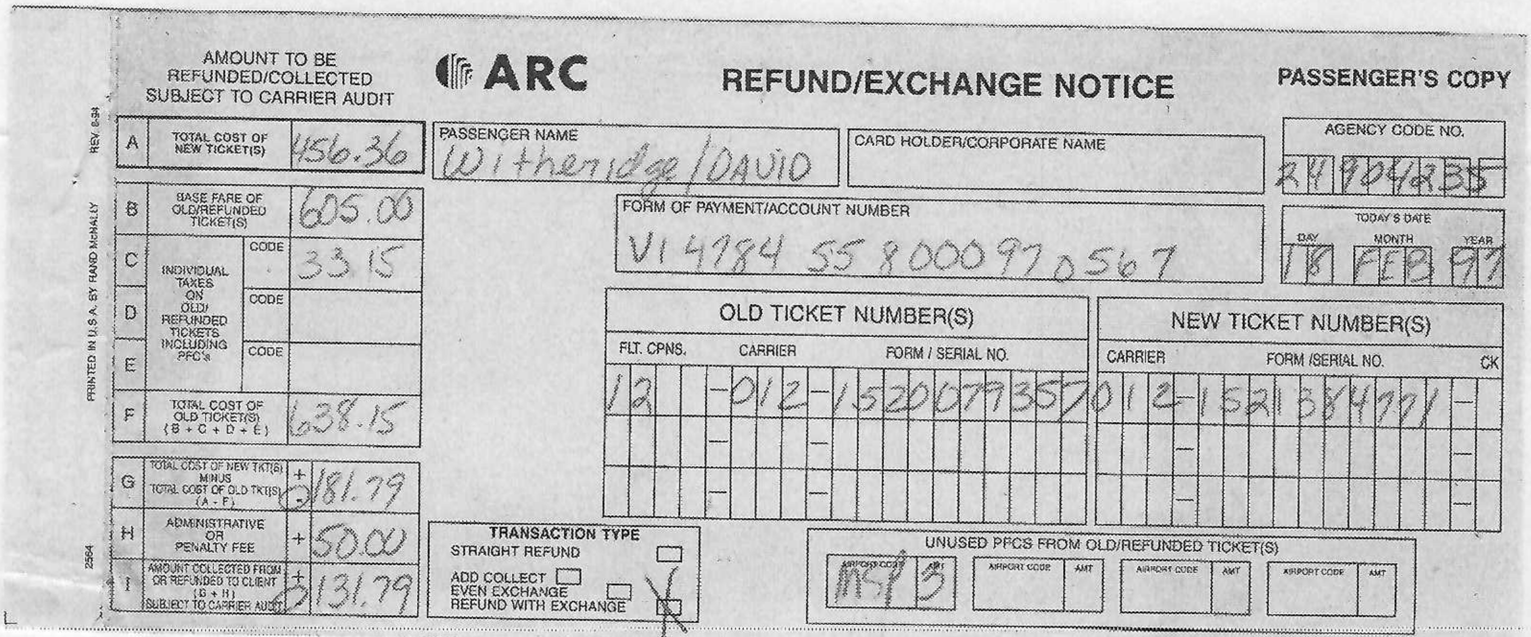

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Witheridge reunion in Lansing, MI, 1999

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[Feb. 1, 1999]

Subj: **Witheridge E-Mail list**
Date: 2/1/99 6:47:56 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

It was lovely to talk with you on the telephone tonight, and it just made my day to hear that you are now on the internet. As promised, here is a list of all our family who are on the internet:

[redacted]

Email addresses redacted

Annette Witheridge, New York, NY
Barb DiMambro, Toronto, Ontario
Brenda Dwyne, Hamilton, Ontario
Sharon Brydges, N. Battleford, Sask.
Tony Witheridge, Geneva, U.S.A
Velma Metcalfe, New Zealand
Joyce Aldrich, Lansing, Michigan
Joyce Stephens, Dorset, England
Kathy Witheridge, Sarnia, Ontario

These are the ones I know. Perhaps it might be an idea to start a mailing list, that way we can write one note and send copies to everyone on the list.

Regarding a reunion this year. I would love to have one in Minneapolis and so far have had some members who would be willing to make the trip. If we could all stay at the same hotel, it might be nice. I will try and make more contacts and maybe you can ask the members in your area if they would be interested. Joyce Aldrich did say that she would like to have one, but she will not be available until after June. I believe that she is retiring in June and has to wrap up her job.

Brenda Dwyne

Brenda Dwyne and myself have been talking about trying to get Richard and Maureen Witheridge to come out to Ontario this year. When we met them in 1997, they did say that they would like to come some time, and maybe this is the year to come. I will drop him a line and ask him.

I haven't talked with Tony Witheridge since Witheridge Day 1997, but he is always up to having a reunion.

Give it some thought David and see what you think. The only time that would be difficult for Paul and I is around the middle of July, when we usually go down to Toronto for a week. Then my sister and brother in law are coming over from Britain in September. That would not be a problem though, we could always bring them with us.

Drop me a note if you have any suggestions.

Lots of love,
Kathy

[DEW's Feb. 3 reply]

> The night before last I kept thinking about it, and in the middle of the night
> I woke up and couldn't get back to sleep again thinking about everything
> involved. I kept thinking of all the people who might come from the east
> coast and west coast, from Canada and from Arkansas, and all the things we
> could do together, and it began to get bigger and bigger. I can't seem to get
> involved in something like this without going all out. I could imagine being
> awake half the night for weeks on end, and I couldn't face it.
>
> Finally I thought of Dennis Tomlinson here in one of our suburbs and wondered
> if he would undertake it, maybe with Paul Freed's help. So I called Dennis
> last night and found that he will be glad to take charge of the reunion. I
> was delighted, because I hated to let you down.
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> I find that Dennis has access to the internet at work. He can both send and
> receive there; but, of course, that is only in the daytime. His e-mail
> address is
> [redacted] He says he will get in touch with you, so you and he can
> start planning.
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> Again let me say that I am sorry I couldn't take on the reunion, but it's all
> going to work out fine.
>
> Love, David

← Dennis Tomlinson, son of Jean Tomlinson (b. 1920)

[Feb. 3]

Hi David;

Thank you for your note! It was nice to talk with you on the telephone the other night. I always get a kick out of talking to you.

I must apologise David, I didn't expect you to do all the planning of the reunion, I just needed to know if you were up to attending! I thought that it would be easier for you if we had it in Minneapolos, as I realize that you don't like to travel too far anymore. Anyway David, to set the record straight, you will be a guest only. The one thing that I asked you was if there was a hotel that could accommodate us, but I will leave that in the good hands of Denny.

We got to meet Denny, once again, at the Redburn reunion last year. He is such a nice man and I had forgotten that he lives in your area too. I will drop a note to him and see how we should go about doing this. I didn't plan on it being too big David. I had basically thought about the members of the Society, and of course if anyone wishes to come they would be more than welcome. Anyway, don't you worry about a thing, just plan on being there.

I had a little bit of surgery done this morning but am feeling great! [redacted]

I wish Paul Freed was on the internet, it would be so convenient, but I don't think he is a computer man!

I have written most of the members who are on the internet and let them have your address, so you may be hearing from some of them. Its a nice way to keep in touch.

I don't know whether you spend much time on the internet or not. I am on the Devon Mailing List and this may be of interest to you the address is:

DEVON-L-request@rootsweb.com

All you have to do is enter the above in the TO space, add nothing else apart from SUBSCRIBE in the body of the note and make sure that your signature is turned off. You will receive a welcome letter back and they will advise you from there. Just thought that you might enjoy something like that.

[Feb. 21, 1999]

Subj: **August Reunion**
Date: 2/21/99 9:28:51 AM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

Early effort to have a reunion in Minneapolis, MN (later abandoned)

Hi Witheridge Society members;

Some of you probably know that we are planning a "Witheridge Reunion" in Minneapolis, during the month of August.

Would everyone please write me with a date of preferance, from the following:

Saturday - August 7, 1999
Saturday - August 14, 1999
Saturday - August 21, 1999
Saturday - August 28, 1999

If we can get a date and work from there I think that this would be the best way to handle this. I have never organized such a beast before, so you will have to assist me.

Denny Tomlinson of Minneapolis has offered to assist in the booking of rooms etc. At the present time he is looking for a hotel which could accommodate us in August.

At this time, I need any input which you might have.

I have Velma Metcalf of N.Z. on this mailing list and realize that Velma will not be making a trip to the U.S. for the day, but being the N.Z. representative, I would like her to know about our plans. I think that the N.Z. group do have an annual picnic, which has been quite successful.

← Velma Metcalfe

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

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[Feb. 24]

Subj: **Re: August Reunion**
Date: 2/24/99 1:30:05 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

Hi Friends;

As you all know, Denny Tomlinson of Minneapolis has been looking for hotel accommodations in Minneapolis for our August Reunion.

The hotels that he has quotes from sound very nice, but for we Canadians they are very expensive.

Say a room is $100. per night US, it would be $150 in CDN funds. If we had the reunion in Canada, it would save the US folks a pile of money.

I would like to have your input on this as quickly as possible in order that we can book either way.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

[Feb. 25, 1999]

Subj: **Re: August Reunion**
Date: 3/5/99 1:43:47 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@AOL.COM

On 25 Feb 99, at 10:52, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> Any of the August dates would be all right for me, but I would prefer if
> it would not be on the weekend of August 14.

Lansing
or
Minneapolis?

Hi David;

We will say that it will not be held on August 14th, in order that we can accommodate you.

> I agree that hotels with dining rooms are expensive in Minneapolis. That
> is why I think the original idea of a reunion in Lansing is the best.
> There are two or three motels with dining rooms there with reasonable
> prices, and there would be more Witheridge descendants within a hundred
> miles than anywhere else in North America. You would also have a
> couple--Jo and Bruce Aldrich--on the spot to help with advice and
> guidance.

If we did hold the event in Lansing, Michigan, would you be able to attend? I know that you do not like to travel quite so much these days. However, there would be Denny Tomlinson and also Paul Freed from your area, should they decide to come, maybe arrangements could be made for you to travel with them. It may well be a good idea to hold the event in Lansing, as there are a lot of families in that area, also, it is only a 90 minute drive for us. We could have Bill and Brenda Dwyne stay with us overnight then all travel to Lansing together. I will drop a note to Joyce Aldrich and see what she thinks. We went to the Redburn reunion in Lansing last year and had a wonderful time. Kathy Thomas obtained a list of hotels in the area and maybe I could take another look through that to see what would be convenient. If you do come David, and you do drive yourself, maybe after the event you could come and stay with us for a few days in Ontario, prior to returning to Minneapolis.

I had a note from Tony Witheridge, and he told me that he was willing to go anywhere we decided to hold the reunion, including Mexico, Canada or any part of the U.S., so he is easy to please.

I will close now and try to do some preparations. I will keep you advised as to the plans.

Kathy

Do you think that you might be able to provide me with a list of your relatives, in order that I can send invitations

>
> If you decide to go to Canada, perhaps Windsor would be a good
> possibility. There again there would be a large number of possiblle
> attenders within a hundred miles.
>
> David

[Mar. 8, 1999]

Subj: **Re: August Reunion**
Date: 3/8/99 5:40:42 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 6 Mar 99, at 12:26, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> Just a quick reply to your letter. What I meant was that those August
> dates, except for the 14th, would be OK for me, if it were in Minneapolis.
> Otherwise, I would not be able to come. I should have made that clear.

Hi David;

The reason for trying to hold the event in Minneapolis was so that you could attend. It is less inconvenient and more expensive for most of us, but we did wish for you to be there.

> However, I am strongly of the opinion that it should be in Lansing or
> Windsor, even though I would miss being there. I did have the wonderful
> experience of meeting everyone in Devon, and at my age I just have to
> learn to do without some things.

I think if we do hold it anywhere other than Minneapolis it will be Lansing, as most of the crowd are in that area, and the accommodations are much more reasonable there. I will have to talk to Joyce on this one.

> When I get a chance, I'll send you a complete list of my relatives and
> their addresses. However, there is one person I want to mention. Do you
> have an address for Catherine Houtz in Florida? She is Fenwick
> Witheridge's sister. You probably met her in Devon. Since she went all
> the way to England and has been there more than once, she might make the
> effort to go to Lansing in August. Maybe Tony has her address, or you may
> have to get it from someone in England.

I think that I have a lot of the addresses which you gave to me last year. I will check them out and see what I have.

I have written to Paul Freed to see if he would be interested in travelling to the Lansing area, waiting to hear back from him. I think he would probably travel unless he has something else on at that time. His brother lives here in Ontario, about an hour from us.

I will talk to you later, I have to take Paul to the hospital right now, just a little bit of surgery, nothing serious.

Kathy

[Mar. 14, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 3/14/99 6:20:00 PM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

Lansing will be the location

Hi;

I would just like to bring you all up to date on the plans for Witheridge Day '99.

It has now been determined that the event will be held in Lansing, Michigan, on Saturday, August 21st. We have not yet obtained information on accommodations.

Joyce Aldrich has very kindly offered to contact a couple of places for us, the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center and also a Comfort Inn. Joyce knows of people who have had family reunions at the Comfort Inn and found it to be quite satisfactory.

This is the schedule I have come up with at this time, but I am open to suggestions and assistance:

We will meet around 10:00am and while everyone is being welcomed, coffee would be served.

11:00 - 12:30 - Maybe I would try and do a talk on the Witheridge families. It would be nice if we could get another speaker, would anyone be willing to volunteer?

12:30 - 2:00 - Lunch

2:00 - 4:30 - Look at Witheridge memorabelia and general chit chat! I would like to have a raffle to offset the cost of the conference room. It would be nice if anyone specializes in a craft, maybe donate an item for our raffle. We have done this on Witheridge Reunions in England and it has been a lot of fun. Generally, we want this to be a fun day, meeting friends and relatives you may not have seen in a long time, or might never have met.

I would like everyone to bring their books, family trees, pictures for display, along with any other memorabelia.

If you have any suggestions, please let me know about them.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

[Mar. 17-21, 1999]

Subj: **More on the Reunion**
Date: 3/17/99 12:13:12 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Dear Kathy,

I think it was a good decision to hold the Witheridge Reunion in Lansing on Aug. 21, and I'm glad Joyce is going to help.

I have one suggestion. Those who come from quite a distance will probably want to arrive on Friday. So they will probably want to have Saturday breakfast, and maybe even Friday supper, together with any others who are there. Some of the local people may even want to join them. Similarly, those who stay over until Sunday might like to have Saturday supper and Sunday breakfast together.

Regarding the cost of the conference room, instead of a raffle, or perhaps in addition, those who come may be willing to pay a small registration fee of a few dollars to pay for the conference room and any other expenses like coffee breaks, postage, and phone calls.

I see that I did send you a complete list of names and addresses of Witheridge descendants as I had them on July 10, 1996. You included those names on an undated list you sent me some time after that. There are a few changes I want to note.

My son Tom and his wife Virginia have separated, and he now lives with me (and their daughter Rebecca half the time). So the address for Tom and Rebecca is the same as mine.

My nephew, Dr. James F. Mark III, now uses the address 34 Union St., Sackville, N.B. E4L 4M4.

In your list you inadvertently had John James at 400 Adelaide St., Kincardine, Ontario. But later you had it correctly as John and Marine Adams, 400 Adelaide St., P.O. Box 1598, Kincardine, Ontario N0G 2G0

The address for Mr. and Mrs. John James is now #17 - 5221 Oakmount Crescent, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4R4. John and Pat do a lot of traveling, and they have been to England more than once, so they might well decide to go to Lansing in August. (The bigger it becomes, the more people at a distance are apt to make the effort to come.)

New Jersey Witheridges

Also, I want to mention again the three newly-found Witheridge descendants in New Jersey, whom I wrote about in my letter of Feb. 13, 1998: Jill Pierson, Janet Sauter, and Martha Gilmore. (If you don't have their addresses, let me know.) I think especially Jill Pierson and perhaps her sister and others of her familly might love to go to a Witheridge Reunion in August. Jill was even interested in going to England, but she is a college student and couldn't get away in May. Jill talked very seriously about joining the Witheridge Society, but I don't know whether she ever did. You should at least put her on your list of E-mail addresses: Chesnutmor@aol.com

Jill Pierson

Well, do much for now. Love and best wishes,

David

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Subj: **Fwd: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 3/21/99 12:51:38 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Just to let you know Jill and her sister are thinking of coming to the reunion.

David

Forwarded Message:
Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 3/18/99 7:35:49 PM Central Standard Time
From: Chesnutmor
To: DWitheridg

Dear Mr. Witheridge,

It was wonderful to hear from you. It is funny because I was just thinking about the Witheridge's and the family reunion. I have also had fun telling people how far my family legacy goes back. It has been a real pleasure for me.

My sister and I are seriously considering going this family reunion. It would be a real pleasure for us to meet extend members of the family. I am sorry to hear that you will not be going to the reunion. You have provided me with a wonderful family history and extended family.

I apologize for not writing sooner. I have gotten a little involved in college between papers and tests.

Thank you for the information. Please keep me posted about events.

Sincerely,

Jill

[Mar. 22, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 3/22/99 9:19:04 AM Central Standard Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 21 Mar 99, at 13:51, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> Just to let you know Jill and her sister are thinking of coming to the
> reunion.

Hi David;

I received a reply from Jill, she seems very interested in joining us. Everyone is so disappointed that you will not be there. Wish we could do something to encourage you.

Keep well,
Kathy

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Subj: **Reunion Ideas**
Date: 3/22/99 4:18:48 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Tony Witheridge

Gladys Schmidt

Dear Kathy,

I have a good idea for another speaker at the reunion. Ask Tony to give a talk on "Witheridges in Australia." The group would be fascinated. His presentation could also be used later in "The Witheridge Times." If he doesn't write it out, it could be taped and later transcribed.

Secondly, I suddenly remembered another second cousin of mine (and Joyce's first cousin), Gladys Schmidt, who lives in Auburn, Michigan, just a little west of Bay City. I don't really know her, but I had a little correspondence with her about twenty years ago.

Joyce Aldrich

Before I tried writing or talking to Gladys, I decided to call Joyce to see if Gladys is still living and still at the same address. Joyce said that Gladys's husband died a few years ago, but that Gladys gets around a little, though her health isn't as good as it used to be. Then Joyce and I had a good long talk about many things, and she was able to give me Gladys's phone number.

So I called Gladys and told her about the reunion and asked if she and any of her children or other relatives could go. She said she has a son Paul, who lives in Tawas City. She thinks he and his wife might drive down on that Saturday morning and pick her up in Auburn on the way. She has a daughter, Rosalie Schmidt, who lives in the Detroit area, who might go over with her husband. (Interestingly, his name was also Schmidt!). And she has a niece, Diane Gibson, who lives in Hudsonville, near Grand Rapids, and she could easily go over to Lansing with her husband. So here a few more prospects! Here is Gladys's address, in case you don't already have it from Joyce:

Mrs. J. Elmer Schmidt (Maybe she just goes by Gladys now.)
[redacted]
Auburn, MI 48611

David

[Apr. 12 and 15, 1999]

Subj: **Re: AUGUST REUNION**
Date: 4/12/99 2:48:17 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

Hi Folks;

The following is a note I today received from Joyce Aldrich of Lansing, Michigan, who is very kindly assisting me in organizing our Witheridge Reunion in August. You will note that we were unable to obtain accommodations for the week-end of August 21st, so have had to alter the date to Saturday, August 28th. Hope that this is o.k. for everyone.

I need to know by return, who will require a room and for how many days. Once we get an idea of how many rooms we require, we can book a block and then each individual can go ahead and book, a number will be given as soon as possible.

The event will be held in a church hall and it all sounds very nice. We can use the kitchen facilities, but we will probably order in most of the luncheon. This has not been finally determined as yet.

PLEASE let me hear from you by return, in order that we can get these things in motion. I will be sending out invitations in the next few days.

I trust you are all keeping well and looking forward to seeing you in Michigan on August 28th.

Apr. 12

Hi Kathy,

Well - the church IS available for August 28th. I talked to Nikki, who is the secretary there, and she said that we could use the kitchen - refrigerator space, stoves, etc. She could not tell me how much they charge as she is very new to the place and "has not found the files on that as yet" - but I am sure they will be reasonable.

I also called the Quality Inn and the Clubhouse Inn and they both have rooms available for the nights of Friday the 27th and Saturday the 28th.

Addresses and phones:

Clubhouse Inn, 2710 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing 48912 517/482-0500
Quality Inn, 3121 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing 48912 517/351-1440

HOWEVER - I just checked costs and the Clubhouse Inn is best - $63/nite for one person per room, $73 for two. This includes a full breakfast - a sit-down meal, set up as a buffet. I think the best thing for us to do would be for me to call them and reserve a block of rooms - our best guess as to number of rooms. They will give me a 4-digit number and when anyone
calls in for a room they should mention that number so as to assure them accommodations.

Things to do:

You estimate number of rooms and I'll question a few of my out-of-town family to see how many we will need, pad it slightly and just go with that number. As long as we cancel a month in advance we won't have a problem.
We should urge whomever needs a room to contact the motel asap and give a
cutoff to holding the block of rooms as of one month prior to the event - July 30th. You probably should advise anyone booking a room that if the have to cancel to call the motel well in advance of the date.

Does all of this make sense? I'll be sending you a map soon - if I don't have anything available in the office I'll get one.

Now - where are we? Give me specifics and I will follow through!
Regards, Jo

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Apr. 15

Subj: **Re: August Reunion**
Date: 4/15/99 11:46:42 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Dear Kathy:

I was glad to hear that plans for the reunion are moving along well. Of course, I won't be able to be there myself, but I know you will have a good turnout.

Joyce Browne

When I wrote to Joyce Browne a while ago, I mentioned that you were planning a Witheridge Reunion in Lansing, Michigan, on August 21. I suggested that any Witheridge Society members in England who were thinking of taking a trip to America some day, should come in August so they can meet a great many other "Witheridges." (I didn't say so, but I was thinking particularly of Richard and Maureen.) You may be writing to Joyce before May 3rd, and you can give her the change of date.

Richard Witheridge (Witheridge Society officer)

Were you ever able to get an address for Catherine Houtz? Perhaps we can find her address and phone number through the Internet. I see her husband's name is Kenneth E.

David

[Apr. 19 - May 2, 1999]

Subj: **Re: August Reunion**
Date: 4/19/99 10:27:10 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

Hi Gang!

Could you please let me know who will require accommodations for August 27th/August 28th. We need to know as soon as possible in order to do a block booking.

My apologies to those who have already responded.

Looking forward to seeing you all in August.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

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Subj: **Re: August Reunion**
Date: 4/19/99 9:17:35 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 19 Apr 99, at 16:58, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> I just want to tell you not to despair if you don't hear right away from
> people about whether they want a room or not. They may not want to commit
> themselves so far in advance. That was my experience last year with my
> Nemitz reunion. In fact, I didn't get an absolute "Yes" from anyone until
> about two weeks before the event, but we ended up with a good turnout.
> I'll admit that by that time I did a lot of last minute checking. I think
> you will just have to make a good guess and go with that. Good luck!

← DEW's 1998 Nemitz family reunion in Minneapolis

Hi David;

Just got a note back from Tony Witheridge, they are putting an offer in on a house in Texas tomorrow, so it is unlikely that they will attend. I felt for sure that Tony would be there. However, he still insists that he will attend if at all possible.

I spoke with Paul Freed last week, he will be attending for sure.

Joyce Aldrich has been in contact with the hotel and they have promised to give us a block booking but we do have to have an estimate of rooms required. We then have until 30 days prior to the event to do the booking. I think that we will have a good turn out as a lot of the families live in Michigan and it will be quite easy for them.

Will talk to you again soon.
Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Reunion Ideas**
Date: 5/2/99 9:49:55 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

I now have the invitations ready to mail! I wondered if you had an address for Jill? I don't even know her last name! I haven't heard from her in a while, so just dropped her a line!

I will be sending you an invitation even though I know that you will not be attending. I thought that it would be a nice jesture on my part to keep you involved.

I heard from Tony Witheridge that he may not attend as he is moving to Texas around the middle of August. I was going to ask, as you suggested, that he do one of the talks. I have today dropped a note to Annette to ask if she would do one of the talks.

Joyce Aldrich →

I do so hope that we have a reasonable turnout at this reunion, as it is a lot of work and a lot of expense if not many show! Joyce Aldrich has helped me an awful lot and done all the leg work on looking for accommodations etc., She is a very dear lady whom I met for the first time last August, but have become great friends. I love all the Lansing families.

Jill Pierson →
of New Jersey

Can you tell me where Jill fits into the family? I am busily working away at updating my books and trying to get one done on the Combe Martin family, to take along with me.

Hope that you are keeping well. My thoughts will be in England tomorrow for "Witheridge Day". Always have a few tears when I am unable to attend.

Best wishes
Kathy

[May 3, 1999]

Subj: **Jill**
Date: 5/3/99 9:56:50 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Dear Kathy,

Glad to get your note with the information that the invitations are ready to go out. I"m looking forward to getting a copy. Jill's address is:

Miss Jill A.. Pierson ← Jill Pierson (b. 1977)
[redacted]
Lindhurst, NJ 07071

She is not directly related to me or you or Kim, but her ancestors go back to South Milton, Devon, around 1700. If you will look in the Winter 1997 issue of the Witheridge Times, you will see an article by Joyce Browne about that family. At the back are four sheets of the South Milton and Thurleston Family Tree. On Sheet 4 you will see William Witheridge married to Mary Hannaford. Jill is descended from their son Andrew Hannaford Witheridge, as are also Janet Sauter and Martha Gilmore, not through their son, Andrew Hannaford Witheridge, b. 1864, but through other children of that family not shown on Joyce's chart.

I'm going to E-mail you separately a copy of the letter I wrote to you on Feb. 13, 1998, which tells how I found their ancestry. It also gives the addresses of Janet and Martha, so you can send them invitations to the reunion. You probably have this letter somewhere in your files.

Love, David

See next two pages →

Subj: **1998 Letter**
Date: 5/3/99 9:56:52 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

[May 3, 1999]

See previous page

February 13, 1998
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
U.S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witheridge
343 Bright St.
Sarnia, Ont. N7T 4G5
Canada

Dear Kathy and Paul,

I want to follow up on the phone call we had the other day. It sounds as though you will be having a good Witheridge reunion in August, and I hope you get some good assistance from Kathy Thomas and Steve Kames. I'm sorry I can't plan to be there, but I have a big gathering of my mother's German relatives to manage this summer, and that's all I can handle.

I hope John and Janice and Jay will get there from Saginaw, and perhaps their daughter Mary Kay from Waterford. Then there are my niece and nephew in Bay City, Virginia Anne Sorensen and Bill Witheridge, children of my brother William, as well as Jennifer Burke in Royal Oak, my sister Louise's daughter. I think I gave you all their addresses last year. Let me know if you don't have them.

Now a little more about the New Jersey Witheridges. For a long time I thought they were related to Keith Witheridge, who came from Pennsylvania, but whose father was originally from New Jersey. I wrote to all whose addresses I had, but I couldn't get any answers back. So I telephoned a few and gradually pieced some of them together. Then I ordered the New Jersey and Pennsylvania census records from the Mormon library, and I found that Keith's family and the others were not related, at least not in this country. I was able to trace the New Jersey family back to Andrew Witheridge, the first one in America.

So I wrote to Kim to see if she had the record of an Andrew Witheridge who was born about 1845. She sent back the information about Andrew Hannaford Witheridge, and it all began to fit together. She had the records back to South Milton near Plymouth about 1700. I had also written to John Witheridge, and he sent essentially the same information, but it didn't match exactly with what Kim had sent. I got busy at many other things and just let it sit.

Then the Winter 1997 issue of "The Witheridge Times" arrived with Joyce Browne's article about the South Milton family, and I got interested again. A year earlier I had talked on the phone and written to two sisters in New Jersey, Janet Sauter and Marthe Gilmore, and told them I had their ancestry back to Andrew Witheridge, the first of their line in this country. I said I was sure we'd be able to connect them up in England. So I called them both and told them we now know their ancestry back to 1700 in South Milton, and they were thrilled.

Actually, I had tried to get them to go to Devon in May of 1997, and they would love to have gone, but couldn't work it out. Even though the Witheridge Society isn't meeting in Devon this year, I urged them again to go and meet some of their relatives and then go down to Devon to visit the towns they came from. They'd really like to go, but the big problem is that Martha has a bed and breakfast place on the Atlantic shore that she has to open up, and she doesn't have anyone she can trust to do that. I tell her she should train someone, because some day she may have illness or an accident and will need a substitute. Well, we'll see.

Then, as I told you, I was over at Jim's apartment in December, and he found on the internet a list of six "Witheridges," one of whom was Jill Pierson in New Jersey, who listed genealogy as her hobby and Witheridge as one of the lines she was searching. So we sent her an E-mail and asked how she tied into the Witheridge family. She replied that her great-grandmother was Ethel Witheridge, who was the daughter of Frank and who married Alfred Crowell Pierson. I immediately found Ethel in my New Jersey records, so was able to tell her I knew her ancestors back to 1700 in South Milton.

Finally about the middle of January I was able to complete the compilation and correction of all my family group sheets for the family in New Jersey and all the was back to John Witheridge in South Milton. So I sent copies to Janet Sauter, Martha Gilmore, and Jill Pierson. Jill was thrilled, of course, and sent me her records of the descendants of Ethel and Alfred Pierson. I told her about the Witheridge Society, and now she wants to know how she can join. Isn't that quite a story? She is just twenty years old and a college student; otherwise I'm sure she'd like to go to England herself in May.

I've told Jill about Janet and Martha, and I've told them about her. (They are second cousins of her grandfather.) She says she is going to try to get in touch with them. They're all in the same general part of New Jersey. I know you'll want them on your mailing list, so here are their addresses:

Mrs. Janet Sauter
[redacted]
Fairfield, NJ 07004
[redacted]

Mrs. Thomas Gilmore
[redacted]
Union, NJ 07083
[redacted]

Miss Jill A. Pierson
[redacted]
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Well, that's all for now, and the best of everything to both of you.

[May 5, 1999]

Subj: **Re: South Milton family**
Date: 5/5/99 1:49:21 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 3 May 99, at 10:56, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> I was able to trace the New Jersey family back to Andrew Witheridge, the
> first one in America.
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> So I wrote to Kim to see if she had the record of an Andrew Witheridge who
> was born about 1845. She sent back the information about Andrew Hannaford
> Witheridge, and it all began to fit together. She had the records back to
> South Milton near Plymouth about 1700.

Kim Cook

Andrew Hannaford Witheridge (see the editor's notes in the index entries for Andrew Witheridge (b. 1777) and the two Andrew Hannaford Witheridges (b. 1842 and 1864).

Hi David;

I have now been able to put all the Witheridge families from South Milton into a database!

Could you please bring me up to date on the information from Andrew Witheridge who came to the US. I have up to Andrew Hannaford Witheridge born in the March qtr of 1864 at Kingsbridge, Devon. What do you have after this date?

Andrew Hannaford Witheridge born 1864 was the son of Andrew Hannaford Witheridge, born in the December qtr of 1842. The 1851 census for Kingsbridge showed:

Fore Street, Kingsbridge:

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| WITHERIDGE, William | head | 36 | Gardener | South Milton |
| WITHERIDGE, Mary | wife | 35 | | Goveton |
| WITHERIDGE, Andrew | son | 8 | Scholar | Kingsbridge |
| WITHERIDGE, William | son | 6 | Scholar | Kingsbridge |
| WITHERIDGE, Elizabeth | daur | 4 | | Kingsbridge |
| WITHERIDGE, Charles | son | 2 | | Kingsbridge |

I have the 1851 Census of Devon on CD, should you ever need any look-ups.

I would really appreciate a copy of the information you hold from when the family arrived in the US.

I mailed out the invite yesterday, so you should be getting your copy next week.

Did I tell you that I had a note from Annette who has offered to do a talk at the Reunion on her life as a journalist! Too bad I didn't receive her note prior to having the invitations printed.

Talk to you soon,
Love,
Kathy

# Witheridge Reunion

*You are invited to a Witheridge Reunion on Saturday, August 28th, 1999, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1001 Chester Road, Lansing, Michigan 48912, located on the corner of Chester Road and Covington Court. The church has a nice big room with kitchen facilities, and has been offered to us at a reasonable rate.*

*For those wishing to stay overnight, accommodations can be obtained at the Clubhouse Inn, 2710 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing 48912. Telephone 517-482-0500. When booking, please advise that you are in the Witheridge Reunion party, and quote the number 3143.*

*The rates quoted for our party are:*
*$63 per night for one person per room*
*$73 per night for two persons per room*
*This includes a full breakfast, buffet style*

*These rooms are being held for us only until July 25th, so please book early! The hotel has vacancies for both nights, Friday August 27th and Saturday August 28th, 1999. The quoted rates are available for either or both nights for your added convenience.*

*AGENDA:*

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| *10:00 AM* | *Registration* |
| *11:00 AM* | *Talk by Kathy Witheridge* |
| *11:45 AM* | *Talk by ?* |
| *12:30 PM* | *Lunch* |
| *2:00 PM* | *Get together, look at memorabilia, raffle, general chit chat* |
| *4:30 PM* | *Close Meeting - for those who can stay, arrangements for a family dinner have been made at the hotel.* |

*If any of us living in close proximity are able to bring either a salad or dessert, it would be greatly appreciated. The remainder of the food will be catered.*

*Those of you who are talented in craft-making and would care to donate a small item or items for our raffle may do so. All monies raised will help pay for the church hall. The only further cost we anticipate - still to be determined - will be the catered lunch. Any remaining costs not covered by the raffle will be divided among those attending.*

*Don't forget to bring along all your Witheridge memorabilia, family trees, books, pictures, etc., these will be put on display for all to see.*

*RSVP as soon as possible to:*

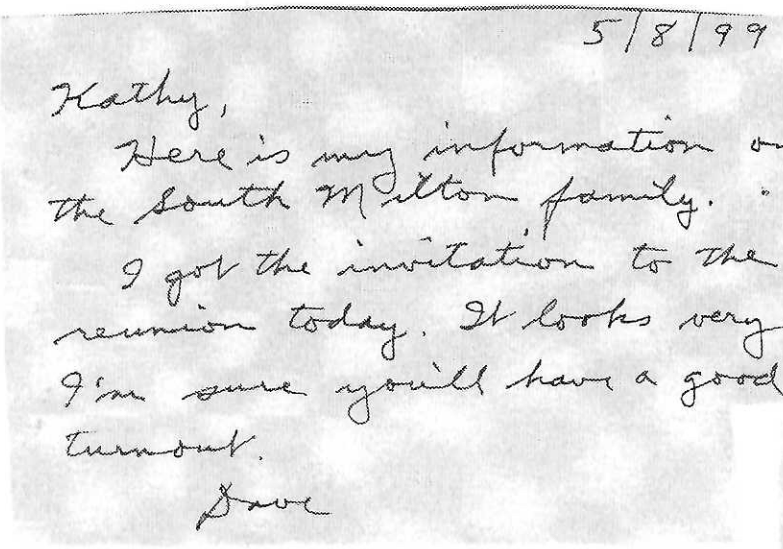
*Kathy Witheridge*
*343 Bright Street*
*Sarnia, Ontario, Canada*
*N7T 4G5*

*E-mail - kathpaul@ebtech.net*

*or*

*Joyce Aldrich*
*6555 Coleman Road*
*East Lansing, MI*
*48823*

*E-mail - bjaldrich@juno.com*



5/8/99

Kathy,

Here is my information on the South Milton family.

I got the invitation to the reunion today. It looks very good. I'm sure you'll have a good turnout.

Dave

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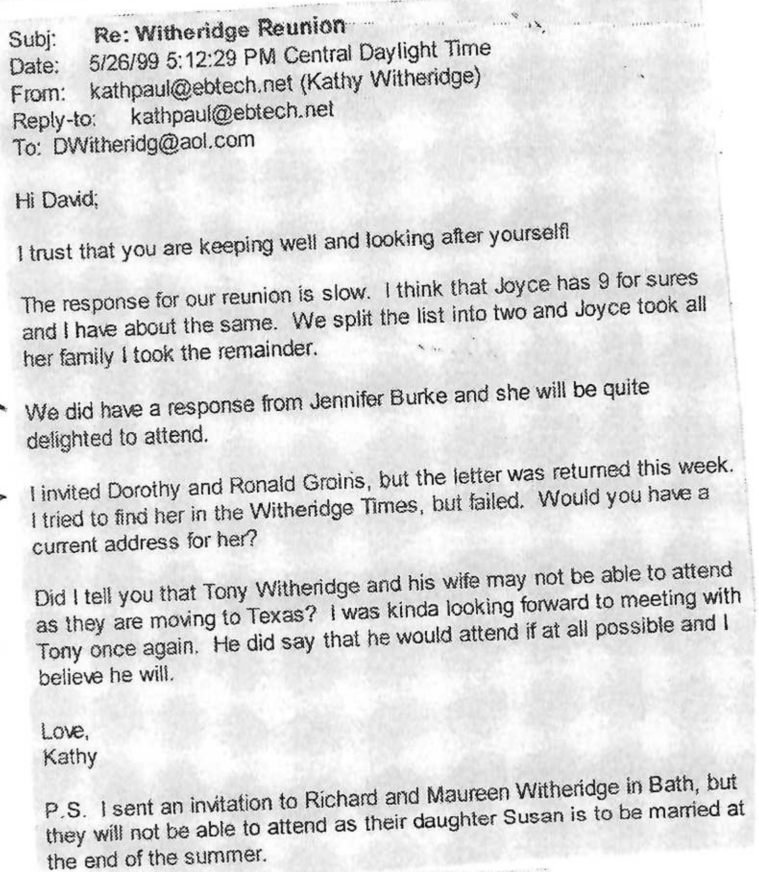

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 5/26/99 5:12:29 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

I trust that you are keeping well and looking after yourself!

The response for our reunion is slow. I think that Joyce has 9 for sures and I have about the same. We split the list into two and Joyce took all her family I took the remainder.

DEW's niece

We did have a response from Jennifer Burke and she will be quite delighted to attend.

She meant "Goins"

I invited Dorothy and Ronald Groins, but the letter was returned this week. I tried to find her in the Witheridge Times, but failed. Would you have a current address for her?

Did I tell you that Tony Witheridge and his wife may not be able to attend as they are moving to Texas? I was kinda looking forward to meeting with Tony once again. He did say that he would attend if at all possible and I believe he will.

Love,
Kathy

P.S. I sent an invitation to Richard and Maureen Witheridge in Bath, but they will not be able to attend as their daughter Susan is to be married at the end of the summer.

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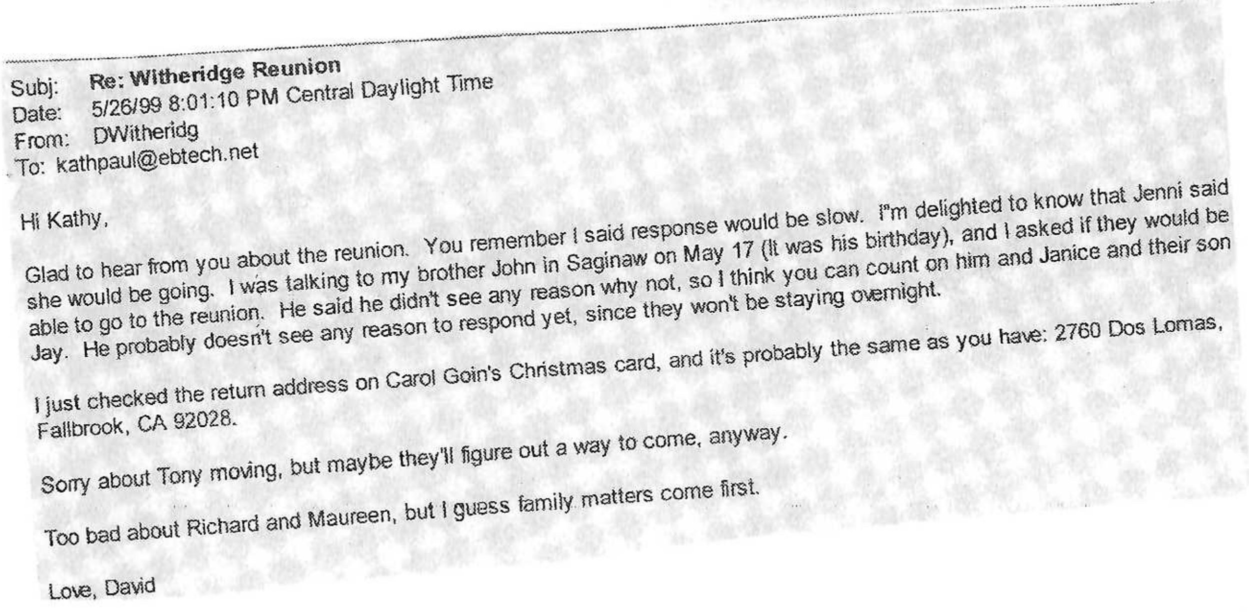

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 5/26/99 8:01:10 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi Kathy,

Glad to hear from you about the reunion. You remember I said response would be slow. I'm delighted to know that Jenni said she would be going. I was talking to my brother John in Saginaw on May 17 (it was his birthday), and I asked if they would be able to go to the reunion. He said he didn't see any reason why not, so I think you can count on him and Janice and their son Jay. He probably doesn't see any reason to respond yet, since they won't be staying overnight.

I just checked the return address on Carol Goin's Christmas card, and it's probably the same as you have: 2760 Dos Lomas, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

Sorry about Tony moving, but maybe they'll figure out a way to come, anyway.

Too bad about Richard and Maureen, but I guess family matters come first.

Love, David

[May 28 - June 24, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 5/28/99 9:40:37 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@AOL.COM

Hi David;

Thank you so much for your note. This makes perfect sense to me and I don't know why I didn't think of it before.

I am really looking forward to meeting with your brother and his family.

Recently I have been doing a Review on a genealogy program 'Legacy' and have discovered that it is the program for me to use. I did the review and told the company that I would be prepared to demonstrate their program at two meetings, one, our Computer Users Group in Sarnia and two, our Family Reunion, and could they possibly donate a couple of copies of the program to use as door prizes. They wrote back and said 'No Problem', just give us your address. So, pretty soon, we will have our first door prize for the reunion. Steve Karnes has offered to bring along his computer and a printer. I don't intend for everyone to see this, only interested parties in the 'free time period'. I am sure that anyone who doesn't have a genealogy program at the present time, will love it! It does enable you to do a Slide Show, with pictures and sound, so I thought that I would do a Show on the Combe Martin family. Do you have any old pictures that I could use? I will ask Joyce the same question, and maybe I can do a good Show!

Talk to you later.
Kathy

> I just checked the return address on Carol Goin's Christmas card, and it's
> probably the same as you have: [redacted] Fallbrook, CA 92028.

PS - This is not the same address that I had. Will try one more time!
Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
Sarnia, Ontario, Canada

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"Legacy" genealogical software

Subj: **Re: August Reunion**
Date: 6/1/99 4:26:06 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

Hi Gang;

Just wanted to let you all know that I have obtained the first 'door prize' for our Reunion.

I have just finished doing a 'Review' on a piece of genealogy software called 'Legacy'. After finishing the review, I was extremely happy with the software and wrote 'Millennium Corporation' to ask if they might donate a copy for our Reunion.

Received it on Saturday! I will be doing a demo for those interested in the program in our 'free time', and the software will be included in the raffle. Hopefully, we will get more response for items to raffle in order to raise money to help pay for the hall.

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"Rootsweb" reunion website

Subj: **Re: We are on the 'Net'**
Date: 6/24/99 5:02:19 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

Hi Folks;

I have just put our Witheridge Reunion on Rootsweb web site for Family Reunions:

<http://resources.rootsweb.com/~calendar/cgi-bin/calendar.cgi?

Just click on the above and look under the genealogy calendar for August 28th.

Hope to see lots of you there.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

[June 24, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Combe Martin**
Date: 6/24/99 5:02:19 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: dwitheridg@AOL.COM

Hi David;

I trust that you are keeping well and out of trouble!

I have been spending a bit of time on the new LDS site and found a name of someone researching the Witheridge name in Combe Martin. Just wondered if you knew who it might be:

Barbara Joan Worthen George

Barbara Joan Worthen George
[redacted]
Irvine, CA 92604

Her name was against William Witheridge and Rebecca Ley.

Chivers family

Found a new cousin for all the CHIVERS family this week. Just happened to be looking on the Internet for information on Midsomer Norton, Somerset, and came across someone by the name of Russell Chivers of the northern part of West Virginia, researching the name Chivers in Midsomer Norton. I have passed him along to Joyce Aldrich and she is going to contact him. I have given him some of the information I had on the family and he is going to send me his.

I am trying desperately to do up a book of the Combe Martin family to show at our Reunion. It is coming along very nicely, but I do wish I had pictures to make it a little more interesting.

I have done a 20 page booklet regarding my talk 'Crossing the Atlantic in the 1800s' and it is all ready to have copied to give as a handout. Just not sure at present how many to get done.

Did I tell you that we have been given the software package "Legacy" to give as a door prize at the reunion. I reviewed the software a couple of months ago and really like it. I asked if they would donate a copy to our cause and they said 'No Problem'. If we can obtain a few door prizes and have a raffle, we should be able to make enough money to pay for the room. If not, we should not have too much per person to pay.

I must give Paul Freed a call again, I haven't spoken to him in a little while, but he is coming to the reunion for sure. Hopefully, his brother and sister-in-law will be there too.

We have booked our accommodation now, so we are all set. My only hope is that we have a decent turn out. Did you hear that there was only 9 attendees at Witheridge Day in May? It is getting quite sad, and hardly worth the effort. I know that some of the years Paul and I have attended and there has only been 14 and 23. I sure hope that they will have a good attendance next year for another 3 day event. It is a lot of work for Richard if not many attend. Paul and I will not be able to attend next year, as once again, we will not be visiting Britain. My sister and brother-in-law will be coming here again and we are driving out to the west coast. It is something that my sister has always wanted to do.

1999 Witheridge Day

Love,
Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Combe Martin**
Date: 6/24/99 8:41:36 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitherídg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi Kathy,

Just read your letter, and decided to answer briefly right away. No, I do not know who Barbara Joan Worthen George is, but if she is a descendant of William Witheridge and Rebecca Ley, she is definitely one of my relatives. I'll get in touch with her when I have time.

I found three pictures for your presentation on the Combe Martin family, and I've had copies made for you. As soon as I get them labeled, I'll send them off to you.

Just before I read your E-mail, I tried to call Paul Freed, but his line was busy. So I was delighted to get your information that he is coming to the reunion. So I tried him again, and this time I got him, so we talked awhile about the reunion and family matters.

I still think you will have from 30 to 50 at the reunion. You should have a great time, and I wish I could be there, but I'll be 85 in August, and too much can go wrong on a trip. My health is reasonably good, and I work hard to keep it that way. [redacted]

Love, David

This was overly optimistic. See Aug. 30, 1999 email below (#4 that day); also see DEW's March tally on the next page, which explains his optimism.

[DEW made this preliminary tally of potential reunion attendees in March 1999.]

March
1999

Witheridge Reunion – Lansing – Aug. 21, 1999

| | Definitely | Probably | Possibly | Unlikely |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kathy & Paul Witheridge | 2 | | | |
| Joyce & Bruce Aldrich | 2 | | | |
| Brenda [illegible] | 1 | | | |
| Terry Witheridge | 1 | | | |
| Dianne & Graham Tomlinson | 2 | | | |
| Joan Tomlinson | 1 | | | |
| John, Janice, & Jay Witheridge | | 3 | | |
| Mary Kay Witheridge | | | 1 | |
| Jennifer Burke | | 1 | | |
| Anne Goodman &<br>Bill Witheridge | | | 2 | |
| Pat & Gary Johnson | | | 2 | |
| Paul Freed | | | 1 | |
| Bruce Freed | | 1 | | |
| Larry Witheridge | | | 1 | |
| John & Patt James | | | 2 | |
| John & Marian Adams | | | 2 | |
| [illegible] | | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| David, Tom, & Jim Witheridge | | | | 3 |
| Robert Witheridge | | | | 1 |
| Joan & Ronald Shaw | | | | 2 |
| Jill Cinman | | | 1 | |
| Janet Austin<br>Martha Gilmore | | | | 2 |
| Carol & Ron Goins | | | | 2 |
| Sharon & Ted Bridges | | | 2 | |
| Jamie & Penny Marks | | | | 2 |
| Other Witheridge descendants | | | | 15 |
| Annette Witheridge | | | 1 | |
| Catherine Hardy | | | 1 | |
| Mike & Joan Tomlinson | | | 2 | |
| | 9 | 15 | 28 | 37 |

[June 25, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Combe Martin**
Date: 6/25/99 7:43:23 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@AOL.com

On 24 Jun 99, at 21:41, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> Just read your letter, and decided to answer briefly right away. No, I do
> not know who Barbara Joan Worthen George is, but if she is a descendant of
> William Witheridge and Rebecca Ley, she is definitely one of my relatives.
> I'll get in touch with her when I have time.

Hi David;

Thank you for your quick reply, you do not appear to be slowing down any!

> I found three pictures for your presentation on the Combe Martin family,
> and I've had copies made for you. As soon as I get them labeled, I'll
> send them off to you.

That is very sweet of you David and I really do appreciate all the help I can get!

> Just before I read your E-mail, I tried to call Paul Freed, but his line
> was busy. So I was delighted to get your information that he is coming to
> the reunion. So I tried him again, and this time I got him, so we talked
> awhile about the reunion and family matters.

That was also nice of you to call Paul, it will save me a telephone call, as I only wanted to confirm that he would be at the reunion and that he had remembered to book a room. I was also going to ask if his brother and sister-in-law would be there. Bruce and Anne live about a 90 minute drive from us, in Embro, Ontario, and we have been to their place a couple of years ago. Paul told me that when he comes to the reunion it would be a good opportunity to see his brother, so I am hoping that they will attend.

> I still think you will have from 30 to 50 at the reunion. You should have
> a great time, and I wish I could be there, but I'll be 85 in August, and
> too much can go wrong on a trip. My health is reasonably good, and I work
> hard to keep it that way.

I do hope that we have a reasonable turnout! After hearing about Witheridge Day in England this year, it kind of troubled me a little! I do so wish that you were able to travel David, we are all going to miss you. Maybe we should have had it in Minneapolis for your sake!
Do you ever talk to Denny Tomlinson? He lives in Minneapolis I believe. I am hoping that they will make the trip, but haven't heard anything for sure yet. We did meet them in Lansing last year at the Redburn reunion.

Did you take a look at the site on the internet, where I have posted the reunion? ← "Rootsweb"

The Witheridge Society are hoping to have a web site in the not too distant future, Paul and I will be helping out with the set-up. We just have to get ourselves organized, maybe after the reunion.

Love,
Kathy

6/28/99 [June 28, 1999]

Dear Kathy,

Here are the pictures. I hope they work out for what you have in mind. I'm glad we have at least one that goes back to Wales. Perhaps the one of Betsy Chivers was also in Wales, but I don't know. Probably Jo Aldrich also has this and several others of the Chivers family from that period.

This is either Elizabeth (Betsy) Witheridge (b. 1858) or Elizabeth Mary Chivers (b. 1893), mother of Joyce Aldrich (b. 1932)

I'm enclosing my article about my grandparents and their family, so you can understand the pictures and possibly tell more about these people. Joyce Browne is going to use this article in an upcoming issue of "The Witheridge Times" so I wouldn't want you to copy it for distribution to the whole group, or you would steal her thunder. Later I'd be glad to copy and send it to any who want it and are not members of the Witheridge Society.

Joyce Browne

Paul Freed was a little uncertain about going to the reunion when I first called him, but at the end he sounded as though he would definitely be going. He wasn't sure about Bruce, but I think he will try to convince Bruce to go, so they can get together.

Paul Wayne Freed (b. 1927)

Robert Bruce Freed

The last time I talked to Denny Tomlinson he sounded as though he would definitely be going and also his mother from Arkansas. His sister, Pat Johnson, who lives in a suburb of St. Paul, might also be going.

See Jean Tomlinson (b. 1920)

I just checked out the notice of the reunion on the web site, and I see they have it under August 2-7. Maybe you can correct that. It's great to have it listed, and maybe somebody new will see it.

See the July 5 email on the next page

Love, David

[July 4-5, 1999]

Subj: **Happy Independence Day!**
Date: 7/4/99 4:56:17 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

Just wanted to let you know that I had an e-mail from Bruce Freed today, stating that he and his wife Anne will be attending the Reunion. You probably know that Bruce is the brother of Paul, but Bruce lives here in Ontario.

Just talked to my sister in Britain, as I had booked their tickets to come here on September 30th. I am so excited, it is always good to see one another. We have always been extremely close.

Hope you are keeping well in this hot sticky weather!

Love,
Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Wrong Date!**
Date: 7/5/99 8:09:35 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

You have all probably taken a look at the Reunion Calendar at:

http://resources.rootsweb.com/~calendar/cgi-bin/calendarcgi?

Yes, I made an error, I have put the date as August 27th. No, it has not been changed, it is still on the 28th. I guess I have too much on my mind at the moment and cannot think straight. I made an amendment today and hopefully it will be changed.

I only hope that no one shows up on the Friday!

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative

[July 5-6, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Thanks!**
Date: 7/5/99 8:09:46 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

I received the package today and would like to thank you. The pictures are just what I needed. I promise you that I will not use your story to insert in my information. I did find an article done by Kim in 1988 which gave a few hints on the Combe Martin line.

Do you know where the JAMES family fits in?

The 1881 census shows the following:

13 Bedlwyn Street, Aberdare, Glamorgan

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| WITHERIDGE, John | head | 54 | Coal Miner | born Combe Martin |
| WITHERIDGE, Clara | wife | 57 | | born Combe Martin |
| WITHERIDGE, Edward | son | 18 | Coal Miner | born Combe Martin |
| WITHERIDGE, Susan | dau | 14 | | born Combe Martin |
| JAMES, Emily | g/dau | 1 | | born Aberdare, Glam |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CHIVERS, Alfred | lodger | 22 | Colliery Lab | born Midsomer Norton |
| CHIVERS, Elizabeth | wife | 22 | | born Combe Martin |

I know that Elizabeth was the oldest daughter of John and Clara, and Susan was too young to have a child, that leaves Maria whom I could not find anywhere in the 1881 census. Do you think that she might have died in childbirth? I don't know who else Emily James could belong to!

I thank you for pointing out the error I made in the date for our Reunion! I just have too much on my mind at the moment. I think that I am going senile! I have made an amendment to the calendar and hopefully it will be changed.

Thanks again David for all your help.
Love,
Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Thanks!**
Date: 7/6/99 8:44:47 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi Kathy,

No, I don't know who Emily James is. I never saw that 1881 census record before, though I did know they lived at 13 Bedlwyn Row. That's what George Chivers told me when I first started on genealogy after my father died. I looked up all my records, and I don't see any James, except, of course, for John James' family; but his ancestor married an Ann Witheridge, who was born in Porthleven, Cornwall. They were married in 1884.

John and Clara's daughter Maria was born May 23, 1861, in Combe Martin and died Nov. 20, 1861, in Combe Martin, so she wasn't the mother. If you want to know who Emily James is, you'll have to find the birth record at the General Record Office. I guess.

Love, David

[July 9, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Thanks!**
Date: 7/9/99 10:27:18 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 6 Jul 99, at 21:44, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> No, I don't know who Emily James is. I never saw that 1881 census record
> before, though I did know they lived at 13 Bedlwyn Row. That's what
> George Chivers told me when I first started on genealogy after my father
> died. I looked up all my records, and I don't see any James, except, of
> course, for John James' family; but his ancestor married an Ann
> Witheridge, who was born in Porthleven, Cornwall. They were married in
> 1884.

Hi David;

I have been trying to sort out John James' family just this week. I am trying to obtain as much information as possible on all the Combe Martin lines.

Would you believe that I have lost the information you gave me! I knew that you were having it published in the Witheridge Times, so guessed I would put it somewhere safe until after it had been published. Believe me it is in a very SAFE place! I have searched this house and cannot find it. Very pleased that it was not the photographs I lost! They are fabulous!

> John and Clara's daughter Maria was born May 23, 1861, in Combe Martin and
> died Nov. 20, 1861, in Combe Martin, so she wasn't the mother. If you
> want to know who Emily James is, you'll have to find the birth record at
> the General Record Office. I guess.

I think that I will do just that, as I do not know who else she could belong to!

Love,
Kathy

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[July 11, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 7/11/99 8:39:22 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: Witheridge Society@sleepy.ebtech.net

Hi to all Witheridge family members!

This week Joyce Aldrich gave me a lot of new e-mail addresses of her family, so I now have you all in my distribution list!

I would like to say that all of you who will be attending the Witheridge Reunion on August 28th, 1999, in Lansing, Michigan, I cannot wait to meet you all. This is all very exciting to me, being the north American representative of the Witheridge Society. I know that a lot of you did not even know that you had a Witheridge connection, but believe me, you do!

I have spent the last few months researching the Witheridge family of Combe Martin, Devon, where most of you originate! There are a few of us that originate from other parts of Devon, ie, Bradworthy, Ermington, and even some from Cornwall.

I am now quite anxious to get a count on all who will be attending. If by chance you have not let either Joyce or myself know, would you mind doing so. I am doing a talk on 'Crossing the Atlantic in the 1800s' and am hoping to provide a hand-out on that subject. It is a 20 page booklet and I am in the process of doing copies and binding, so I really need to have an idea on how many copies I need.

I have also done up books on various lines of the Witheridge families and will have these on show at the Reunion.

Please, if you are in the possession of any old pictures, bring them along.

Already, we have quite a few door prizes but need more. If you are talented in any craft, we ask if you could donate a small item for our raffle, or any other item which you feel is appropriate, it would be much appreciated. A raffle will be held, at a small charge, in order to help pay for the room.

We also need to count heads for luncheon purposes. If you live in close proximity to Lansing, a donation of a salad or desert would also be much appreciated. The more donations we get, the cheaper the luncheon will be.

For those staying overnight, I hope that you have booked your room, as the expiry date runs out on July 25th.

It goes without saying that I cannot wait to see you all. I have already had the opportunity of meeting some of you, but there are many that I do not know. Some of you I got to meet at Witheridge Day '97 in Tiverton, Devon. Let's outdo the Brits and have an excellent attendance!

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

[July 11-12, 1999]

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Subj: **Re: Thanks!**
Date: 7/11/99 3:21:14 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Dear Kathy,

John James's (q.v.) two Witheridge grandmothers

I'll mail you another copy of my article about my grandparents. I thought I would send it as an E-mail attachment, but the instructions sounded too complicated. They said Microsoft Word wouldn't release a document for attachment, and that's where it is. So it will take a little longer by snail mail.

When I said John James' ancestor married Ann Witheridge, I forgot that he also has Witheridge in his mother's line. His paternal grandmother was Ann Witheridge, and his maternal grandmother was Martha Witheridge. Ann and Martha were sisters. They were daughters of Robert Witheridge and Elizabeth A. Kitchen. You will see this on one of the large charts Kim drew up when she was here in 1996--the chart headed by Francis Witheridge and Ann Eastaway. I'm sure I sent these to you. I don't have time to send you all details on this now, but I will later, if you want me to. Let me know.

Kim Cook

Love, David

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Subj: **Re: Thanks!**
Date: 7/12/99 8:05:28 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 11 Jul 99, at 16:21, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> I'll mail you another copy of my article about my grandparents. I thought
> I would send it as an E-mail attachment, but the instructions sounded too
> complicated. They said Microsoft Word wouldn't release a document for
> attachment, and that's where it is. So it will take a little longer by
> snail mail.

Email technology didn't spring fully formed from Bill Gates's brain!

Hi David;

Please don't bother to send it again, it will turn up someday! Anyway if it is going to be inserted in the Witheridge Times. The way I do an attachment is convert it to ASCI text, take out all the bells and whistles into just a plain text.

> When I said John James' ancestor married Ann Witheridge, I forgot that he
> also has Witheridge in his mother's line. His paternal grandmother was
> Ann Witheridge, and his maternal grandmother was Martha Witheridge. Ann
> and Martha were sisters. They were daughters of Robert Witheridge and
> Elizabeth A. Kitchen. You will see this on one of the large charts Kim
> drew up when she was here in 1996--the chart headed by Francis Witheridge
> and Ann Eastaway. I'm sure I sent these to you. I don't have time to
> send you all details on this now, but I will later, if you want me to.

I have got most of the information on John James, looked up some old Witheridge Times and found some information.

We are off to Toronto tomorrow for a few days. Will be attending COMDEX on Wednesday (this is a huge computer show). I can only manage one day then I will be off to do some research at the Archives. Going to a Blue Jays game next Saturday and home Sunday. Should be fun!

I just heard yesterday that my two first cousins and their wives are coming to Ontario on July 22nd and will be spending a couple of days with us. Will have to get the house cleaned!

Talk to you later,
love
Kathy

[July 25 - Aug. 12, 1999]

#1

Subj: **Re: Received Package!**
Date: 7/25/99 4:33:04 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

Just wanted to let you know that I did receive your package. Thank you so much for resending! I promise I will not loose this one!

We were down in Toronto for a week, so I am a little behind with my mail. When we arrived home, there was a nice e-mail note from Joan Shaw, I believe your cousin! Unfortunately, as they were in Lansing last month, they will not be at our Reunion.

Joan Lorraine Witheridge Shaw (b. 1939), DEW's cousin

Well, we are now down to the last month, and still haven't had too many responses! We will have to get a headcount soon in order to reserve lunch.

Will talk at ya soon,
Love,
Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Reunion!**
Date: 7/26/99 9:11:59 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David; Tony Witheridge

Just had a note from Tony Witheridge, hadn't heard from him in a while. The last time I heard from him he advised that he would not be at the Reunion as he was moving to Texas. Yes, he is still moving but he has not sold his house in Geneva yet, so will be back for a week in August, and it just happens to be the week of the Reunion, so yes, he will be attending. It will be great to see him again.

Heard from Annette Witheridge, she has now made all her plans to attend. Only a month left and I am starting to sweat a little, although I think that I am almost ready. Just have to get a few books bound!

Had a letter from Joyce Browne last week, she informed me that Kim is moving!

Annette Witheridge (b. ca. 1961)

Talk at ya soon,
Love,
Kathy

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Subj: **Re: Reunion!**
Date: 7/27/99 1:49:24 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi Kathy,

So glad to hear that Tony will be at the reunion. Maybe he can say a few words about the Australian branch. I'm sure everyone would be fascinated. Also glad that Annette's plans are all set. I'm sure everything will work out well, and you'll have a good turnout. I haven't heard from Kim lately, but I did know they were hoping to move one of these days. Wish they had e-mail!

Love, David

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#4

Subj: **Re: REUNION**
Date: 8/12/99 9:42:36 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sleepy.ebtech.net

Hi Gang;

Well only just over two weeks to the 'big day' and looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

I think that I told most of you that I had been given a genealogy software package called 'Legacy' as a door prize. I had done a review on the software some time ago and have been using it myself. I have told all and sundry about Legacy and was hoping to do a brief demonstration at the Reunion. However, I am now unable to get a computer at the event and it would be too much hassle at the border to take mine. I have printed off what Legacy is capable of doing and put it together in an information folder which you can all take a look at. I feel that I must push Legacy a little due to their kind donation. What do you all think?

Yesterday, I had my little booklets on 'Crossing the Atlantic in the 1800s' bound and they came out really nice. I am sure that you will all be thrilled with them. I have other hand-outs ready, but these are a secret at the present time, you will have to attend to find out about this!

Looking forward to seeing you on the 28th!

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

Legacy software package

[Aug. 14 and 24, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 8/14/99 8:14:01 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

Hi David;

Kathy's disappointment

Just needed a shoulder to cry on today! It would appear that there will only be a couple of dozen people at the reunion. I really thought that we might get a better turn out than that. I guess that all the younger folks in the Lansing area are unfamiliar with the Witheridge name, because they stem from the Redburns and prior to that the Chivers and then back to Witheridge, so they are probably too young to know about their family history.

I have put a lot of hard work into this and now feel that I have not done a good enough job in promoting the event. I really don't know what else I could have done though.

I think I told you that I have done a 20 page booklet on 'Crossing the Atlantic in the 1800s', as a hand-out. I had them bound the other day and they look really nice. I have also done several books on different Witheridge lines to hand out to various people. I have done three for the Bradworthy line, one for the Ermington line and two for the Combe Martin line, but I guess some of the people whom I have done them for are not now attending. I was going to do a 'This is Your Life' presentation and have done five books to present to different people. I have also done two books on the Combe Martin line, one for show and one for a door prize. I also begged a copy of the genealogy software program 'Legacy' from its manufacturers to give as a door prize, along with other goodies. I would think that the people who will not be there are missing a treat!

I did hear that Tony Witheridge will now be there, he has moved to Texas, but has not yet sold his house in Geneva, so will be in town for the week of the reunion. I also heard that Annette Witheridge will not be attending as she has been called back to England and it is very doubtful that she will be back in time.

Well David, now I have cried a little I feel a little better. Hope you don't mind me crying on your shoulder, I know that you will understand. One of the problems is, we are having to pay $75 US for the room, so it becomes a little costly for such a low number of people.

Hope you are keeping well.

Love,
Kathy

P.S. David, would you mind giving Paul Freed a call for me. I haven't talked to him in quite a while but understand that he will still be attending, as his brother Bruce and sister-in-law Anne will be there and I know that he wishes to see them. I appreciate you doing that on my behalf. Just tell him that I am looking forward to seeing him again.

Kathy

DEW's greeting (and regrets for his absence)

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Subj: **Greetings**
Date: 8/24/99 1:15:53 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Greetings to all at the Witheridge Reunion! I know you are having a wonderful time meeting new people and seeing others you haven't seen for a long time. I would love to be there, but at my age (85) I prefer not to travel for many reasons. But I have wonderful memories, including times when I was with many of you. One of my outstanding memories is of the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Witheridge Society a couple of years ago in Devon, our ancestral home. Now I hope many of you are looking forward to attending the Millennium Celebration of the Witheridge Society next year in Devon. My love and best wishes to all of you!

David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 30, 1999]

#1

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 8/30/99 8:42:48 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sleepy.ebtech.net

I would like to thank all the families who attended our 'Witheridge Reunion' last week-end in Lansing, Michigan.

What a great time we had! I must admit I was a little dubious prior to the event, wondering if I could entertain everyone and keep them from getting bored. Well, I think we did it! There was much excitement in the room, 2nd cousins meeting 2nd cousins for the very first time, especially the Bradworthy families. We were outnumbered by the Combe Martin family, but they were all very kind to us 'outsiders'!

The luncheon was outstanding and I wish to thank all those people who made contributions! I also wish to thank you for contributions for our 'raffle' to raise money for the room. Donations for the room were tremendous and we had no problem paying for it!

There were not as many people as we anticipated, but we had a wonderful group and it was great to see their happy faces upon leaving! All in all I felt it was a huge success and I look forward to our next meeting!

Best wishes to all,
Kathy
Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

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#2

Subj: **Re: Genealogy Web Sites**
Date: 8/30/99 8:42:53 AM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sleepy.ebtech.net

A few of you have asked for information on my genealogy classes. You can find the web site at:

http:www.ebtech.net

Click on 'Class Infomation' then on 'Genealogy' and you will find pages of interesting genealogy sites.

Have fun!

Kathy

[Aug. 30, 1999]

Subj: **Re Robert J. Henry**
Date: 8/30/99 1:10:27 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
To: WitheridgeSociety@sleepy.ebtech.net

#3

Hi Gang;

For those of you who attended the Witheridge Reunion last week-end, you may remember John Witheridge speaking about his 'uncle Bob Henry' of British Columbia, Canada, who was the family historian.

I wish to share with you a letter I received from 'uncle Bob' in 1992, after John had provided me with his address.

It read:

Robert J. Henry
106-71 Gorge Street West
Victoria, BC
V9A 1L9
(letter undated but it was in 1992)

Dear Kathy;

Many thanks for your letter. My grandparents, the Witheridge are the ones I knew the least.

My grandfather, Edgar J. Witheridge, born 1871 in Greenbank, Ontario and died 1963 in Bowmanville, buried in Bowmanville cemetery. Married Emily Mercer, born 1872 in Orono, Ontario, and died 1970 in Bowmanville. They were married for 62 years.

Edgar had 13 brothers and sisters. Long before I was born there was a dispute over a farm on the Base Line, south of Bowmanville. There was a lot of bad blood and the family broke up, some never speaking again.

My mother was Gladys (Witheridge) Henry, born 1903 Baseline and died 1970 in Windsor, Ontario, buried in a plot in Bowmanville cemetery.

My uncle is John's father, C.H. Witheridge of Kingston. John, his son, probably gave the details about him.

Edgar worked building the Grand Trunk Railway in 1880, and got 25 cents an hour and extra money for the use of a team of horses. He worked a great many years in lumber yards and a foundtry in Bowmanville. He lived on Church Street, Carlise line and Sugog Street in Bowmanville. He had wonderful health, never sick except for the common cold. His favourite sport was horseshoe pitching.

Most of his brothers and sisters moved to North Dakota and Saskatchewan as homesteaders. My mother used to correspond with Maud Ayre who had great success in farming - She lived the longest, died at 99 years of age in a home in Saskatoon.

In the 50s, I used to visit another sister, Ida Oke in Marysville, Washington, near Everett, Washington. Her husband had passed away

and she raised two daughters who I have lost touch.
Also, I went to Tacoma, Washington, and visited the son of George Witheridge, I can't remember his name.

I visited another sister, Margerite, who married Carl Tomblen of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. He was a State Senator for Idaho. Also, my mother visited a sister in Sarles and Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Most of the pictures I have are stuck in albums, please find a picture of my grandparents.

Many thanks,
R. J. Henry

This letter provided a wealth of information to me and I was then able to contact many families. The first family I found was Clarence Ayre in Edam, Saskatchewan, who was the eldest child of Maud (Witheridge) Ayre in the letter. After receiving my letter, uncle Clarence (or uncle "B" as we all know and love him) telephoned me to say, yes I had contacted the correct person. He then passed me along to his niece, Sharon Brydges in North Battleford. Sharon wrote us inviting us to spend some time with them in Saskatchewan. We took them up on their kind offer and have now been twice to visit them and they have been to Ontario to visit us. We now have a great relationship and correspond on almost a daily basis. Sharon and her husband Ted were unable to attend our reunion, as uncle "B" is very very sick and is in University Hospital, Saskatoon.

I then found Margerite Tomblin in Hayden Lake, North Idaho. Once again, after receiving my letter, she telephoned me and advised that I had found the correct person. Margerite being the daughter of Mabel Florence (Witheridge) Wood and Thomas Bramwell Wood, and yes, Thomas Wood was a state senator. She also told me about her first cousin, Stella Oyos in Devils Lake. I started corresponding with Stella and we had a great relationship. Stella was the daughter of Ida Estella Mary (Witheridge) Oke and Marwood Oke. Unfortunately, Stella passed away in April, 1998 at the ripe old age of 93. Prior to her demise, she did tell me all about the Freed family. That is how I knew about Paul Freed in Minneapolis and his brother Bruce Freed, whom we met last Saturday.

I have also found other lines through all the correspondence with the various families. I have to thank uncle 'Bob' for most of these finds, as without his letter, I doubt I would have ever found all these people.

Should any of you require more information on these families, please do not hesitate to let me know and I will be more than willing to pass along any information in my possession.

I should point out that all of the above are descendants of George Witheridge and Mary (Saunders) Witheridge, who emigrated from Bradworthy, Devon, to Darlington Twp., Ontario, in 1841.

Kind regards
Kathy Witheridge
North American Representative
Witheridge Society

[Aug. 30, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 8/30/99 1:10:28 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: dwitheridg@aol.com

#4

Kathy's wrap-up for DEW

Hi David;

I just cannot begin to tell you what a great time we had last Saturday. To say the very least it was astounding!

We had 21 present, some of whom I had never met. Three Devon families were represented. Combe Martin; Bradworthy and Ermington. You are probably aware that we only have one Witheridge family from Ermington in North America, and that of course is Brenda Dwyne's family.

Brenda, Bill and Annie Dwyne arrived at our home on Friday afternoon from Hamilton, Ontario. We took them on a tour of Sarnia and district and then had supper at our house. We tried to get an early bed, but it was impossible as we had lots of catching up to do. We left bright and early on Saturday morning for Lansing. We arrived in perfect time, 9:25am, and we had arranged to meet Joyce and Bruce Aldrich at the church at 9:30am, as Joyce had the key.

All the guests were welcomed and the ladies starting getting busy preparing food for lunch and made sure that the coffee and do-nuts were ready for the early arrivals.

Annette Witheridge was unable to attend as she had just arrived back from Britain and brought back with her a severe fever! Tony Witheridge never showed and I haven't heard yet what happened in this situation. I do know that Tony has moved to Texas, but he advised me that they still hadn't sold the house in Chicago and that he would be in Chicago last week-end, so he would attend.

We started off with me reading the note which you had so kindly written, and all the families were sorry that you were unable to attend and you were sadly missed. I know that you have done a lot of work for most of these families through the years. Your niece, Jenni Burke was present, so we did get to meet with her. I received a call from your sister-in-law in Saganaw last week with her regrets, she was having a party for the local Bridge Club.

We all gathered around tables and I introduced all three Devonshire families. I tried to tell why the different families had emigrated to North America and I was joined in with family members telling stories of their families as they remembered! I think we all learned a great deal and a whole lot of interesting stories were passed around.

Time went by very quickly and it was now lunch time. What a great lunch we had, food was in abundance and we were all well and truly stuffed!

After lunch, I advised the group that we had to raise $75 US to pay for the room. Several of us had donated gifts to raffle in order to raise the money. We sold raffle tickets and guests were more than generous. We raised the $75 with no problem and even had $20 CND left over. I advised the guests about the $20 left over and every single one agreed that I should keep it to offset some of the printing costs. We drew the raffle and it was nice that every couple won something!

I had done up several books for people who were present, we then played 'This is Your Life' - I called out the name of each individual and they came forward in order for me to hand a book (which I had bound) on their life-story, or at least all about their family. I wish you could have seen the expressions on their faces, they were absolutely thrilled and went home with a book I am sure they will always treasure. I have one for you David and I will get it in the mail to you. I also did a book for every person on 'Crossing the Atlantic in the 1800s', I will also send this to you.

Bruce and Anne Freed were present, and were sorry that Paul had been unable to attend.

Before closing for the day, we took many pictures and I will be forwarding copies of these to Joyce Browne in order that she can put some of them in the Witheridge Times.

When I opened up my e-mail this morning, there was a note from John Witheridge of Orono, Ontario, who is of the Bradworthy line. He opened his note with 'WOW' what a fantastic day! This really made me feel good and made all the hardwork worthwhile! John and his sister Barb, got to meet several new second cousins whom they didn't even know existed! John is a school teacher and still lives and teaches in the area where the Witheridge family settled upon their arrival from Bradworthy.

All in all David it was a wonderful experience. You were right, you always said I had nothing to worry about! It is something that will go down in my records as an 'outstanding experience'! It was fabulous to see all the smiles of amazement on the faces of all who attended.

Must close now, and stop blowing my own trumpet!

Love,
Kathy

[Aug. 31 and Sept. 16, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Witheridge Reunion**
Date: 8/31/99 11:39:56 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Hi Kathy,

So delighted to get your message and all the other ones you had sent to the whole group. Congratulations on the wonderful reunion. Your tremendous efforts paid off. I'm very sorry John and Janice didn't make it, but glad Jenni did. I'm sure all the guests were overwhelmed by your books, and I look forward to receiving mine. Probably many in England will envy the American Wiitheridges when they see your report and pictures in the Witheridge Times. Thank you for all your work and creativity.

Love, David

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Subj: **Your Books**
Date: 9/16/99 4:22:03 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: kathpaul@ebtech.net

Dear Kathy,

Even though you had told me about the books you had prepared for the people at the reunion about their families, I was overwhelmed when I opened the envelope and took out the book with my name and picture on the cover and thumbed through and saw what you had put together. There is no way I can thank you enough. And when I realized you had done the same thing for all the others, I could hardly believe it. It's no wonder their faces lit up, and I'm sure they all wanted to hug you.

I know the great satisfaction you felt that all your worry and work had finally paid off. The reunion you visualized had made everyone truly feel like a family. How fortunate we are to have such a wonderful North American Representative!

Thank you, too, for the excellent book about "Crossing the Atlantic in the 1800s." It made me realize again what great courage and character it took for my grandparents to set out for America--one couple from England (Wales) and the other from Germany. I hope I have inherited some of their outstanding qualities. I'm sure that the reason Canada and the United States are such great countries is that they were established and developed by such adventurous people.

May you and Paul have a relaxing fall after your very busy and rewarding summer!

Love, David

[Sept. 17, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Your Books**
Date: 9/17/99 12:48:10 PM Central Daylight Time
From: kathpaul@ebtech.net (Kathy Witheridge)
Reply-to: kathpaul@ebtech.net
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

On 16 Sep 99, at 17:22, DWitheridg@aol.com wrote:

> Even though you had told me about the books you had prepared for the
> people at the reunion about their families, I was overwhelmed when I
> opened the envelope and took out the book with my name and picture on
> the cover and thumbed through and saw what you had put together.
> There is no way I can thank you enough.

Hi David;

Pleased to hear that you received the package o.k. and was overjoyed that you enjoyed it. That in itself is all the thanks I need. I didn't do one of those family books for everyone who attended our Reunion, just a couple from each line. I also did three for people, like yourself, who were unable to attend. I have given Paul Freed's to his brother Bruce, to cut back on postage! I also did one for a member of the Curtis family (Paul's cousin), who was unable to come. The ones I did for the attendees, were:
Brenda Dwyne - Ermington
John Douglas Witheridge - Bradworthy
Catherine Witheridge-Spina - Bradworthy
Joyce Aldrich - Combe Martin
Steve Karnes - Combe Martin

I am now working on one for Bruce Freed, as he did attend and was very impressed with the one I did for Paul.

Brenda Dwyne sent me a couple of the pictures she had taken yesterday. I have not had all mine developed yet, as I have to finish off my film. I would like to send a set to Joyce Browne in England, in order that she can insert some in a forthcoming magazine.

I have recently found a Christopher Witheridge who lives on the outskirts of London, England. He knows very little of his family, but I guess he is from the small group of Witheridges who moved from Bideford to Oxford. His grandfather is Raymond A.E. Witheridge, born in Headington, Oxfordshire in 1920. So far as I can see, the first marriage in Oxfordshire was Mary Grace Witheridge, at Wallingford in 1878. Mary Grace Witheridge was born in the registration district of Bideford in 1842. What do you know about this family?

Must close now and get something done!
Love,
Kathy

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# DEW's Early Witheridge Research

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# Editor's Note

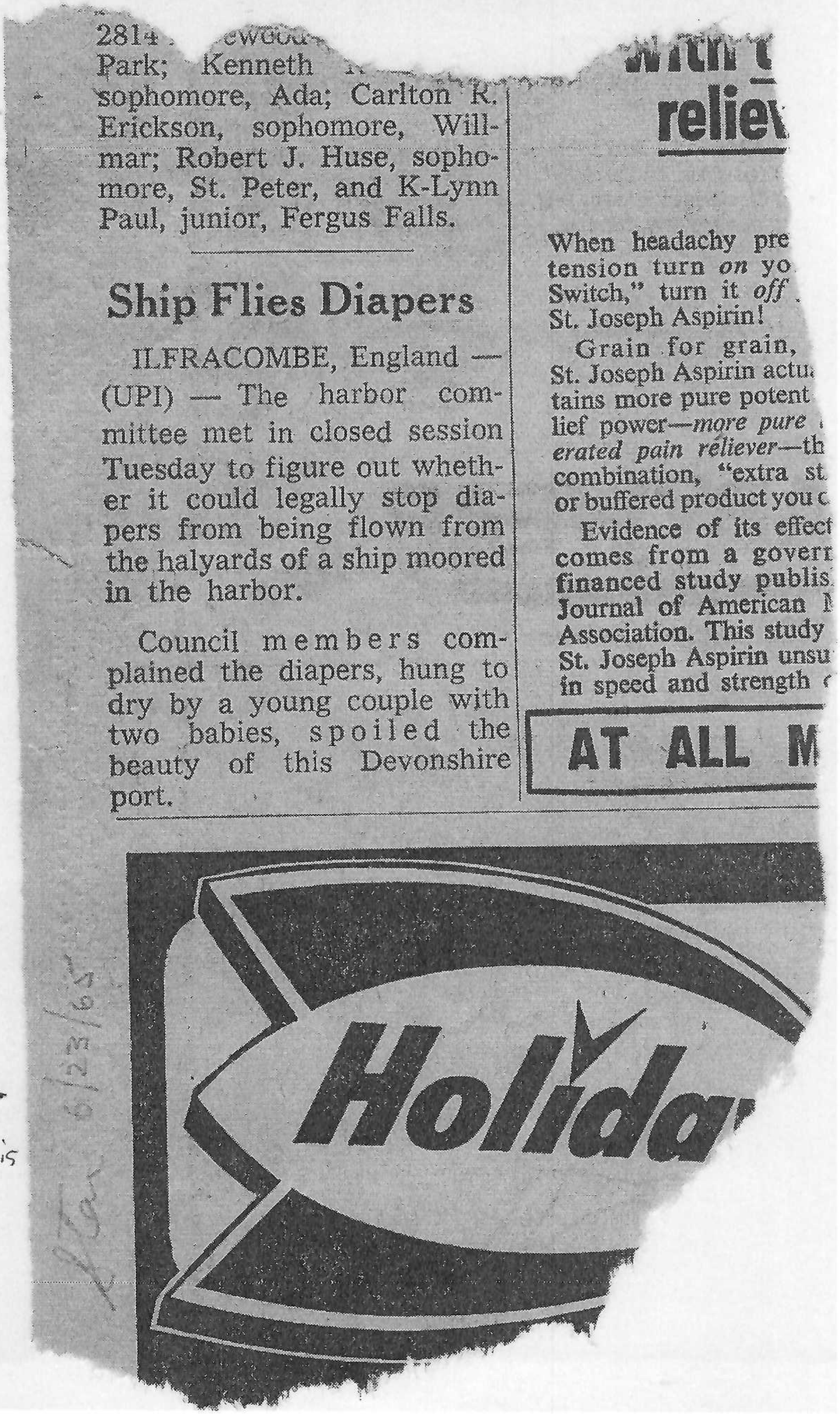
The documents in this folder are a hodgepodge of samples from Dad's earliest work on the Witheridge family. They are the entire contents of a manila folder he labeled "Witheridge — Genealogy." When I found them, they were in no particular order. Insofar as possible I have reordered them chronologically and have further organized them into several broad categories, as follows:

1. Newspaper/periodical clippings that interested Dad. (If you have a British sense of humor, I guarantee the first one will tickle it.)
2. Dad's early efforts to find out more about his ancestors and cousins in the United States, particularly California and Pennsylvania.
3. Dad's early efforts to learn about genealogical resources in Wales and Devon.
4. Dad's early efforts to contact living relatives in Britain, by searching telephone books (see "Telephone directory strategy [DEW's]" in the index), as well as any Witheridges who might still be living in the village of Witheridge, Devon, by contacting the Rector.
5. A single communiqué with the pastor of a church in Mankato, Minnesota, who might have been able to give Dad a lead on a former member named "David Witheridge."
6. What appears to be Dad's earliest (ca. 1974) attempt at a Witheridge ancestor chart, together with the one-family records and other notes on which it was apparently based.

These documents may not be worth much as primary genealogical evidence, but to his son they are priceless.

Tom Witheridge
August 11, 2022

[June 23, 1965]



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sophomore, Ada; Carlton R. Erickson, sophomore, Willmar; Robert J. Huse, sophomore, St. Peter, and K-Lynn Paul, junior, Fergus Falls.

## Ship Flies Diapers

ILFRACOMBE, England — (UPI) — The harbor committee met in closed session Tuesday to figure out whether it could legally stop diapers from being flown from the halyards of a ship moored in the harbor.

Council members complained the diapers, hung to dry by a young couple with two babies, spoiled the beauty of this Devonshire port.

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[Minneapolis Star, June 23, 1965]

[From the religious publication, "Decision"] [May 1964]

# The Welsh Revival in Crescendo

## In the summer of 1905 Evan Roberts took his team to Anglesea, off the coast of Wales, where he preached to the largest crowds of his life

Of all the events surrounding the Evan Roberts evangelistic campaign in Liverpool, England, March 29–April 17, 1905, the hypnotist incident was the one that lingered in the memory of the people the longest. The 26-year-old miner from the collieries of South Wales was the unquestioned center of the greatest spiritual revival of our century. He had come to Liverpool only five months after beginning his astonishing travels through the breadth of Wales—a journey that had ignited church after church with sacred fire.

There were 30,000 Welsh-speaking residents of the great seaport, and the most careful preparations had been made. A thousand volunteers had visited every Welsh home in the city. Meetings were held in different churches, and after a reception at the Lord Mayor's mansion, Evan Roberts was driven to Sun Hall, where 6,000 awaited him.

Even though the services were in the Welsh tongue, people had come from all parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, North Wales, and even from the continent of Europe and from America to hear the young evangelist. When he rose to speak in Sun Hall, he urged his listeners to dispel their fears and to become free in Christ. Less criticism and more freedom, he declared, was God's prescription.

Suddenly he paused in his discourse and began speaking in the English language. "There is an English friend in this meeting," he said, "who is trying to hypnotize me this very moment. Will you leave the building at once, or ask the Lord to forgive you."

### NO ENMITY WITH ONE'S FELLOWMEN

There was no response to this appeal. The meeting was momentarily halted with wonder and dismay. Eventually some persons left, and the evangelist proceeded.

Two nights later one of the best-known professional hypnotists living announced that he was responsible for the incident. He had sent one of his assistants, an Englishman, to the meeting for the express purpose, he said, of hypnotizing Mr. Roberts.

A meeting in Toxteth, a suburb of Liverpool, provides a glimpse of the evangelist's method of conducting a service. The Liverpool *Echo* on April 4, 1905, reported that a crowd of 2,000 had already filled the hall by 5 o'clock. Mr. Roberts arrived soon after 7 p.m., and after a short silence spoke for 20 minutes on the duty of obeying the Spirit, and on *the uselessness of praying for the fire of heaven to descend when the altar was unbuilt and the sacrifice unprepared*. He touched on the impossibility of worshiping God while at enmity with fellowmen.

"We have seen the miracles of God's love tonight," said the beaming evangelist. "And what is the secret of it? The secret is that we have worked and obeyed."

Evan Roberts completed his three weeks of labors on April 17, and the Welsh churches of Liverpool counted the yield of the harvest. Over 750 new Christians were in the fold. The evangelist returned to Wales to rest, in a state of exhaustion. He was to make but one more evangelistic tour, a four-week campaign of the island of Anglesea, from June 6 to July 3. After six weeks in the mountains of Wales and at the seashore, he seemed fit for work and buoyant of spirit.

The team—The Rev. John Williams of Liverpool, Miss Annie Davies, the evangelist's sister and Evan Roberts himself — began at Amlwch with Mr. Roberts' opening words: *"Let us be careful to direct our expectations to the right quarter,"* and continued there for three days. The entire district was aroused. Visitors from many foreign countries arrived, and since chapels were now hopelessly inadequate, when they reached Cemaes the young Welshman preached for the first time in the open fields. He used a frame platform.

The meetings continued with increasing crowds at Llanerchymedd, Llanddeusant, Llanfachreth, Gwalchmai, Llangefni, Brynsiencyn, Beaumaris, Menai Bridge, Llanddona, Holyhead. Six thousand turned out, then 8,000, then 10,000.

Then followed a time of prayer and singing. Following a short talk by his sister, the evangelist rose to his feet. "Before we go further," he said, "I have a question to ask you. Are there any obstacles in the meeting? Don't think I have come to give fire. God gives the fire. Pray that the obstacles may be removed." The *Echo* reports that "almost instantly there was a remarkable outburst of prayer.”

**AND HEAVEN IS PURE JOY**

As the days proceeded, the enthusiasm spread and conversions multiplied. Churches were crowded at regular services. There were some disturbances, occasional rumblings of local religious differences, but on the whole it was a joyful revival. On one occasion Mr. Roberts warned those who felt spiritually cold not to speak during the service. “It would be like icebergs in the midst of fire!” he said.

If some wondered at the smiling faces in church, he reminded them that “there is no holier place than heaven, and yet it is pure joy.” In Crescent Congregational Chapel the hymn-singing became actually jubilant. The converts were “discovered” with an enthusiasm that was infectious. Roberts would ask for hands to be raised by Christians. Then he would say, “Do you see anyone whose hand is not raised? Offer Jesus to them. Do it simply and tenderly — just ask if they will receive him.” One after another was found, and the singing broke out again.

Nothing like it had ever been known in the history of the island. The conversions caused “indescribable rejoicing” among the Christians. Strong men broke down and cried like children. The memory of Annie Davies' rendering of Ira Sankey hymns lingered on like the fragrance of spring.

On June 30 Evan Roberts arrived at Llandona, where he had been invited to speak in a parish church of the Church of England. This proved to be a new experience in the young evangelist's life. A report of the welcome given him by the rector of the 1,300-year-old church, which was located on the seashore “seven miles from anywhere,” is preserved for us.

“My friends,” said the rector (according to the *South Wales Daily News*), “this is a great day here, and will, I trust, be a great day in heaven. The hour to which my brethren and I have looked forward for so many weeks in faith and hope has dawned, and we are today able to welcome our young brother to this church.

**'WHAT WILL THE BISHOP SAY?'**

“Someone asked me why I had asked Evan Roberts to hold a service in this church. I did so because I believe him to be a special messenger sent of God to perform a special work for Christ, at a special season in this, our land of Wales. We thank God that the winds which began to blow in South Wales have been felt in the North, and have blown across the Menai Strait to Anglesea; and that so many have been lifted to a higher and nobler view of life and its responsibilities.

“A rather timid friend asked me, 'What will the Bishop say?' Well, my friends, the heart of the Bishop of Bangor and of each of the other Welsh bishops beat in fullest sympathy with this movement, and are animated by the spirit of this blessed revival. For the revival is the same as heaven—it recognizes no distinction of sect.

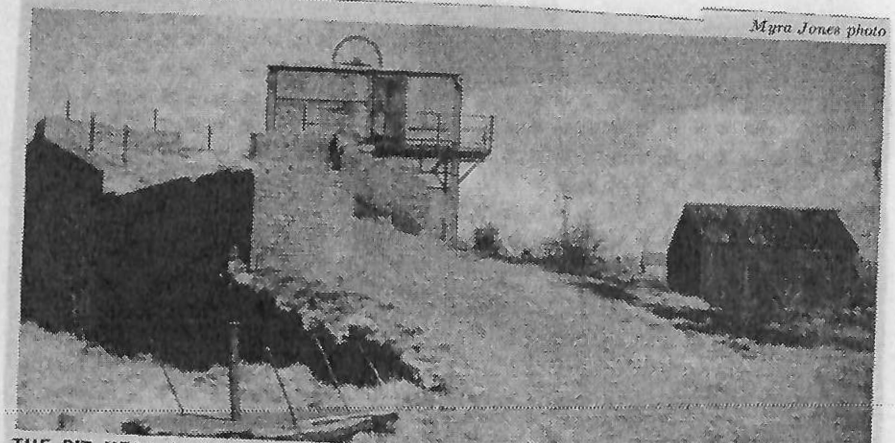
“Evan Roberts does not ask you to join this church or that, but he calls on all to come to Jesus, and that is why I so earnestly desired his presence here this day. Some may worship better in chapel than in church; others better in church than in chapel. To all such I would say, seek Christ's presence and stay to worship in the place where you find your spirit best in harmony with the Spirit of Christ.

“And now may God bless this his young servant, Evan Roberts, and raise many another such as he to perform similar work.” (Adds the *South Wales Daily News*, “It is hardly necessary to say that such an address sounded strangely in the ears of many, and that it left a profound impression.”)

Evan Roberts rose, smiled, and acknowledged the hospitality of the rector and the church, then began to address the expectant throng that had come from miles around to pack the church and crowd the open doors.

**S. E. W.**

*[To be continued next month.]*



*Myra Jones photo*

THE PIT HEAD AT THE COLLIERY AT BWLCH-Y-MYNYDD, SOUTH WALES, WHERE EVAN ROBERTS WORKED FOR YEARS AS A BOY WITH HIS FATHER AND BROTHER. HIS FORMAL BIBLE TRAINING WAS LIMITED TO A FEW MONTHS, YET HE COMMANDED CROWDS OF 10,000 WITH A NATURAL GRACE

[Apr. 15, 1981]

VARIETY

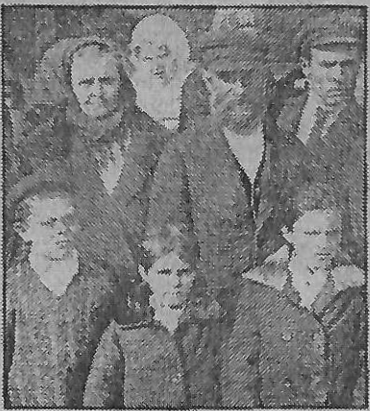
The Minneapolis Star
Wednesday, April 15, 1981

# Boys wasted their bodies in the bowels of hot mines

Compiled by ANN BANKS
Independent News Alliance

**Although Fred Harrison had worked at several factory jobs, he felt he was cut out for the hard life of the mines. "You can't keep a groundhog out in the sun long," he told federal writer Jack Conroy.**

**Both from the coal-mining country of northern Missouri, Conroy and Harrison were friends and distant relatives. Harrison was the model for the character of Ed Warden in "The Disinherited," Conroy's autobiographical novel, which begins in the Monkey Nest mine where his father and two brothers died.**



First Person America

***More than 10,000 first-person narratives were collected during the last years of the Great Depression by members of the Federal Writers Project. Ann Banks recently compiled 80 accounts in "First Person America." This is the third of five excerpts.***

"I began in the drift mine when I was 12.

According to law, you must be 16 before your start, but there's also a provision that a miner can take his son in to work with him. Many a boy begins in the mine when he's 9 or 10.

Of course, he can't do as much as a man, but he can pick up chunks and put them in a car being loaded, and he can fetch prop-caps (supports used to hold up the roof of a mine) when his old man is putting in a narrow cutting or using the riddle.

One of my first jobs was to shake the riddle. The riddle is a coarse sieve through which the fine coal is sifted, the fine stuff falling to the ground to be shoveled separately into a car. This fine coal is sold later as "slack" at a lower price than the coarser lumps, which the man holding the sieve tosses into another car.

The riddle man usually sits cross-legged, and for the greenhorn it's an extra-tiring job having to sit there and feel the shock of each shovelful of coal thrown into it. At first the shock tingles up from your hands to your shoulders like an electric charge, and afterwards your arms get numb for a while until a dull ache spreads all through your arms and back.

Some riddles prefer to kneel, but this is pretty tough on your knees. You can wear canvas knee pads, of course, but they're heavy to pack around and a lump of coal can find a tender spot right through them, anyhow.

The miners that work in the big up-to-date mines don't know what it is in the drift mines. These go back at a slight downward slant into the heart of a hill with a coal vein in it.

The roof is usually much lower, and it keeps getting lower as the mine burrows further back under the hill, for the veins are shallow to begin with and soon dwindle away.

You just can't afford to take out a lot of rock and dirt just to get a small layer of coal. So, you crawl along on your belly and push a little low car before you or pull it behind you.

Mules or donkeys are usually used to haul out the small cars, and a mule driver has to be a pretty tough and bold man. Mine mules get plenty rambunctious and may kick the daylights out of you if you don't watch them.

When you pass one in an entry, it's best to squeeze tightly against his hind parts so he can't lift his back legs at you.

The air is bad most of the time, and it makes you sleepy and gives you a headache. Large mines have a power-driven fan to drive out the foul air and pull in the fresh.

Worst of all is the "black damp" that forms in damp and abandoned places. It can kill you before anybody can help you out. You strike it mostly when you break into old works.

Drift mines are usually located in a valley, and nine times out of 10 that means there's a small stream nearby. Water gets into the entries and sometimes has to be pumped out before you can go back to work in the morning.

Every drift mine has a hole called the "sump" dug at its lowest point for the seepage to drain into. Every greenhorn in a mine is sent all around the place looking for "the key to the sump."

There is a good deal of waste material after the coal is loaded. Soapstone falls from the roof, and there are sulphur streaks in the coal itself.

The streak has to be picked out if it is too big, for the weigh boss gives you a dirty mark for every lump of soapstone or sulphur-filled coal you send to the top. When the dirty marks tally too much, you hear about it.

Some of the waste material is thrown into the places just mined out, and this part of the mine is known as the "gob." Miners throw scraps from their lunches into the gob, and the place is always overrun with rats that fight and squeal in the dark.

When I first went into the mine, I was terrified at the thought of rats, and so were other boys beginning in the mine. One of the standard threats of veterans to green boys is, "Look alive or I'll throw you in the gob with the rats."

The first day a new boy is in the mine, the other lads who have been working awhile put him through a hazing ordeal. His pants are taken down and coal dust smeared on his body.

If it's an old-fashioned place where the lard-oil lamps are used instead of carbide, a little lard oil is used to make the coal dust stick better. Spanking with a shovel or a pick handle ordinarily forms part of the initiation, too.

Nowadays some of the mines are so spick and span that you can almost wear white gloves at work. You handle a mining machine instead of swinging a pick.

When I started in, a man had to walk maybe 10 miles with his pit clothes on and the coal dust still all over him. We washed in wooden tubs, and now some of the mines have shower baths.

Only trouble is that a machine can pick coal faster than a man, and when it ain't working it don't have to eat.

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[Sept. 15, 1969]

September 15, 1969

Reference Librarian
Los Angeles Public Library
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Jennie Cook →

A distant relative of mine, Mrs. Sidney Brown, nee Jennie Cook, died at Shell Beach, California on February 22, 1962.

I am interested in securing a copy of her obituary from a local newspaper there (or more than one, if available).

If you have microfilm files of papers that would include her obituary, and if you have facilities for making copies, I should very much like to have them. If not, perhaps you could refer me to the proper newspaper publishers.

William Witheridge (b. 1856) →

Secondly, my grandfather, William Witheridge, died in Inglewood, California, on August 7 or 9, 1935. I am also desirous of having his obituary, if you can make me a copy or steer me to the proper newspaper office.

Not knowing what your facilities or costs are, or what you may find, I am enclosing a check for $2.00. If the cost is greater, please let me know, and I shall send another payment.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[undated]

Witheridge –

Not indexed (W-363) in Pa in 1880 census

(but these are only families with school age children)

[Ask
George
Chivers]

[Undated]

Ask Geo. Chivers

His relation to our family,
including "Aunt Sue"

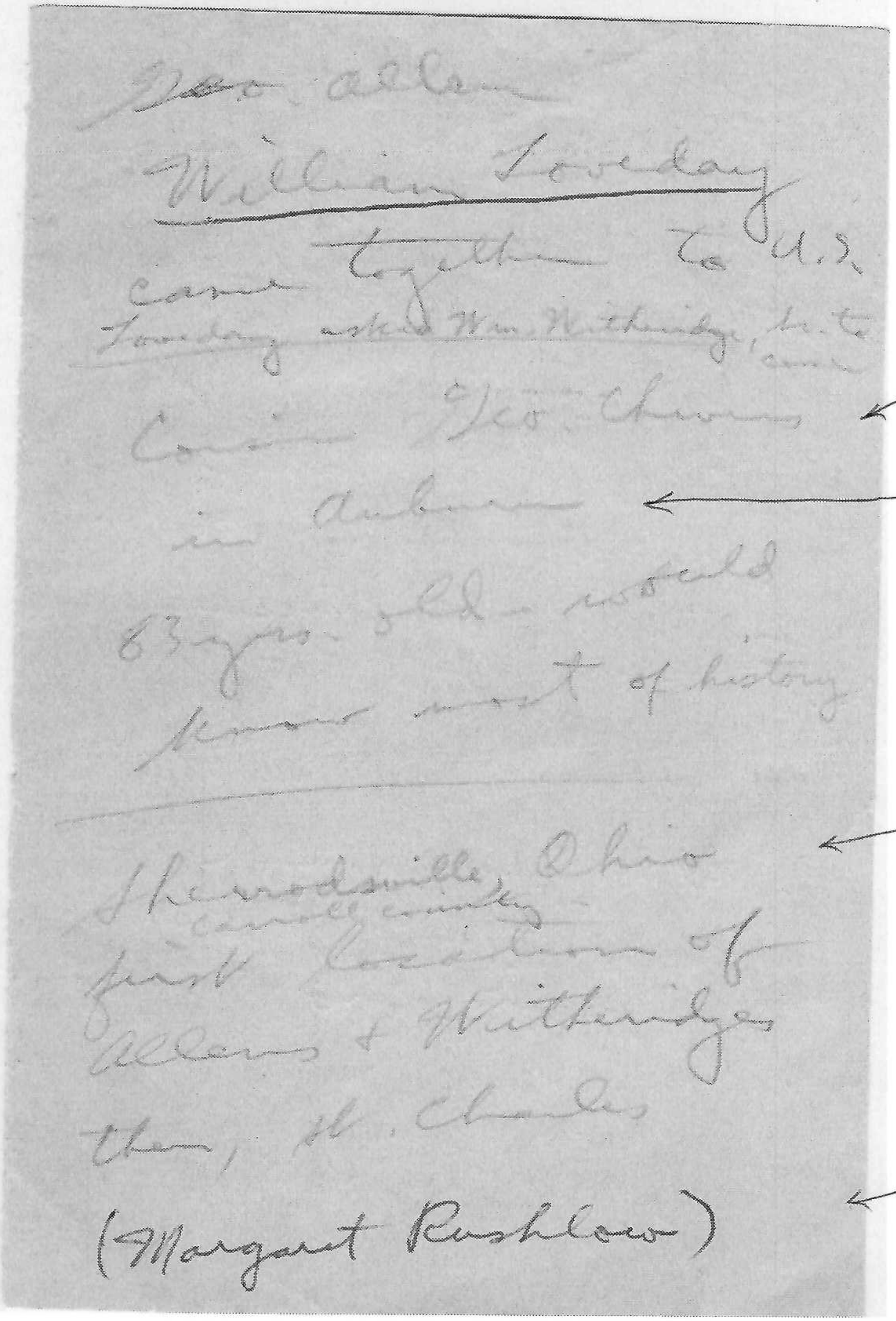
History of Allen's +
Witheridges' coming to
U.S.

Addresses of other
relatives in U.S. + England

Father's birthplace +
marriage, etc.

Mother's background in
Bay City — e.g., Rieds
+ Schroeders + Nemitzes

[undated]



Dear Allen

William Loveday

came together to U.S.

Loveday and Wm. Witheridge, br. to came

Cousin Geo. Chivers

in Auburn

83 yrs. old - would

know most of history

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Sherrodsville, Ohio

Carroll County

first location of

Allens + Witheridges

then, St. Charles

(Margaret Rushlow)

George Chivers [age 83 - when?]

Auburn [near Bay City, MI]

Sherrodsville, Ohio

Margaret Rushlow (Margaret Fairless Allen [b. 1894])

[These are various relatives of DEW and their friends]

[Undated]

~~1411 - 8th Ave.?~~
George Witheridge 1114 - 8th St., San Fernando, Calif.
Mrs. W. R. Jenkins – 4454 W. 104, Lennox, Calif.
16245 San Jose St., Granada Hills, Calif.
Robert Witheridge - ~~14516 Ravin St., San Fernando~~, Calif.
(George Chivers, Auburn, Mich.)
Mrs. A. R. Marquis, 125 W. Grove St., Sacramento, Calif.
7
Mrs. Anthony Doda, 13974 Hubbard, San Fernando, Calif.
1115 - 1st St., Longbeach, Calif.
J. A. Witheridge, ~~1284 W. 37, Los Angeles, Calif~~
Will Schroeder, (Salzburg), Bay City, Mich.
Richard Jenkins –

[Undated]

Questions for Tom Platen - 1931 Bremer, Saginaw
(works for Fleck-Parnell)

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Did you know Elizabeth (Betsy) Chivers - George's mother?

Did you ever meet Edward (Ned or Ted) Witheridge ?
He is supposed to have come to America about the same time as Grandfather Witheridge and George Chivers (1890's) and lived in Ohio

① When did you first meet the Witheridges? Do you know anything about their background in Wales or England?

Who are some of the other people who knew them well in the early days in St. Charles and Saginaw?

Do you have any pictures from those early days?

Do you have any idea when + how Grandfather Witheridge was naturalized?

Did you ever hear of their Curtis relatives?

Are you acquainted with the Allen family?

Tell me about John Witheridge before he left for California.

What can you tell me about Father's education from the beginning through business college?

[Nov. 3, 1968]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405, U.S.A.
November 3, 1968

Reference Librarian
Public Library
Aberdare, Glamorgan
England

Dear Sir:

My great-grandfather, John Witheridge, died in Cwmaman, Aberdare, on April 2, 1906. I am trying to secure additional information about him and his relatives. One source of such information would be newspaper obituaries.

I am wondering if it was customary to publish obituaries in local papers there in 1906. If so, what would be the paper or papers likely to contain an obituary of my great-grandfather?

Would you or some newspaper office have a file or microfilm record of such a newspaper going back to that date? I should be very happy to have a copy of any available obituaries. Please let me know what the cost would be.

If you can be of help in this regard, I should also like to have any available obituaries of my great-grandmother, Clara Blackmore Witheridge (Mrs. John), who died in Cwmaman, Aberdare, on November 21, 1904.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Nov. 15, 1968]

aberdare public libraries

Central Library
ABERDARE, Glam.
Telephone Aberdare 2441
but 2443 after 5 p.m.
and on Saturdays
Librarian G I John ALA ARPS

our reference DRL.INF.29/2.
your reference
date: 15th November, 1968.
subject: Information.

Reverend Sir,

I refer to your enquiry dated the 3rd November, 1968, in respect of information regarding a relative who died in Cwmaman, Aberdare, on April 2nd, 1905. The Reference Librarian at this Library has made efforts to trace an obituary notice, but so far without success. He has also enquired in the village of Cwmaman but has failed to find anyone who knew of your great grandfather. The present local paper - the Aberdare Leader was founded in 1904 and we have a complete file on microfilm. Unfortunately, few obituaries appeared in the early years of this paper since there was another periodical known as the 'Aberdare Times', which had been in existence far longer. Unfortunately, we have no file of this particular periodical, but I know that Cardiff Central Library has a fairly complete file of the 'Aberdare Times', and I intend to contact them to see if we can find something.

It may be more profitable for you to insert an advertisement in the Aberdare Leader. If you are prepared to do this, please write to the Aberdare Leader, Station Street, Aberdare, Glam.

* If I do obtain any information of value from Cardiff Reference Library I will let you know at once.

Yours sincerely,

G. I. John

Librarian.

Rev. D.E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Ave.S.
Minneapolis.
Minnesota 55404.
U.S.A.

[Aug. 7, 1969]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
August 7, 1969

Reference Librarian
Cardiff Central Library
Cardiff, Glam., Wales
England

Dear Sir:

In correspondence with the librarian at the Central Library in Aberdare I have learned that your library has a fairly complete file of the Aberdare Times going back into the last century.

My great-grandfather, John Witheridge, died in Cwmaman, Aberdare, on April 2, 1905. I am trying to secure additional information about him and his relatives, and I am hoping to find a newspaper obituary.

If you have a file or microfilm record of the Aberdare Times going back to that date, I should like very much to have a copy. Please let me know what the cost would be.

If you can help in this regard, I should also like to have the obituary of my great-grandmother, Clara Blackmore Witheridge (Mrs. John), who died in Cwmaman, Aberdare, on November 21, 1904.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 18, 1969]

COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN

COUNTY RECORD OFFICE
COUNTY HALL
CARDIFF

TELEPHONE: CARDIFF 28033
EXT. 282

YOUR REF:

OUR REF: MPM/BEB GRO 9/1Q

18th August, 1969.

The Rev. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Ave. S.,
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter and enquiry of the 7th August. The Glamorgan Record Office holds a series of the Aberdare Leader from 1902 to date.

A search has been made for the information you require. We had no success in finding the obituary notice for your great-grandfather, but have found an obituary notice for a Mrs. Johns, which may relate to the relative you are seeking.

[This was nice of them, but not useful.]

Yours faithfully,

M. Elsas

County Archivist.

per. H Thomas

The Aberdare Leader

November 26, 1904

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## SERVICES FOR SUNDAY NEXT.

TABERNACLE Congregational Church, Aberdare. Preacher, Rev. J. Morgan Jones, pastor. Morning and evening.

TRINITY Chapel.—Preacher, Rev. J. Taleg Davies, Beaufort. Morning and evening.

HIGHLAND Place Unitarian Church.—Morning at 11, evening at 6. Preacher, Rev. W. G. Topping, Liverpool.

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the Church friends in this place will loyally support it.

SHOP ASSISTANTS.—As a result of a petition to the various tradesmen of the town by Messrs Gomer Evans and Dan Watkins, a meeting was held at the Patriot Inn on Wednesday evening, under the able presidency of Mr D. Jones Davies, who gave an admirable address. The two gentlemen, who had taken the petition around, gave their report, and remarked that all the tradesmen had most readily acceded to their request to close their businesses on the 26th and 27th of December. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and also to Messrs Evans and Watkins for their services.

OBITUARY.—With much regret we have to announce the death of three well-known and highly respected inhabitants of this →place, in the persons of Mrs Charles John, Baglan terrace; Mrs Ann Lewis, Station road; and Mr John Hughes, landlord of the Colliers Arms. The three had been suffering for some time. Mrs Johns and Mrs Lewis had been active and faithful members, of Soar and Nebo chapels respectively for a great number of years. The funerals of the three were largely attended, which testified to the respect in which they were held by the public generally. Much sympathy is expressed with the relatives and friends in their sad bereavement.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.—The religious revival which has taken place at Loughor, Treynon, and other places during the past week, has reached Hirwain, and prayer meetings have been held nightly from

seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed it. Mr R. H. Miles, presided in a very able manner. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Mr Griffith George, seconded by Mr Aneurin Jones and carried with enthusiasm. The next lecture will be delivered on Wednesday week by Rev J. L. Jenkins, subject, "The principles of the Free Churches."

REMEMBER Trinity Bazaar at the Market Hall on Thursday next, December 1st. There will be an excellent variety of useful and ornamental goods displayed. The attractions, apart from the stalls, will include musical selections by Mr Arkite Phillips' Band, assisted by prominent local vocalists. A fine art gallery. museum. Tableaux. Farce. Lantern views, &c. The luncheon will commence at 1.30 p.m. Tea will be provided from 4 to 6 p.m. The opening ceremony will be performed by Mrs D. A. Thomas at 2.30. Don't forget—at the Market Hall, next Thursday.

INTERMENT.—Mrs Ann Watkins, wife of Mr Edmund Watkins, butcher, Duke-street, passed away last Thursday evening. The deceased lady was 75 years of age. The interment took place on Tuesday, there being a very large attendance. The principal mourners were Mr Edmund Watkins (husband), Mr John Watkins, Dare Villas (son), Mr Edmund Evans (grandson), Mr Walters, Treforest (nephew), Mr Richard Davies (son-in-law), and Mr Jones, College-street. Wreaths were received from Mr and Mrs John Watkins; Miss Katie and Master Edmund Watkins, two from Mrs Howell Davies, Cardiff, and one from Mrs

phone by Mr Tom Redward and selections by the fife band were rendered. Mr James Ray, librarian, acted as chairman with his usual ability.

## Mountain Ash.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES were held at Ffrwd Baptist Church on Sunday and Monday last. The Rev Trevor Owen, Llan
officiated. The collections which
very substantial, were devoted to
building fund.

SERVICES.—At the Newtown
Methodist Church, Anniversary
were held on Sunday last.
Bell, Abertillery, officiated.
Social Tea was given, and in the
miscellaneous entertainment
when Mr Stephen Francis
G. Beckerlegge gave an address.

DEBATING SOCIETY.—At a
ania Hall, Thursday
"Is Passive Resistance
debated at some length.
was taken up by
ported by
Phillips, and
was championed by
ported by
Thomas.
After a very
put to
emerged
was taken

[Nov. 3, 1968]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405, U.S.A.
November 3, 1968

South Molton Gazette
c/o Tiverton Gazette & Associated Papers, Ltd.
Tiverton, Devon 14 Bampton St.
England

Dear Sirs:

A relative of mine, William Witheridge, died April 27, 1904, in Bray Town, High Bray, Devon. I am trying to secure additional information about him and his relatives. One source of such information would be newspaper obituaries.

no obit.

I am wondering if it was customary to publish obituaries in local papers there in 1904. If so, would the South Molton Gazette be the one likely to contain such an obituary?

If you have a microfilm file of the paper that would have carried this obituary, I should be very happy to receive a copy of the obituary. Please let me know what the cost would be.

One other matter--I had several ancestors who lived in Combe Martin, Devon. Would you be able to give me the name and address of the local newspaper that would cover that area and go back to the middle of the 19th century?

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Nov. 20, 1968]

**Tiverton Gazette & Associated Papers Ltd.**

TIVERTON GAZETTE
CREDITON GAZETTE
SOUTH MOLTON GAZETTE
WELLINGTON WEEKLY NEWS

Head Office: 14, BAMPTON STREET, TIVERTON, Devon
Telephone TIVERTON 2277-8

London Office:
7. STRATTON STREET, W.1.
Telephone:
GROSVENOR 5264

November 20th., 1968.

Rev. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Ave. S.,
Minneapolis.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of November 3rd.

I regret that the files of the "South Molton Gazette" of 1904 do not contain an obituary of William Witheridge, who died on April 27 of that year.

I should think that the Combe Martin area, in the middle of the 19th century was covered by the "North Devon Journal" or the"North Devon Herald", or both.

These two papers have since been amalgamated under the title "North Devon Journal-Herald", published by the North Devon Journal-Herald Ltd., 96, High Street, Barnstaple, Devon.

The "Ilfracombe Chronicle" would have been the paper nearest Combe Martin, but I do not know if it was in being during the period you mention. In any event, since the last war it, too, has been absorbed in the "North Devon Journal-Herald."

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful in your inquiries.

Yours faithfully,

Editor.

[Aug. 19, 1970]

August 19, 1970

North Devon Journal-Herald Ltd.
96 High Street
Barnstaple, Devon
England

Dear Sirs:

In the course of my genealogical research, I am trying to find newspaper obituaries of several of my ancestors and relatives.

Some of these died in Combe Martin, and I understand your newspaper has taken over the "North Devon Journal," the "North Devon Herald," and the "Ilfracombe Chronicle," one or more of which might have been in existence on the dates involved.

The obituaries I am interested in are as follows:

Edward Witheridge, buried in Combe Martin, Jan. 15, 1860
Mary Geer Witheridge (Mrs. Edward), bur. in Combe Martin,
    Aug. 19, 1874
William Blackmore, bur. in Combe Martin, May 26, 1846
Susanna Blackmore (Mrs. William), bur. in Combe Martin,
    Nov. 5, 1866
Amy Witheridge (Mrs. Martin), bur. in Combe Martin, Dec. 1,
    1861

If you have copies or microfilm files of newspapers for these dates, I should be very happy to receive photo copies. Not knowing what the cost might be, I am awaiting your advice and will send a check when you indicate the amount required.

Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Aug. 24, 1970]

NORTH DEVON JOURNAL · HERALD LTD

NORTH DEVON JOURNAL-HERALD

ILFRACOMBE OFFICE
64, HIGH STREET
TELEPHONE 2112

HEAD OFFICE
96 HIGH STREET
BARNSTAPLE
TELEPHONE 3064 (4 LINES)

LONDON WEST END OFFICE
7, STRATTON STREET. W1X 5FD
TEL. GROSVENOR 5264

24th August, 1970

Mr. D.E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Avenue,
South Minneapolis
N. Amercia.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 19th August.

Files of The North Devon Journal up to 1900 are at The North Devon Atheneum, The Square, Barnstaple, and all Ilfracombe Chronicle files are deposited with The Ilfracombe Museum, Wilder Road, Ilfracombe. Curators at either place should be able to help you.

Yours faithfully,

Advertisement Manager.

[Aug. 28, 1970]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
August 28, 1970

The North Devon Atheneum
The Square
Barnstaple
Devon
England

Dear Sirs:

Through the North Devon Journal Herald Ltd I understand that you have the files of the North Devon Journal up to 1900.

In the course of my genealogical research I am trying to find newspaper obituaries of several of my ancestors and relatives.

The obituaries I am interested in are as follows:

Edward Witheridge, buried in Combe Martin, Jan 15, 1860
Mary Geer Witheridge (Mrs. Edward), bur. in Combe Martin, Aug. 19, 1874
William Blackmore, bur. in Combe Martin, May 26, 1846
Susanna Blackmore (Mrs. William), bur. in Combe Martin, Nov. 5, 1865
Amy Witheridge (Mrs. Martin), bur. in Combe Martin, Dec. 1, 1861

If you have copies or microfilm files of the North Devon Journal for these dates, I should be very happy to receive photo copies of any of the above obituaries. Not knowing what the cost might be, I am awaiting your advice and will send a check when you indicate the amount required.

I am wondering, too, if it was customary in those days to have articles about weddings in the paper. Please let me know.

Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge

[Oct. 14, 1970]

THE NORTH DEVON ATHENAEUM, BARNSTAPLE

Telephone : Barnstaple 2174

*Head Librarian and Curator*
~~ALFRED E. BLACKWELL~~
G. A. MORRIS

October 14th., 1970

Dear Sir,

COMBE MARTIN

In reply to your enquiry of August 28th, I apologise for the delay in answering due to pressure of work during the holiday period.

We have searched our stock of North Devon Journals around the dates mentioned in your letter, and regret we find no reference to the names you quote.

Yours faithfully,
G. A. Morris.
Head Librarian

D.E.Witheridge, Esq.,
2425 Irving Avenue,
Minneapolis,
U.S.A.

[Aug. 28, 1970]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
U.S.A.
August 28, 1970

The Curator
The Ilfracombe Museum
Wilder Road
Ilfracombe
Devon
England

Dear Sir:

Through the North Devon Journal Herald Ltd I understand that you have the files of the Ilfracombe Chronicle in your museum.

In the course of my genealogical research I am trying to find newspaper obituaries of several of my ancestors and relatives.

The obituaries I am interested in are as follows:

Edward Witheridge, buried in Combe Martin, Jan. 15, 1860
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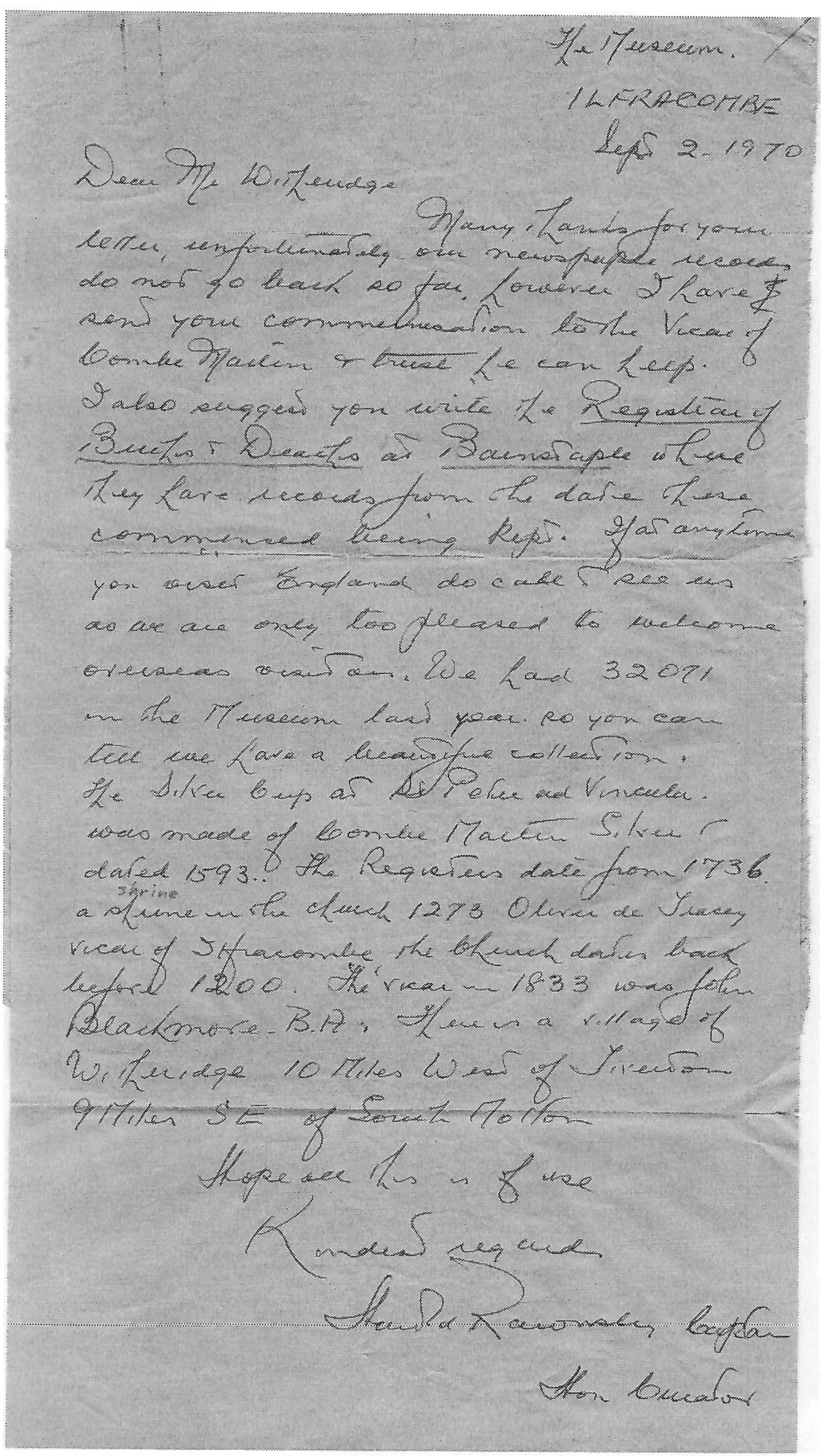
Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Sept. 2, 1970]



The Museum.
ILFRACOMBE
Sept 2. 1970

Dear Mr Witheridge

Many thanks for your letter, unfortunately our newspaper records do not go back so far, however I have send your communication to the Vicar of Combe Martin & trust he can help. I also suggest you write the Registrar of Births & Deaths at Barnstaple where they have records from the date these commenced being kept. If at anytime you visit England do call & see us as we are only too pleased to welcome overseas visitors. We had 32071 in the Museum last year so you can tell we have a beautiful collection. The Silver Cup at St Peter ad Vincula. was made of Combe Martin Silver & dated 1593. The Registers date from 1736. a shrine in the church 1273 Oliver de Tracey vicar of Ilfracombe the Church dates back before 1200. The vicar in 1833 was John Blackmore B.A. There is a village of Witheridge 10 Miles West of Tiverton 9 Miles SE of South Molton

Hope all this is of use

Kindest regards

Harold Rawnsley Captain

Hon Curator

← Village of Witheridge

[Aug. 31, 1970]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis,Minn. 55405, U.S.A
August 31, 1970

Record Office
County Hall
Exeter
Devon
England

Dear Sirs:

I have been searching for my ancestors and distant relatives in England. In the process I have found that my Witheridge ancestors stem from Devon. My great-grandfather, John, was born in Combe Martin in 1828, and his father, Edward, was married there.

The rector of the parish church at Combe Martin searched the parish registers and sent me a list of all the Witheridge bapitsms there between 1817 and 1855, as well as some marriages and burials. This is very helpful and will enable me to piece together some of my family history.

From a set of the British telephone directories in the New York City Public Library I got a list of all the Witheridge families with telephones--only 24 in the British Isles. I have written to a number of these and find that nobody knows much of his ancestry beyond his grandparents, but most of them understand they also stem from Devon.

I wrote to the rector of St John the Baptist Church in Witheridge and asked him to search the registers for any record of Witheridge baptisms, marriages, or burials. This he did, and he found no trace of a single Witheridge in the entire period from 1585 to 1970. He did, however, find gaps in the registers, as follows:

Baptisms - from 1794 to 1832
Marriages - from 1753 to 1837
Burials - from 1794 to 1832

The rector, Rev. Andrew T. H. Jones, said, "You can find an answer to these by writing to the Record Office, County Hall, Exeter."

Did he mean by this that you are apt to have in your office the records for the town of Witheridge for the dates shown above? If so, are they at all alphabetized, and would it be possible for you to search these records for any Witheridge entries? What would be the cost?

I would be greatly interested to know what records you have and for what periods--births, marriages, deaths, wills, land records, or what? I can see that your records might be of great use in my genealogical research.

Do you have any kind of alphabetical indexes? Would it be possible through your records to find in which towns of Devon Witheridges have lived? If I know this, I could then write to the rectors of those towns to search their registers for information that you would not have on file.

How else would you suggest that I proceed in my efforts to develop a "complete" Witheridge family history? Does your office contain a great deal of historical material on Devon? Where would the best collection of such material be located?

Now that you see what I am interested in, would you please write and let me know how your office might help and what the cost would be?

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

[Sept. 8, 1970]

Devon Record Office
Concord House
South St. +
Coombe St.
Exeter

COUNTY OF DEVON

H. G. GODSALL
CLERK OF THE PEACE AND
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

P. A. KENNEDY, M.A.
COUNTY ARCHIVIST

DEVON RECORD OFFICE AND
EXETER DIOCESAN RECORD OFFICE
COUNTY HALL, EXETER
Telephone: EXETER 77977

Ref. DRO/MMF

Your Ref.

Ext. 462, 463

8th September 1970

Dear Sir,

Witheridge Family

Thank you for your letter of 31st August. We have in our custody the following registers for Witheridge parish, which cover the dates you require:

| Baptisms | Ref: |
|---|---|
| 1794 - 1812 | 1629A/PR3 |
| 1813 - 36 | 1629A add./PR2 |
| **Marriages** | |
| 1673 - 1754 | 1629A/PR2 |
| 1754 - 1855 | 1629A add./PR1 |
| **Burials** | |
| 1794 - 1812 | 1629A/PR4 |
| 1813 - 52 | 1629A add./PR3 |

As these registers were compiled chronologically, and do not have an alphabetical index, it is quite a lengthy task to undertake an extensive search, which you will appreciate we cannot contemplate in office hours. However, to assist you in your research, may I recommend a professional genealogist:

Mrs. J. Gray,
1 The Villa,
Cowick Lane,
Exeter EX2 9HY.

She would be pleased to undertake this work on your behalf, should you wish to contact her, and provide you with details of her terms.

You may be interested to know of other records in our custody, which may prove useful. We have the Land Tax assessments for the period 1780 - 1832. Unfortunately, the destruction of the Exeter Probate Office in the last war has meant that there are not many wills extant for Devonshire families. But we have the Inland Revenue Wills, 1812 - 57, the index of which mentions a Susanna Witheridge of Kingsbridge for 1854 (Ref: W1126) and Richard Witheridge of Tavistock for 1834, (Ref. W1127).

Regarding the compilation of your family history, I feel sure that you would be best advised to engage the services of a professional genealogist, who would be able to examine thoroughly the sources I have mentioned.

Yours faithfully,

P. A. Kennedy

P. A. KENNEDY
County Archivist.

Rev. David E. Witheridge,
2425 Irving Ave. S.,
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405,
U.S.A.

[ca. 1972]

Write to rector or vicar at Berrynarbor for lists of births, marriages, + deaths of Witheridges, Dennys and Blackmores.

Get death cert of William John Witheridge, bur. Camelford Churchyard, Cornwall, Mar. 1938

Get birth cert. of same Wm John W., Apr. 7, 1873, son of George + Maude

Get birth cert. of George Witheridge, b. about 1837, Cornwall

Get death cert. of Mary Harding, Dec. 2, 1958 (nee Witheridge)

Witheridge - possibly a bishop in Barnstable - supposed to be buried in churchyard there

1/15/72

Write to British Museum, which "by law" has to receive "a copy of every publication produced in this country." (Ken Locke)

"Unfortunately, this will probably mean a personal visit." - Why?

Perhaps they can produce photostat copies of obituaries, etc.

[undated.]

Exeter Record Office – Where is Berry (Berrynarbor?)
Who has parish registers? Do you have any? How address the rector or vicar there?
Any parish ~~records~~ registers of Combe Martin at Exeter?
Photo copies of wills?
Answers to specific questions from Land Tax Assessments? Or photo copies of certain pages?
Photo copies of wills mentioned? Susanna Witheridge of Kingsbridge + Richard W. of Tavistock

Tavistock rector:
Search of parish registers for Witheridges (1834-1870) plus forward + backward.
Full text of entries

Somerset House
Death certificates of Edward (66) (1860) ok and Mary (75) (1874) ok Witheridge, Combe Martin
Death cert. of Mary Witheridge (69), Jan 11, 1837, Combe Martin – too early
ok Death cert. of Joan Witheridge, Sept. 14, 1844 (91) Combe Martin
ok Death cert. of Ann Dean (77), Oct. 17, 1842
? Death cert. of William Dean (94), July 8, 1857

Lovell – Combe Martin
Baptism of Martin, s. of Thomas + Mary [Witheridge?] Mar 4, 1798 ?
Mary dtr. Eliz Dean alias Draper [Drapers in parish?]
All burial dates or dates of death?
Where is Berry [Berrynarbor]? Parish register?
Dates of baptisms from 1724-1738 ?
Inf. on tombstones (e.g. age at death or birthdate, family relationships)?

[The source for this excerpt is unknown.] [Undated.]

## Swansea

The development of Swansea took place later than that of the eastern ports. In 1872 only Cardiff existed as a major port on the south coast of Wales. Today, Swansea is the port through which passes the greatest tonnage of imports and exports. It has (1960) a population of 170,000, the town having grown in terraces on the steep slopes. In recent years the importing of oil has replaced the exporting of coal. There is little doubt that within 20 yrs. Swansea will become the most important commercial and industrial center in Wales.

## South Wales

The settlement pattern developed in the industrialized part of South Wales is a product of the Industrial Revolution, for with the development of industry in the last century it became necessary to house the country folk who flocked to the mining areas from rural Wales and from England, in search of work.

Along the South Wales coast east of Carmarthen there are very few holiday resorts. The reason for this is the industrial development of South Wales, and here ports have taken the place of holiday centers. The two holiday regions are the Gower Peninsula and the coast of the Vale of Glamorgan. One of the problems facing the tourist industry is the lack of hotel accommodation.

Glamorgan is one of the anglicised areas of Wales. English is predominant here. This resulted from the influx of English people to work in the mines and factories.

Cardiff was officially recognized as the capital of Wales in 1955. Largest city in Wales — 246,000.

[Undated]

*From the Desk of:*

DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

A Genealogical Gazetteer of England, Frank Smith

Witheridge: parish 1585 Devon 8¼ miles e Chulmleigh pop 1,263 archdeaconry Barnstaple diocese Exeter

[This was a dry well; see next page.] [Aug. 19, 1970]

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2425 Irving Ave. S.
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August 19, 1970

The Rector
St. John the Baptist Church
Witheridge, Devon
England

Dear Sir:

You will no doubt be surprised to get a letter from a minister in the United States by the name of Witheridge. For several years I have had genealogy as a hobby, and I have worked on all the branches of both my wife's and my sides of the family.

In tracking down the history of the Witheridge family, I have had to search mainly in England, as my father came to this country as a boy with his parents. Their family came from Devon, of course--actually from Combe Martin. The rector there, Rev. Fred A. Lovell, was very helpful in searching through the parish registers and sending me information on baptisms, marriages, and funerals.

Two years ago when I was in New York City, I came upon a complete set of telephone directories for the British Isles in the New York Public Library. In a couple of hours time I went through every section and copied down the addresses of all the Witheridges listed there. I was surprised to find there were only twenty-four in the whole of Great Britain.

Since then I have gradually established contact with many of these, and eventually I hope to communicate with all of them. Probably most or all of the Witheridges are related if we could get back far enough, but so far I haven't found anyone who knows his ancestry back beyond his grandparents, or seems interested, for that matter.

As far as I can tell from the telephone directory, there is no one living in Witheridge now by the name of Witheridge. Perhaps, however, there were some living there in the past.

Because I expect to continue this project until I can fit the pieces together, I should like your assistance in sending me the information about any Witheridges you can find in the parish registers or in the graveyard.

I really don't know where to tell you to start, because I don't have any clues at all. You'll just have to make a few spot checks, I suppose. If you find a Witheridge entry, then I'd like to have you search the records back and forth from that date and list all the Witheridge baptisms, marriages, and burials you can find.

This may be a big project or a very little one, depending on what you find. I'm enclosing a draft for two pounds and only ask that you spend whatever time this will take care of and then let me know the results.

Perhaps over the years others have asked for information on Witheridges in your parish. I'd be very grateful to have the addresses of any such individuals, whether they live in England or elsewhere, for as yet I haven't found anyone who knows or cares anything about this.

I shall await your reply with great interest!

Yours very truly,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge

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Dear Mr Witheridge,

Thank you for your letter. I have perused our registers from 1555 to 1979 and cannot find a single trace of a Witheridge. There is a gap in each register as follows —

Baptism 1794 to 1832
Marriage 1753 to 1837
Burial 1794 to 1852

You can find an answer to these by writing to the Record Office

County Hall,
Exeter.
Devon

I do wish you luck in your search.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Andrew M Jones.

[Various dates]

Letters to Witheridges in Great Britain:

Send copy of John Witheridge Family (16-17)
Send copy of William Witheridge (Elizabeth Gibbs) Family
Send copy of John Phillip Witheridge (Faith) Family

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15¢ 1/2 oz.

Airmail to England

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Surcharge $ Rest. del'y fee $
Postage $ 11 ☐ Airmail

Postmaster, By

From David E Witheridge
2425 Irving So Mpls
To Mr. Geo. Adams 4 Mt. Road
Cwmaman, Aberdare
So Wales, England

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Postmaster, By

From Rev. David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving So.
To Mrs John Chivers
68 North Road
Porthcawl So Wales
England

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B Witheridge

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. UPPER NICOLLET STA.
MAR 5 1968
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MAILING OFFICE

FROM Rev. David E Witheridge
2425 Irving So
Mpls MN 55405
TO Mr. S.H. Witheridge
13 Fore Street
Bishopsteignton, Devon
England

POD Form 3806, Dec. 1965 RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED MAIL c48—16—79020-1

[May 1965 and Aug. 1970]

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MAIL TO: DAVID E WITHERIDGE

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B. SWANSON

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LONDON, ENGLAND

B Swanson 420

"THE SALE OF THIS CHECK IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE"

DAVID E WITHERIDGE

SWANSON

# Editor's Note

What follows is Dad's list of living Witheridges he contacted (or attempted unsuccessfully to contact) in Great Britain, using their listings in British telephone directories. (See the index entry, "Telephone directory [etc.].") A typewritten version of the list is located at the beginning of the next section of this folder, entitled "More of DEW's Early Witheridge Research."

Tom Witheridge
August 17, 2022

[Undated]

Witheridges contacted in Great Britain ~~[illegible]~~

William J. Witheridge (~~possibly~~ second cousin of my father)
Middle Stockleigh
West Buckland
Barnstaple, Devon

(Traces ancestry back to his great-grandparents, ~~grandfather, William, born in 1844, son of~~ Edward and Mary F.; his grandfather, William, born in Devon in 1844)

(Also his son, William L., same address)

Charles G. Witheridge (brother of the above Wm. J.)
Upcott Farm
Brayford
Barnstaple, Devon

(also his father, William J., same address)

R. A. E. Witheridge
598 Ashley Road
Parkstone
Poole, Dorset

(Traces ancestry back to his grandparents, James Witheridge and Hannah Jerman; ~~father, born in 186~~ his father born in 1865 in Kingskerswell, Newton Abbot, Torquay, Devon) ~~of James Witheridge & Hannah Jerman~~

Fenwick E. Witheridge
37 Park Crescent
Newport N.P.T. 3AQ
Monmouth

(Traces ancestry back to his great-grandfather, James, who was born in Combe Martin, Devon. and his great grandmother Isabella [illegible] his grandfather, James, was born in Newport in 1855) ~~[illegible]~~

Dr. ~~Edward~~ E. A. Witheridge
1 Calverton Road
Stony Stratford, Bucks

(Traces ancestry back to his grandfather, Edmund, probably born in Marazion, Cornwall)

Lt. Col. George Witheridge, D.S.O., OBE, (Ret'd)
Cockayne Farm
Kilgetty
Pembrokeshire, Wales

(Traces ancestry to his grandfather George, but no details)

(Has a brother, Henry, in Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, Wales)

Charles F. Witheridge
45 Tintern Ave.
Kingsbury
London N.W.9

(Traces ancestry to his great-grandfather, George Causey Witheridge, ~~b. May 11, 1858, in London~~, and his ~~great~~ grandfather, also George Causey, ~~no details~~) was born May 11, 1858.

Witheridges in Great Britain (not contacted) [Undated]

9. L. B. Witheridge
Bassaleg Road
Newport, Monmouth

10. R. E. Witheridge
60 Edward VII Ave.
Newport, Monmouth

* R. E. Witheridge
8. 51 Hafod Road
Ponthir
Caerleon, Monmouth

1.* Dorothy Witheridge
133 New King's Road
London SW6

2.* D. A. C. Witheridge
19 Sandringham Ct.
London W9

3.* Maisie I. Witheridge
3 Beverley Rd.
London W4

(M. R. Witheridge
6/23 Madeley Rd.
London W5)

13. I. E. Witheridge
83 Marshalls Dr.
St. Albans
Hertford

14. B. Witheridge
Rosemead, Peaslake
Abinger
Surrey

H. J. Witheridge
12. St. Andrews Close Hl Rd
Virginia Water
Wentworth
Yorkshire

5.* A. E. Witheridge
36 Park Rd.
Walsall
Stafford

* T. J. Witheridge
4. 7 Fairfield Rise
Meriden
Warwick

* A. J. Witheridge
6. Charlemont Rd.
Walsall
Stafford

* Leslie R. Witheridge
7. Whinsill
Litchfield Rd.
Walsall
Stafford

* R. Witheridge
11. 3011 Larkfield Dr.
Harrogate
Yorkshire

13. Mrs. J. L. Witheridge
31 Victoria St.
Stonehaven
Scotland, U.K.

Related to any?
Know of any of these? addresse
(including your own relati

[1976-78 or Undated]

1976 Tel. Bk. (Acc. 252)
Cumbria + No. Lancashire

J. Witheridge
60 Currock Rd.
Carlisle 28883

Wetheriggs Stores
Clifford Rd
Penrith 4454

Aberdeen telephone book –
Harlaw Academy?
& Marcliffe Hotel

Carlisle:
J. Witheridge
60 Currock Rd.

Penrith: Wetheriggs Stores
Clifford Rd

Tel. Bk. Acc.
Cumbria + N
Lancas

✓ L. Witheridge, 96 Beaconsview Rd, Clase, Morriston,
Swansea

(1977)

Birmingham Directory, Acc. 211

1978 ✓ P. B. Witheridge, 11 Cedar Ct., Peartree, Birmingham DV 47

✓ J. Brian " , R.I.B.A., chartered Architect, 021-358-7430
24 Brookland Rd, W. Hagley, Hagley 5245
Howard House, Granville St, Birmingham 1
021-643-7741

✓ D. Witheridge, 11 Kayse Rd, Sutton Coldfield, 021-778-2090

✓ Maisie
M.I. Witheridge
3 Beverley Road
LONDON, W.4

✓ C.F. Witheridge
45 Tintern Ave.
LONDON, N.W.9

✓ D. Witheridge (Dorothy)
133 New Kings Road
LONDON, S.W.6

✓ G.A.C. Witheridge
19 Sandringham Court
LONDON, W.9

[Aug. 27, 1970]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405, U.S.A.
August 27, 1970

Mr. A. E. Witheridge
36 Park Road
Walsall
Stafford
England

Dear Mr. Witheridge:

You will no doubt be surprised to get a letter from a Witheridge in the United States. Let me just say that I found your name in the British telephone directory in the New York City Public Library.

For the last few years I've been working on genealogy, and among other things I've been trying to reconstruct my Witheridge ancestry. Since my father was born in Wales, with his father coming from Devon, most of my search for the Witheridge line has been in England. This is difficult at such a distance, and I'm hoping you can be of assistance to me. At the same time, I think I can help you learn much more about your own family history.

As you can see from the enclosed list, I have already corresponded with a number of Witheridge families in England, and I am gradually picking up information about our ancestry. I believe most, if not all, Witheridges have a common ancestry, if we can get back far enough, though I have no illusions that this can actually be accomplished.

I'm hoping you will be willing to pass on to me all the information you have about your own ancestry. How far back can you trace your own Witheridge line, and what else do you know about the Witheridge family? Do you know the relationship of any of those I have listed on the enclosed sheet, and can you give me the names and addresses of any other Witheridge descendants? Up to now, I have failed to locate anyone who has actually worked on this line, and the Society of Genealogists doesn't know of anyone, either.

I notice there are two other Witheridges listed in Walsall, and I wonder if you are related to them, or at least know them. At this point I am writing only to you, hoping that you can give me some information about the others before I correspond with them.

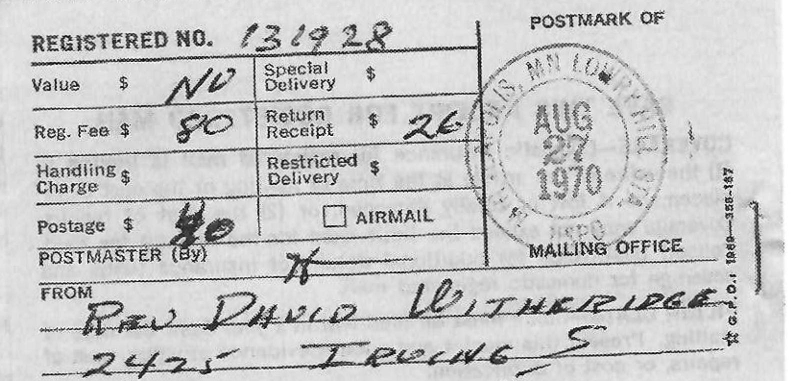
Just a word about myself. I grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and began my professional experience as a heating and ventilating engineer with my father, after graduating from the University of Michigan. Four years later I decided to become a minister, and I entered the seminary. After nine years as a Baptist minister, I came to Minneapolis nineteen years ago to be the executive of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

My wife also grew up in Saginaw and was a kindergarten teacher before we were married. Now she is the author of children's books, having written six. We have two sons. Jim is 23 and works for Goodwill Industries in St. Paul. Tom is 22 and works at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston.

I shall look forward to hearing from you soon and receiving any information you can give me about your family background. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge



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FROM
REV DAVID WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING S
MPLS 55405

TO
MR A.E. WITHERIDGE
36 PARK RD WALSALL
STAFFORD ENG

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Mr. R. E. Witheridge
51 Haford Road
Ponthir
Caerleon
Monmouth
England

Returned – Not known at this address 9/1/70.
Is he the same R.E. Witheridge as the one at Newport, Monmouth, who is a brother of Fenwick?

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Naturally, I wonder if you are related to R. E. Witheridge at 60 Edward VII Avenue, Newport, Monmouth. Or perhaps you are the same person, and one of these addresses is a summer residence. Please let me know.

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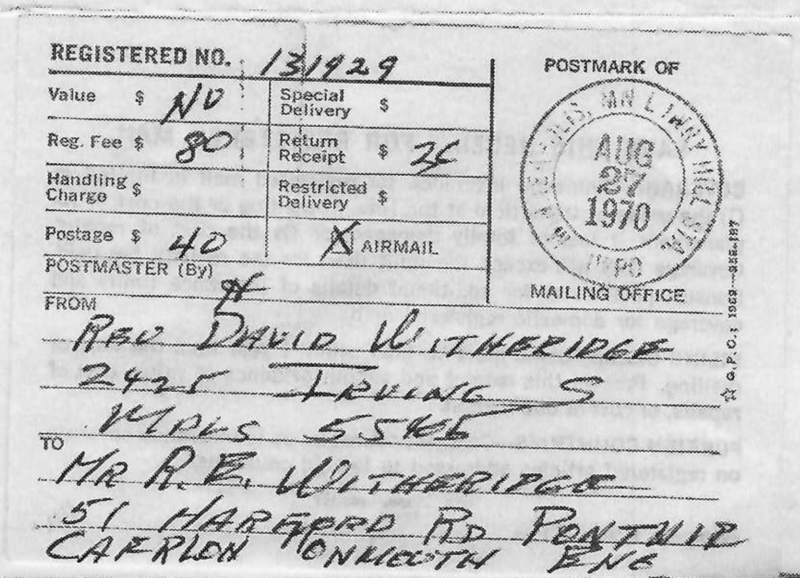

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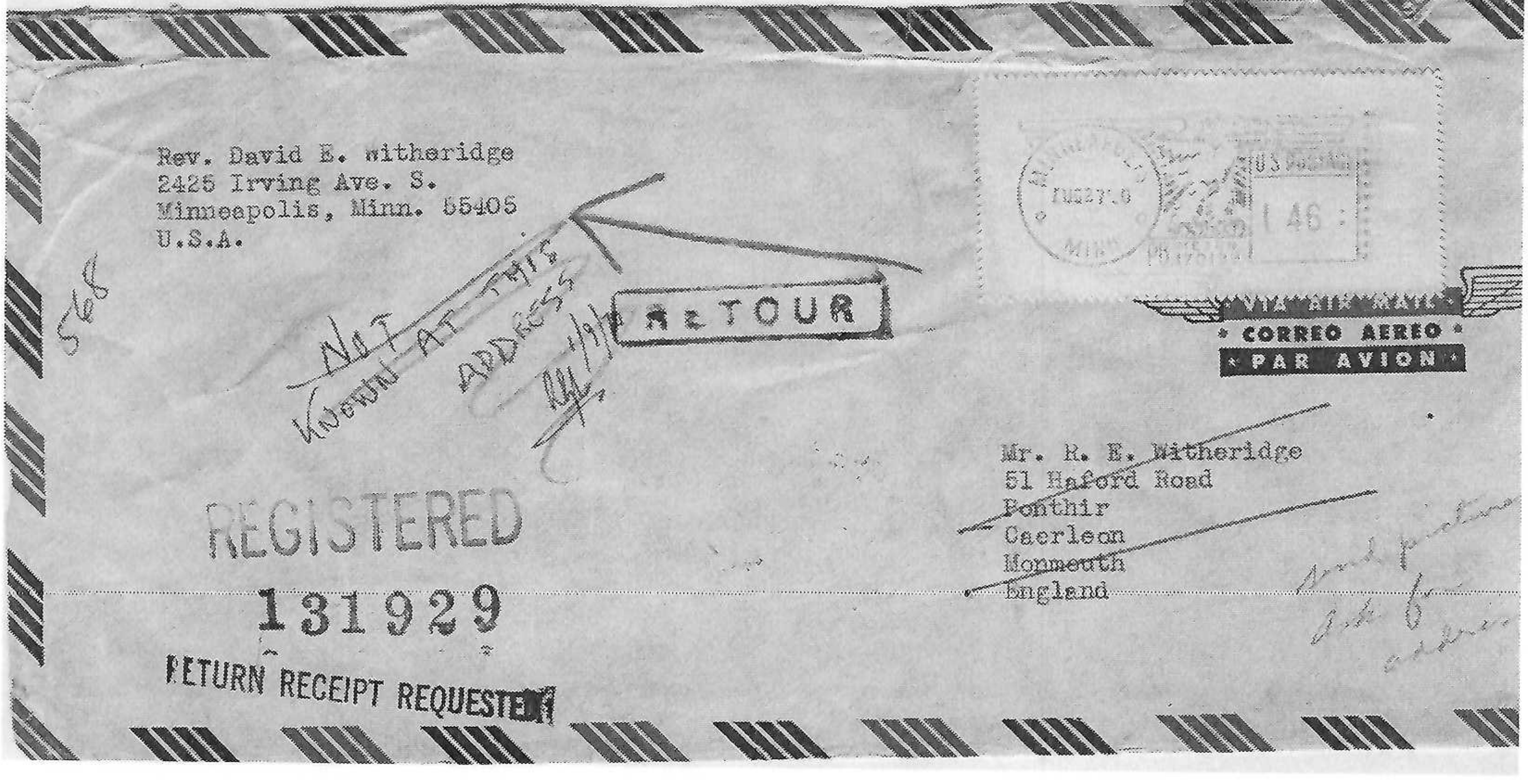
FROM

REV DAVID WITHERIDGE
2425 IRVING S
MPLS 55405

TO

MR R. E. WITHERIDGE
51 HARFORD RD PONTHIR
CAERLON MONMOUTH ENG



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[June 3, 1973]

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Prior Lake, Minnesota

Ministers--the people of Shepherd of the Lake
Pastor--Dean S. Finke

EXAUDI,
THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION
June 3, 1973

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EXAUDI SUNDAY
Exaudi means "Hear" and comes from the first word of the Latin Introit. Our thoughts turn from the Ascension to the promise of the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. The day is sometimes known as "Expectation Sunday."

CONGRATULATIONS to:

James and Janice Bernards on the birth of their daughter KELLY PAULINE, May 4th.

John and Ruthe Enstad on the birth of their son ANDREW ERIC, May 15th.

The Rev. David E. Witheridge is the Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and will be explaining the work of this arm of the Christian Church, and especially in the area of chaplaincy. Your support of this ministry is greatly needed.

We thank Loren Blackstad for conducting the service today and for bringing us the message. Martin Luther said that "we are all little Christ's and we should all minister one unto the other."

Mel Sauter and Pastor Finke are attending the annual Minnesota Synod Convention at St. Peter, and have been there since Friday morning.

### THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE

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| Thursday | 8:00 pm | Church Council |
| Sunday | 8:45 am | Worship Service and S.C.S. for 3 year olds through 2nd grade |

NEXT SUNDAY--JUNE 10
Pentecost Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Mortgage Burning

"Remember God does not take a vacation during the summer, and neither should you in your relationship with Him."

J. D.
Rev. Jennings [illegible] 730 second St. S.
Bethlehem Luth., Mankato
132 Shadywood, Mankato 56001 (Minn.)
David [illegible]
[illegible] years ago

# *Ascension*

The mystery of God
is like the fog,
sneaking up on me
gently
but covering everything.

The power of God
is like the surf roaring
in and pounding the rocks
spraying
in the wind.

The age of God
is older than the tides
ebbing and flowing
agelessly
since the earth was made.

The glory of God
is here
in the blue sky and mystical fog
in the water and the forests
and today
in the Ascension
of His Son, our Friend.

— S. Anita Stauffer

*Written on the Maine coast on Ascension Day 1971*

The front cover reproduces the face of Christ from the chancel tapestry in the new Cathedral in Coventry, England. Entitled "Christ in Glory," the tapestry (largest in the world, 70 feet high and 39 feet wide) was designed by Graham Sutherland and took 30,000 hours to make. The complete tapestry, of which this is a detail, shows the ascended Christ enthroned, surrounded by the four Evangelists.

Appropriate to the Ascension theme of the glorified Christ, our Lord, is the text on the cover (Psalm 27:8b-9a NAB) from today's Introit.

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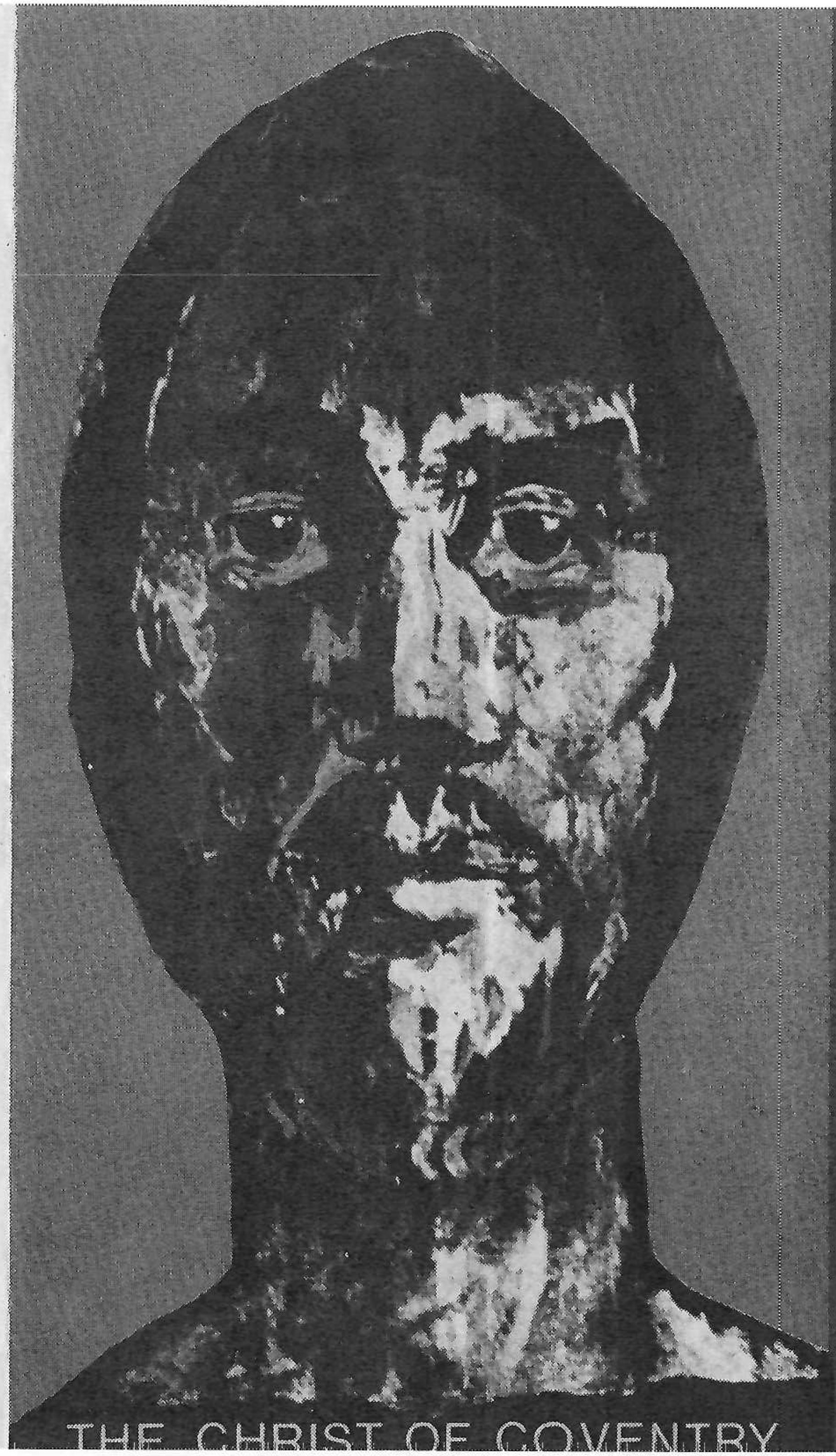
THE CHRIST OF COVENTRY

Your presence, O Lord, I seek.
Hide not Your face from me

Exaudi, the Sunday after the Ascension
June 3, 1973

[June 12, 1973]

June 12, 1973

Rev. J. G. Feroe
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
700 Second Street S.
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Dear Pastor Feroe:

A week ago I visited the Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church at Prior Lake, Minnesota and gave a brief talk about the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

The lay member who led the service, Mr. Loren Blackstad, told me he had once known a David Witheridge in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mankato and wondered if he was a relative of mine.

This is such an unusual name that I asked him if he was sure the name had been spelled the same, and he said he was. I'm still not convinced, as I think I am aware of most, if not all, the Witheridges in this country.

He gave me your name and said you might know where that David Witheridge went, as he had moved away from Mankato about fifteen years ago.

Is Mr. Blackstad right, and if so, would you have any information about the other David Witheridge? I would be most grateful for my information you could give me.

Yours very sincerely,

David E. Witheridge
Executive Director

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[Jan. 26, 1974]

## WITHERIDGE FAMILIES

I. Combe Martin Witheridge Families
  - A. Combe Martin
  - B. Berrynarbor
  - C. Ilfracombe
  - D. Newport (Monmouth)

II. Plymouth Witheridge Families
  - A. Charles the Martyr
  - B. St. Andrew
  - C. Stoke Damerel
  - D. Plympton

III. Tavistock Witheridge Family

IV. London Witheridge Families
  - A. George Causey Witheridge Family
  - B.

V. Birmingham Witheridge Families
  - A. Birmingham
  - B. Wallsall
  - C. Meriden
  - D. West Bromwich

VI. Barnstaple Witheridge Families
  - A. Barnstaple
  - B. Bideford

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XI. Holsworthy Witheridge Family

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XVIII. Aston Witheridge Family

XIX. Islington Witheridge Family

Editor's note:
The original creator of this categorization is unknown to the editor. It may have been DEW, or possibly Kim Cook (q.v.), or both, or neither.
—Tom Witheridge
Aug. 12, 2022

See also DEW's modified version on the next page.

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  B. Bideford

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  B. South Milton

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S — X. Emmington Witheridge Family

N — XI. Holsworthy Witheridge Family

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  (Rochdale, Lancashire)

XVII. Walsingham Witheridge Family

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~~XIX. Islington Witheridge Family~~

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# Editor's Note

On the next two pages are two versions of the same document: Dad's one-family record for John Witheridge (known in the index as "bapt. 1828") and Clara Blackmore (known in the index as "bapt. 1822"). What is clearly the earlier version is presented here first, followed by an updated later version; unfortunately, Dad didn't date either. You will notice that the later version has three footnotes, which appeared (as usual for his one-family records) on the reverse side of the original. Despite what Dad wrote on both versions, he came to doubt that Clara actually had a husband #1 prior to John — see the index entry for George Curtis (Elder).

Tom Witheridge
August 13, 2022

[This record was made by DEW.] [Undated]

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full) WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

[DEW later doubted that Clara had a husband #1. See the index entry for George Curtis (Elder).]

(2) John Witheridge
Clara Blackmore

Father's Name: Edward Witheridge
Father's Name: William Blackmore

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Geer
Mother's Maiden Name: Susanna —

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | Feb. 23, 1828 | Devon (Combmartin) |
| Marriage | Oct. 20, 1855 | Combmartin, Devon |
| Death | Apr. 2, 1905 | Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glam. |

Other Places of Residence: Lundy Island (Lighthouse Keeper)

Other Wives:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | c. Nov. 1822 | Devon (Combmartin) |
| Death | Nov. 21, 1904 | Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glam. |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands: (1) George Curtis

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) — Date — Place (Town, County, State, Country)

* 1 William
Birth Sept. 23, 1856 - Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Married to Mary Jane Allen
Marriage Sept. 25, 1880 - Pontypridd, Glamorgan, Eng.
Death Aug. 9, 1935 - Inglewood, Calif., U.S.A.

2 Elizabeth (Betsy)
Birth Oct. 19, 1858 - Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Married to Alfred William Chivers
Marriage Oct. 29, 1880
Death May 2, 1935 - St. Charles, Mich., U.S.A.

3 Mary
Birth May 23, 1861 - Combmartin
Married to —
Marriage —
Death Nov. 20, 1861 - Combmartin

4 Edward (Ned or Ted)
Birth Nov. 13, 1863, Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Married to Elizabeth —
Marriage
Death Ohio, U.S.A.

5 Susanna
Birth June 9, 1866 ~~1869 (?)~~ - Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Married to John Adams
Marriage
Death Apr. 13, 1950

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Married to
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Death

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* Grandfather of David E. Witheridge

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
(2) John Witheridge
Father's Name:
Edward Witheridge (c)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Mary Geer (c)
Date Place
Birth Feb. 23, 1828 - Devon
Marriage Oct. 20, 1855 - Combmartin, Devon
Death Apr. 2, 1905 - Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glam. (a)
Other Places of Residence:
Lundy Island (Lighthouse Keeper)
Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Clara Blackmore
Father's Name:
William Blackmore (c)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Susanna —— (c) [Bapt. Dec. 8, 1822, Combe Mart
Date Place
Birth c. Nov. 1822 - Devon
Death Nov. 21, 1904 - Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glam. (a)
Other Places of Residence:
Other Husbands: (1) George Curtis (b) drowned (b)

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)
Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 William
Married to
Mary Jane Allen
Birth Sept. 23, 1856 - Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Marriage Sept. 25, 1880 - Pontypridd, Glamorgan, Eng.
Death Aug. 9, 1935 - Inglewood, Calif., U.S.A.

2 Elizabeth (Betsy) (b)
Married to
Alfred William Chivers
Birth Oct. 19, 1858 - Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Marriage Oct. 29, 1880
Death May 2, 1935 - St. Charles, Mich., U.S.A.

3 Mary (b)
Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

4 Edward (Ned (b) or Ted) (b)
Married to
Elizabeth
Birth Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Marriage
Death Ohio, U.S.A.

5 Susanna (b)
Married to
John Adams
Birth June 9, (b) 1869 (?) - Combmartin, Devon, Eng.
Marriage
Death Apr. 13, 1950

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(a) Death Cert., Somerset House
(b) Inf. from Susannah Adams August
(c) Parish Records, Combe Martin

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No. JPW8

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
William Witheridge (6) [illegible]
Father's Name:
John Witheridge
Mother's Maiden Name:
Clara Blackmore
Sept. 16 (f)
Date Place
Birth Sept. 23, 1856 - Combmartin, Devonshire, Eng. (b)
Marriage Sept. ~~23, 1877~~ 25, 1880 - Pontypridd, Glamorgan (f)
Death Aug. 9, 1935 - Inglewood, Calif. (d)
Other Places of Residence: Sherrodsville, 1888-98 (d) Waunyr Eirw, Llantrisaint, Aberaman
Other Wives: St. Charles, Mich. 1898-1909 (d)

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Mary Jane Allen (b)
Father's Name:
William Allen
Mother's Maiden Name:
Christiana Richards
Jan. 13 (f) Date Place Carmarthin (?) (f)
Birth Jan. 13, 1857 (h) - Swansea, Glamorgan, England
Death Dec. 9, 1942 - Inglewood, Calif.
Other Places of Residence: St. Charles & Saginaw, Mich. Waunyr Eirw, Llantrisaint, [illegible] (So. Wales)
Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Elizabeth Jane
Married to (1) John Thomas (d) (2) Harry G. Ralph ##
Birth June 11, 1878 - Swansea, So. Wales, England (Maesydd Landore
Marriage (1) Before 1898 + Ohio (d); (2) After 1919 - Saginaw, Mich. (d)
Death Jan. 31, 1942 - Inglewood, Calif.

2 William Allen (b) (f)
Married to Edith Sophia Nemitz
Birth Jan. 23, 1881 (b) (f) - Llantrisaint, Ystradyfodwg, Glamorgan (b)
Marriage June 16, 1909 (f) - Bay City, Mich. (e)
Death May 25, 1963 - Saginaw, Mich.

3 Clara May (f)
Married to —
Birth May 25, 1883 (f) - Porth, So. Wales, England
Marriage —
Death Dec. 23 1883 (c) (f)

4 John Allen (f)
Married to (2) Vera Allen ** (1) Dora Palmela (d) [Parnelia (?)] Henry (d)
[Apr. 23, 1885 - Brittania, Wales (f)]
Birth April 23 1885 - Porth, So. Wales, England
Marriage (1) Aug. 28 (d) [Oct. 28 (?)], 1919 (d); (2)
Death April 28, 1970 - Los Angeles, Calif. (d)

5 George Allen (f)
Married to (2) Florence Neil (d) (1) Almeada Mary Merrill [Dotn (d)]
[Mar. 4, 1887 - Taylorstown, Wales (f)] Tylorstown, Glam.
Birth Mar. 4 1887 - Glamorganshire, So. Wales, England [illegible]
Marriage Sept. 11, 1908 (d) (f) - Saginaw, Mich. (d); (2) Aug. 1966, Las Vegas, Nev. (d)
Death

6 Christina [Christannia A. (f)]
Married to William Richard Jenkins
Birth Aug. 16, 1888 (f) - Sherrodsville, Ohio (f)
Marriage Aug. 19, 1908 (f) - Saginaw, Mich. (d)
Death (f)

7 Edward Allen
Married to (2) Margaret (1) Mable Doris Wright ***
Birth Sept. 6, 1891 (f) - Sherrodsville, Ohio (d)
Marriage (1) June 24, 1914 (f) - Bay City, Mich. (d) (2) Sept. 3, 1966 - Granada Hills, Calif. (d
Death Jan. 7, 1975 - Port Townsend, Wash. (g)

8 Clara Mae [Claria May (f)]
Married to (1) Oliver S. Wallace # (2) Allen Ray Marquis ##
Birth May 18, 1894 (d) - Sherrodsville, Ohio (f)
Marriage (1) Dec. 5, 1914 (to Nov. 1922) Saginaw, Mich.; (2) June 1, 1925 - Los Angeles, Calif.
Death

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No. JPW8

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**

William Witheridge (b) {Shepherd Miner Janitor

**Father's Name:**
John Witheridge

**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Clara Blackmore

Sept. 16 (f)

**Date** **Place**

**Birth** Sept. 23, 1856 - Combmartin, Devonshire, Eng. (b)

Writer for Parishmaster (see note)

**Marriage** Sept. ~~23, 1877~~ 25, 1880 - Pontypridd, Glamorgan (f)

**Death** Aug. 9, 1935 - Inglewood, Calif. (d)

**Other Places of Residence:** Sherrodsville, 1888-98 (d) Waunyr Eirw, Llantrisaint, Aberaman

**Other Wives:** St. Charles, Mich, 1898-1904 (d)

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**

Mary Jane Allen (b)

**Father's Name:**
William Allen

**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Christiana Richards

Jan. 13 (f) Carmarthin (?) (f)

**Date** **Place**

**Birth** Jan. 13 1857 (b) - Swansea, Glamorgan, England

**Death** Dec. 8, 1942 - Inglewood, Calif.

**Other Places of Residence:** St. Charles & Saginaw, Mich. Waunyr Eirw, Llantrisaint, Irwin (So. Wales)

**Other Husbands:**

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

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1 Elizabeth Jane
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**Marriage** (1) Before 1898 - Ohio (d); (2) After 1919 - Saginaw, Mich. (d)
**Death** Jan. 31, 1942 - Inglewood, Calif.

2 William Allen (b) (f)
**Married to**
Edith Sophia Nemitz
**Birth** Jan. 23, 1881 (b)(f) - Llantrisaint, Ystradyfodwg, Glamorgan (b)
**Marriage** June 16, 1909 (f) - Bay City, Mich. (e)
**Death** May 25, 1963 - Saginaw, Mich.

3 Clara May (f)
**Married to**
—
**Birth** May 23, 1883 (f) - Porth, So. Wales, England
**Marriage** —
**Death** Dec. 23, 1883 (c) (f)

4 John Allen (f)
**Married to** (2) Vera Allen **
(1) Dora Palmelia (d) [Parmelia (?)] Henra (d)
[Apr. 23, 1885 - Brittania, Wales (f)]
**Birth** April 23, 1885 - Porth, So. Wales, England
**Marriage** (1) Aug. 28 (d) [Oct. 28 (?)], 1919 (d); (2)
**Death** April 28, 1970 - Los Angeles, Calif. (d)

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Married to Marriage —
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6 Christina [Christannia A. (f)] Birth Aug. 14, 1888 (f) - Sherrodsville, Ohio (f)
Married to Marriage Aug. 19, 1908 (f) - Saginaw, Mich. (d)
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7 Edward Allen Birth Sept. 6, 1891 (f) - Sherrodsville, Ohio (d)
Married to (2) Margaret (d) Marriage June 24, 1914 (f) - Bay City, Mich. (d) (2) Sept. 3, 1966 - Granada Hills, Calif. (d)
(1) Mable Doris Wright *** Death Jan. 7, 1975 - Port Townsend, Wash. (g)

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Married to (1) Oliver S. Wallace # Marriage (1) Dec. 5, 1914 (to Nov. 1922) Saginaw, Mich.; (2) June 1, 1925 - Los Angeles, Calif.
(2) Allen Ray Marquis ## Death

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* Dora Parmelia Henry - born Oct. 30, 1876 - Canada
died July 25, 1958 - Inglewood, Calif.

# Clara Ruth Wallace - born Dec. $\overset{21?}{25}$, 1916 - died Dec. $\overset{25?}{30}$, 1916
Oliver Wallace was son of Presbyterian minister in Bay City, Mich., who married William & Edith Witheridge (a)

## Allen Ray Marquis - born Feb. $\overset{6?}{7}$, 1890 - Roscoe, Mo.; died Mar. 27, 1966 - Sacramento, Cal

### Elizabeth + John Thomas divorced (d)

*** Mable Doris Witheridge - born April 6, 1890; died Aug. 23, 1965, Port Townsend, W

(a) Inf. from Clara Mae Marquis
(b) Birth certificate of William Allen Witheridge - Somerset House
(c) Inf. from Janice Witheridge
(d) Inf. from Edward A. Witheridge
(e) Wedding announcement in Bay City (Mich.) Times, June 19, 1909

** Vera Allen; b. Apr. 25, 1896 - Stoney Creek, Ont. ~~(Smith or Jones?)~~ d. May 1969
Two children by former husband - one son, one daughter.
Daughter teaches in Univ. of Calif. and has a son and a daughter

(f) Family Bible of William Witheridge and Mary Jane Allen
(g) Memorial service folder
(h) From Allen family Bible as reported by Elijah R. Allen

In St. Charles the Witheridges belonged to the Baptist church. George Chivers lived with them and went around with them. People thought he was one of the Witheridge boys, except at church. (Geo. Chivers)

[This record was made by DEW.] [Undated]

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No. JPW4

**HUSBAND (Name in Full)**

William Allen Witheridge *(a)

**Father's Name:**
William Witheridge

**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Mary Jane Allen

**Date** **Place**

**Birth** Jan. 23, 1881 - Llantrisaint, Glamorgan (a)
**Marriage** June 16, 1909 - Bay City, Mich.
**Death** May 25, 1963 - Saginaw, Mich.
**Other Places of Residence:** Sherrodsville, Ohio (1888); St. Charles, Mich.; Saginaw (1905)
**Other Wives:**

**WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)**

Edith Sophia Nemitz

**Father's Name:** William Frederick Nemitz (?)
Wilhelm Johann (?) Nemitz

**Mother's Maiden Name:**
Therese Jacobs

**Date** **Place**

**Birth** Oct. 16, 1883 - Peotone, Ill.
**Death** April 3, 1961 - Saginaw, Mich.
**Other Places of Residence:** Flint, Mich.
**Other Husbands:**

**CHILDREN (Full Given Names)**

**Date** **Place** (Town, County, State, Country)

1 William Nemitz
**Married to** Anne Lucile Allen
**Birth** Mar. 10, 1910 - Saginaw, Mich.
**Marriage** Aug. 26, 1936 - Lansing, Mich.
**Death** April 9, 1964 - Birmingham, Mich.

2 Louise Alice
**Married to** James Fredric Mark, Jr.
**Birth** May 5, 1913 - Bay City, Mich.
**Marriage** Nov. 20, 1937 - Angola, Ind.
**Death**

3 David Edward
**Married to** Elizabeth Helen Plumb
**Birth** Aug. 15, 1914 - Bay City, Mich.
**Marriage** Sept. 5, 1941 - Saginaw, Mich.
**Death**

4 John Meredith
**Married to** Janice Elinor Wertman
**Birth** May 17, 1922 - Saginaw, Mich.
**Marriage** May 25, 1947 - Baltimore, Md.
**Death**

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**Death**

Notes from the reverse side:

(a) Birth cert. of William Allen Witheridge - Somerset House.
(b) Family Bible of William Witheridge and Mary Jane Allen

* William A. Witheridge left the mine and went to school and finished.
His brother John went to school but didn't finish. George Chivers
went to the same school at night. (Geo. Chivers)
[George Chivers (b. ca. 1880)]

[Notes by DEW, source unknown] [Undated]

[DEW's older brother]

William Hamilton Witheridge
Industrial Management at GM Inst., Flint (4 yrs)
BS in ME at Mich State (1 yr)
MS in SE at Harvard (1 yr)

* Richard + Pearl* Jenkins lived in Oakland, Calif.

* Esther has boy born Feb. 7, 1937

*[The eldest child of George Richards Allen (b. 1855) and Mary Ann Fairless (b. 1860) was Pearl Fairless Allen (b. 1886); the Richard and Pearl Jenkins mentioned here may or may not involve Pearl Fairless Allen.

The Esther mentioned here is Esther Mary Duda (b. 1915).

Tom Witheridge
Aug. 15, 2022]

[DEW's notes about his father's birthplace, etc.] [undated]

Town of Porth, near Pontypridd, So. Wales, England

[Pontypridd, in Glamorgan, is a modern industrial town of 47,171 pop. (1922) at the confluence of the Taff and Rhondda Rivers. A branch railway line runs up the once beautiful but now wholly industrialized Rhondda valley to (3 mi.) Porth, and t (5 mi.) Tonypandy and Trealaw. Pontypridd is 11¾ mi. up the valley of the Taff on the way from Cardiff (at the sea) to Merthyr Tydfil. The natural beauty of the valley has been practically destroyed by the coal and iron industries. Description and map of "Wales - South Section" are in Muirhead's Wales, one of The Blue Guides, ed. by Findlay Muirhead, Macmillan, London, 1922, p. 209.

Town of Witheridge shown on "Drive and Drive through Britain", map and guide, distributed gratis by Victor Britain Rent-A-Car System, Head Office 12a Berkeley St., London, W.1

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Also shown on "Map of Britain and Northern Ireland", published by The British Travel and Holidays Association, 64 St. Ja Street, London, S.W.1, Eng.

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Information about travel to Britain can be obtained from The British Travel Centre, 336 Madison Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

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Both Witheridge and Porth are shown on "Geographers' Road Map of England and Wales", published by Geographers' Map Co. Ltd., 24 Gray's Inn Road, Holborn, London, W.C.1 (also listed as Geographers' Map Co. Ltd., 24-27 High Holborn, London W.C.1) Cost (paper) 3/ (1954?) cloth 6/ ×

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Witheridge is between Tiverton and South Molton on Road #373

Porth is between Pontypridd and Rhondda on Road #4088

[DEW's notes on his father's birth facts] [undated]

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Birth & Deaths Registration Act, 1874

Certificate of Registry of Birth

I, the undersigned do hereby

Certify that the Birth of

William Allan Witheridge

born on the 23rd day of January, 1881

has been duly registered by me.

Witness my hand, this 3rd day of March, 1881

Howel Davies Registrar of

Births and Deaths

Dantrisant Sub-District

Llantrisant (?) The church of the three saints

2½ mi. s.e. of Pontypridd

City Porth, South Wales, England

See the editor's note on the next page →

# Editor's Note

The document on the previous page — Dad's penciled notes about the birth facts for his father, William Allen Witheridge (b. 1881) — were written on a piece of handy scratch paper, the reverse side of a blank form left over from his tenure as mechanical engineer (before changing fields entirely to become a clergyman). After graduating from the University of Michigan with his bachelor's degree in engineering, Dad worked for several years at his father's heating and ventilating equipment supply firm in Saginaw, Michigan — the W. A. Witheridge Company — which is the source of this highly appropriate scratch paper. There were many other souvenirs of this kind in our house when my brother Jim and I were growing up.

The document on the next page is the aforementioned blank form.

This is perhaps the most fitting coincidence I've come across so far in my excursion through Dad's files.

Tom Witheridge
August 13, 2022

See the editor's
note on the previous
page

**KENNARD** DIVISION
AMERICAN AIR FILTER COMPANY, INC.
St. Louis, Mo.

ORDER FORM
## MULTI-ZONE UNIT

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Date

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Consulting Engineer & Location
Architect & Location

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| Vib. Eliminators | |
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| Filter Section | |
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| Throwaway Filters ☐ | |
| Cleanable Filters ☐ | |
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| -Face Control | |
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### MANUFACTURING INFORMATION

ZONE CFM — When Facing Discharge Air Side of Unit

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| TOTAL CFM | |
| External Static (In. Wtr.) | |
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| Discharge Position | |
| Mix. Box Inlet Nos. | 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ |
| Mix. Box Damper Conn. — Hand | L ☐ R ☐ |
| Humidifier Type | |
| Humidifier Connection | L ☐ R ☐ |
| Damper Control Rods Location | |
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| COOLING COIL No. | |
| Face Dimensions | |
| Supply Conn. — Hand | L ☐ R ☐ |
| Return Conn. — Hand | L ☐ R ☐ |
| Tons (If DE) | |
| No. of Valves | |
| Suction Temperature | |
| Refrigerant | R12 ☐ R22 ☐ R500 ☐ |
| Press. Drop Across Valve & Dist. | |
| Vertical Lift of Refrigerant | |
| Valve No. If by Others | |
| GPM (If WATER) | |
| Specified Pressure Drop (Max.) | |
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| HEATING COIL No. | |
| Face Dimensions | |
| Supply Conn. — Hand | L ☐ R ☐ |
| Return Conn. — Hand | L ☐ R ☐ |
| Steam Pressure (PSI) | |
| GPM (If WATER) | |
| Specified Pressure Drop (Max.) | |
| MOTOR HP | |
| Volts/cycle/phase | / / |
| If 2 Speeds, 1st & 2nd RPM | |
| No. of Windings | |
| Frame No., If by Others | |

### CAPACITY INFORMATION

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| Sensible BTU/hr. | |
| Entering Air °DB | |
| °WB | |
| Leaving Air °DB | |
| °WB | |
| Specified Face Vel. (Max.) | |
| Specified Outlet Vel. (Max.) | |
| DE — Suction Temp. | |
| Condensing Temp. | |
| WATER — Inlet Temp. | |
| Outlet Temp. | |
| | |
| HEATING CFM | |
| BTU/hr. | |
| Entering Air °DB | |
| Leaving Air °DB | |
| WATER — Inlet Temp. | |
| Outlet Temp. | |

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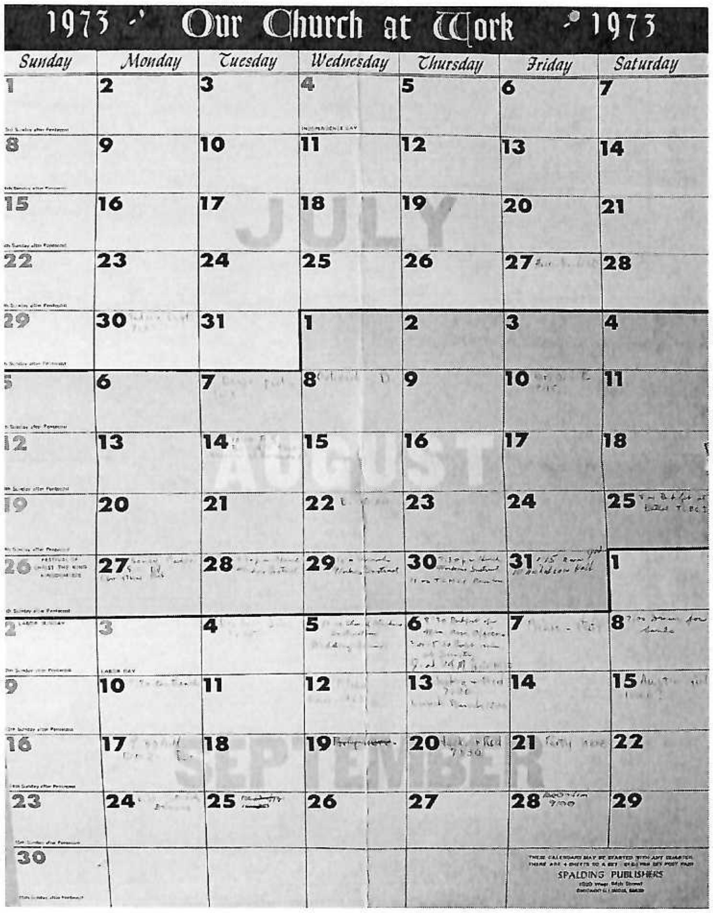
# Editor's Note

On the next five pages, closing out this section of folder 1.64g, is what I believe was Dad's first attempt at an ancestor chart for his Witheridge and Nemitz lines (i.e., his father's line from Great Britain and his mother's line from Germany). His format for the chart seems a bit unusual, but the names for Dad's generation all seem to be there.

The chart is undated, but it was located at the end of a manila folder labeled "Witheridge — Genealogy," and it doesn't go back very far. The other items in the folder were all from the early phase of his genealogical research.

He definitely made it after September 1973. How do I know this? Because he wrote it on the reverse side of a repurposed wall calendar for the third quarter of 1973 (see below). We always had these calendars on the kitchen wall in our Minneapolis house, placed directly behind Dad's seat at the table between the refrigerator and a little hallway connecting the kitchen to the basement and the rest of the first floor. On these calendars, which Dad purchased from a church supply house, Mom and Dad (and Jim and I as we got old enough) would write important coming events the family needed to keep track of.

Tom Witheridge
August 16, 2022



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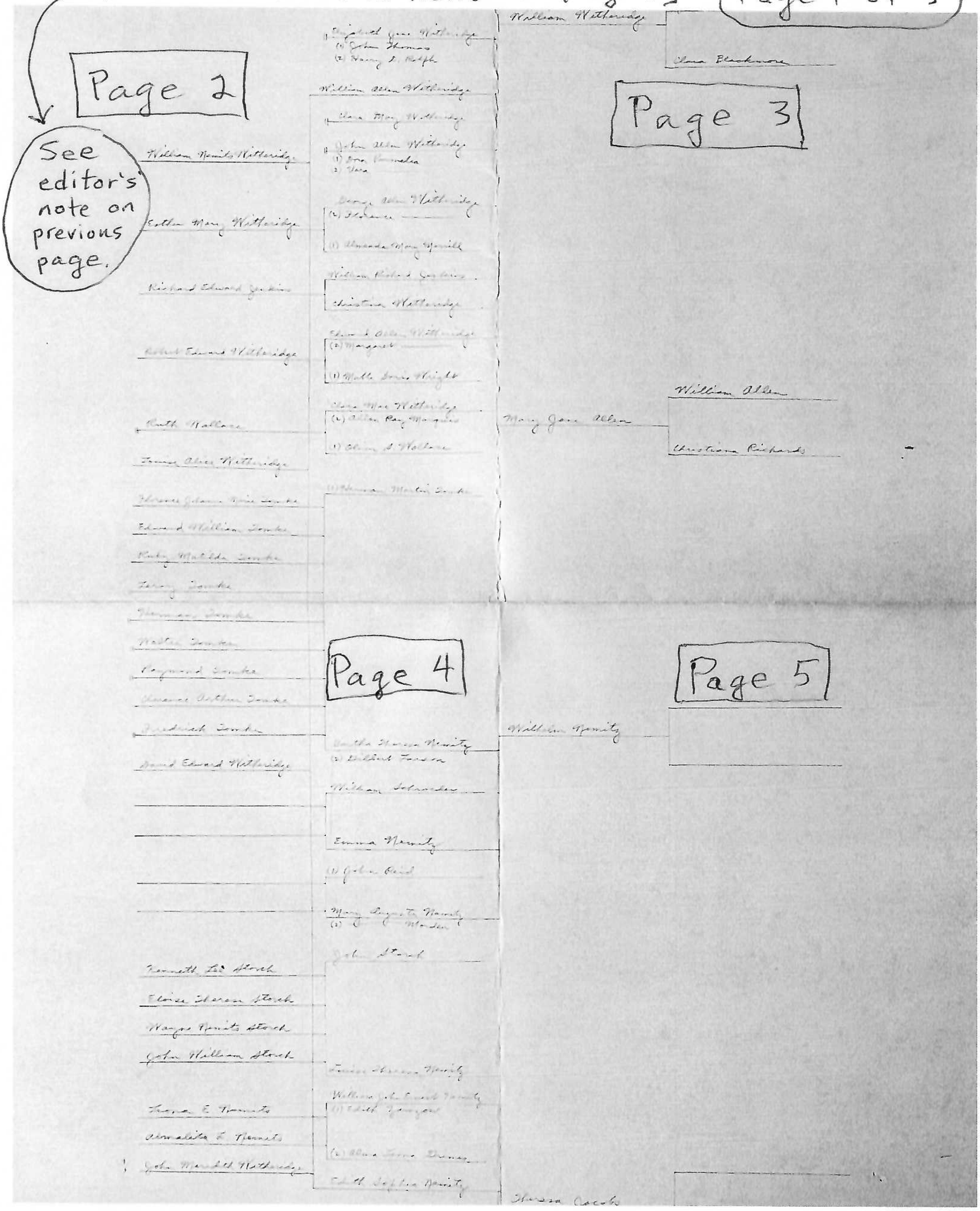
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William Witheridge
Clara Blackmore
William Allen
Christiana Richards
Mary Jane Allen
William Nemitz
Theresa Jacobs
Elizabeth Jane Witheridge
(1) John Thomas
(2) Harry L. Ralph
William Allen Witheridge
Clara Mary Witheridge
John Allen Witheridge
(1) Ora [illegible]
(2) Vera
George Allen Witheridge
(2) Florence
(1) Amanda Mary Merrill
William Richard Jenkins
Christina Witheridge
Edward Allen Witheridge
(2) Margaret
(1) Mable Doris Wright
Clara Mae Witheridge
(2) Allen Ray Marquis
(1) Alvin J. Wallace
(1) Herman Martin Zanke
Martha Theresa Nemitz
(2) Gilbert Larson
William Schroeder
Emma Nemitz
(1) John Reid
Mary Augusta Nemitz
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John Storch
Louise Theresa Nemitz
William John Ernest Nemitz
(1) Edith Younger
(2) Alma Irene Dinney
Edith Sophia Nemitz
William Nemitz Witheridge
Esther Mary Witheridge
Richard Edward Jenkins
Robert Edward Witheridge
Ruth Wallace
Fannie Alice Witheridge
Florence Johanna Marie Zanke
Edward William Zanke
Ruby Matilda Zanke
Henry Zanke
Herman Zanke
Walter Zanke
Raymond Zanke
Clarence Arthur Zanke
Frederick Zanke
David Edward Witheridge
Kenneth Lee Storch
Eloise Sharon Storch
Wayne Nemitz Storch
John William Storch
Teresa E. Nemitz
Annaletta E. Nemitz
John Marshall Witheridge

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Elizabeth Jane Witheridge
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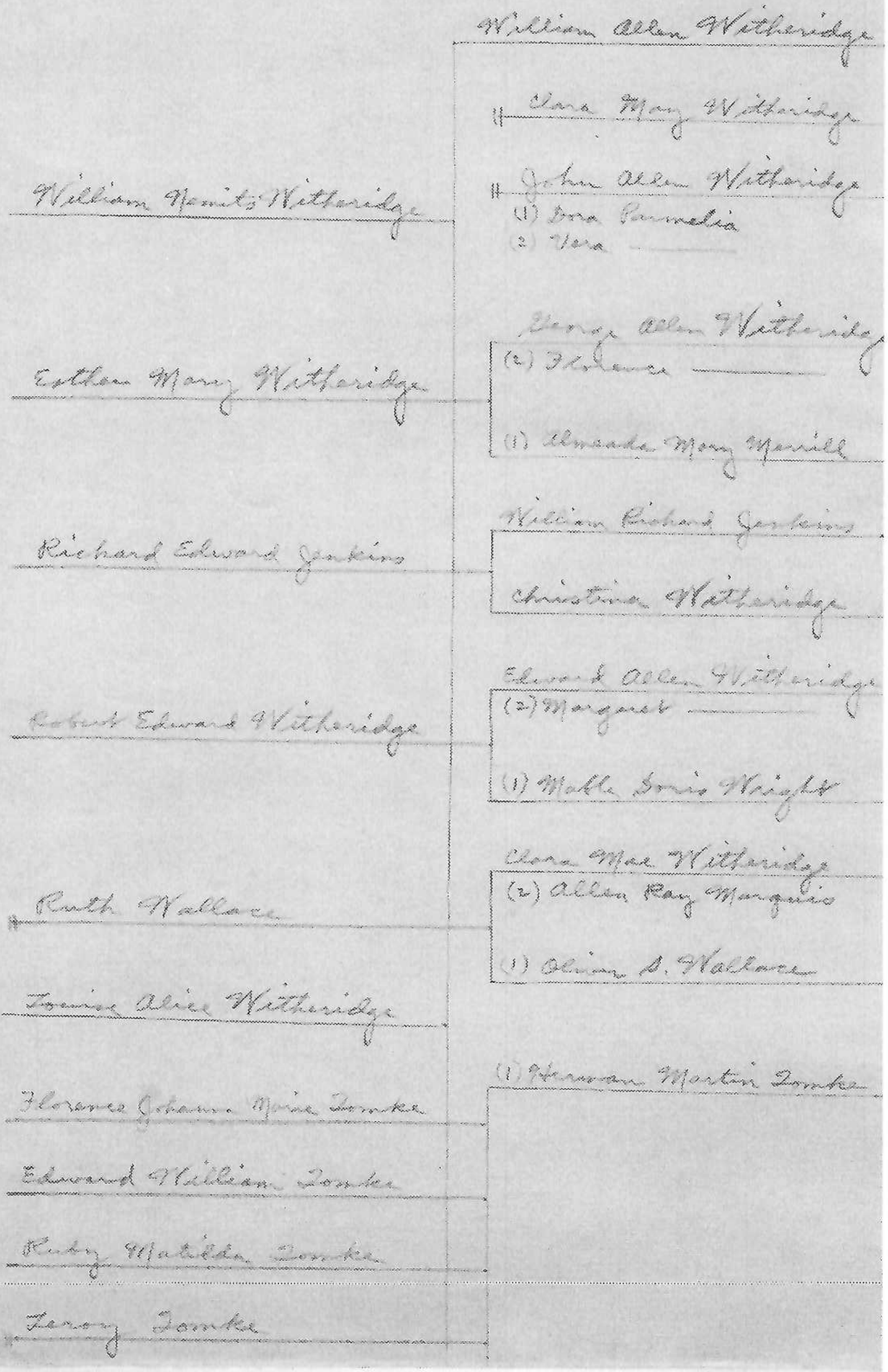
(2) Harry D. Rolph



William Allen Witheridge

Clara May Witheridge

William Nemitz Witheridge

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George Allen Witheridge
(2) Florence ______

Esther Mary Witheridge

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William Richard Jenkins

Richard Edward Jenkins

Christina Witheridge

Edward Allen Witheridge
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Robert Edward Witheridge

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Clara Mae Witheridge
(2) Allen Ray Marquis

Ruth Wallace

(1) Olin S. Wallace

Louise Alice Witheridge

(1) Herman Martin Tomke

Florence Johanna Marie Tomke

Edward William Tomke

Ruby Matilda Tomke

Leroy Tomke

John Witheridge

William Witheridge

Clara Blackmore

William Allen

Mary Jane Allen

Christiana Richards

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Herman Tomke
Walter Tomke
Raymond Tomke
Clarence Arthur Tomke
Fredrick Tomke

Bertha Theresa Nemitz
(2) Gilbert Farson

David Edward Witheridge

William Schroeder
Emma Nemitz

(1) John Reid
Mary Augusta Nemitz
(2) ——— Morden

Kenneth Lee Storch
Eloise Theresa Storch
Wayne Nemits Storch
John William Storch

John Storch
Louise Theresa Nemitz

Leona E. Nemits
Almalita L. Nemits

William John Ernest Nemitz
(1) Edith Zamzow
(2) Alma Leona Drimas

John Meredith Witheridge

Edith Sophia Nemitz

Wilhelm Nemitz

Theresa Jacobs

More of DEW's Eary Witheridge Research
documents

# Editor's Note

This section contains additional documents from Dad's early work on the Witheridge family.

It begins with a typewritten version of his list of living Witheridges he contacted (or attempted unsuccessfully to contact) in Great Britain, using their listings in British telephone directories. (See the index entry, "Telephone directory [etc.].") A handwritten version of the list is located in the previous section of this folder.

Tom Witheridge
August 17, 2022

## Witheridges Contacted in Great Britain

W. John Witheridge
Middle Stoodleigh
West Buckland
Barnstaple
Devon

(Second cousin of my father. Traces ancestry back to his great-grandfather, Edward, and great-grandmother, Mary Geer, who were married in Combe Martin, Devon, in 1828. His grandfather, William, was born in Combe Martin about 1841.)

(Also his son, W. George, same address)

(His brother, Charles G., and their father, William John, live at:
Upcott Farm
Brayford
Barnstaple
Devon)

R. A. E. Witheridge
598 Ashley Road
Parkstone
Poole
Dorset

(Traces ancestry back to his grandparents, James Witheridge and Hannah Jerman. His father was born in 1865 in Kingskerswell, Newton Abbot, Torquay, Devon.)

Fenwick E. Witheridge
37 Park Crescent
Newport N.P.T.3AQ
Monmouth

(Traces ancestry back to his great-grandfather, James, who was born in Combe Martin, and his great-grandmother, Isabella Ann Redmore. His grandfather, James, was born in Newport in 1855.)

Dr. E. A. Witheridge
1 Calverton Road
Stony Stratford
Bucks

(Traces ancestry back to his grandfather, Edmund, probably born in Marzion, Cornwall.)

Lt. Col. George Witheridge, D.S.O., O.B.E., (Ret'd)
Cooksyeat Farm
Kilgetty
Pembrokeshire ok - 1976
Wales

(Traces ancestry back to his grandfather, George, but no details.)

(Has a brother, Henry, in Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, Wales.)

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Kingsbury
London N.W.9

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The Crossing
Brook
Albury ok - 1976
Guildford
Surrey GU5 9DJ

(Traces ancestry back to his grandfather, George, who lived in London--no date or other details. Understands his family stems from Devon.)

↑
[Same]

(The following are his brothers:

F. E. Witheridge
~~83 Marshalls Dr.~~
~~St. Albans~~
~~Hertford~~
46 Sandpit Lane
St. Albans
Herts AL1 4EZ
(Tel. St. Albans 69476)
(1976)

H. J. Witheridge
St. Andrews Gorse Hill Rd.
Virginia Water
Surrey
ok - 1976

S. R. Witheridge
~~Zürich~~
~~Switzerland)~~
73 Spinnaker Drive
Whitby
Paremata
Nr. Wellington
New Zealand
(1976)

## Witheridges Not Contacted

Dorothy Witheridge
133 New Kings Road
London S.W.6

Maisie I. Witheridge
3 Beverley Road
London W.4

A. E. Witheridge
36 Park Road
Wallsall
Stafford

A. J. Witheridge
Charlemont Road
Walsall
Stafford

Leslie R. Witheridge
Whinsill
Litchfield Road
Walsall
Stafford

T. J. Witheridge
Formerly at
7 Fairfield Rse.
Meriden
Warwick
(Moved; left no address)

R. E. Witheridge
51 Haford Road
Ponthir
Caerleon
Monmouth

L. B. Witheridge
Bassaleg Road
Newport
Monmouth

R. E. Witheridge
60 Edward VII Ave.
Newport
Monmouth

R. Witheridge
3011 Larksfield Dr.
Harrogate
Yorkshire

Mrs. J. L. Witheridge
31 Victoria Street
Stonehaven
Scotland

August 26, 1970 - David E. Witheridge
2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405
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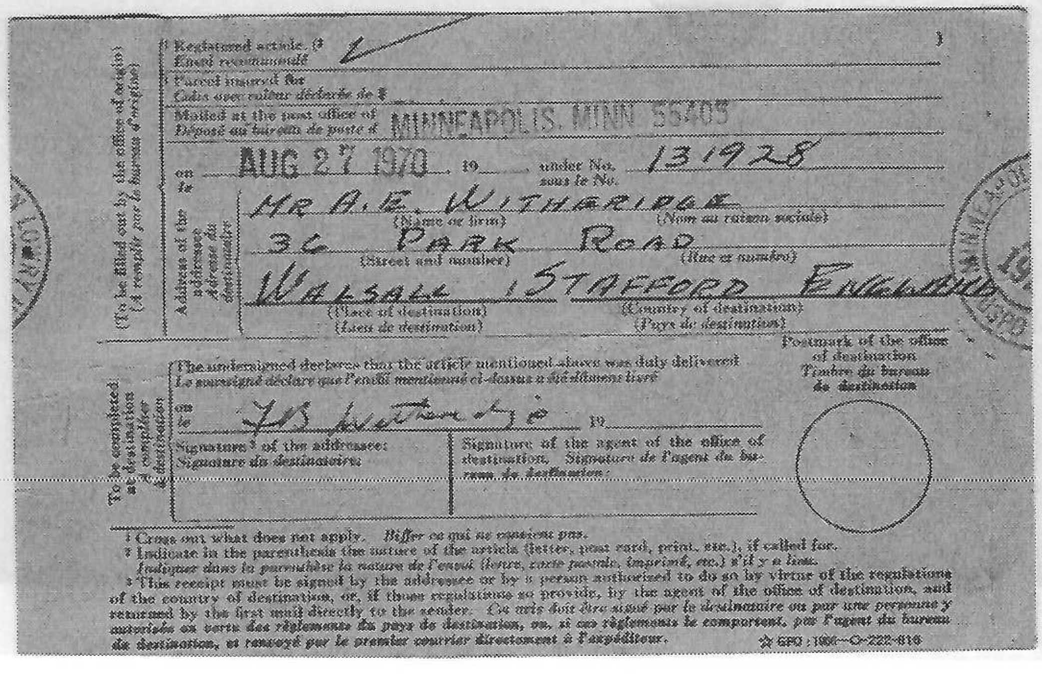

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(Name or firm) (Nom ou raison sociale)
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(Street and number) (Rue et numéro)
WALSALL , STAFFORD ENGLAND
(Place of destination) (Country of destination)
(Lieu de destination) (Pays de destination)

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Hertford

H. J. Witheridge
St. Andrews Gorse Hill Rd.
Virginia Water
Surrey

S. R. Witheridge
Zürich
Switzerland)

# Witheridges Not Contacted

Dorothy Witheridge
133 New Kings Road
London S.W.6

Replied Oct. 5, 1970

Maisie I. Witheridge
3 Beverley Road
London W.4

A. E. Witheridge
36 Park Road
Wallsall
Stafford

Wrote 1970 but no answer

A. J. Witheridge
Charlemont Road
Walsall
Stafford

Leslie R. Witheridge
Whinsill
Litchfield Road
Walsall
Stafford

Cousin of Dick ?

T. J. Witheridge
Formerly at
7 Fairfield Rse.
Meriden
Warwick
(Moved; left no address)

R. E. Witheridge
51 Haford Road
Ponthir
Caerleon
Monmouth

Returned - Not known at this address 9/1/70

Brothers of Fenwick

L. B. Witheridge
Bassaleg Road
Newport
Monmouth

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R. E. Witheridge
60 Edward VII Ave.
Newport
Monmouth

R. Witheridge
3011 Larksfield Dr.
Harrogate
Yorkshire

Richard
Replied - Sept. 1970 - No information

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Deceased

August 26, 1970 - David E. Witheridge
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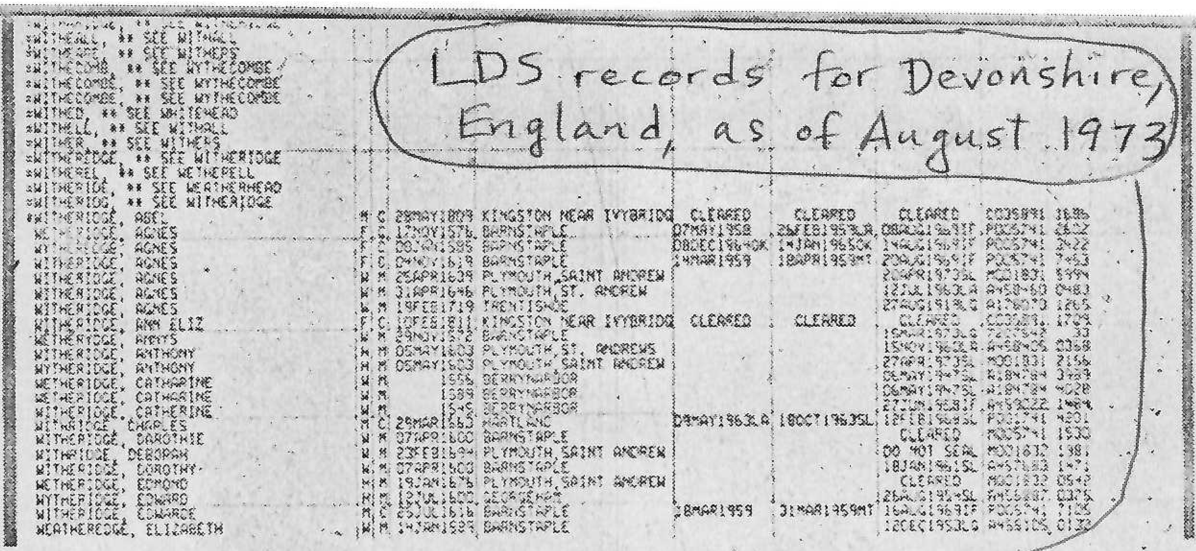

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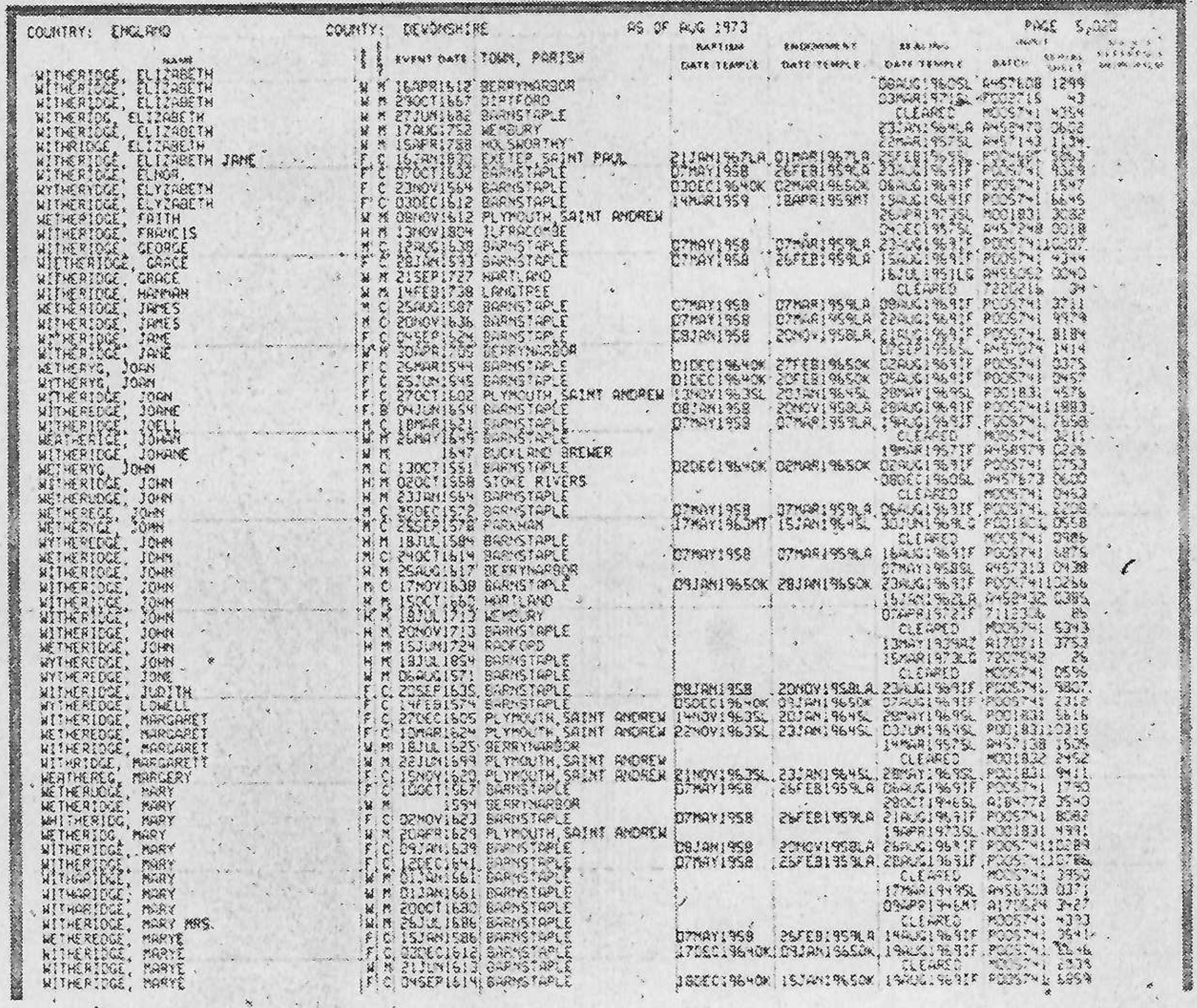

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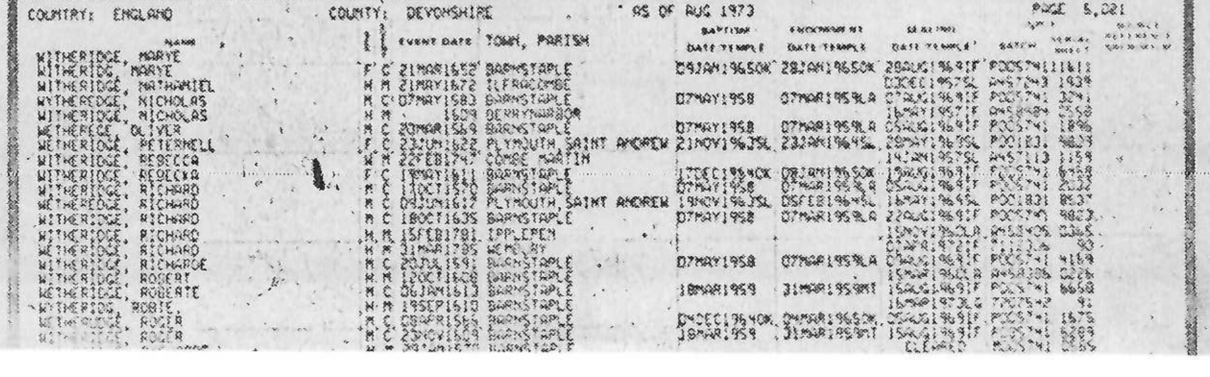

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| WETHEREGE, SIMON | M | C | 04SEP1580 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 07AUG1969IF | P005741 | 3026 | |
| WITHERIDGE, SYMON | M | C | 10AUG1634 | BARNSTAPLE | 07MAY1958 | 07MAR1959LA | 05JUL1969LG | P005741 | 9635 | |
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| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | M | C | 16APR1596 | BARNSTAPLE | 12DEC1964OK | 06JAN1965OK | 14AUG1969IF | P005741 | 4731 | |
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| WITHERIDGE, THOMAS | H | M | 03JAN1709 | BERRYNARBOR | | | CLEARED | 7231106 | 44 | |
| WETHEREDGE, TOBY | H | M | 16NOV1616 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 17APR1973SL | M001831 | 3411 | |
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| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | M | C | 30NOV1611 | BARNSTAPLE | 08JAN1959 | 25NOV1958LA | 15AUG1969IF | P005741 | 6526 | |
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| WEATHERADGE, WILLIAM | M | C | 19FEB1649 | BARNSTAPLE | 16JAN1965OK | 06MAR1965OK | UNCLEARED | P005741 | 11183 | |
| WITHRIDGE, WILLIAM | H | M | 25DEC1685 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | CLEARED | M001832 | 1187 | |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | H | M | 20JUL1723 | COMBE MARTIN | | | 23FEB1971SL | 7007510 | 93 | |
| WITHERIDGE, WILLIAM | H | M | 17FEB1803 | ILFRACOMBE | | | 03DEC1957SL | A457243 | 1941 | |
| WETHERIDGE, WILLMOT | W | M | 11APR1726 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 25MAR1960SL | A457553 | 2651 | |
| WETHEREDGE, WILMOT | F | C | 07FEB1619 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | 20NOV1963SL | 22JAN1964SL | 02JUN1969SL | P001831 | 8997 | |
| WITHERIDGE, WILMOT | W | M | 04NOV1727 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 10AUG1954SL | A456982 | 0151 | |
| =WITHERLEY, ** SEE WEATHERLEY | | | | | | | | | | |
| =WITHERLY, ** SEE WEATHERLEY | | | | | | | | | | |
| *WITHEROW | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHEROWE, DOROTHEA | F | C | 19JAN1625 | OTTERY SAINT MARY | 15MAY1965LA | 17JUL1965LA | 30JAN1969AZ | P002761 | 1831 | |
| =WITHEROWE, ** SEE WITHEROW | | | | | | | | | | |
| *WITHERS | | | | | | | | | | |
| WHITHEARE, AARON | M | C | 25MAR1745 | RINGMORE BY KINGSBRIDG | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C035901 | 0259 | |
| WITHEARE, AARON | M | C | 17NOV1749 | RINGMORE BY KINGSBRIDG | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C035901 | 0322 | |
| WETHERS, ALICE | W | M | 15JUL1588 | BERRYNARBOR | | | 15DEC1971SL | 7034509 | 83 | |
| WHYTHER, ALSSE | F | C | 10AUG1542 | BARNSTAPLE | 01DEC1964OK | 27FEB1965OK | 02AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0241 | |
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| WITHEARE, ELIZ | F | C | 10JUN1751 | RINGMORE BY KINGSBRIDG | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C035901 | 0346 | |
| WITHERS, ELIZABETH | F | C | 20SEP1618 | BARNSTAPLE | 18DEC1964OK | 16JAN1965OK | 20AUG1969IF | P005741 | 7338 | |

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| NAME | | | EVENT DATE | TOWN, PARISH | BAPTISM DATE/TEMPLE | ENDOWMENT DATE/TEMPLE | SEALING DATE/TEMPLE | BATCH | SERIAL SHEET | SOURCE REFERENCE MICROFILM |
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| WITHERS, ELLEN | | | | | | | | | | |
| WITHERS, ELLEN | W | M | 14NOV1602 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 27APR1973SL | M001831 | 2095 | |
| WHITHERE OR PETER, ELYZABETH | F | C | 11SEP1613 | BARNSTAPLE | 18DEC1964OK | 15JAN1965OK | 19AUG1969IF | P005741 | 6731 | |
| WITHEARE, GRACE | F | C | 05APR1748 | RINGMORE BY KINGSBRIDG | CLEARED | CLEARED | CLEARED | C035901 | 0301 | |
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| WHYTHER, JOHN | M | C | 06JUL1564 | BARNSTAPLE | 04DEC1964OK | 04MAR1965OK | 05AUG1969IF | P005741 | 1912 | |
| WETHER, JOHN | M | C | 10NOV1576 | BARNSTAPLE | 05DEC1964OK | 13JAN1965OK | UNCLEARED | P005741 | 2535 | |
| WITHERS, JOHN | H | M | 27NOV1760 | BARNSTAPLE | | | CLEARED | M005741 | 7434 | |
| WHITHAR, JOSEPH | H | M | 23SEP1737 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | CLEARED | M001832 | 5464 | |
| WYTHER, MARGRET | F | C | 07AUG1540 | BARNSTAPLE | 01DEC1964OK | 20FEB1965OK | 02AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0103 | |
| WHYTHERE, MARY | F | C | 02FEB1566 | BARNSTAPLE | 04DEC1964OK | 02MAR1965OK | 06AUG1969IF | P005741 | 1649 | |
| WHITHERE, MARYE | W | M | 22MAY1606 | BARNSTAPLE | | | CLEARED | M005741 | 1806 | |
| WHITHEARE, PAUL | H | M | 30JUN1585 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | 30APR1973SL | M001831 | 0246 | |
| WITHEARE, PAUL | H | M | 30JUN1585 | PLYMOUTH,SAINT ANDREW | | | DO NOT SEAL | M001831 | 0244 | |
| WHITHERE OR HECKETT, REBECKA | F | C | 01MAY1589 | BARNSTAPLE | 09DEC1964OK | 12JAN1965OK | 14AUG1969IF | P005741 | 3908 | |
| [illegible] | M | C | 23AUG1551 | BARNSTAPLE | 02DEC1964OK | 02MAR1965OK | 02AUG1969IF | P005741 | 0743 | |

[This note by DEW was loose in the file.]

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Pastor Bowden, p. 213

Mistress Pugsley, p. 532
alehouse landlady

John Fry, p. 215
farm foreman
Jem Slocombe, p. 342
farm hand at Ridds'
Nicholas Snowe, p. 165
neighboring farmer
Colonel Harding, p. 109
Justiciary of the King's Peace

Lorna Doone names
related to our
family

[The exact purpose of this list by DEW is unknown.] [Undated]

Witheridge descendants:
Buzzacott - after 1745
Pile - after ~~1845~~ 1774
Garland - after 1638
Bowden - after 1726
Harris - after 1727 1721 - Nicholas
Reed - after 1754
(2) Jerman - after 1770
Dean after 1775
Lovering Sr - after 1781 Nicholas 1748 C.M 1753
Irwin - after 1791
Clogg - after 1779
Ford (John) - after 1720
Lancey (John) - after 1747
Pearce (Francis) - after 1766

Blackmore

Dean

Compton - Mouldon

Peake
Northcott
Witheridge
Morrice
Watts
Lay
Slocombe
Symons
Clogg
Buzzacott
Pile
Dean
Blackmore
Davis
Thomas
Gibbs
Norman
Mortimer
Harris
Hancock
Pine

[The source for the information on this list, written by DEW, was Kim Cook (q.v.).] [Undated]

Dr. E. G. Witheridge - Kim says "died 1972"

Fenwicks - ask Kim about mistake about birth cert. of James

Other Witheridges from Kim:

P. R. Witheridge
6 Clive Lodge
Brent X. Cross NW4 01-202-9326

K. P. Witheridge
1/7 Foxley Hill Road
Purley, Surrey 01-668-4392

Charles Witheridge of Stamford, Lincs. presumed killed in Middle East Air Crash, Dec. 31, 1975
Age 40, born Devon, Father undertaker, Educ. Torquay Grammar; RAF age 15-37; Lt. R.A.F. Wittering 1974; At time of death had just joined Air Work Services of ?

source?

Mrs. M. B. Arnold (Eileen) 3 Feb, 1974
11 Valley Drive
Wembury, Plymouth
Devon PL9 0EZ Tel: Wembury 862367

David L. M. Witheridge 12 Oct, 1974
7, Lodge Road
Maraenui
Napier (over)
New Zealand

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David's father;

Samuel Leslie Mumford Witheridge
48, Darwin Crescent
Laira
Plymouth
Devon

(says family Bible destroyed in fire several years ago.)

Family was in Ermington district of Devon near Ivybridge, employed in farming many years

David has document on leases of land (800 acres) back to about 1490.

David's grandfather;

Philip Henry Witheridge, wheelwright in Ermington. His wife's name he thinks was Rhoda (nee Mumford)

Mrs. Joan Lucock
14, Shaftesbury Ave.
Chandlers Ford
Hants

7 Sept. 1973

(see Kim's letter of 13 Sept 1973)

Mrs. M. A. Witheridge [Mrs. George Philips Witheridge]
(b. Sept. 10, 1898)
13 Cranmere Rd.
H R Compton
Plymouth

No inf., but husband's sister is

Mrs. Ruth Palmer
66 Ipswich Close
Whitleigh
Plymouth

[See Ann and Clare's birth facts below.]

[Undated]

St. Werburgh's Wembury - Parish Records

The complete original Parish Records are still in existence and date back to 1611. With the exception of the more recent ones and those still in use are kept in the Archives department of Plymouth City Council in the Central Library, Tavistock Road, Plymouth. The City Archivist is Mrs. Brenda Cluer, Plymouth 68000 ext. 3019.

Witheridge. On Nov. 7th at Marwatastha Memorial Hospital, Amman to Francoise + Major Anthony Witheridge 15/19 Hussars twin daughters (Ann Rose Basma + Clare Mary Magdalene) sisters to Simon + Philip. British Embassy, Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

[These notes were made by DEW.] [Undated]

General Register Office 01-242-0262
St. Catherines House, 10 Kingsway WC2

Jill Lewis, 204-3228
Witheridge, C.F., 45, [illegible] Ave. N.W.9 01-204-4804
Dorothy, 133 New Kings Rd. SW6 01-736-6518
Maisie I., 3 Beverley Rd. W4 01-994-1675

Witheridge - 4 entries
a. Witheridge, 19 Uffington Rd. SE27 01-670-5143
A. J. Witheridge, 65 Endwell Rd SE4 01-732-6696
L. E. Witheridge, 43 Heversham Ho, Ilderton Rd, SE15 01-732-0478
S. Witheridge, 46 Tetterby Wy SE16 01-237-9765

[These notes pertaining to Kim Cook (q.v.) are by DEW.] [1976]

Telephone Directory Survey - 1976 (Kim)
(Witheridge only)

262 '75 Manchester - No listings

269 '75 Preston - No listings

283 '74 Guildford ① D. Witheridge, The Crossing, Albury. Tel. Shere 2660

284 '75 Portsmouth - No listings

285 '75 Isle of Wight - No listings

291 '75 Bournemouth ② D. B. Witheridge, 18 Ridley Rd., Winton, Bournemouth
R.A.E. Witheridge, 598 Ashley Rd., Parkstone, Dorset

292 '74 Bristol ④ -30 Vallentine Close, Whitchurch, Bristol
Sgt. Chas. W. Witheridge, 7 Brook Drive, Corsham, Bristol
R.G.A. Witheridge, 58 Whitcombe Close, Kingswood, Bristo
R.H. Witheridge, 2 Apsley Rd., Newbridge, Bath

293 '75 Exeter ③ C. D. Witheridge, Frmr, Upcott Farm, Brayford ✓
W. J. Witheridge, Frmr, Middle Stoodleigh, W. Buckland
S. C. Witheridge, 15 Oldway Rd., Paignton

294 '74 Gloucester ① P. H. Witheridge, The Paddock, Gretton Fields, Ament
Tewkesbury, Glos.

295 '75 Plymouth ② J. Witheridge, 70 Copse Avenue, Plympton
P. E. Witheridge, Rissick Wood, Greenwith
Perranwell Station, Corn

141 '75 Sutton ① K. P. Witheridge, 1/7 Foxley Hill Rd., Purley, Surrey

D.E.W. 211 '75 Birmingham ③ D. F. Witheridge, 222 Osborn Rd. 11 021-773-415
J. Brian Witheridge, RIBA, Chtd Arct.
24 Brookland Rd, West Hagley Hagley 5245
Howard Ho, Granville St. 1 021-643-77
N. A. Witheridge, 216 Hubert Rd 29 021-472-664

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[No Witheridge]

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Brit. Phone Bk. Sec. 292, 1978
Bristol Area

Withridge, C, 30 Valentine Clo Whitchurch 836098
" Sgt. Charles W., 7 Brook Dr Corsham 713056
" R.G.A., 58 Witcombe Clo, Kingswood Bristol 675537
" R.H., 2 Apsley Rd, Newbridge Bath 23867

No Witheridge or Whitridge

Sec. 104 - London (S-Z) 1978
Witheridge, Dorothy 133 New Kings Rd SW6
" Maisie I 3 Cavendish Rd W4
" R.E., 58 Hartswood Rd W12 01-743-5069
(no C.F.)

Wetheridge, A., 19 Uffington Rd. SE27 01-670-5143
" C.E., 43 Haversham Ho, Justin Est SE15 01-732-0478
" S., 46 Totterby Way SE16 01-237-9765

[See the editor's note on the previous page.] [Undated]

[Kim Cook (q.v.)]

~~Kim:~~

~~When we were in England either at the Cambridge Univ Library, or at the Univ. of London Library, we found a book about Sir Humphrey Gilbert (I think it was his trip to Newfoundland in 1583). It was *The Forgotten Adventure*, by H. Wood Jarvis, with a Foreword by Cmdr. Walter Raleigh Gilbert. I think it was published in 1967.~~

~~One of Elizabeth's ancestors was a Jarvis Gilbert, son of Thomas Gilbert. It is believed that Jarvis Gilbert was born in England about 1682, and came to America with his father. Unfortunately, we have no information on where they had lived in England.~~

~~Since Jarvis is an unusual given name, at least in this country, we think he was given this name because a relationship between the Gilbert and Jarvis families. Therefore a book by a Jarvis about a Gilbert caught our eye.~~

~~How would we go about finding out something about this H. Wood Jarvis, particularly about his family background and perhaps how he happened to write about Sir Humphrey Gilbert? I realize this is just a shot in the dark, but we don't have much to go on at this point.~~

# Editor's Note

The final document in folder 1.64g (starting on the next page) appears to be a preliminary time line for Dad's eventual Witheridge ancestor chart.

As a trained engineer, he liked order, and this organizational scheme would help him to impose some semblance of order on an otherwise chaotic and time-consuming document assembly process.

There are two large (17" x 11") oblong graph sheets. The first sheet is labeled "Combe Martin Register" at the top, with dates ranging from 1640 to 1840 on the left. The second sheet is unlabeled at the top, with dates ranging from 1690 to 1730 on the upper left side, then an intentional break, followed by more dates ranging from 1640 to 1810 on the lower left side. Unfortunately, neither sheet was dated.

I still don't quite understand precisely what he was doing here, but you're undoubtedly smarter than I am and will grasp it right away.

Tom Witheridge
August 17, 2022

Scheme for the next 4 pages

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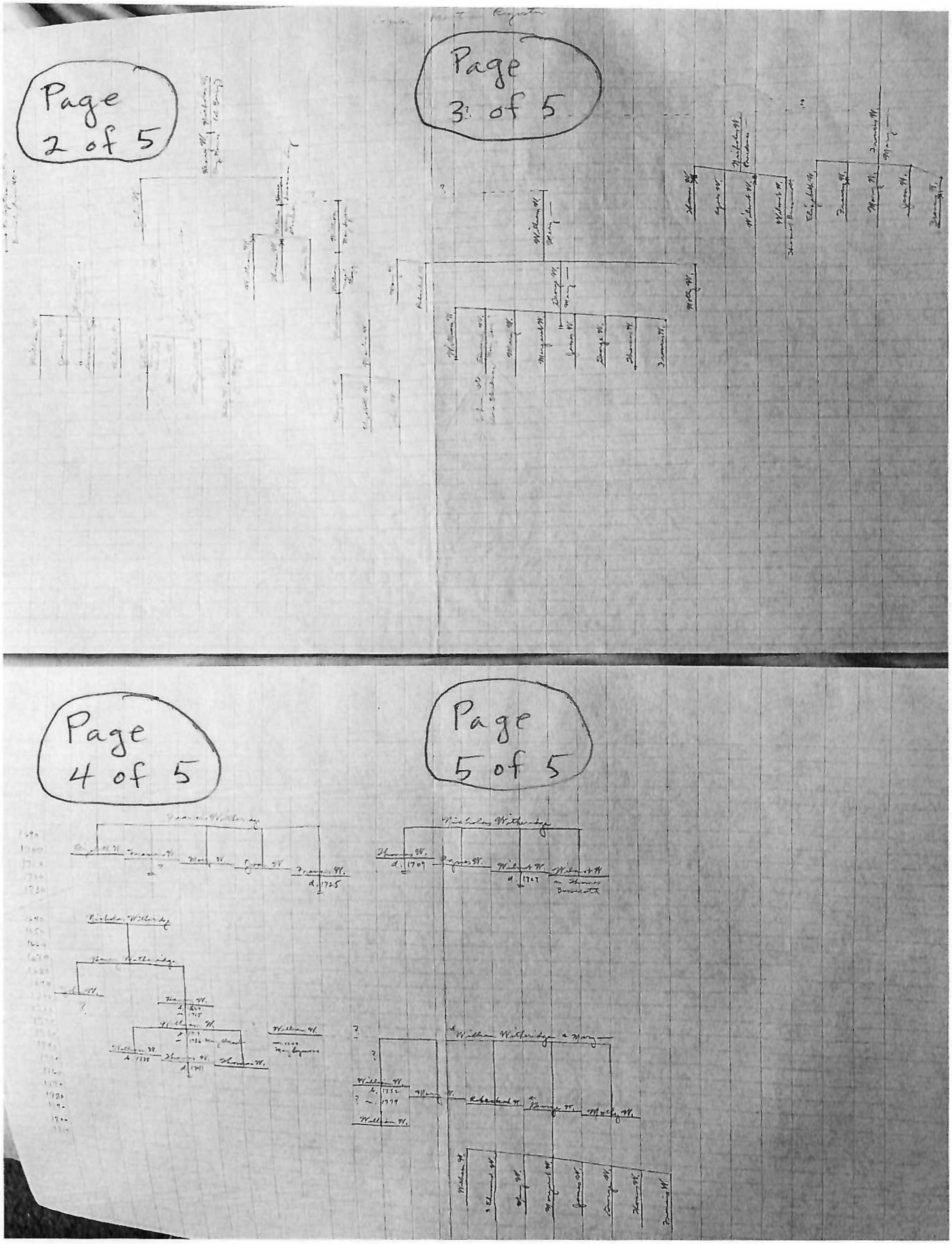
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Nicholas Witheridge
William Witheridge & Mary

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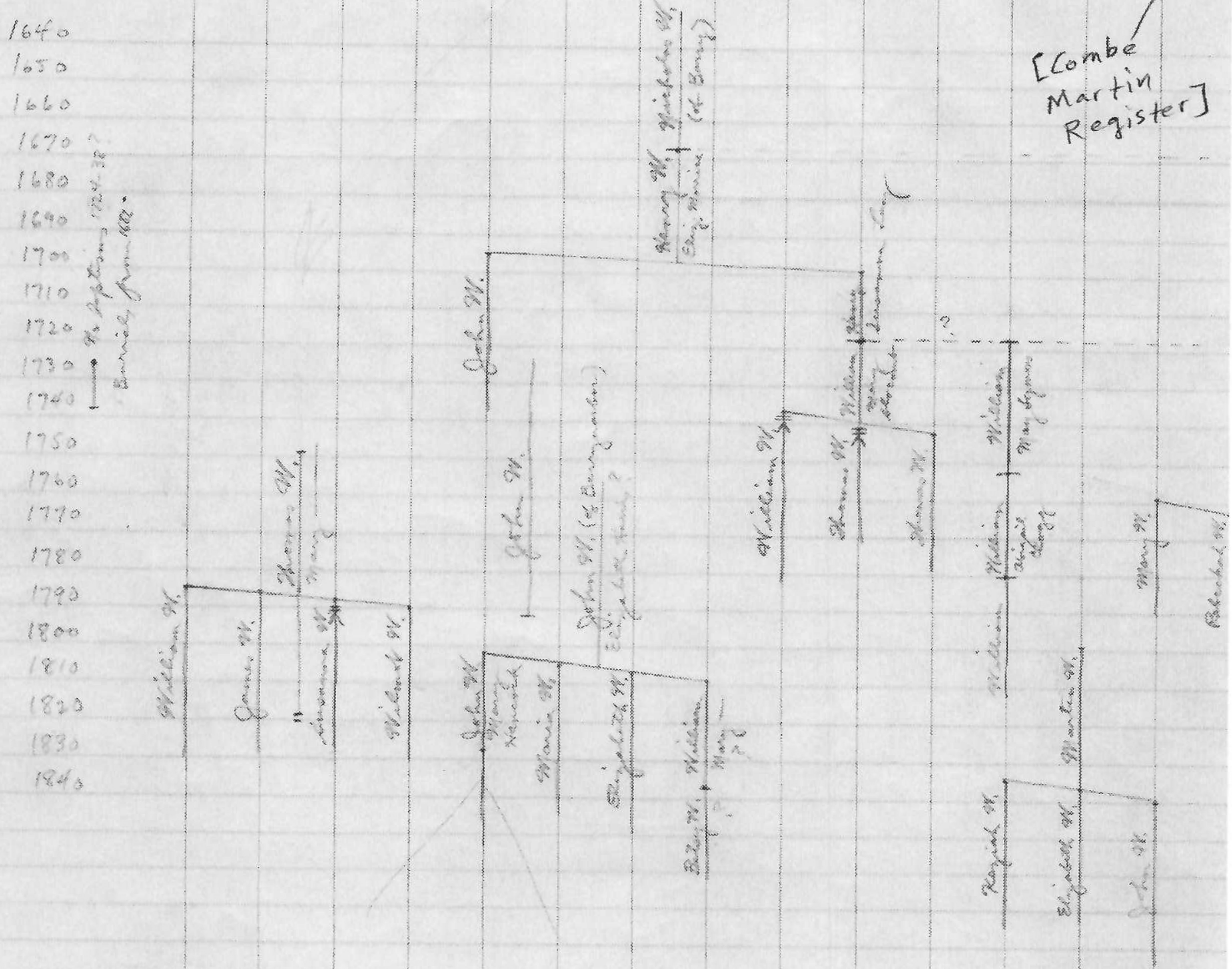
[Combe Martin Register]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No baptisms 1724-36?
Burials from 1682.
Henry W.
Eliz. Morris
Nicholas W.
(of Berry)
John W.
John W.
John W. (of Berrynarbor)
Elizabeth Kind?
William W.
Thomas W.
Mary
James W.
Susanna W.
Wilmot W.
John W.
Mary Kenwick
Maria W.
Elizabeth W.
William
Mary
?
Bliss W.
?
William W.
Thomas W.
William
Mary Hooker
Thomas
Susanna L.
Thomas W.
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John W.
Mary W.
Rebekah W.

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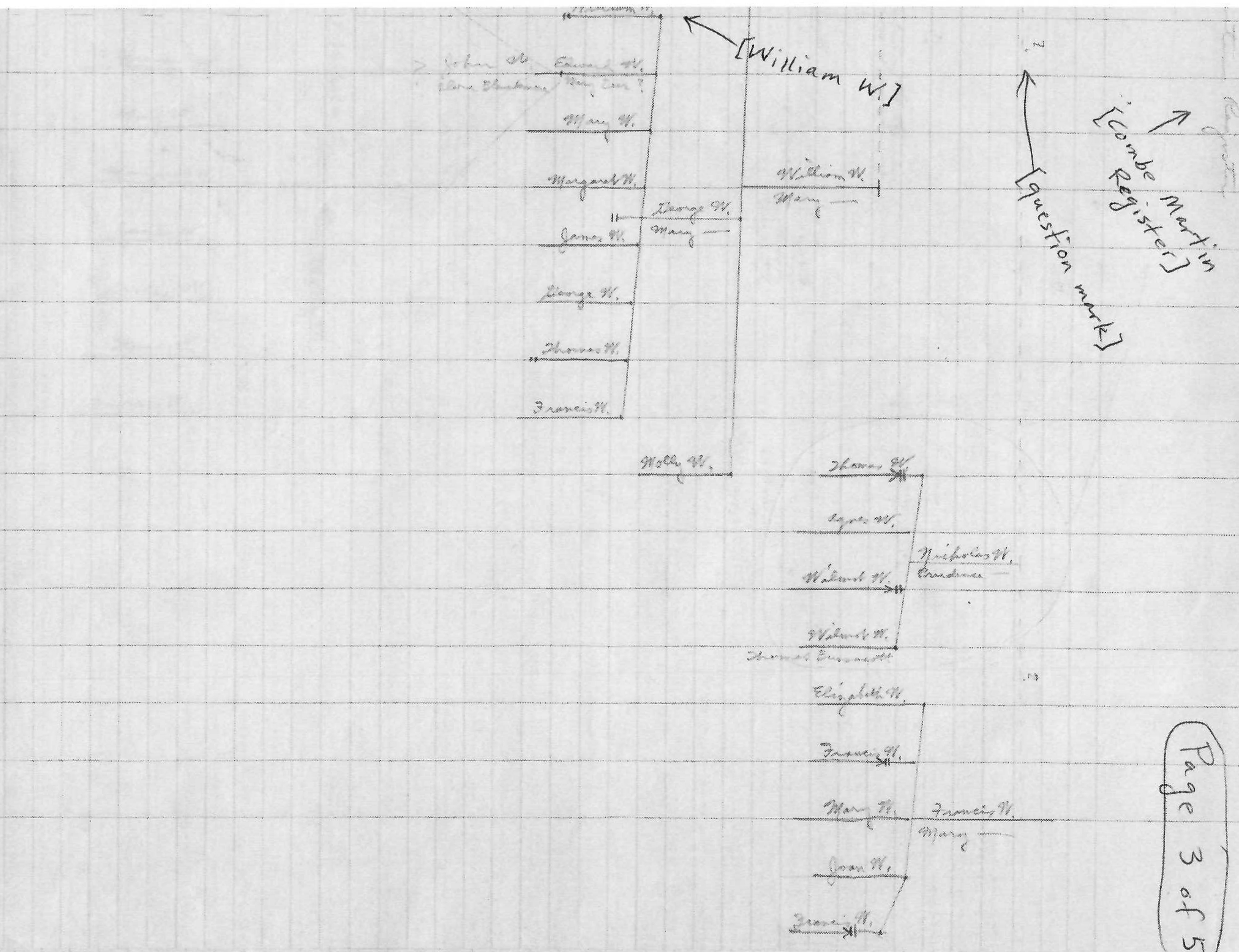
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George W.
Mary —
James W.
George W.
Thomas W.
Francis W.
Molly W.
Thomas W.
Agnes W.
Nicholas W.
Prudence —
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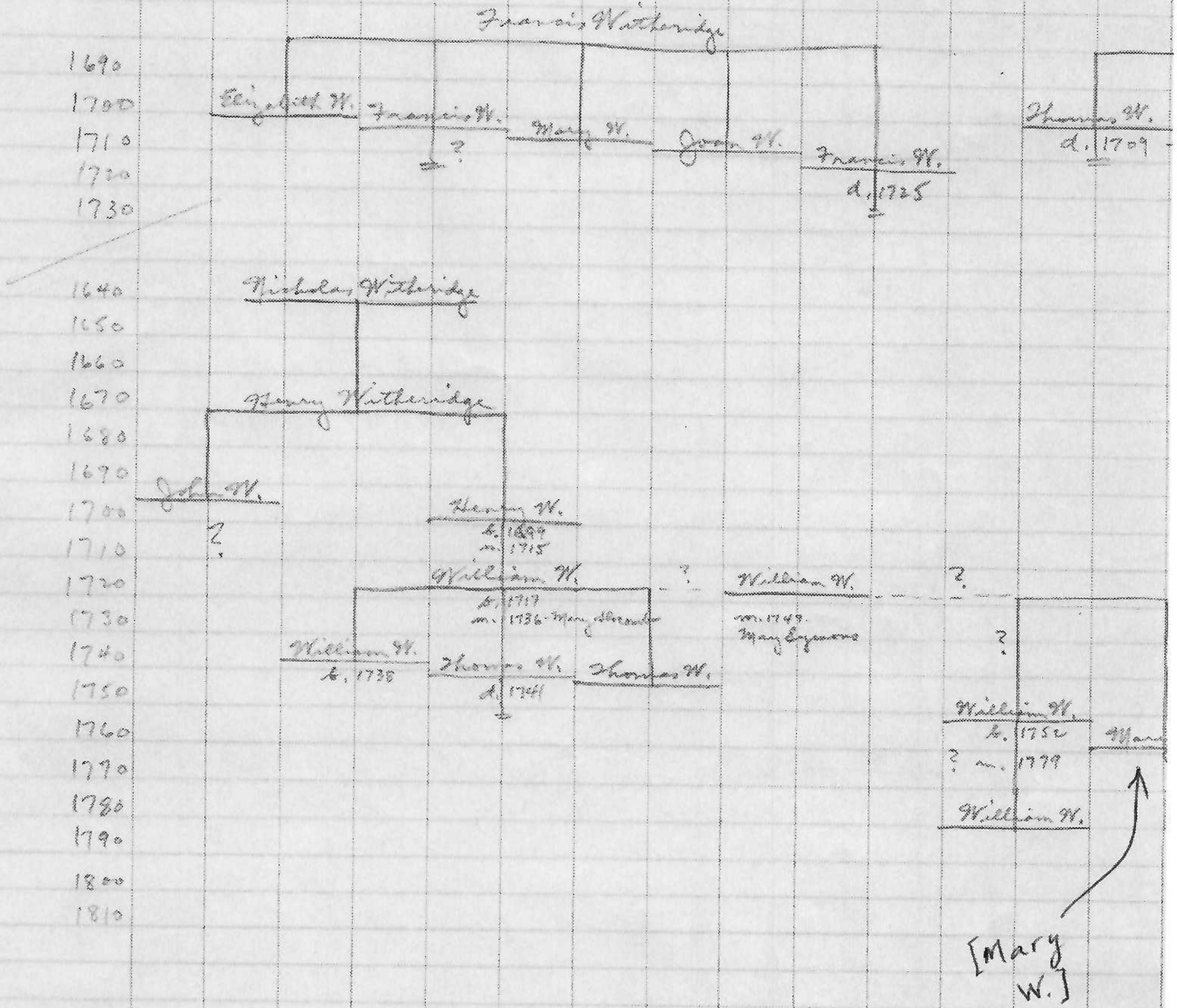
Francis Witheridge
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Elizabeth W.
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Thomas W.
d. 1709
Nicholas Witheridge
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Henry Witheridge
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m. 1715
William W.
b. 1717
m. 1736 - Mary Meader
William W.
b. 1738
Thomas W.
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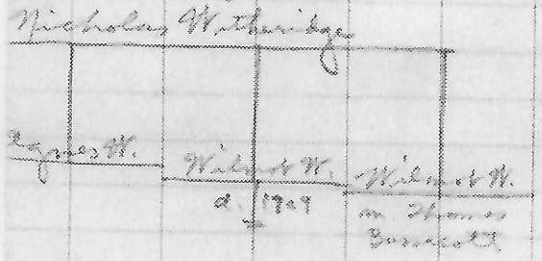
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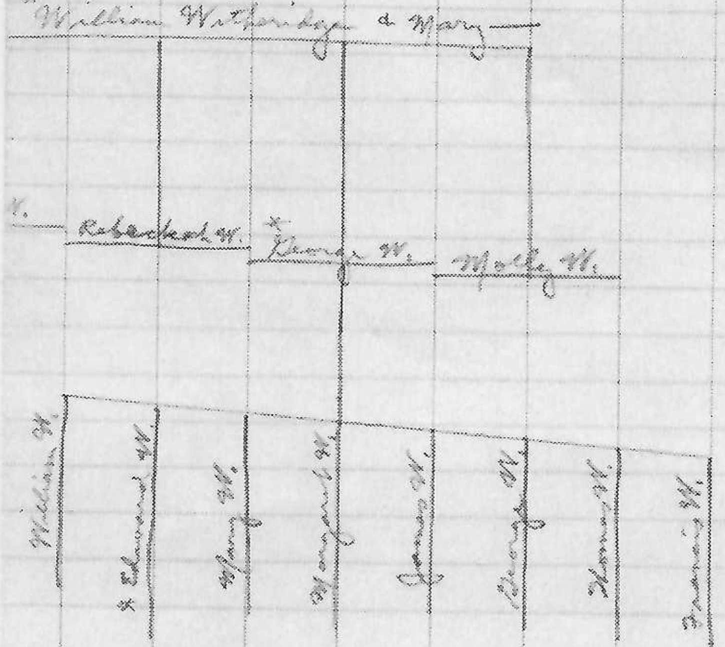
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George W.
Thomas W.
Frances W.

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# Witheridges in New England
# documents

[Notes by DEW] [undated]

Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury, Mass., V. II
David W. Hoyt, Providence, 1902

p. 651 Colby Family (cont. from pp. 103-10, 380)

1. Anthony' Colby was in Cambridge in 1635, where he owned two houses. His wid. m. Wm. Whitridge in 1663.

[DEW's notes]

[Undated]

Newberry Lib.

[Newberry Library, Chicago]

Boston, Mass., Record Commissioners Report, 1876-86, Vol. 1

p. 87. Town Rate made 6th of June, 1687
Richard Whitredge

p. 95. Tax List and Schedules - 1687, Sheet No. 2

| | Heads | Acres | Housin Mills (sic) | Horses | Cowes | Trades | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richard Whitredge | 1 | · | 2 | · | · | · | · | 1 10 |

p. 136. Boston. Valuation of 1688. Sheet No. 2

[At the State House also will be found in the Usurpation Papers, Vol. 129, pp. 139, et seq., a list of tax-payers and their property, in Boston in 1688.

Although a careful copy has been made of these lists, which will be placed in the City Clerk's office with other documents, it has been found unadvisable to undertake to print all the details of the taxable estates. In the following pages, therefore, only the names of the taxpayers are given, with statement of the number of heads in each family. p. 134]

Richard Whitredge 1

p. 147. Tax List for one Precinct, 1689
→ Richard Witheredg

p. 150. Tax List of 1691. [Country rate for 1691]
Endorsed "No. 2 Countrie Rate, June, 1691. Tym$^{o}$ Wadsworth, Cons$^{ta}$"
Richard Whitridge

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# NEW ENGLAND
# HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL
# REGISTER

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cal Society. 1905. Square 8vo. pp. 169. Plans.

The seven hundred and sixteen epitaphs here printed are from the Old Burying-ground, in the rear of the Unitarian Church, and from the Robbins Cemetery, in the East Village, and are exact transcripts. The addition of notes both of a genealogical and biographical character greatly increase the value of the work. Unstinted praise is due the compiler for thus preserving such interesting and valuable records.

*Report of the Celebration of the Centennial of the Incorporation of the Town of Marlborough* [*Conn.*], *Aug. 23d and 25th, 1903.* Compiled and published by MARY HALL. Hartford Press: The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co. 1904. 8vo. pp. 98. Ill. Maps.

This centennial was marked by the delivery of the usual historical sermon and addresses, containing important portions of the annals of Marlborough, rendered serviceable by an index of the report.

*History of the Maumee River Basin, from the Earliest Account to Its Organization into Counties.* By CHARLES ELIHU SLOCUM, M.D., Ph.D., LL.D. Illustrated. Published by the Author, Defiance, Ohio. [1905.] 4to. pp. viii+638+xx. Map.

This is a work of the most thorough character, beginning with the geology of the region of which it treats, and its prehistoric inhabitants, and then proceeding to narrate the first explorations, the various wars of which the Basin has been the theatre, including that of 1812, the subjects of the concluding chapters being treaties with the Indians and missionary activities among them, the present drainage system, the first American settlers, the organization of counties, the development of communication, public lands, schools and libraries. While agreeing with the author that the actions of the aborigines should be related in the spirit of the historian and not of the sentimentalist, we doubt if everyone would describe their treatment by the government as "the ever magnanimous dealings with them of the United States."

*Ancient Middlesex. With brief Biographical Sketches of the Men who have served the County officially since its Settlement.* By LEVI S. GOULD. Somerville Journal Print. 1905. Large 8vo. pp. 336. Ill.

The contents of this finely printed and illustrated volume are described by the editor as a "collection of portraits and biographical sketches of faithful officials, considered worthy of preservation among the public archives and municipal libraries of the County." As to the number of portraits and facsimiles of signatures, the index of them covers nearly six pages. There are, in addition, copies of the seals of more than fifty towns. The portraits, with the exception of those in the supplement, are full-page illustrations.

*Decoration Day. Peacham, Vt. May 30, 1905.* Exercises at the dedication of Markers, Sons of the American Revolution, at the graves of the eleven Revolutionary soldiers in the Cemetery and old Graveyard. By JANE ELIZABETH COWLES. Peacham, Vt. [1905.] 16mo. pp. 12.

This booklet contains sketches of the life and service of each of the soldiers whose graves were marked.

*The Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury, Mass., with some Related Families of adjoining towns and of York County, Maine.* By DAVID W. HOYT. Part eleven (part six of volume II). Providence, R. I. 1905. Large 8vo. pp. 781-852.

This is the concluding volume of this series, and the families recorded in it are Morrill, Morse, Mudgett, Monday, Mussey, Nichols, Page, Partridge, Peasley, Perkins, Philbrick, Pierce, Pike, Pressey, Purington, Quimby, Ring, Rolfe, Rowell, Rowlandson, Sammon, Sargent, Severance, Shepard, Smith, Somes, Stanwood, Stanyan, Stevens, Stockman, Stowers, True, Trussell, Tucker, Tuxbury, Wait, Warner, Webster, Weed, Wells, Wheeler, Wheelwright, Whitridge, Whittier, Williams, Winsley, Woodin, Woodman, Worcester, Worthen, Younglove.

*Shropshire Parish Register Society. Hereford. Vol. V. Part 2. Greete. Bedstone. Vol. X. Part 1. Claverly (Part 1). July, 1905.* [London.] 2 vols.

The details of this evidence have been put at length in a 'Summary of Evidence,' which the present Rector has drawn up from the writings on this subject; and which he proposes to put into print, should he find any encouragement on the part of Americans."

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Few persons of the present day are aware how general was piracy two centuries ago. The following extract from "The Boston News-Letter," August 31, 1721, shows that in early times pirate ships, carrying many guns and heavily manned, sailed the high seas and pursued their unlawful calling. The "Mary" was taken somewhere in the Sargasso Sea, off the coast of Africa.

SAMUEL A. GREEN.

"These are to Certifie all Persons concerned that on the 7th Day of May last, William Russel Master of the Ship Mary of Charlestown, in his Voyage from Madera to Surranam in the Lat. 22 Deg. and 27 N. and Long. 25 and 27 W. from London was taken by a Pirate Ship upwards of 50 Guns, Commanded by Capt. Roberts, about 300 Men, who robb'd him of part of his Cargo, and Forced away from him two of his Men, against his and their own consent, viz. Thomas Russel born in Lexintown near Charlestown and the other Thomas Winchel born in Portsmouth, New-Hampshire in New England."

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BRAINTREE MARRIAGES.—In the article on page 43 of the last issue of the REGISTER, in the marriage under the date of "1760, Apr. 24," the name of the man was Caleb Bailey, not Bagley. (See Deane's *Scituate*, page 214.)

ELLA T. BATES.

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EDGARTOWN DEATHS.—In the REGISTER, vol. 59, page 303, in the article entitled "Deaths at Edgartown," it is stated (page 307) that the Beulah Coffin who died Jan. 13, 1812, age 86, was the daughter of Enoch and Jane (Claghorn) (Whellen) Coffin. The contributor has made a mistake, as the Beulah, daughter of above, was born Oct. 10, 1748, married Jan. 5, 1769, Jonathan Pease, and died Jan. 29, 1772. The Beulah who died Jan. 13, 1812, was the daughter of Enoch and Beulah (Eddy) Coffin.

C. H. C.

*Philadelphia, Penn.*

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COTTON.—The daughters Joanna (born Mar. 5, 1690), Mary (born Apr. 10, 1692), and Elizabeth (born Sept. 2, 1694), given in the REGISTER, vol. 8, page 43, as the children of Rev. Caleb Cushing, were the children of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Cotton) Alling, by her first husband, Rev. James Alling of Salisbury, Mass.

LAWRENCE B. CUSHING.

*Newburyport, Mass.*

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PROCTOR.—Benjamin$^3$ Proctor (John$^2$, John$^1$), born June 30, 1659, at Ipswich (*see ante*, vol. li., page 430), married Mary, daughter of William and Sarah (Smith) Buckley of Ipswich and Salem Village, widow of Sylvester Witheridge, and granddaughter of Thomas Smith of Ipswich, as shown by the following records:

*Lynn.*—Benjamin Proctor to Mary Buckley married Dec. 18, 1694. (Essex County Records.)

Benjamin Proctor and Mary Witheridge married Dec. 18, 1694. Children: *Mary*, born Oct. 12, 1695; *Priscilla*, born Dec. 11, 1699; *Sarah*, born Jan. 2, 1701-2. (Salem Town Records.)

Admitted to the First Church of Salem, June 5, 1709, Prudence Witheridge, dau$^r$ of Mary, w$^e$ of Benj$^a$ Proctor. (Records of First Church, Salem.)

Silvester Whitterage and Mary Buckley married Nov. 17, 1684. (Essex Co. Records.)

Children of Silvester Witheridge and Mary his wife: *Prudence*, born Oct. 8, 1686; *Silvester*, born March 17, 1688. (Salem Town Records.)

Administration on the estate of Benjamin Proctor of Salem granted to his widow Mary, June 27, 1717. (Essex Co. Probate, vol. 312, page 70.)

Mary Proctor of Salem, widow, formerly Mary Buckley, daughter of William Buckley formerly of Ipswich, but more lately of Salem, deceased, and Sarah

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his wife, who was one of the daughters of Mr. Thomas Smith of Ipswich, deceased, conveyed to John Higginson of Salem all interest in the estate of her grandfather Thomas Smith and of her father William Buckley, May 27, 1727. (Essex Co. Deeds, vol. 57, page 51.)

"Jan. 3, 1702. Old William Buckley dyed this evening. He was about 80 years old." (Diary of Rev. Joseph Green of Salem Village.)

Petition of William Buckley to the General Court, Sept. 13, 1710. "In y$^e$ name of our family." "My Honoured Mother Sarah Buckley and my sister Mary Witherige were both in prison from May until January following" [1692-1693].

Thorndike Proctor of Salem formerly purchased a certain farm in Salem known as the Downing Farm, and afterwards sold a part to his brother Benjamin Proctor, since deceased, and John Proctor, only son and heir of said Benjamin, May 14, 1725. (Essex Co. Deeds, vol. 63, page 40.)

VIRGINIA HALL.

*Cambridge, Mass.*

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BURRELL.—In the REGISTER, vol. 59, page 292, there is a mistake in the line of descent of Sergt. John Burrell, who was a great-grandson, not grandson, of John Burrell the emigrant. The line is as follows:

John$^1$ Burrell arrived in Weymouth, Mass., in 1639; married Rebekah ——, and had these three (if not more) children: *John*,$^2$ b. 1658, d. 1731; *Thomas*, b. 1659; *Ephraim*, b. 1664.

John$^2$ Burrell (John$^1$) married, June 26, 1688, Mercy$^3$ Alden (Joseph,$^2$ John$^1$ of the "Mayflower"), and had: *Elizabeth*,$^3$ b. 1689; *Thomas*, b. 1692; *Capt. John*, b. 1694.

Capt. John$^3$ Burrell (John,$^2$ John$^1$), who moved to Abington in 1741, married, Jan. 3, 1717, Mary$^4$ Humphrey (Joseph,$^3$ Thomas,$^2$ John$^1$) of Hingham, and had: *Sergt. John*$^4$ b. Sept. 24, 1719; *Joseph*; *Abraham*, b. 1721; *Humphrie*, b. 1723, k. at Lake George, 1756; *Thomas*; *Mary*.

Sergt. John$^4$ Burrell (John,$^3$ John,$^2$ John$^1$) married Ann$^4$ Vinton (Thomas,$^3$ John,$^2$ John$^1$), and had: *Mary*, b. Feb. 22, 1742; *Ann*, b. Mar. 17, 1743; *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 7, 1745; *Miriam*, b. Mar. 17, 1749; *John*, b. Oct. 5, 1752; *Bela*, b. Mar. 20, 1756; *Nathaniel*, b. May 17, 1761; *Ziba*, b. Mar. 12, 1765.

WM. LINCOLN PALMER.

*Cambridge, Mass.*

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STIMPSON.—In the REGISTER, vol. 60, page 368, it is stated that [19] John$^5$ Stimpson (John,$^4$ John,$^3$ Andrew,$^2$ Andrew$^1$) married Mary, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Kemball) Harrington, but this is an error, for in 1754 she was the wife of David Whitney, as shown in the will of Nathaniel Harrington, in Middlesex Co. Probate, file 7316. The oldest child of Daniel Whitney was named *Mary Kimball*.

John$^5$ Stimpson probably married Mary, daughter of Edward and Anna (Bullard) Harrington of Watertown, who, according to Bond, was born Aug. 23, 1703, for in the division of Edward Harrington's estate, in 1734, Middlesex Co. Probate, file 1380, one share was allotted to "the heirs of Mary Stimson, deceased."

ARTHUR M. JONES.

*Boston, Mass.*

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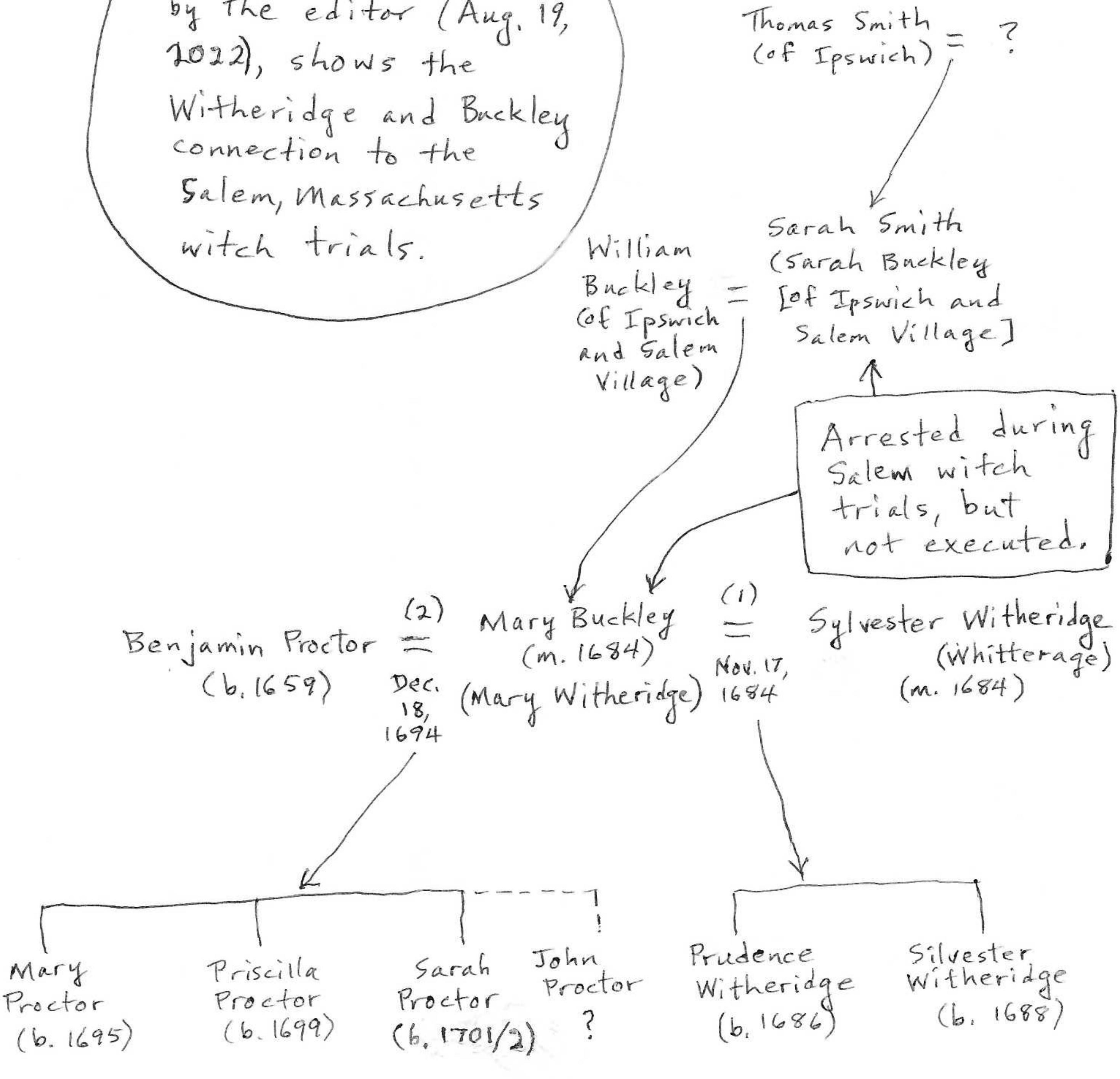
### QUERIES.

A GENEALOGICAL PUZZLE.—Judge Sewall, in his Diary, vol. 1, p. 215, under date, May 20, 1688, says: "Mr. Joseph Eliot here, says the two days wherein he buried his Wife and Son, were the best that ever he had in the world." The editors, in a foot-note, facetiously add, "The kindest construction should be put upon this remark of the bereaved husband and father."

The context shows that Mr. Joseph Eliot was the Rev. Joseph Eliot, son of the "Apostle," who was the minister at Guilford, Conn. But there are confusing facts. He had two wives. The first, Sarah Brenton, died prior to 1685, leaving four daughters. The second wife, Mary Wyllys, died in 1729, thirty-five years after the death of her husband. There were two sons, born to this second marriage, who lived many years after the death of their father.

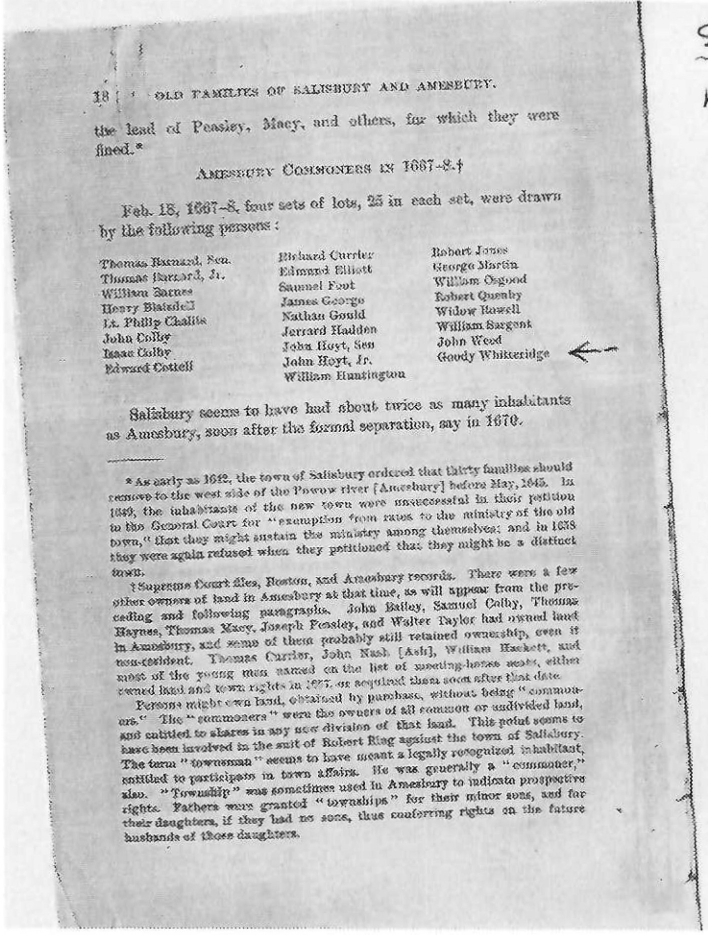
Could the wellnigh infallible Judge have made a mistake in attributing this remark to the son Joseph, instead of his father, the "Apostle," whose wife, This tree, made by the editor (Aug. 19, 2022), shows the Witheridge and Buckley connection to the Salem, Massachusetts witch trials.



Arrested during Salem witch trials, but not executed.

Thomas Smith (of Ipswich) = ?
William Buckley (of Ipswich and Salem Village)
=
Sarah Smith (Sarah Buckley [of Ipswich and Salem Village]
Benjamin Proctor (b. 1659)
(2) = Dec. 18, 1694
Mary Buckley (m. 1684) (Mary Witheridge)
(1) = Nov. 17, 1684
Sylvester Witheridge (Whitterage) (m. 1684)
Mary Proctor (b. 1695)
Priscilla Proctor (b. 1699)
Sarah Proctor (b. 1701/2)
John Proctor ?
Prudence Witheridge (b. 1686)
Silvester Witheridge (b. 1688)

[Excerpt from David Webster Hoyt (b. 1833), Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury, Massachusetts (etc.)]



the lead of Peasley, Macy, and others, for which they were fined.*

### AMESBURY COMMONERS IN 1667-8.†

Feb. 15, 1667-8, four sets of lots, 25 in each set, were drawn by the following persons:

Thomas Barnard, Sen.
Thomas Barnard, Jr.
William Barnes
Henry Blaisdell
Lt. Philip Challis
John Colby
Isaac Colby
Edward Cottell
Richard Currier
Edmund Elliott
Samuel Foot
James George
Nathan Gould
Jerrard Hadden
John Hoyt, Sen
John Hoyt, Jr.
William Huntington
Robert Jones
George Martin
William Osgood
Robert Quenby
Widow Rowell
William Sargent
John Weed
Goody Whitteridge

Salisbury seems to have had about twice as many inhabitants as Amesbury, soon after the formal separation, say in 1670.

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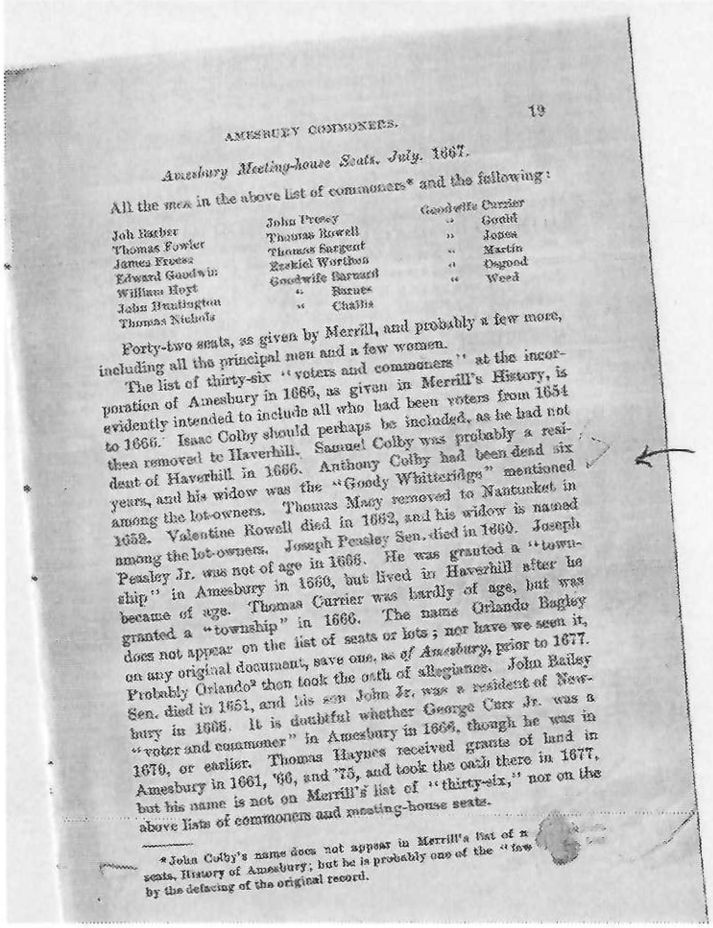
* As early as 1642, the town of Salisbury ordered that thirty families should remove to the west side of the Powow river [Amesbury] before May, 1645. In 1649, the inhabitants of the new town were unsuccessful in their petition to the General Court for "exemption from rates to the ministry of the old town," that they might sustain the ministry among themselves; and in 1658 they were again refused when they petitioned that they might be a distinct town.

† Supreme Court files, Boston, and Amesbury records. There were a few other owners of land in Amesbury at that time, as will appear from the preceding and following paragraphs. John Bailey, Samuel Colby, Thomas Haynes, Thomas Macy, Joseph Peasley, and Walter Taylor had owned land in Amesbury, and some of them probably still retained ownership, even if non-resident. Thomas Currier, John Nash [Ash], William Hackett, and most of the young men named on the list of meeting-house seats, either owned land and town rights in 1667, or acquired them soon after that date.

Persons might own land, obtained by purchase, without being "commoners." The "commoners" were the owners of all common or undivided land, and entitled to shares in any new division of that land. This point seems to have been involved in the suit of Robert Ring against the town of Salisbury. The term "townsman" seems to have meant a legally recognized inhabitant, entitled to participate in town affairs. He was generally a "commoner," also. "Township" was sometimes used in Amesbury to indicate prospective rights. Fathers were granted "townships" for their minor sons, and for their daughters, if they had no sons, thus conferring rights on the future husbands of those daughters.



### *Amesbury Meeting-house Seats, July, 1667.*

All the men in the above list of commoners* and the following:

Job Barber
Thomas Fowler
James Freese
Edward Goodwin
William Hoyt
John Huntington
Thomas Nichols
John Presey
Thomas Rowell
Thomas Sargent
Ezekiel Worthen
Goodwife Barnard
" Barnes
" Challis
Goodwife Currier
" Gould
" Jones
" Martin
" Osgood
" Weed

Forty-two seats, as given by Merrill, and probably a few more, including all the principal men and a few women.

The list of thirty-six "voters and commoners" at the incorporation of Amesbury in 1666, as given in Merrill's History, is evidently intended to include all who had been voters from 1654 to 1666. Isaac Colby should perhaps be included, as he had not then removed to Haverhill. Samuel Colby was probably a resident of Haverhill in 1666. Anthony Colby had been dead six years, and his widow was the "Goody Whitteridge" mentioned among the lot-owners. Thomas Macy removed to Nantucket in 1658. Valentine Rowell died in 1662, and his widow is named among the lot-owners. Joseph Peasley Sen. died in 1660. Joseph Peasley Jr. was not of age in 1666. He was granted a "township" in Amesbury in 1660, but lived in Haverhill after he became of age. Thomas Currier was hardly of age, but was granted a "township" in 1666. The name Orlando Bagley does not appear on the list of seats or lots; nor have we seen it, on any original document, save one, as *of Amesbury*, prior to 1677. Probably Orlando$^{2}$ then took the oath of allegiance. John Bailey Sen. died in 1651, and his son John Jr. was a resident of Newbury in 1666. It is doubtful whether George Carr Jr. was a "voter and commoner" in Amesbury in 1666, though he was in 1670, or earlier. Thomas Haynes received grants of land in Amesbury in 1661, '66, and '75, and took the oath there in 1677, but his name is not on Merrill's list of "thirty-six," nor on the above lists of commoners and meeting-house seats.

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* John Colby's name does not appear in Merrill's list of a [illegible] seats, History of Amesbury; but he is probably one of the "few [illegible] by the defacing of the original record.

1669, and others for 1670–1676 on an ancient Norfolk County book in the office of the Town Clerk of Salisbury, of which no modern official copy has yet been made.* The record for nine years, 1677–1685, is entirely lost, so far as now appears, besides a few entries, about the year 1688, which seem to have dropped out between the different record books. The town record has but two marriages from 1690 to 1697 inclusive, though there are ten Amesbury marriages for 1693 recorded at Salem. It is this deficiency of records which makes it so difficult to obtain a complete genealogy of early Amesbury families. Recourse must be had to probate records, deeds, and other authentic documents; and much material must often be collected before even a single line of ancestry can be carried back to the first settlement.

Unfortunately, the earliest records of the churches, in both Salisbury and Amesbury, have been lost.

So many errors were found in Coffin's History of Newbury, that the town records have been examined, and most of the Newbury dates, for families included in this book, are taken from those records, preference being given to the oldest copy.

The earliest records of births, marriages, and deaths in Haverhill were written in chronological order, down to about 1664. At that time a new record was commenced, arranged by families. Many of the old entries were copied into this book, and a few errors were made in copying. We have endeavored to follow the oldest copy in which the date appears.

The Ipswich dates are mostly taken from the town records, which, unfortunately, are missing for the earliest years of the settlement.

The Hampton dates are mostly from Dow's History of Hampton, which seems to be quite full and accurate.

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* In the same book are records of similar dates for Haverhill, Hampton, and Exeter; but most of the book is filled with records of the town of Salisbury, of later date, and this is doubtless the reason it has remained at Salisbury.

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## EXPLANATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS.

The letters in brackets after dates indicate the records from which the dates are taken.

The probate records are at Salem, unless otherwise specified. The first date given for a will is the date of the will itself, the second is the date of proof.

Under each surname, each individual is designated by a certain number. When the history of that person is resumed, the same number is repeated, in bold face figures; and when the same person is elsewhere referred to, the number is sometimes prefixed in parentheses, to identify the individual. The sign + indicates that the family record is continued in this volume.

Small figures after a Christian name designate the generation. Names in *italics*, placed in parentheses after a person's surname, indicate the ancestors of that person. The use of SMALL CAPITALS in printing a name in the record of a marriage shows that a further account of that person will be found in this volume, under that surname, in its proper place in the alphabetic arrangement.

The double date is given for the year, between January 1 and March 25, wherever it can be determined with any degree of certainty.

Inscriptions on Amesbury tombstones were printed in Essex Co. Hist. and Gen. Register, Ipswich, 1894.

The following abbreviations are used:

A., or Ames., Amesbury.
ab., about.
acct., account.
adm., administration, administrator, or admitted.
al., allegiance.
And., Andover.
A Nr S., Amesbury records, Old Norfolk County, at Salisbury. [See p. 28].
ap., appointed.
A Sm., Amesbury records at Salem.

b., born.
bef., before.
Bk., Brookfield.
bp., baptized.
Bd., Bradford.
bro., brother.
bur., buried.

Capt., Captain.
chil., children.
chh., church.
C Nb., Coffin's History of Newbury.
Co., County.
Coll., Collections.

d., died, or days.
dau., daughter.
Dea., Deacon.
decd., deceased.
D Hn., Dow's History of Hampton.
dism., dismissed.
div., division, or divided.

(*Wm.*¹), perhaps his cousin. He d. prior to 1714. She was prob. living in 1712, and perhaps in 1722. Children:

102 i MARY,³ b. Jan. 20, 1677-8[Ip].
103 ii SAMUEL,³ b. Jan. 20, 1677-8[Ip]; m. June 7, 1705, Eleanor Randall; res. Rw. and Ip.; liv. 1717.
104 iii JOHN,³ b. March 16, 1678-9[Ip]; res. Rw. 1706, and Bk.; liv. 1712.
105 iv WRY³ or WILLIAM, b. Jan. 20, 1681-2[Ip]; res. Ip.
106 v EPHRAIM,² b. Feb. 13, 1686-7[Ip]; res. Ip.
107 vi STEPHEN,² b. March 13, 1688-9[Nb]; res. Nb. and Gloucester.
108 vii JABEZ,² b. Dec. 27, 1690[Nb]; m. Dec. 8, 1717[or '18], REBECCA⁴ KIMBALL (*Henry,*³ *Henry,*² *Richard*¹); res. Nb., Rw., and Bk.
109 viii JOSEPH,² b. ——; res. Ip.
110 ix EBENEZER,² b. ——; m. Oct. 5, 1710[S], DORCAS³ GETCHELL (*Sam.,*² *Sam.*¹), of S.; res. Nb.
111 x EDWARD,² b. ——; m. Nov. 19, 1718, JEMIMA DAVIS (*Stephen?*); res. Bk.

**93** THOMAS² AYRES (90 *John*¹), of Ipswich, Newbury, and Portsmouth; m. March 21, 1677-8[Ip], Hannah Errington. He was of Ip. 1682, Portsm. 1717. Children:

112 i THOMAS,³ b. Jan. 23, 1678-9[Ip]; res. Ip; liv. 1714.
113 ii HANNAH,³ b. Aug. 2, 1680[Ip].
114 iii REBECCA,³ b. May 27, 1683[Ip].
115 iv A DAUGHTER,³ b. June, 1686[Ip].
116 v ABRAHAM,³ b. June 18, 1688[Nb]; res. Ip; liv. 1714.
117 vi SAMUEL,³ b. Aug. 29, 1690[Nb].
118 vii MEHITABLE,³ b. April 5, 1693[C Nb].

**119** SAMUEL¹ AYRES, of Ipswich, b. ab. 1623; commoner in Ip. 1678; d. Feb. 17, 1696-7. Will Feb. 13, March 29, 1697; wife ment., no name. He was a tenant of Mr. John Norton ab. 1656, as testified in 1698. [Ip. deeds.] Children:

120 i SUSAN,² b. ——; m. Nov. 21, 1677[Ip], Thomas Wait. She d. in Ip. May 28, 1682[Ip]. Sam.¹ ment. grandchild Susanna Wait in will, 1697.
121 ii SAMUEL,² b. Sept. 14, 1658[Ip]; prob. pub. June 23, 1721, to wid. Mary Fuller; res. Ip.; d. Oct. 21, 1743.*
122 iii JOHN,² b. May, 1661[Ip]; "cordwinder" of Ip.; d. unm. Nov. 25, 1690, "in the Canada voyage." Bro. Joseph Ayre ment. inv. est.
123 iv JOSEPH,² b. Oct. 29, 1664[Ip]; m. Margery ——; "taylor," res. Ip.; d. March 4, 1730*, leaving chil. b. 1694-1705.
124 v MARY,² b. June 22, 1667[Ip]; liv. 1738, prob. unm.*

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* Will of Sam.,² "advanced in years," March 21, 1738; Oct. 30, 1742. Mentions wife Mary; sister Mary Ayers; Joseph, eldest child of bro. Joseph, late

### *Unclassified Records.*

1 Joanna, dau. of Abigail Abbey, bp. Jan. 5, 1706-7[S].
2 Wid. Martha Eyre, Boston, 1678. (Court files).
3 Mary Eires m. Ephraim Davis, March 18, 1687-8[And].
4 John Ayer m. Ruth Browne, Oct. 21, 1698[Nb]; child Edith b. April 8, 1702[C Nb].
5 Hannah Ayer m. John Shepherd, Feb. 15, 1704-5[Hv].
6 Ruth Ayer m. James "Costine," Nov. 3, 1706[Hv].
7 Thomas Ayers of Hv. m. Ruth Watson of S., Nov. 14, 1716[S].
8 Mary Ayer of Hv. m. Rev. Isaac Morrill, pub. June 27, 1711[S].
9 Adm. est. wid. Eliz. Ayres of Hv., May 22, 1710.
10 Robert Kimball of Bd. ap. adm. est. of his son-in-law Samuel Ayer of Hv., May 1, 1728. Sam. Ayer of Hv. ap. guard. of Sam. Ayer, 2 years old, son of Sam. Ayer of Hv., decd., March 5, 1728-9.
11 Adm. est. John Ayers of Nb., 1744.
12 Will of John Ayer of Hv., March 6, 1744; Jan., 1745. Wife Mary, chil. Timothy and Abigail.

**1** ORLANDO BAGLEY [of Amesbury?];* m. March 6, 1653-4[S Sm], SARAH² COLBY (*Anthony*¹). Both were living in 1662, [div. est. Anthony Colby]; but they may have died soon after. He was apparently not living in Amesbury in 1677 and 1680; and both were dead in 1709.† Children:

2 i ORLANDO, b. ——; m. Dec. 22, 1681[A Sm], SARAH² SARGENT. +
3 ii SARAH, b. ——; m. April 5, 1681[S], JOHN MACK. +

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of Ip., decd.; no chil. of his own. Whitmore, in "Ayres Family," states that he had Sam., b. 1732-3, and three other children, all d. young. The age of Sam. renders the statement somewhat improbable.

NOTE. The Ayer and Ayres families were published by W. H. Whitmore in Hist. Gen. Reg., 1868 and '69; also in a separate volume of the "Ayres Family," especially that of Capt. John of Ipswich and Brookfield. His spelling of the surname is here followed, to distinguish the families.

* We have found it difficult to obtain proof that (1) Orlando Bagley lived in Amesbury at all. [See pp. 18, 19.] We have found no trace of his ancestry. There was a John Bagley in Salem who had children b. 1681-86; but we have no proof that he was related to Orlando. There was an Alice Baggerly member of Salem chh. 1677.

† Orlando and Sarah were the only children of Sarah (Colby) Bagley living in 1709 [div. est. Susanna (Colby) Whitridge.] We do not find either Sen. or Jun. used in connection with Orlando Bagley before (4) Orlando became of age. In 1712, (2) Orlando Sen. deeded land to his sons (4) Orlando Jun. and John. We have found no Bagley probate or deeds prior to 1700; Orlando without suffix in 1706, 1709, and 1720; Orlando Sen. in 1707; Orlando Jun. in 1711; in addition to the above.

43 iii Nathan,⁴ b. Feb. 1, 1699-1700[S]; m. Oct. 25, 1722, Rachel Brown (Wm. of Hm). He d. July 2?, 1762.*
44 iv Ezekiel,⁴ b. May 24, 1702;* m. May 13, 1725, Sarah Brown (Wm. of Hm.); d. soon after.*
45 v Lydia,⁴ b. ——; d. Aug. 16, or 23, 1708[S].

1 **Josiah¹ Cobham** [or **Cobbett**],† b. ab. 1614; recd. land in Salisbury in the "first division," in 1640 and '41. He m. **Mary Haffield** (*Richard*‡). His name is on the lists of 1650; taxed 1652; commissioner of S. in 1653, sold land to Edward Cottle that year, and sold right of commonage in 1657; rem. to Boston ab. 1657, and was a "clothier" or "webster" there, though called "planter" in 1653 and '57. Wife Mary liv. 1657. Children:

2 i Mary,² b. Aug. 25, 1640[S].
3 ii Josiah,² b. April 12, 1642[S]. Sv. gives Josiah, Jr., Boston, "clothier," 1666.
4 iii Martha,² b. July 3, 1643[S].
5 iv Moses,² b. Nov. 2, 1645[S].
6 v Sarah,² b. Nov. 25, 1646[S].
7 vi Joshua,² b. March 15, 1648[S].
8 vii Marah,² b. May 21, 1652[S].
9 viii Ruth,² b. Aug. 6, 1657, in Boston.

1 **Robert¹ Codman**, "seaman," Salem 1637, recd. land in Salisbury in 1641; rem. to Hartford, Ct., ab. 1650; to Saybrook in 1654; afterwards to Edgartown, where he d. 1678[Sv]. He ap. Samuel Hall of S. his attorney or agent in 1650. Children:

2 i Benjamin,² bp. Nov. 14, 1641, Salem; per. d. bef. 1678.
3 ii James,² b. April 15, 1644[S]; per. d. bef. 1678.
4 iii Joseph,² b. ——; dead in Dec., 1678.
5 iv Stephen,² b. ——; liv. in Roxbury, "mariner," in 1678; possibly of Charlestown ab. 1680, where chil. are rec. [See Sv.]

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* Gen. Reg., 1851, p. 78.

† Josiah Cobbett of Cambridge came in the "Elizabeth and Ann," 1635, aged 21; rem. to Hingham, 1637; Salis. 1640; freeman, Oct. 7, 1640 Sv.

‡ Richard Haffield (Hatfield or Haffell), of Ipswich, "currier," b. ab. 1581, was from Sudbury, Eng. He m. 1st, Judith ——; 2d, Martha ——, b. ab. 1593. He d. ab. 1639, leaving daus.: Mary, b. ab. 1618, m. Josiah Cobham; Sarah, b. ab. 1621, m. John Ilsley; by 1st wife; also *Martha*, b. ab. 1627; *Rachel*, b. ab. 1629; *Ruth*, b. ab. 1630; by 2d wife. His will, Feb. 17, 1638-9; Sep. 28, 1639, printed in G. R. 1848, p. 156. Martha Haffield was dead in 1668; James White adm. her est.

1 **Tristram¹ Coffin** [or **Coffyn**], Mr., son of Peter and Joanna, b. ab. 1605 or '9, in Brixham [or Brixton] parish, Plymouth, Devon, Eng.; m. Dionis Stevens. He came to this country in 1642, with his mother, who d. May, 1661, aged 77; his two sisters, Eunice* and Mary;* his wife and five children. C Nb. states that he first came to Salisbury, thence to Haverhill the same year, thence to Newbury ab. 1648, thence in 1654 or '5 to S. again, where he signed his name "Commissioner of S." He was taxed in S. in 1652 and '59. In 1659, a company formed in Salis. purchased Nantucket,† to which island he rem. in 1660, with his wife, mother, and four chil. He died Oct. 2, 1681. Children:

2 i Peter,² Hon., b. ab. 1630 or '31; m. Abigail Starbuck; res. Dover, N. H.; d. in Exeter, March 21, 1715. 9 chil. [G. R. 1854, p. 129, and 1870, p. 130.]
3 ii Tristram,² b. ab. 1632; m. March 2, 1652-3[Nb], Judith² Greenleaf (*Edmund*¹), [wid. of Henry Somerby]; res. Newbury. He d. Feb. 4, 1704. Wid. Judith d. Dec. 15, 1705. 10 chil.
4 iii Elizabeth,² b. ——; m. Nov. 13, 1651[Nb], Stephen² Greenleaf (*Edmund*¹). +
5 iv James,² b. Aug. 12, 1640, in Eng.; m. Dec. 3, 1663[S], Mary² Severance (*John*¹); rem. to Nantucket; d. July 28, 1720. 14 chil.
6 v John,² b. ——; d. Oct. 30, 1642, in Hv.
7 vi Deborah,² b. Nov. 15, 1642, in Hv.; d. Dec. 8, 1642.
8 vii Mary,² b. Feb. 20, 1645, in Hv.; m. Nathaniel Starbuck of Nant. [G. R. 1854, p. 129, and 1870, p. 130.]
9 viii John,² b. Oct. 15 or 30, 1647, in Hv.; m. Deborah Austin; res. Nant.; d. 1711, in Edgartown. 7 chil.
10 ix Stephen,² b. May 11, 1652[Nb]; m. Mary Bunker; res. Nant.; d. May 18, 1734. 10 chil.

1 **Anthony¹ Colby** [or **Colebie**], of Salisbury and Amesbury, "planter," recd. land in the "first division," in 1640 and '43; was one of the first commoners of A., where he recd. land in 1654‡ and '58, and his wid., in his right, in '62 and '64. Sv. says

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* Eunice m. Wm. Butler; Mary m. Alexander Adams of Boston.

† In the summer of 1659, Tristram Coffin and others are said to have visited the island of Nantucket, with Peter Folger of Martha's Vineyard as an interpreter between them and the Indians. Peter Folger, in 1644, mar. Mary Morrill, who is said to have been an inmate of the family of Hugh Peters. Folger became a Baptist and removed to Nantucket. [G. R. 1886, p. 269.] [See Macy.]

‡ In 1654, Thomas Macy sold to Anthony Colby the house west of the Powow river, where wid. Susanna, the mother of John Colby, was living in 1661.

he was in Boston in 1630, a church member, prob. came with Winthrop; may have been at Cambridge in 1632; freeman's oath May 14, 1634; at Ipswich in 1637; sometimes printed "Arthur." He d. Feb. 11, 1660-1[S]; inv. and div. est. 1662 and '3. His wid. Susanna m. William Whitridge [or Whitred] in 1663 or '4; was again a wid. in 1669; d. July 8, 1669, "or thereabout."* Children:

2 i John,$^2$ bp. Sep. 8, 1633, at Boston, the same day as Seaborn Cotton; m. Jan. 14, 1655-6, Frances$^2$ Hoyt. +
3 ii Sarah,$^2$ b. ——; m. March 6, 1653-4[S Sm], (1) Orlando Bagley. +
4 iii [A child,$^2$ b. ——; d. young(?)].
5 iv Samuel,$^2$ b. ab. 1638; m. bef. 1668, Elizabeth$^2$ Sargent. +
6 v Isaac,$^2$ b. July 6, 1640[S]; m. Martha Jewett. +
7 vi Rebecca,$^2$ b. March 11, 1643[S]; m. Sep. 9, 1661[Hv], John$^2$ Williams (John$^1$); she d. bef. 1675. +
8 vii Mary,$^2$ b. Sep. 19, 1647[S]; m. Sep. 22, 1668[A Sm], William$^2$ Sargent (Wm.$^1$). +
9 viii Thomas,$^2$ b. March 8, 1650-1[S]; m. Sep. 16, 1674, Hannah$^2$ Rowell. +

2 John$^2$ Colby (*Anthony*$^1$), of Amesbury, "planter," b. ab. 1633; m. Jan. 14, 1655-6[S Sm], Frances$^2$ Hoyt (*John*$^1$). He was an original commoner of A. in 1654, and recd. land there in '58, '59, '62, '66, and '68.‡ He d. Feb. 11, 1673-4; will Jan. 22, April 24, 1674. Wid. Frances m. Dec. 27, 1676[A Nk S], (2) John$^2$ Barnard. Children:

10 i John,$^3$ b. Nov. 19, 1656[S]; m. 1st, Dec. 27, 1675, Sarah Eldridge; 2d, [Sarah$^3$ Osgood; 3d?] Feb. 8, 1714-5, wid. Ruth Ring. +
11 ii Sarah,$^3$ b. July 17, 1658[S]; m. ab. 1680, (8) Ebenezer$^2$ Blaisdell. +
12 iii Elizabeth,$^3$ b. ——; m. ab. 1680, Ephraim$^2$ Weed (*John*$^1$); liv. 1720. +

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* Her eldest living son, Sam. Colby, was adm. est. In the record of settlement, 1677 and 1700, is a list, nearly complete, of her children and grandchildren. She gave "her son, Thomas Whitridge," some property in her lifetime (prob. step-son).

† Sv. Says there were 4 chil. older than Isaac; but there were only 3 chil. in 1663.

‡ (2) John$^2$ Colby entered a suit against the town of Salisbury, in the Nk. Co. Court, claiming that he was possessor of the estate of Mr. Samuel Groom in S., purchased by his father, Anthony Colby, decd.; and that he (John$^2$) was entitled to a townsman's rights on account of Groom. As John$^2$ had been admitted a townsman 8 or 10 years before, the case was decided in favor of the town, Oct., 1668.

13 iv Frances,$^3$ b. Dec. 10, 1662[S]; m. Joseph$^2$ Prichett (*Wm.*$^1$); liv. 1720. +
14 v Anthony,$^3$ b. May 15, 1665[S]; not in will, 1674.
15 vi Susanna,$^3$ b. May 15, 1665[S], twin; not in will, 1674.
16 vii Thomas,$^3$ b. ab. 1667; m. Nov. 21, 1688, Mary$^4$ Rowell. +
17 viii Mary,$^3$ b. ——; m. bef. Sep. 8, 1698, (11) Thomas$^2$ Challis. [See Griffin.] +
18 ix Hannah,$^3$ b. bef. 1673; m. June 8, 1698[A Sm], William$^3$ Osgood (*John,*$^2$ *Wm.*$^1$); liv. 1720. +

5 Samuel$^2$ Colby (*Anthony*$^1$), of Amesbury and Haverhill, "planter" and "innholder," b. ab. 1636; m. bef. 1668, Elizabeth$^2$ Sargent (*Wm.*$^1$). He recd. land in A. in 1659 and '62; townsman of A. in 1660; liv. in Hv. in 1668, '72, '74, and prob. in '67; in A. in 1676; oath al. and fid. in A., Dec. 1677; rep. from A. in 1689. He was a soldier in King Philip's War; was in the "Falls Fight" under Capt. Turner, March 18, 1676. Sen. after 1682. Will March 6, July 2, 1716. Wid. Eliz. d. in A. Feb. 5, 1736-7. Children:

19 i Dorothy,$^3$ b. ab. 1668; m. Jan. 13, 1687-8[A], William$^3$ Hoyt (*John,*$^2$ *John*$^1$). +
20 ii Elizabeth,$^3$ b. June 1, 1670[Hv]; not in will, 1716.
21 iii Samuel,$^3$ b. March 2, 1671[A], "1st son;" m. Dorothy ——. +
22 iv A daughter,$^3$ b. April 8, 1673, in Hv.; not in will, 1716.
23 v Philip,$^3$ b. ——; pub. May 1, 1703, to Anne$^4$ Webster. +

6 Isaac$^2$ Colby (*Anthony*$^1$), of Haverhill and Rowley, b. 1640; m. Martha Jewett [sister of Dea. Ezekiel Jewett]. He was called a "planter" of Salis. in 1663; meeting house seat in A., 1667; of A. 1668. He d. 1684; will March 29, April 15, 1684; est. div. in 1725. Wid. Martha d. in Ames., July 13, 1730[A]. Children:

24 i Anthony,$^3$ b. Jan. 24, 1669-70[Sv]; m. 1st, Oct. 23, 1701, Mary$^3$ Currier; 2d, Dec. 4, 1721, Elizabeth West. +
25 ii Elizabeth,$^3$ b. Oct. 30, 1671, in Hv.; m. April 11, 1692[Hv], Henry$^3$ Dow (*Thomas,*$^2$ *Thomas*$^1$?); liv. 1720. +
26 iii Martha,$^3$ b. Feb. 7, 1672-3[Hv Nk S]; prob. d. young.
27 iv Sarah,$^3$ b. Jan. 28, 1674-5, in Hv.; m. Samuel Silver; dism. from Rw. to A. chh. in 1714; liv. 1725.
28 v Rebecca,$^3$ b. bef. 1684; m. Jan. 8, 1706-7[A], Jeremiah$^3$ Fowler (*Thomas,*$^2$ *Philip*$^1$); dism. from Rw. to A. chh. in 1714; liv. 1725.

1 MORRIS$^1$ SOMES [SOAMES or SOOMS], of Gloucester, b. ab. 1614; m. 1st, Margery ——, who d. Jan. 22, 1646-7; 2d, June 26, 1647, Elizabeth Kendall (John) of Cambridge. He d. Jan. 16, 1689; adm. est. 1690, '92. Children:

2 i MARY,$^2$ b. March 1, 1641-2; m. Oct. 17, 1660, John Hammond.
3 ii SARAH,$^2$ b. June 15, 1643; m. June 15, 1665, Henry Witham. Their son. Thomas Witham of Gl., was adm. est. Morris$^1$ Somes in 1720.
4 iii TIMOTHY,$^2$ b. ab. 1645 [by 1st wife]; m. 1st, April 2, 1672, JANE STANWOOD; 2d, March 11, 1696-7, Hannah Deepar; adm. father's est. 1692. +
5 iv JOHN,$^2$ b. April 28, 1648 [by 2d wife]; m. Hannah Shattuck of Sm.; "cooper;" res. Boston; a Quaker and twice whipped; d. Nov. 16, 1700.
6 v LYDIA,$^2$ b. Oct. 3, 1649.
7 vi NATHANIEL,$^2$ b. ab. 1651; 1st adm. father's est., but d. July 12, 1690; prob. unm.
8 vii PATIENCE,$^2$ b. ab. 1652.
9 viii JOSEPH,$^2$ b. ab. 1654; killed at Narragansett Fort, Dec., 1675.
10 ix ABIGAIL,$^2$ b. ab. 1655.
11 x HANNAH,$^2$ b. Sep. 3, 1658.

4 TIMOTHY$^2$ SOMES (*Morris*$^1$), of Gloucester, b. ab. 1645; m. 1st, April 2, 1672, JANE$^2$ STANWOOD (*Philip*$^1$), who d. Oct. 30, 1696; 2d, March 11, 1696-7, Hannah Deepar. Will Jan. 29, March 4, 1705-6; wife Han. ment., and "dau.-in-law Sarah Deepar." Children:

12 i TIMOTHY,$^3$ b. July 27, 1673[Gl]; m. Dec. 31, 1695, Elizabeth Robinson; liv. 1705; 6 sons.
13 ii JANE,$^3$ b. Dec. 1, 1674[Gl]; liv. 1705.
14 iii KALLES$^3$ [ALICE?], b. March 11, 1677[Gl]; liv. 1705.
15 iv JOSEPH,$^3$ b. Aug. 27, 1679[Gl]; [d. bef. 1705?]; bro. Nathaniel adm. est. 1719.
16 v WILLIAM,$^3$ b. Jan. 24 1681-2[Gl]; m. July 13, 1704, HANNAH$^3$ SARGENT. +
17 vi RUTH,$^3$ b. April 22, 1684[Gl]; liv. 1705.
18 vii ICHABOD,$^3$ b. April 3, 1687[Gl]; m. Abigail ——; liv. 1705.
19 viii HANNAH,$^3$ b. ——; liv. 1705.
20 ix MORRIS,$^3$ b. ab. 1692; lost at sea, 1716.
21 x NATHANIEL,$^3$ b. April 2, 1695[Gl]; m. 1722, Susanna Whittredge.
22 xi MERCY,$^3$ b. Oct. 29, 1696[Gl]; d. Nov. 17, 1696.
23 xii PATIENCE,$^3$ b. Oct. 30, 1696[Gl], [twin] [by 1st wife]; d. Jan. 11, 1697.
24 xiii PATIENCE,$^3$ b. Nov. 25, 1697[Gl] [by 2d wife]; liv. 1705.
25 xiv SAMUEL,$^3$ b. Sep. 15, 1699[Gl]; d. Dec. 9, 1699.
26 xv EBENEZER,$^3$ b. Nov. 25, 1700[Gl]; liv. 1705. Adm. est. of an Ebenezer, 1742.
27 xvi MARY,$^3$ b. April 22, 1702[Gl]; liv. 1705.
28 xvii ABIAL,$^3$ b. June 29, 1706[Gl], [posthumous].

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16 WILLIAM$^3$ SOMES (*Timothy,*$^2$ *Morris*$^1$), of Gloucester and Amesbury, b. 1682; m. July 13, 1704[A], (18) HANNAH$^3$ SARGENT. He d. Aug. 22, 1707[A]; adm. est. Oct. 6, 1707. Wid. Han. m. —— Smith, bef. 1717; liv. 1724. Child:

29 i HANNAH,$^4$ b. April 2, 1706[A]; "only child" in 1724.

1 PHILIP STANWOOD [or STAINWOOD], of Gloucester, m. Jane ——. He was of Gl. as early as 1653; d. Aug. 7, 1672. Wid. Jane m. Sep. 12, 1673, John Pearce; d. Aug. 18, 1706. Children:

2 i PHILIP, b. ——; m. 1st, Nov. 22, 1677, Mary Blackwell; 2d, Oct. 30, 1683, Esther Bray; res. Gl.*
3 ii JOHN, b. Feb., 1652-3; m. Dec. 9, 1680, Lydia Butler [or Cutler]; res. Gl.; adm. est. 1706.*
4 iii JANE, b. April 14, 1655; m. April 2, 1672, (4) TIMOTHY$^2$ SOMES. +
5 iv SAMUEL, b. Jan. 5, 1658; m. Nov. 16, 1686, HANNAH$^2$ PRESSEY.* +
6 v JONATHAN, b. March 29, 1661; m. Dec. 17, 1688, Mary Nichols; res. Gl.
7 vi NAOMI, b. April 23, 1664; m. Oct. 26, 1683, William Sargent, Jr.
8 vii RUTH, b. March 16, 1667; m. 1686, John Hammons.
9 viii HANNAH, b. Sep. 18, 1670.

5 SAMUEL STANWOOD (*Philip*), of Gloucester and Amesbury, b. 1658; m. Nov. 16, 1686[A], (4) HANNAH$^2$ PRESSEY; rem. from Gl. to A. in 1695; adm. est. gr. to wid. Han. in 1726, to son Joseph in 1737. Children:

10 i HANNAH, b. Sep. 20, 1687, in Gl.; m. Jan. 21, 1712-3[A], (3) JACOB BAGLEY.
11 ii SAMUEL, b. April 30, 1689.
12 iii WILLIAM, b. Dec. 2, 1690.
13 iv A CHILD, b. March 19, 1693.
14 v EBENEZER, b. July 22, 1695, in Gl.; m. Jane ——.
15 vi MARY, b. May 18, 1698[A].
16 vii JANE, b. May 18, 1698[A], [twin]; d. June 5, 1698[A].
17 viii JOHN, b. Aug. 22, 1700[A].
18 ix JUDITH, b. Dec. 11, 1702[A]; m. —— Brown.
19 x ANNE, b. Dec. 29, 1704[A].
20 xi PHILIP, b. July 15, 1707[A].
21 xii RACHEL, b. May 22, 1711[A]; m. —— Anderson.
22 xiii JOSEPH, b. after 1711; liv. 1737.

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* Philip, John, and Samuel had grants of land for serving in Indian wars, bef. 1679. They served in King Philip's war, Aug., 1676.

Some of the records of this family have been furnished by Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, of Brookline, Mass., who is preparing a genealogy of the Stanwoods.

10 ix REBECCA,² b. ——; m. 1st, Dec. 4, 1660, Samuel Maverick, Jr. (Samuel Sen., royal commissioner), who d. March 10, 1664, in Boston; 2d, March 12, 1671-2[S], (3) WILLIAM² BRADBURY. Dau. Mary Maverick ment. in will, 1679. +

11 x HANNAH,² b. ——; m. [John] Anthony Checkley of Boston; ment. in Hutch. will, 1667. He d. 1708, aged 72.

12 xi SARAH,² b. ——; same Wheelwright in 1667; m. 1671, Richard Crispe.

13 xii THOMAS,² b. ——; of Wells, 1650; res. Kittery, Me.; not ment. in either will.

DOMINGOE WHITE, of Amesbury, 1680. [P. 22.]

1 WILLIAM¹ WHITRIDGE [or WHITRED], of Ipswich, "carpenter," b. ab. 1590; m. 1st, Elizabeth ——, who was b. ab. 1605; 2d, Frances ——, who d. April 26, 1658[Ip]; 3d, 1663 or '4, Susanna —— [wid. of (1) ANTHONY¹ COLBY]. [See pp. 18, 104.] He came in the "Elizabeth," 1635, with wife Eliz. and son Thomas; was in Ip. as early as 1637; d. Dec. 9 [probate Sm.] or 11[Ip], 1668; inv. est. Dec. 16, 1668. His son Thomas² was adm. in 1669, grandson Thomas³ adm. in 1696. Children:

2 i THOMAS,² b. ab. 1625; res. Ip.; m. Florence Morgan* [sister of Robert Morgan], who d. in 1672;† res. Ip. His verbal will, 1673, ment. sons Thomas,³ Richard,³ and William,³ one of them b. ab. 1665.

3 ii SAMUEL,² b. ——; ment. in 1673. He was prob. the Sam., a soldier from Essex Co., in Lothrop's Co., killed at Bloody Brook, Sep. 18, 1675.

4 iii WILLIAM,² b. March 31, 1658[Ip].‡ Adm. est. of a Wm. of Ip. March 11, 1685.

1 JOHN§ WHITTIER, prob. of Newbury, d. at sea, Feb. 20, 1678-9; testimony about verbal will rec. at Sm. in 1679, no relatives ment., John Kelly to have his estate, Abiel Kelly a horse. Felt gives John Whityear of Ip. 1635.

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* The name "Florence" is given on the authority of Sv. The "second wife" Charity and dau. Rebecca, b. May 27, 1667, given by Sv., must be wife and dau. of Thomas.³ Joseph Morgan and Philip Fowler were sureties on bond adm. with Thomas² in 1669. John . . . . [illegible] was son-in-law of either Thomas² or Samuel.² Richard Norman was per. called "bro." by Thomas.³

† See account of her remarkable death in Diary of Rev. Wm. Adams, 4 Mass. Hist. Coll. I, 17.

‡ Possibly Wm.,³ son of Thomas,² but given son of Wm., Ip. rec.

§ C Nh is incorrect in giving Thomas d. 1679 and John d. 1699. The two are doubtless one person, John, as above.

NOTE.—Will of ABRAHAM WHITTIER of Manchester, 1674; sons Edward, decd.; John, under 21.

Inv. est. JOHN WHITTIER, d. Dec. 20, 1681, per. son of Abraham [Sv]; no

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1 JOHN¹ WHEELWRIGHT, Rev., Mr., b. ab. 1592-'4, in Lincolnshire, Eng.; m. 1st, Nov. 8, 1621, Marie Storre [Story] (Rev. Thomas), of Bilsby, who d. in Eng.; 2d, Mary Hutchinson (Edward of Alford, Eng.) [sister of Wm. and Samuel* Hutchinson of Boston, Mass., the former afterwards of R. I.]. He grad. Cambridge University, 1614, where he was acquainted with Oliver Cromwell; was vicar of Bilsby, Eng., 1623-'31; came to Boston, Mass., in 1636; preached at Mt. Wollaston [Braintree]; but sympathy with the views of his relative, Anne (Marbury) Hutchinson [wife of Wm. Hutchinson], led to his banishment from Mass. He founded Exeter in 1638, but in 1642 it was declared within the limits of Mass., and he rem. with part of his chh. to Wells, Me., of which he was one of the original proprietors. After a reconciliation with the government, he returned to Mass. in 1646; was the third minister of the Hampton chh., ab. 1647-'58; went to Eng. but returned in 1660, and became the second minister of the Salisbury chh., Dec 9, 1662; d. in S., Nov. 15, 1679[S]; will May 25, 1679† [G. R. 1861, p. 271]. [See also "Wentworth Genealogy;" G. R. 1847, pp. 151, 299, 325; 1867, p. 263.] Children:

2 i JOHN,² b. ——; did not come to America. [See Sv. and "Wentworth Genealogy."]

3 ii SUSANNA,² b. ——; m. Edward Rishworth, Jr. (Edward); dau. Mary White ment. in will, 1679.

4 iii SAMUEL,² b. ab. 1623[?]; "eldest son" of 2d wife; m. Esther Houchin; res. Wells, Me.; ment. in will, 1679; d. 1700; son John³ liv. 1680.

5 iv WILLIAM,² b. ——; bur. May 19, 1627.

6 v CATHERINE,² b. ——; bp. Nov. 4, 1630; m. 1st, Robert Nanny, of Boston, who d. in 1663, leaving chil.; 2d, Edward Naylor;‡ liv. 1694.

7 vi MARY,² b. ——; bp. May 19, 1632; bur. July 28, 1632, in Bilsby, Eng.

8 vii ELIZABETH,² b. ——; bp. June 9, 1633; m. George Parsons [Person or Pearson]; ment. in Hutch. will, 1667; liv. 1707.

9 viii MARY,² b. ——; bp. June 25, 1637, in Boston; m. 1st, Dec. 4, 1660, Edward Lyde [or Loyd]; 2d, Oct. 2, 1667, Rev. Theodore Atkinson; son Edward Lyde ment. in will, 1679.

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* Samuel Hutchinson's will, of Boston, April, July 16, 1667, ment. Samuel Wheelwright, eldest son of his sister Wheelwright; also her six daus.: Elizabeth Person, Katharine Naylor, Mary Loyd, Rebecca Maverick, Hannah Checkley, and Sarah Wheelwright. He also ment. Edward Rushworth, eldest son of his sister Rushworth, and others. [His sister Esther m. in 1618, Rev. Thomas Rishworth. G. R. 1865, pp. 13-20; 1866, pp. 356-67.]

† The will ment. only one son, one son-in-law, and 6 grandchil.

‡ In the Mass. Archives, Boston, Sep., 1673, is a petition of Rev. John Wheelwright respecting divorce of his dau. Nanny from Edward Naylor.

### *Clough Family.* [Pages 99–102, 380.]

1 JOHN$^{1}$ CLOUGH prob. m. 2d, *Wid.* Martha Cilley. [See pp. 130, 567.]

2 ELIZABETH$^{2}$ CLOUGH prob. m. (1) WILLIAM BORNE.

14 JOSEPH$^{3}$ CLOUGH of Kingston, as early as 1711, "cordwainer"; inv. est. Nov. 23, 1732; div. est. Jan., 1735–6 [Concord]. Chil.: *Ezra*,$^{4}$ b. ab. 1710, bp. Oct. 21, 1711[1S]; *Mercy*,$^{4}$ bp. Oct. 21, 1711[1S]; *Joseph*,$^{4}$ b. bef. 1718; *Mary*,$^{4}$ b. bef. 1718; *Obadiah*,$^{4}$ b. ab. 1723; *Tabitha*$^{4}$; *Elizabeth*$^{4}$; *Lace*$^{4}$; *Reuben*.$^{4}$

38 DAVID$^{3}$ CLOUGH. Chil. rec. at A.: *Elizabeth*,$^{4}$ b. Nov. 13, 1719; *Merriam*,$^{4}$ b. Feb. 14, 1721; *Mary*,$^{4}$ b. June 11, 1724; *David*,$^{4}$ b. May 22, 1726; *Sarah*,$^{4}$ b. May 1, 1729; *Rachel*,$^{4}$ b. Oct. 13, 1731; *John*,$^{4}$ b. Oct. 21, 1732 [by 1st wife]; *Elijah*,$^{4}$ b. April 28, 1744 [by 2d wife]; *Mehitable*,$^{4}$ b. June 13, 1745.

**11** JOHN$^{3}$ CLOUGH (*John*,$^{2}$ *John*$^{1}$), of Salisbury, b. 1678; m. March 5, 1700–1[S], (12) ELIZABETH LONG; both owned covenant 1S. chh., Sept. 23, 1705; adm. 2S. chh., Sept. 6, 1719. Chil.:

46 I ANN,$^{4}$ b. Dec. 25, 1701[S]; bp. Sept. 23, 1705[1S].
47 II TABITHA,$^{4}$ b. Feb. 27, 1702–3[S]; d. Sept. 4, 1703[S].
48 III SUSANNA,$^{4}$ b. Dec. 19, 1704[S]; bp. Sept. 23, 1705[1S]. A Susanna m. Jan. 7, 1724–5[2S], Isaac Griffin.
49 IV LYDIA,$^{4}$ b. Nov. 6, 1706[S]; bp. [Nov.?] 1706[1S]; d. April 8, 1712.
50 V SARAH,$^{4}$ b. Nov. 6, 1706[S] [twin]; bp. [Nov.?] 1706[1S]. A Sarah m. Jan. 3, 1726–7[2S], EPHRAIM$^{4}$ HOYT (27 *Eph.*$^{3}$).
51 VI JOHN,$^{4}$ b. July 5, 1708[S]; bp. Aug., 1708[1S].
52 VII ELIZABETH,$^{4}$ b. July 6, 1710[S]; bp. Aug., 1710[1S].
53 VIII ELINOR,$^{4}$ b. Oct. 23, 1712[S]; bp. April 12, 1713[1S].
54 IX RICHARD,$^{4}$ b. Nov. 13, 1714[S]; bp. Jan. 9, 1714–5[1S].
55 X ELISHA,$^{4}$ b. May 14, 1717[S]; bp. June 8, 1718[1S].

**21** SAMUEL$^{3}$ CLOUGH, Serg., (*Thomas*,$^{2}$ *John*$^{1}$), of Salisbury, b. 1680; m. Sarah ——; d. Aug., 1728. Wid. Sarah m. 2d, March 25, 1730[2S], (21) EZEKIEL$^{3}$ MORRILL; 3d, Jan. 10, 1734[2S], Capt. Joseph Taylor, of Hm. She was liv. 1755. Chil.:

56 I THEOPHILUS,$^{4}$ b. Nov. 28, 1703[S]; "eldest son"; bp. Oct. 19, 1718[1S]; liv. 1755, in Kg. A Theoph. m. Jan. 4, 1727–8[2S], Sarah French.
57 II ELIPHALET,$^{4}$ b. Oct. 25, 1705[S]; d. Dec. 26, 1706[S].
58 III ANNA,$^{4}$ b. July 15, 1708[S]; bp. Oct. 19, 1718[1S]; m. (41) ABRAHAM$^{4}$ MORRILL, pub. Nov. 24, 1727[S]. +
59 IV ABIGAIL,$^{4}$ b. Nov. 22, 1711[S]; bp. Oct. 19, 1718[1S]; m. Nov. 25, 1729[2S], (65) BENJAMIN$^{4}$ MORRILL. +

60 V SAMUEL,$^{4}$ b. April 15, 1714[S]; bp. Oct. 19, 1718[1S]; liv. 1755, in S.*
61 VI DANIEL,$^{4}$ b. June 6, 1716[S]; d. Feb. 4, 1717–8[S].
62 VII DANIEL,$^{4}$ b. July 19, 1718[S]; bp. Oct. 19, 1718[1S]; liv. 1753, in S.
63 VIII SARAH,$^{4}$ b. Sept. 28, 1720[S]; m. Daniel Marston; liv. 1736–'44, in Hm.
64 IX MEHITABLE,$^{4}$ b. Dec. 23, 1723; prob. bp. Jan. 12, 1723–4[2S]; d. unm. 1728–'30.
65 X MIRIAM,$^{4}$ b. March 17, 1725–6[S]; prob. bp. March 20, 1725–6[2S]; liv. 1728.

**25** SAMUEL$^{3}$ CLOUGH (*Samuel*,$^{2}$ *John*$^{1}$), of Amesbury, b. 1687; m. Dec. 12, 1706[A], (27) MARY$^{4}$ BLAISDELL. He may not have "rem. to Salem," as stated on p. 101. He and (36) Ebenezer,$^{3}$ "blacksmith," both of A., sold land in 1711. Chil.:

66 I PETER,$^{4}$ b. Oct. 25, 1707[A]; m. July 24, 1735, (37) SARAH HUNT.
67 II ANNE,$^{4}$ b. March 23, 1708–9[A].
68 III MARY,$^{4}$ b. Oct. 12, 1710[A].
69 IV SAMUEL,$^{4}$ b. Feb. 8, 1714–5[A].
70 V MARCY,$^{4}$ b. April 15, 1717[A].
71 VI JOHN,$^{4}$ b. March 16, 1721.
72 VII THOMAS,$^{4}$ b. March 12, 1724[A].
73 VIII JONATHAN,$^{4}$ b. Jan. 26, 1726[A].
74 IX ELIZABETH,$^{4}$ b. June 26, 1728[A].
75 X JEMIMA,$^{4}$ b. April 16, 1730[A]; m. Aug. 23, 1751, John Currier.
76 XI EBENEZER$^{4}$ [son], b. Feb. 20, 1733[A].

Page 102. Note. RICHARD$^{1}$ HATFIELD was of Ip. 1635–'9. Wid. Hatfield was a commoner of Ip. in 1641; will dated June 11, 1662; inv. est. March 31, 1663. *Thomas* (not James) White was adm. or exec. of her est. In addition to mar. given on p. 102, *Martha*$^{2}$ m. RICHARD COY [p. 116], bef. April 8, 1653; *Rachel*$^{2}$ m. Lawrence Clinton; *Ruth*$^{2}$ m. Thomas$^{2}$ White (John$^{1}$) of Wenham. ["White Gen.," p. 15.] As Rachel and Ruth chose their bro., Richard Coy, to be their guard., April 8, 1652, both may have been b. after 1631, but bef. 1639.

Page 103. For a full account of the earlier Coffin generations, and of some later members of the family, see "The Coffin Family," by Allen Coffin, Nantucket, 1881, 64 pp. See also Coffin's Newbury, Scales' Guide's Dover, and Bell's Exeter.

### *Colby Family* (continued from pp. 103–10, 380).

1 ANTHONY$^{1}$ COLBY was in Cambridge in 1635, where he owned two houses. His wid. m. Wm. Whitridge in 1663. ←

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* The S. rec. give Samuel, son of Samuel and Sarah, d. June 11, 1736. Did (60) Samuel$^{4}$ have a wife Sarah and a son Samuel,$^{5}$ who d. then?

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*Association Test, New Hampshire, 1776.* [See p. 842.]

Signed by

Ahiel Welles, Lebanon
(184) Benjamin$^3$ Wells, Sandown
Edward Wells, Sandwich
Ezekiel Wells, Canaan
(186?) Jacob$^5$ Wells, Sandown
John Wells, Nottingham
Joshua Wells, Canaan
(50) Obadiah$^x$ Wels, Hampstead
Philip Wells, Dunbarton
Samuel Wells, Rye
(185) Sargent$^5$ Wells, Sandown
Stephen Wells? Loudon
Thos Wells, Keen
Thos Welles, Lebanon
(96) Thomas$^3$ Wells, Sandown

No Wells refused to sign

*Wheeler Family.* [Pages 353–5, 385, 390, 395.]

8 ELIZABETH$^2$ WHEELER m. Matthias Button [Sr].

12a THOMAS$^3$ WHEELER (1 John$^1$), liv. 1698.

14 JOHN$^3$ WHEELER. A John chosen constable at Dover, April 22, 1706. A John and wife killed by Indians, April 27, 1706, prob. of Oyster River [Pike's Journal].

43 JEREMIAH$^4$ WHEELER m. Aug. 10, 1721, (27) PATIENCE$^4$ GERRLEY.

*Wheelwright Family.* [Pages 356–7, 607–8.]

3 SUSANNA$^2$ WHEELWRIGHT. "Edward Rishworth Jr. (Edward)" prob. should be Edward Rishworth (Thomas). He was prob. son of Rev. Thomas and Hester (Hutchinson) Rishworth, of Laceby, Lincoln Co., Eng., b. ab. 1617. The use of "Jr." prob. arose from the language of Sr.

Their dau. Mary Rishworth m. 1st, bef. May, 1769, —— White; 2d, ab. 1680, John Sayward; 3d, ab. 1690, Phineas Hull; 4th, about 1691, Capt. James Plaisted.

*Whitridge and Whittier Families.* [Pages 357–60.]

1 WILLIAM$^1$ WHITRIDGE. Erase "or 4," 3d line.

Note, p. 358. Erase "1697, or." "Whittier" should be Whittiker. Abraham Whittiker Jr., of Hv., m. April, 1682, Hannah Bean, of Exeter; chil. b. 1683–'90. Wife Hannah was killed July 18, 1692[Hv]. If Abraham, b. 1683, was captured at the same time, then either Aug., '91, or July, '92, must be incorrect, or she was killed nearly a year after being captured.

15 JOHN$^4$ WHITTIER m. Elizabeth Mitchell; dau. Mary$^4$ m. 1748, (416) MOSES$^4$ DAVIS.

14 WILLIAM$^4$ WHITTIER. Wife Rachel had chil. by him, one posthumous. She was Rachel Asten in 1748.

16 ABNER$^5$ WHITTIER, div. est., 1737; chil.: Joshua$^4$ Samuel,$^4$ Moses,$^4$ Abner,$^4$ Elizabeth,$^4$ Mary,$^4$ Nathaniel.$^4$

8 NATHANIEL$^2$ WHITTIER. In Dec., 1721, Mary, wife of Nathl. "Witcher," of S., was dau. of Capt. Anthony Bracket and Anne his wife, and granddau. of "Michel" and Elizabeth Mitten, formerly of Casco Bay, decd. [See p. 298.]

*Williams and Winsley Families.* [Pages 360–4.]

19 HENRY WILLIAMS. See different chh. date, p. 501.

23 THOMAS WILLIAMS d. bef. Dec., 1788; wid. Dorothy liv. 1787. Chil.: Henry, b. April 21, 1762; Sarah, b. Aug. 25, 1762; Deborah, b. March 22, 1766; Dolly, b. Aug. 7, 1765; Hannah, b. Feb. 29, 1768; David, b. June 27, 1771; Thomas, b. Feb. 15, 1773; Isaac, b. Feb. 9, 1775; Moses, b. ab. 1777; John, b. ab. 1780; mother ap. guard. of the last 6, 1787.

20 WILLIAM WILLIAMS d. Dec. 21, 1812; will Aug. 31, 1807; Jan. 4, 1813; wife Lydia ment. Chil.: Lydia, b. Aug. 18, 1761, m. —— Sargent, d. bef. 1807; William, b. Oct. 11, 1763; Henry, b. [March 15, 1764?]; Molly, b. Jan. 3, 1766, m. April 6, 1785, (408) JOSHUA$^6$ COLBY; Elizabeth, b. Oct. 14, 1767, m. Wilbert Sawyer [and Moses Sargent?]; Judith, b. July 25, 1769, d. bef. 1807; Eunice, b. March 19, 1771, d. bef. 1807; Rhoda, b. March 24, 1775, d. bef. 1807, Levi, b. Aug. 6, 1783, m. March 21, 1805, (132) ELIZABETH$^6$ CHASE.

42 HENRY WILLIAMS, of Hampton; will 1711–2, ment. wife Christian and chil. Henry (away), Thomas, and dau.-in-law Lydia Haskins. No connection found with the Williams family of A.

1 SAMUEL$^1$ WINSLEY. Will [illegible] Henry Boad, of Wells, Jan. 8, 1654; July 16, 1657; wife A[illegible] chil.

4 NATHANIEL$^2$ WINSLEY, an inhabitant of Block Island, May, 1661. Nathl. Winslow, of Salis., bought $\frac{1}{8}$ of Block Is. in 1661 [Boston, Suffolk Deeds, Book 4].

7 HEPZIBAH$^3$ WINSLEY m. Nov. 20, 1668, Nathaniel Mott.

MARY$^4$ WINSLEY (9 Samuel$^3$) prob. m. May 16, 1726, 61 JOHN$^4$ PAGE.

*Woodin and Woodman Families.* [Pages 364–8.]

JOHN WOODEN, of Wells, recd. grant of land there in 1653. "Darkes" Wooden m. Sept. 5, 1683 [Alfred], Anthony "Comes." Hannah Woodin m. July 1, 1696[W], James Tufts, of Hull.

A JOHN WOODEN m. (83) KATHERINE$^6$ HEARD; both liv. 1713.

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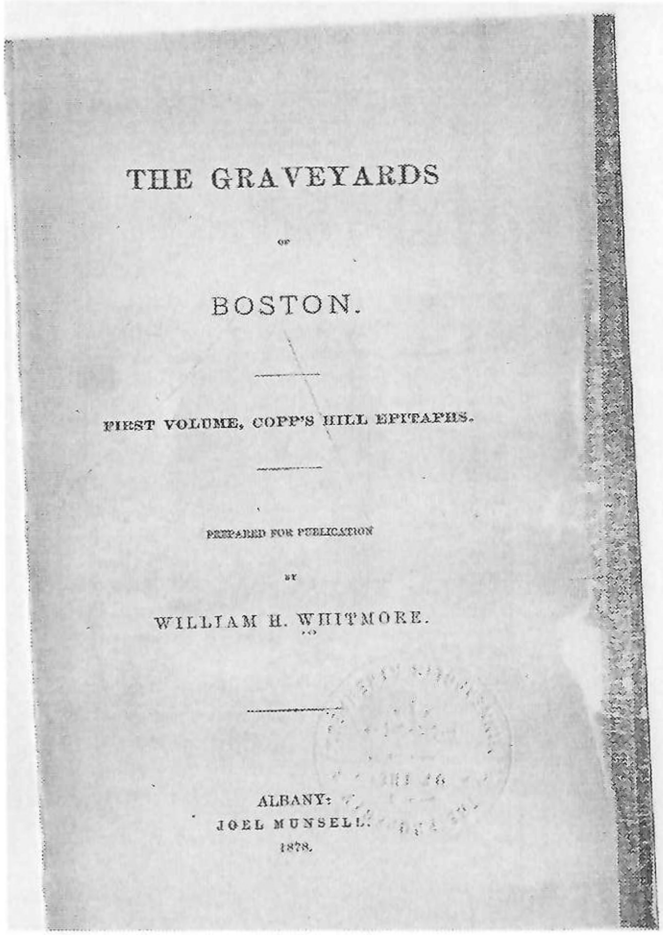

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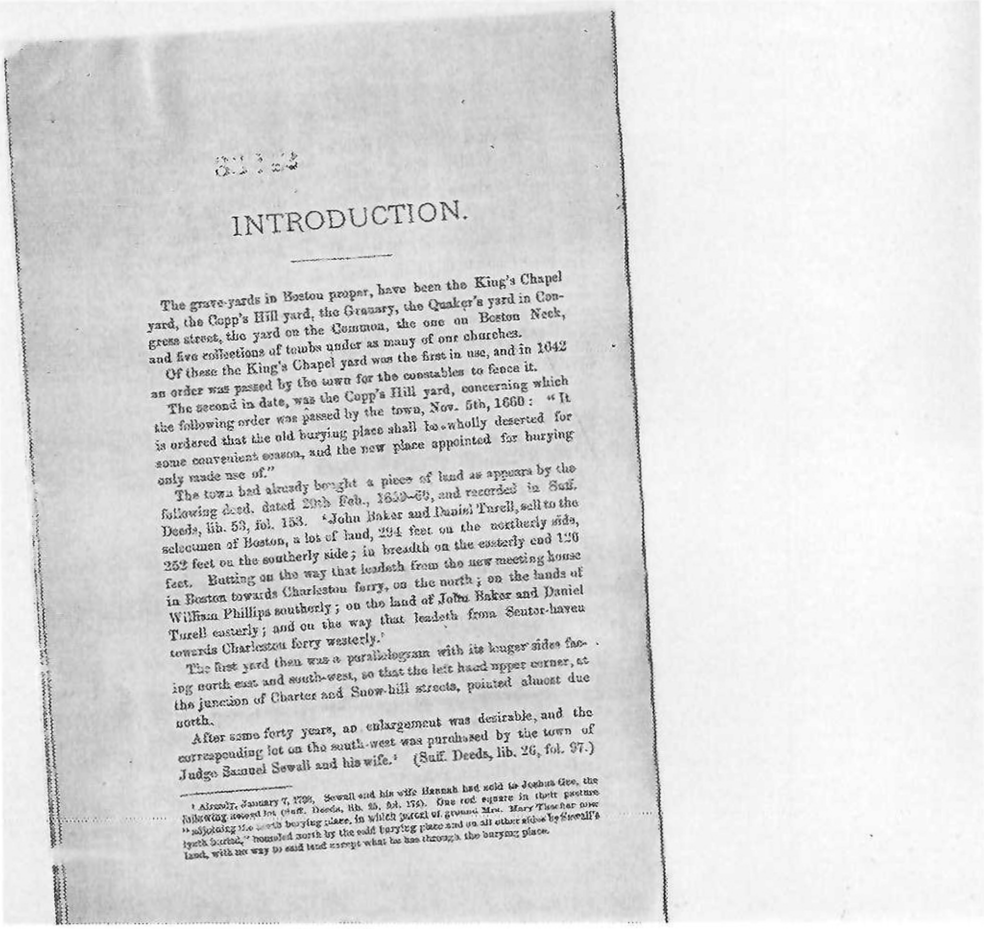

## INTRODUCTION.

The grave-yards in Boston proper, have been the King's Chapel yard, the Copp's Hill yard, the Granary, the Quaker's yard in Congress street, the yard on the Common, the one on Boston Neck, and five collections of tombs under as many of our churches.

Of these the King's Chapel yard was the first in use, and in 1642 an order was passed by the town for the constables to fence it.

The second in date, was the Copp's Hill yard, concerning which the following order was passed by the town, Nov. 5th, 1660: "It is ordered that the old burying place shall be wholly deserted for some convenient season, and the new place appointed for burying only made use of."

The town had already bought a piece of land as appears by the following deed, dated 20th Feb., 1659-60, and recorded in Suff. Deeds, lib. 53, fol. 153. 'John Baker and Daniel Turell, sell to the selectmen of Boston, a lot of land, 294 feet on the northerly side, 252 feet on the southerly side; in breadth on the easterly end 120 feet. Butting on the way that leadeth from the new meeting house in Boston towards Charleston ferry, on the north; on the lands of William Phillips southerly; on the land of John Baker and Daniel Turell easterly; and on the way that leadeth from Sentor-haven towards Charleston ferry westerly.'

The first yard then was a parallelogram with its longer sides facing north east and south-west, so that the left hand upper corner, at the junction of Charter and Snow-hill streets, pointed almost due north.

After some forty years, an enlargement was desirable, and the corresponding lot on the south-west was purchased by the town of Judge Samuel Sewall and his wife.[1] (Suff. Deeds, lib. 26, fol. 97.)

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[1] Already, January 7, 1708, Sewall and his wife Hannah had sold to Joshua Gee, the following named lot (Suff. Deeds, lib. 25, fol. 159). One rod square in their pasture "adjoining the north burying place, in which parcel of ground Mrs. Mary Thacher now lyeth buried," bounded north by the said burying place and on all other sides by Sewall's land, with no way to said land except what he has through the burying place.

Deed dated 17 Dec., 1707; in consideration of £50 paid and the release from the payment of an annual quit-rent of 40 shillings for a certain cedar swamp in Brookline, Samuel Sewall and wife Hannah, sold the town of Boston land for enlarging the north burying place. It adjoined said place northerly, measuring 250 feet; southerly it bounded on Hull street, measuring across in a straight line to the burying place, 140 feet. On Hull street it measured 180 feet; westerly on Snow hill 170 feet.

The yard thus increased was nearly a square, bounded on three sides by streets.

In 1809 another enlargement was made, by the purchase of the adjoining lot, on Hull street, east of the Sewall portion of the old yard. The deed was dated 18 Dec., 1809, and was recorded in lib. 231, fol. 199. It states as follows. For $10,000, Benjamin Weld and wife Nabby sold the town of Boston a parcel of land, bounded south-west on Hull street 148 feet, north-west on the burial ground 133 feet 6 inches; north-east on land of Goodwin and other 153 feet south-east on land of Jonathan Merry 123 feet: being land conveyed to Weld by Merry, 21 Oct., 1809, recorded lib. 230, fol. 191.

This lot is nearly square and is rather less than one-half the size of the old yard. Like the first, it is surrounded with a row of tombs.

(Suff. Deeds, lib. 262, fol. 296,) 3 June 1819, John Bishop of Medford, sold to Charles Wells, for $1.051.30, land in Charter street bounded north-east on said street 20 feet north-westerly, 70 feet on the burying ground 20 feet wide, then continuing 50 feet more, 28 feet wide; southwest 28 feet on land formerly of Dr. Wm. Clark, but now a burying ground; then south-east 50 feet, 28 feet wide, then continuing 70 feet more 20 feet wide, on land formerly owned by Wm. Fowle. It was the land which Stephen Gorham as administrator of Nathaniel Holmes, sold to said Bishop, 14 Dec., 1791, recorded lib. 184, fol. 59.

This lot of land, now bounded on the north-east by Marshall place, seems to be entirely covered by tombs, thirty-four in number, erected by Mr. Charles Wells with the consent of the town.

The following extracts from the town records throw some light upon the history of particular tombs. These tombs in the old yard are numbered consecutively as follows. Beginning on Hull street, at the south-east corner, next to the new yard, and running westerly numbers 1 to 21 inclusive. On Snow hill street, numbers 22 (at the corner of Hull street), to No. 55 at the corner of Charter street.

Then returning to the south-east corner on Hull street, and running north-east along the line of the yard to Charter street, numbers 56 to 83 inclusive. Then westerly on Charter street, numbers 84 to 115 inclusive.

In the open yard are situated tombs numbered 116 to 125 inclusive.

The list of tombs and the owners thereof, now preserved in the office of the Board of Health, is quite modern and very unsatisfactory as regards the earlier ownership. We can discover, however, that in 1717 the first row of tombs was in process of erection.

These grants, as nearly as can be ascertained from the modern list, were as follows, and bear date in 1717-1718:

1
2 John Charnock.
3 Joshua Gee.
4 John Frizell.
5 James Pecker and Benjamin Edwards.
6 Thomas Lee.
7 ? James Grant.
8 John Baker.
9 John Buck.
10 Edward Martyn.
11 ? James Pitts.
12 John Clark.
13 William Clark.
14 Robert Orange.
15 ? Mrs. Mary Hough, ? Samuel Burnell.
16 Edward Proctor.
17 John Mountfort.
18 John Langdon.

A careful search on the town records, fails to give any more information in regard to the grants of tombs from 19 to 55. The official list contains only the names of modern families.

In 1722 it seems that a new range of tombs was commenced at the south-east corner on Hull street, running north. Here we identify

56 John Greenough.
57 Samuel Greenwood.
58 Thomas Hutchinson.
59 Jonathan Mountfort.
60 Walter Goodrich.

61 Edward Pell.
62 John Roberts.
63 John Cookson.

In 1743, grants are recorded, on the Snow hill street side, to

33 Cap't Parker.
34 John Larrabee.
35 Samuel Hunt.
36 ? Richard Hunnewell.
37 ? Daniel Bell.
38 ? do.

In 1801, Thomas Godfrey and others were allowed to build No. 39, hence we may conclude that the range for a long time, ended with 38.

Undoubtedly our examination of the county records would reveal many facts in regard to the transfer of tombs, and thus throw light on their history. But this is hardly the occasion for such an investigation, and it may well be postponed until such time as the Board of Health of the city of Boston shall decide to exercise its new power as custodian of the several graveyards.

We proceed therefore to give all the passages in the Selectmen's Records which relate to this yard.

### Selectmen's Minutes.

Vol. 3, P. 38. 1717, June 18. "Liberty is granted to Mr. John Frizzel to erect a Toomb in the North burying place, next unto Mr. Joshua Gee's spot there, in the skirt or side of the s^d burying place, which of them he shall think best."

P. 40 1717 June 27. "Liberty is granted to Mr. James Grant to erect a Toomb in the Line or range of Toombs now begun at the southerly side of the North burying place, provided that he carry up the Brick wall thereof next the H. way so as to be a sufficient fence.
The like is granted to Mr. James Pecker and his Bro. Mr. Benj. Edwards.
The like is granted to Capt. John Charnock.
The like is granted to Mr. John Baker."

P. 45. 1717, July 25. "Liberty is granted to Thomas Lee to digg and erect a Toomb in the North Burying place, provided he carry up the brick wall thereof next the H. way so as to be a sufficient fence."

P. 46. 1717, Aug. 13. "Liberty is granted to Capt. Edward Martyn, Mr. Joshua Gee and Mr. Robert Orange, for each of them to make a Toomb in the new Range of Toombs in the North Burying place. Provided they carry up the Brick wall thereof next the H. way so as to be a sufficient fence."

P. 48. 1717, Aug. 20. "Liberty is granted to Mr. William Clark to make a Toomb in the New Range of Toombs on the southerly side of the North burying place, provided he carry up the brick wall," etc., etc.

P. 48. 1717, Aug. 28. "Liberty is granted to John Clark, Esq., Capt. James Pitts and Mr. John Ruck, each of them the liberty of making a Toomb in the new range of Toombs on the north side of the North burying place next to Hull street, provided each of them carry up their Brick wall next the H. way, so as to be a sufficient fence."

P. 49. 1717, Aug. 26. Drain laid from "the new range of Toombs in the North burying place into the common shore in Salem street, which runs into the Mill Pond."

P. 54. 1717, Oct. 28. "Liberty is granted to Mr. Elias Callendar, to make a vault in the old burying place in the spot of ground where his relations are buried, provided no monument above ground, over the same, be there raised."

P. 64, 1717–8. March 18. "Liberty is granted to Widdo Mary Hough to erect a Toomb in the New Range of Toombs in the North Burying place next Hull street, provided she carry up the brick work, next the H. way, so as to be a sufficient fence."

Pp. 82–3. 1718, Sept. 9. "Liberty is granted to Mr. Edward Proctor, to make a Toomb in the New Range of Toombs on the southerly side of the North Burying place, next to Mrs. Hough's Toomb, provided he carry up the Brick wall thereof, next Hull street, so as to be a sufficient fence. The Like Liberty of a Toomb is granted to be placed next to Mr. Proctor's Toomb.
The Like Liberty of a Toomb is granted to Deacon John Barnerd, to be placed next to Mr. Mountfort's Toomb.
Liberty is granted to Edward Durant to erect a Toomb at the north end of range of new Toombs in the Old burying place, provided he carry up the wall thereof, next the adjoining Land in conformity to the other Toombs in that range."

P. 84. 1718, Sept. 23. "Liberty is granted to Mr. John Langdon, to make a Toomb in the new range of Toombs on the southerly side of the north burying place, provided he carry up the brick wall thereof next to Hull street, so as to be a sufficient fence."

P. 203. 1722, July 30. "Liberty is granted to Thomas Hutchinson, Esq., Mr. Samuel Greenwood and Capt. John Greenough, to build each of them a Toomb in the North burying place on the south-east side, provided they take the direction of Mr. William Clark and Mr. Ebenezer Clough therein."

P. 205. 1722, Aug. 27. "Liberty is granted to Mr. Jonathan Mountfort, Mr. Walter Goodrich and Edward Pell to build each of them a Toomb in the North burying place on the eastwardly side as others had done."

P. 207. 1722, Sept. 24. "Liberty is granted to John Roberts to build a Toomb in the North burying place on the easterly Line next to Mr. Edward Pell's."

P. 257. 1724, April 27. "Liberty granted to Samuel Burnell to build a Toomb in the North burying place, next Hull street and next to the widow Mary Hough's Toomb; he carrying up the brick wall for a sufficient fence."

P. 262. 1724, June 29. "Liberty granted to Mr. John Cookse to build a Toomb (probably No. 63) in the North Burying place, on the easterly line next to Mr. John Robert's Toomb (probably No. 62) on the same conditions with the former."

Vol. 4, P. 249. 1735, June 25. "Liberty is granted Benj$^a$ Swain to build a new Toomb at the North burying place, next to" ——— [blank]

P. 257. 1735, Sept. 3. "Mr. Benj. Swain informs that Mr. Peter Thomas desires Liberty to build a Toomb in the North Burying place; which was accordingly granted; and the Town Clerk directed to view the place and take the number of it, that it may be entered in the Records as usual."

P. 292. 1736, April 14. "According to order Mr. Swain attended and enformed. That he has built three Tombs in the North Burying place and disposed of them as follows, viz: One to Capt. Caleb Lyman, one to Mr. Peter Thomas, and the other to himself. He was thereupon ordered to acquaint those gentlemen with the orders of the Town respecting tombs, that so they might make proper application for a confirmation of the said Tombs to them as usual. And further he was ordered immediately to put up and secure the Fence which at present

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lyes waste, until he can have opportunity to build the Brick wall."

P. 298. April 21. Tombs granted to Capt. Lyman and Mr. Thomas as above "upon condition that they each of them respectively erect a Brick wall at their own charge, of the full breadth of their said Tomb, and that they at all times hereafter maintain and keep the same in good Repair, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the time being."

Vol. 8 or H., p. 2. 1743, Aug. 3. "Liberty is granted to Mr. Daniel Bell, to build Two Tombs on the westerly side in the North Burying place, he performing the conditions of former grants."

H. p. 10. 1743, Aug. 29. "Voted that Capt. John Larrabee have Liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying place on the north-west side next to that granted to Mr. Parker, he performing the conditions of former grants." (Probably No. 34.)

I., p. 145. 1749, Aug. 31. "Mr. Samuel Hunt desires Liberty to Build a Tomb in the North Burying place, adjoining to Mr. Richard Hunnewell's lately dec$^d$, at the End of the Line of Toombs on the Top of the Hill running towards Charlestown. Voted that Liberty be granted him accordingly, he Building a sufficient Brick Wall the width of the same and keep the same in repair forever." (Probably No. 35.)

1801, Aug. 5. "Deacon Benj$^n$. Henderson has liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground on the spot formerly assigned to Josiah Copeland, and which he has neglected to improve." (Probably No. 70.)

P. 76. 1801, Aug. 12. "Mr. Turel Tuttle has liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground, next to the one the last granted, conditioned as usual." (Probably No. 72.)

P. 77. 1801, Aug. 30. "On application of William Emerson, Jon$^a$. Merry, and Thomas Godfrey, liberty is granted to each of them to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground."

P. 78. 1801, Sept. 16. "Mr. Nathaniel Valentine, Robert Crocker, and William Andrew have liberty to build a Tomb in No. Buryal Ground."

P. 103. 1802, March 31. "Mr. Samuel Brintnel has liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground on the west side (Probably No. 42.) Mr. John Sullivan has liberty to build another Tomb on the east side of said Burying Ground." (Probably No. 78.)

P. 107. 1802, May 5. "Mr. John Wait has liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground on the south side, on the usual conditions."

P. 291. 1806, March 5. "Messrs. Adam French, and James Farrar have liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground. (Probably No. 81.) Mr. Joshua Ellis has the like liberty both to be on the East side of the Burying Ground." (Probably No. 82.)

The lists now preserved in the office of the Board of Health are as follows: The words and figures in brackets have been added on the authority of the stones themselves, or on information presumed to be of equal value.

### Old Burial Ground, Copp's Hill.

1 Broudens Heirs — Mrs Curtis
2 Charnoks. Eben Shute — John Turner
3 Joshua Gee — Susan Hunt — Joshua G. Davis
4 Elizabeth Conant
5 B. Edwards — Alexr Edwards — Jedediah Lincoln
6 Thomas Lee — Nathaniel G. Snelling
7 Bants. A & J. Lincoln — F & L. Lincoln
8 Baker — John Carnes — William Baker. [Edward Carnes.]
9 John Ruck — Edward Craft.
10 Martyn — Timothy Martyn Minot — J. U. Hinkley
11 Ezekiel Goldthwait — John Williams
12 Dr Johannes Clark — Peter Wainwright
13 William Clark — Samuel Winslow
14 R. Orange & Silas Atkins
15 Watts & Hooton — Mary Hooton — Sarah Waldron — John Waldron
16 Col. Edward Proctor —— Tuckerman
17 John Mountfort heirs
18 Dea. Langdon — Widw Smith formerly Langdon
19 John Skillings — Margaret S. Palfrey ½ — A. Butrick
20 Jenkins — Jacob Hall
21 Dagget — Wm J. Hammett — Erastus Thompson — sold to Seamen — Rev. Phineas Stowe, pastor
22 Pierpont — Brewer Darracott — Cook
23 Halsey — Richard Wellen — James Pierce

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24 Ann Brown [Joseph Callendar, 1823]; Wm E Callendar — Elizabeth Hudson
25 Sigourney — Daniel A. Sigourney
26 Barnard — Brown — S. Edes — Dea. Kendall
27 P. [eter] Thomas — Thos K. Thomas
28 Nathl Barber. Wm Barber [Mrs Elizabeth Barber]
29 Swain & Pidgeon. James Sherman [1801]. Wm Sherman
30 Harris Andrew Eliot. John Eliot
31 Harrods. Josiah Snelling [1803]
32 Jona Snelling
33 Caleb Parker. Isaac Harris
34 Capt Larrabee — Rev Henry Edes. James Carter
35 Sarah Hunt. Dr. Dixwell
36 Vernon. Stephen Brown
37 John Osborn. J W Folsom. Jos. Bennett Isaac Gardner Wm Bennett
38 Enoch Rust. Ruth Ridgway [L. Ridgway]
39 Thos Godfrey. William Dodd.
40 Loring & Smith — Benja Smith
41 Andrews. Crocker. Valentine
42 Samuel Brintnal [1802] — Charles Brintnall
42½ Hannah Barker ½ no. side; Mary F. Bartlett ½ south side
43 William McKean. Henry Swift [1804]
44 Norcross. [Zephaniah] Sampson. Benford. [John] Snelling [1805]
45 Asa & Cyrus Holbrook. Jona Wild
46 Francis & Enoch James [1805]
47 James Davis. Warren Jacobs Seth Lothrop
48 I. L. Dimmock. John H. Whitman [? Pitman 1828]
49 Jacob Hyler [1805]
50 James Washburn — Daniel Ballard
51 Widow Susan Bass
52 E. Rogers. Benja Varney
53 Holmes & Foster. John Shelton. Nathl Blake
54 Charles Holmes. Henry Lane. D. Johnson [1807]
55 Edmund Hunt [Hart]
56 John Greenough. Joseph Greenough
57 Samuel Greenwood
58 [Thomas] Hutchinson — Thos Lewis — John Lewis
59 Jona Mountfort. [1724] Elizabeth Seaver. Wm J Seaver
60 [Walter] Goodrich — Isaac Dupee

61 E[dward] Pells Joseph & Nath$^{l}$ Hall
62 [John] Roberts. Daniel Ingersoll
63 John Cookson. Widow Dashwood
64 Sam$^{l}$ Clark. James Clark
65 Alex$^{r}$ Forsyth — Joseph Bassett
66 Thomas Goodwill. W$^{m}$ Fowle
67 Kennedy. Dr Prentiss of Roxbury
68 Hayward. Tho$^{s}$ Oliver. Mass. Gen. Hospital
69 William Sherburn. Benj$^{a}$ White. Holmes
70 Benjamin Henderson — Francis Green
71 Turrel Tuttle
72 Joshua A & John Binney
73 Sullivan & Barber
74 Frink Stratton — Thomas Gould — [Ezra] Hawks [1812]
75 Elijah Nickerson — Thomas Hopkins, Elijah Nickerson's heir
76 Davis Whitman
77 Dana & Clark. Benj$^{n}$ West. Sam$^{l}$ H. Howes. Henry Davis
Elijah L. Green — Rowe
78 City Tomb for Infants
79 Mather — Samuel Parker
80 none
81 French & Farrar — Charles French
82 Joshua & Rowland Ellis
83 Ephraim & Ebenezer Tufts
84 Thomas Tracker. Cotton Thayer. George Domett
85 Samuel Clark. John Neat. Nancy Clark
86 Seth Webber. Joseph Grammer of Malden
87 Thomas Page. Kilby Page
88 John Loring — John Howard
89 Benjamin Cowey [1807] — Leach Harris
90 Joseph Adams — Philip Adams
91 William Learned — Norton Newcomb [1807]
92 John Rice — Jacob H. Kent
93 Elijah Loring
94 William & Isaac Harris [1808]
95 Edward Chamberlain — B Tilden — Frederick Gould
96 John Wells. Samuel Tuttle
97 Henry Atkins — Salome Rich [ards?] [1807]
98 Thomas Haskell
99 Ann Freeland
100 Edward Winchester. Cha$^{s}$ Wells. Moses Pond — John Spence

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1425. Ann Brown Elizabeth Hudson & Joseph Callender's Tomb 1823 No 24

1426. Here lyes buried y$^{e}$ Body of Miss Grace Ierland Relict of Capt John Ierland who died Oct$^{br}$ 2$^{d}$ 1730 aged 77 years 5 mo & 1 day

1427. Here lyes y$^{e}$ Body of Mary Ireland Daughter of Mr John & Mrs Grace Ireland Aged 24 years Dec$^{d}$ Novm$^{er}$ 10$^{th}$ 173..

1428. Here lyes y$^{e}$ Body of Mr George Worthylake died Nov$^{r}$ y$^{e}$ 3$^{d}$ 1718 in y$^{e}$ 45 year of his age. Ruth Dau$^{r}$ of Mr George & Mrs Ann Worthylake died Nov$^{r}$ y$^{e}$ 3$^{d}$ 1718 in y$^{e}$ 15$^{th}$ year of her age. Here lyes ye Body of Miss Ann Worthylake died Nov$^{r}$ y$^{e}$ 3$^{d}$ 1718 in y$^{e}$ 40 year of her age

1429. Susanna Whittreadg aged 7 years died May y$^{e}$ — 1694

1430. Here lies the Body of Mrs Abigail Whiteridge wife to Mr Richard Whiteridge Aged 52 years Dec$^{d}$ Jan$^{ry}$ ye 30 1724–5

1431. Here lyes y$^{e}$ Body of Sarah Whitridge Wife to Richard Whitridge who died January 31$^{st}$ 1733–4 Aged 66 years

1432. John Cookson Tomb.

1433. Here lies intombed the body of Mrs Margaret Webb who died Dec$^{r}$ 11$^{th}$ 1813 aged 74 years

1434. Joseph son of Joseph and Deborah Webb aged 9 months died June the 30 1708

1435. Joseph son to Joseph & .. Webb ... days .. Aug$^{t}$ 1714

1436. Erected In memory of Mr Thomas S. Webb son of Mr Nehemiah & Mrs Sarah Webb of Falmouth County of Barnstable He died Sept 17$^{th}$ 1798 Aged 18 years & 9 months

1437. Jabez & Nathaniel Fishers Tomb

1438. Sacred to the Memory of Mr Richard Roberts son of Mr Richard and Mrs Mercy Roberts who departed the life June 16$^{th}$ 1812 aged 26

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1439. No 19. In memory of Dorothy Roberts wife of Robert Roberts died Dec$^{r}$ 31 1812 Aged 28

1440. Sarah Stone Dau$^{r}$ of Mr William & Mrs Elizabeth Stone aged 20 years Died May 15$^{th}$ 1752. Anna Stone Dau$^{r}$ of Mr William & Mrs Elizabeth Stone aged 13 years Died May 28$^{th}$ 1752

1441. Here lyes y$^{e}$ Body of Mr. Benjamin Stone aged about 42 years died December y$^{e}$ 15 1736

1442. Here lyes buried the Body of Mrs Mercy Stoddard wife to Mr Arthur Stoddard aged 26 years Dec$^{d}$ Feb$^{ry}$ ye 14$^{th}$ 1738–9

1443. Here Lyes Ye Body of Mrs Judet Colesworthy Wife of Mr Gorge Colesworthey Aged Twenty-One Years And Three Months And 25 Days Old Died The 23 Day of April 1729

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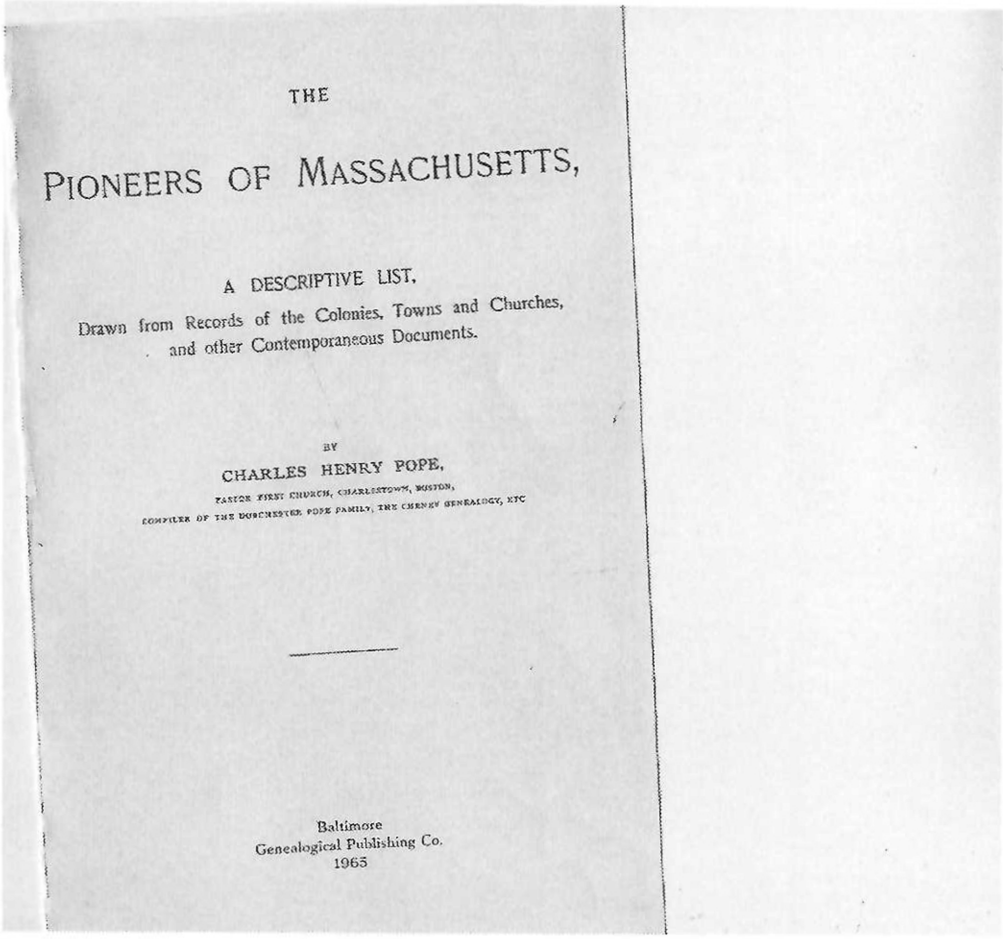

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Drawn from Records of the Colonies, Towns and Churches,
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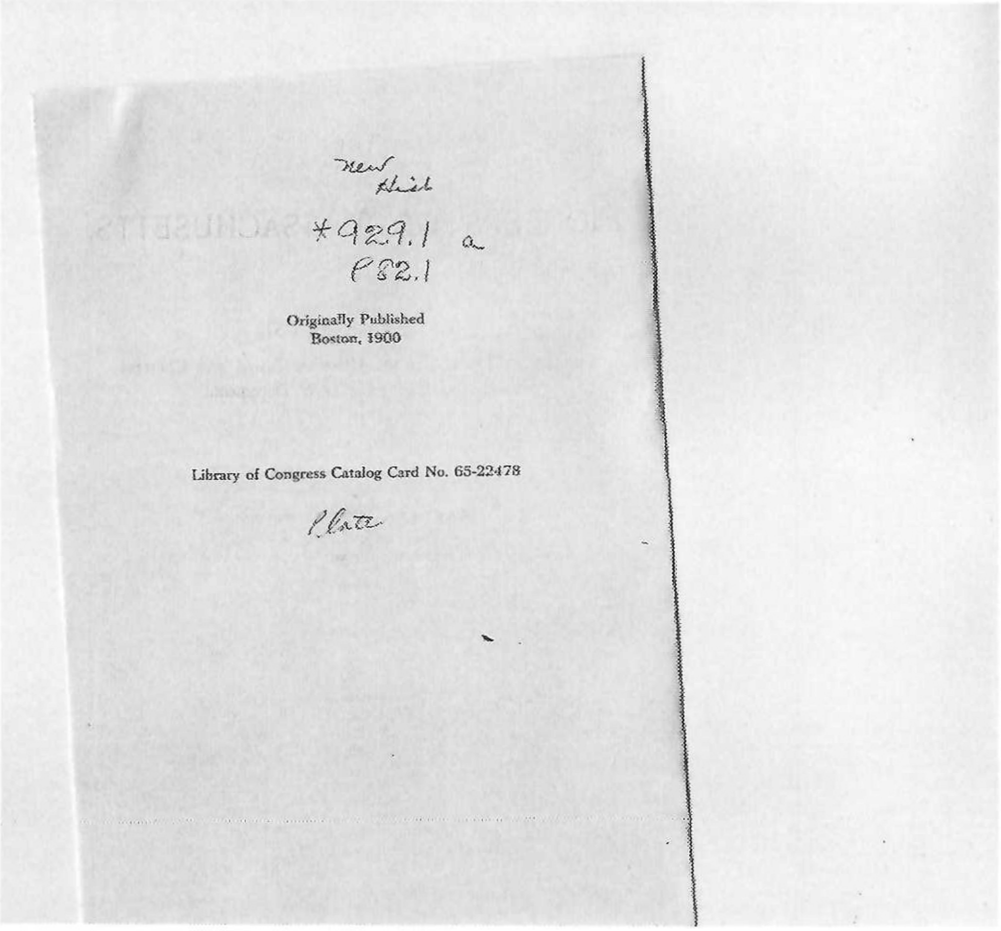

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# ABBREVIATIONS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Acct. | Account. | Exec. | Executor, executrix. |
| Ae. | Aged. | Folg. | Following. |
| Atba. | Able to bear arms. | Frm. | Freeman, (citizen). |
| Adm. | Admitted. | Gen. | General. |
| Admin. | Administer, administration | Gent. | Gentleman. |
| App. | Appointed. | Gov. | Governor. |
| Appr. | Apprentice, apprenticed. | Grad. | Graduated. |
| Appl. | Applied, applied for. | Gr. ch. | Grand-child. |
| Arch. | Archives, or official documents. | Gr. gr. ch. | Great-grand-child. |
| Asst. | Assistant, magistrate. | Gr. | Granted. |
| Bapt. | Baptized. | Gr. st. | Grave-stone. |
| Beq. | Bequeathed, bequests. | Inv. | Inventory. |
| b. | Born. | Mag. | Magistrate. |
| Bro. | Brother. | m. | Married. |
| bur. | Buried. | Mdx. | Middlesex, (county). |
| Cert. | Certified. | Memb. chh. | Member of church. |
| Ch. | Child, children. | Norf. | Norfolk, (county). |
| Chh. | Church. | Nunc. | Nuncupative, i. e., oral. |
| Col. | Colony, colonial. | Ord. | Ordained. |
| Co. | Company, County. | Org. | Organized. |
| Conn. | Connecticut. | Plym. | Plymouth. |
| Dau., daus. | Daughter, daughters. | Prob. | Probate, probated. |
| Dec. | Deceased. | Prop. | Proposed. |
| De. | Deeds. | Propr. | Proprietor. |
| Def. | Defendant. | Q. V. | Quod vide, (which see). |
| Depos. | Deposed or deposition. | Recd. | Received. |
| Dep. | Deputy, representative. | Rec. | Records. |
| d. | Died. | Ref. | Referred. |
| Dism. | Dismissed. | Rem. | Remained, Removed. |
| Eng. | England. | Res. | Resided, Residence. |
| Es. | Essex, (the county of). | Ret. | Returned. |
| Est. | Estate. | Suff. | Suffolk, (county). |
| Exam. | Examination. | | |

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# THE PIONEER TOWNS.

## SETTLED 1620—1650.

| TOWNS. | PRIMITIVE NAMES. | DATE OF PLANTING. | ABBREVIATIONS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andover | Cochichewack | 1634 | And. |
| Barnstable | Seppecan | 1638 | Bar. |
| Boston | Shawmut | 1630 | Bo. |
| Braintree | Mt. Wollaston | 1635 | Br. |
| Cambridge | Newe Towne | 1632 | Camb |
| Charlestown | Charltowne | 1629 | Char. |
| Concord | Musketaquid | 1635 | Conc. |
| Dedham |  | 1636 | Ded. |
| Dorchester | Mattapan | 1630 | Dorch. |
| Eastham | Nawsett | 1644 | Easth. |
| Duxbury |  | 1632 | Dux. |
| Gloucester | Cape Ann | 1642 | Gloc. |
| Haverhill | Pentucket | 1641 | Hav. |
| Hingham | Bear or Bare Cove | 1634 | Hing. |
| Hull | Nantasket | 1630 | Hu. |
| Ipswich | Agawam | 1633-4 | Ipsw. |
| Lynn | Saugus | 1632 | Ln. |
| Lancaster | Nashaway | 1643 | Lan. |
| Malden | Mystic Side | 1649 | Mal. |
| Manchester | Jeffrey's Creek | 1645 | Man. |
| Marblehead | (included first in Salem.) | 1630 | Marb. |
| Marshfield | Rexhame | 1632 | Mars. |
| Medfield | Boggestowe | 1650 | Medfi. |
| Medford | Meadford | 1630 | Medfo. |
| Newbury |  | 1635 | Newb. |
| Northampton | Nonotuck | 1653 | North. |
| Plymouth |  | 1620 | Plym. |
| Reading | Lynn Village | 1642 | Red. |
| Rehoboth | Seekonk | 1645 | Reh. |
| Rowley |  | 1639 | Rowl. |
| Roxbury |  | 1630 | Rox. |
| Salem | Naumkeake | 1626 | Sal. |
| Salisbury | Colchester | 1640 | Salis. |
| Sandwich |  | 1638 | Sand. |
| Scituate |  | 1633 | Sci. |
| Springfield | Agawam | 1636 | Spr. |
| Sudbury |  | 1639 | Sud. |
| Taunton | Cohannet | 1638 | Tau. |
| Topsfield |  | 1648 | Tops. |
| Watertown |  | 1630 | Wat. |
| Wenham | Enon | 1643 | Wen. |
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| Woburn | Charlestown Village | 1647 | Wob. |
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# INTRODUCTION.

The Pioneers of Massachusetts deserve high honor from the people of the United States of America. They composed and signed, in the cabin of the Mayflower, Nov. 11, 1620, the grand though simple "Compact," model of all our constitutions; they organized General Courts, patterns of our legislative bodies; courts of judicature and commissions for the settlement of minor cases,—"to end small causes,"—types of our municipal and justices' courts; they gathered congregational bodies of worshippers, embodiments and types of our best, fraternal, religious life; they crystalized the old Saxon town idea into systematic town meetings; they first subscribed to support schools for their children, then devised the scheme of bearing the burden by general taxation, making schools by the people, for the people. And they and their descendants went forth to settle other parts of the great land, and built the foundation of new states out of granite, quarried from Massachusetts ledges. Thus it is the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts" where the largest number of American families had their first home this side of the Atlantic; and to her records and relics come yearly the largest processions of pilgrims, seeking to obtain clues to the still earlier history of their ancestry. Love of family and desire to know and preserve the memory of worthy fore-fathers lead many inquirers into this field. The admirable organizations which keep alive the memory of the Mayflower passengers, which place fresh laurels on the graves of colonial worthies and warriors, which pay honor to the guardians of a country in the face of foreign oppression, the founders of our republican institutions—these societies have deepened the interest and greatly advanced the knowledge of our ancestors.

Thus an increasing amount of examination of old records is made; and the courteous town and church clerks, recorders of deeds and wills, custodians of filed documents in court houses and the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, have abundant opportunity for the display of that remarkable affability and helpfulness which characterize the officials of our state.

Numerous family histories and sketches of the founders have appeared, some of which are models of research and honesty; what a fine list that is which Munsell's Sons present in their American Genealogist! Other books are in preparation and much investigation and compilation is being done for simple, private satisfaction.

But the work of historical [illegible] ren is an art; records, ever so a[illegible] ble, need skilled readers and inte[illegible] ers. Apparatus is demanded for the work; charts are needed for the chart-makers.

John Farmer, M.A., having explored to the best of his ability a part of the early records, published in 1628 "A Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England," which had great value, and marked him as a benefactor of American students of history. Dr. James Savage constructed a treatise on somewhat different lines, and issued in

1858 his "Genealogical Dictionary of New England." In this four-volume work he undertook to present the chief points of interest in the life of every settler of each of the New England states from the settlement of Plymouth to the close of the century; and to trace out each family through four generations. How well he succeeded in this vast enterprise, how much information he amassed and presented may be told by any genealogist of experience. The scheme was Titanic; the service rendered was Herculean; the name of Dr. Savage deserves high renown. But full success in such a vast undertaking was at that date simply impossible; and searchers find at the close of each volume an alarming list of errata, discovered by the author while the printers were doing their work; and the rolling years have added astonishingly to the list. Had Dr. Savage lived he would have issued a corrected edition, no doubt.

But, meantime, by the liberality of the Athens of America and some lesser cities and towns, a good number of ancient town and church records have been copied with minute care and printed verbatim; the annals of both colonies have been made accessible in this way; and Suffolk county has set a fine example by its publication of almost a dozen volumes of deeds. The state has issued Bradford's History; the notarial records of Lechford and Aspinwall have been brought out; these three volumes illuminating the period of the Pioneers remarkably.

The Mass. Historical Society, the Historic-Genealogical Society, Essex Institute, and other organizations have fixed in type many documents which the tooth of time had begun to gnaw; and the task of the searcher has been wonderfully lightened. These printed books and papers, however, contain only a small minority of the records essential to the making of such a work as Farmer and Savage designed; but they make the difference between an impossible and a practicable undertaking.

The present writer conceived, quite a number of years since, the plan of making a revised edition of Dr. Savage's magnificent work. This scheme was revolved and discussed with gentlemen of wide acquaintance with the subject. At last this conclusion was reached: no man can to-day construct a trustworthy compendium of so many families and so many generations as Dr. Savage attempted. The problem must be separated into parts; *divide et impera.*

## THE PRESENT WORK

narrows the field to the single state of Massachusetts, as bounded to-day; restricts the genealogy to the first settlers and their children only; and confines the study still further to those persons who came here early enough to be foundation-layers, first fellers of the primeval forests, first ploughers of the virgin soil, first makers of homes in the new country, first worshippers in the log meeting-houses, first freeman and officers in the plantations and colonies. What were these but "pioneers," whose bravery, earnestness, fidelity, love, made them worthy to be enrolled by themselves, an honorable list of heroes and heroines. All who came after the year 1650 found Massachusetts a reality, a single state, practically, although under two fraternal colonial governments; all who came before that date helped essentially to make it. Although their jurisdiction extended over a wider field than the present state limits, there seems to the writer a propriety in restricting this volume in this way.

Later volumes by this or some other hand may present the Pioneers of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut for that early period, with all the light now thrown on their monuments. This list is large enough for one volume, grand enough for the citizens of one state to call its very own.

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The limit of the "pioneer" period is an open question. It might be fixed by the statement of Winthrop in his History.

> "2 (4) 1641.
>
> The parliament of England setting upon a general reformation, both of church and state . . . this caused all men to stay in England in expectation of a new world, so as few came to us."

Although "few" arrived after 1641, yet the records show occasional additions; and a man did not always buy or receive an allotment of land or join the church or do anything which was noted in public records for several years after his arrival. Accordingly the limit has been fixed at 1650, to include all who came before the beginning of that "reformation" which Winthrop counted so significant, and to allow for the full development of the state in its life here and its significance abroad.

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The names here given are *all* which have been found in the journals and lists of the colonies, towns, churches and counties of the period, 1620-1650, inclusive, as well as those perpetuated in the passenger-lists of that time which have survived to our day. When once a name has been found within that period, it has been followed to the last day of the pioneer's life; in a few cases this has extended to the second or third decade of the following century. This has necessitated the scrutiny of the documents until 1720 for record of deaths and probate proceedings.

While the names, dates and facts here stated have been taken by the compiler from the original documents or from such copies of them as have been made and verified by the highest authority, references are often given to pages in the Historic-Genealogical Register or other publications where copies or abstracts of the same may be seen. This is particularly noteworthy in the case of the exceedingly valuable notes of English wills, made by Henry F. Waters, A.M., and the abstracts of Suffolk Co. wills by William B. Trask, A.M.

The original words and phrases are quoted generally. Only in very rare instances has the compiler ventured to introduce an opinion of his own, preferring to put the reader in possession of the materials out of which an individual opinion may be formed. If you had the books before you and could read the peculiar chirography; if you critically studied the words employed, and tested your impressions by comparing one document with another; if you brou t years of practise in this so f reading to bear on the documents, would write down in your boo very things which are here presented.

This volume represents the relative amount of matter which exists to-day about these people. Not that all is copied; far from it. But this is a characterizing list; this is sufficient to rank the pioneers for inspection. A full copy of every original line about them would not change materially the impression here given.

## THE PURITAN PILGRIMS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Governor William Bradford, who is the highest authority on the subject, tells us that the persons who came to Plymouth were called Puritans; that their English neighbors opprobriously & most injuriously imposed upon them that name of Puritans which it is said the Novatians out of prid did assume & take unto themselves." The colonists of Massachusetts Bay were chiefly Puritans, also; the most perfect understanding existing between the religious leaders of the two colonies in most respects.

The nucleus of the colony of Plymouth, every one knows, was the little band of men and women who met in apostolic fashion in a private house at Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, on the flat banks of the Idle; whence they removed in 1607-8 to Leyden, Holland, and then came toward the sunset, full of faith in a coming day. The germ of the colony of Massachusetts Bay was a company of business men who met at London, planning for a settlement wherein should dwell righteousness and profit. But Dorchester was founded by a church as definitely organized as that of Scrooby, and brought its two ministers, chosen in Plymouth, Eng., in 1629.

Rev. John Cotton, in 1629, accompanied some of his parishioners from their home in old Boston to Southampton, whence they were to sail for New England, and charged them to "take advice of them of Plymouth and do nothing to offend them." When Salem and Charlestown churches were organized the brethren of Plymouth church were consulted and similar statements of faith and polity adopted.

Bradford says: "Rev. Mr. Warham of the church in Dorchester expressed a desire to one of Plymouth Church in 1630, to be on friendly terms with that church and people, and he declared himself satisfied with their ecclesiastical gov ernment and proceedings."

Thomas Holland of Yarmouth was "still a member of a separated church in Old England" in 1641, when his babe was baptized at Barnstable. Michael Metcalf of Dedham left on record an account of the persecutions he had endured at Norwich, Eng., for his puritanic life. Governor John Winthrop wrote honeyed words of farewell to the Church of England, and straightway joined in founding a *separate church* under the Charlestown oak. Robert Massall was dismissed from Boston church "to the church of Christ at Dover in England" in 1646, and John Westgate to "the church of Pulham Mary in Norfolk, Eng.," in 1674; and Mrs. Lydia Banks, a resident of Salem from 1636 to 1642, was dismissed "to a church at London of which Mr. Nye is pastor," at her request, 6 (9) 1664. Mr. Johnson was received to the church of Charlestown 29 (5) 1660, "by dismission from a church of Christ at Canterbury in Old England." Mrs. Elizabeth Conant's child was baptized at Salem 12 (11) 1662, "upon ye letter from ye church at Corke testifying of her membership there."

These and many other evidences prove the identity of the people of both these colonies with the grand Puritan host of England, described so admirably by Macaulay in his Essay on Milton; who, whether remaining in the organization of the church of England or refusing to conform to ceremonies they believed anti-christian, were one in pure faith and life, one in resolute attempts to carry the doctrines of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man into all departments of religious and secular life. The term Bradford abhorred was really a good, discriminating title, and it has passed into history. It is not correct, therefore, to call the people of one of the colonies "Pilgrims" and those of the other "Puritans," for both were Puritans in the fact of a holy determination to avoid every impure, degrading fashion and to live by the standards of the Revealed Word of God; and both were Pilgrims in the fact of making a journey from a high religious motive.

These people, however, were not perfect, and they learned slowly the art of giving and taking liberty. The annals of that early period are full of strife; our ancestors brought over many an old notion of intolerance and persecution, which they were sufficiently "conforming" to practice; it took long years for Puritanism to escape from those toils; but by and by came the real fruits of the system. In some cases a person is said to have been "in court" when the whole cause was the harsh method employed by the government in attempting to guard what seemed to the rulers the essential elements of pure religion and good government. The *severe* legislation of the Puritans was simply imitation of English and continental methods. The cruelties of the Middle ages lingered in statute books on the other side of the Atlantic longer than they did here. Puritanism actually softened the laws, increased the protection of the weak; and it was here, where the Bible was widely opened and Jesus Christ was acknowledged absolute King, that political and religious liberty and fraternity first found complete expression.

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One exceedingly valuable feature of this compilation is the presentation of the occupations, estates and social standing of the Pioneers. The summary of these, given on another page, is well worth studying.

The number who took to themselves the designation "gentleman," or had it attached to their names by the writers of passenger-lists, deeds, wills, church, town or court lists, is not very large; in some cases the title was used when a person had been in public office here, and was given by recorders, without reference to social standing in England. With very few exceptions, however, those noted as of "gentle" blood were entitled to use coats of arms and crests. Probably quite a number more had this dignity at home, but did not so appear on New England records. But the great majority of the pioneers were the plain, untitled *people*, bred to industry and economy, trained to professions, merchandise, trades, husbandry or service. Those who came of noble families were often apprenticed in childhood to learn some trade, or to do house work; and persons who were employed, even in positions of trust and dignity, bore the title "servant" like humble menials. They were educated beyond the average of English people of their time, and their habits were cleaner, more v[illegible]uous than the majority of their old ass[illegible]ates. And thus they had the stuff a[illegible]ce as well as the faith and patience [illegible]e enterprise which made such d[illegible]s on body, mind and character as the [illegible]ying of the foundations of a commonwealth.

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## SPECIAL DIRECTIONS FOR SEARCHERS.

1. Look for **many variations of surnames**; allow for phonetic spelling and carelessness. The diphthong ea was usually pronounced a long; consonants were often doubled after long vowels; ph and f were interchanged recklessly; and other alterations were loosely made, such as Hayward, Heywood, Howard and Haworth. The indexing of such matter is therefore difficult; and one must sometimes look on several pages before discovering a desired name. Not only did public recorders vary the orthography, but a man sometimes spelled his own name in two or more ways.

2. **Always consult the index**, and there exercise the same liberal method.

3. Fail not to **guage the meaning of the Abbreviations** employed, since many lines of original record have sometimes been compressed into one, in this volume.

4. **The source** from which a particular word or statement has been drawn can be inferred in most cases from its nature; as proprietorship and town office from town records; church membership, dismission, etc., from those of the churches; purchase and sale of lands from county Records of Deeds; depositions, giving age, etc., from records or files of the Courts or Colonies; designations of trade, occupation or social position were usually given in deeds, but sometimes in records of admission to churches; wills and administrations of estates in Probate Records or those of the County or Colony. When an item was found in an unusual place, the source has been noted.

5. The **dates** are given as they were **recorded**. March 25 was New Year's Day in England and her colonies in the seventeenth century. It is at once a blunder and a crime to alter such dates to suit a calendar which our *Forefathers* did not use. Their "style" was just exactly "old style," not at all "new." From January 1 to March 25, during which some other nations used the new year number, they often wrote a double date; as "3 February, 1621-2"; but February was still "moneth 12," and even 24 March was in the old year, although the month, by anticipation of "day 25," was "moneth 1."

6. The Author will be grateful for information of any error discovered in this volume, and for facts of definite importance respecting the Pioneers recorded in either American or English documents of that period.

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For list of Authorities, Table of Abbreviations, Roll of Pioneer Towns, Cross Index and Index of Occupations, Trades, and Social Position, see pp. 520 et. seq.

**COLBORN, etc., cont.**
12 Nov. 1668, Joseph Morse;) John b. 29 (5) 1648, Mary b. 21 (11) 1650, Hannah b. 20 (11) 1652, Samuel b. 25 (11) 1654, Deborah b. 28 (11) 1656, Benjamin b. 24 (7) 1659, Joseph b. 1 (10) 1662.

Nathaniel, Sen., d. May 14, 1691. Will prob. April 26, 1692 ,beq. to wife Priscilla, sons Nathaniel, John, Samuel, Joseph and Benjamin; daus. Sarah Partridge, Rebecca Pratt, Priscilla Morse, Hannah Alderidge; to Deborah and Joseph, ch. of son-in-law Joseph Wight and my dec. dau. Deborah, Priscilla d. Aug. 12, 1692.

Robert, Ipswich, resident, 1648. He deposed in 1668, ae. about 60 years; wife Alice the same.

He d. May 2, 1685.

William; William Colebnrn of Brentwood paid £25 into the stock of the Mass. Bay Co.; receipt dated 8 May, 1629. He petitioned in 1658 for a proper grant of land therefor, and recd. 300 acres. [Arch. 100.] Boston, appl. frm. Oct. 19, 1630, adm frm. May 18, 1631. Town officer many terms.

Will prob. 29 (8) 1662. Wife Margery; dau. Sarah Pierce and her dau. Sarah Colpit; dau. Mary Turand and her 5 ch. which she had by George Barrell, viz. James, William, John, Mary and Hannah; dau. Elizabeth Paine. [Reg. XI. 174.]

**COLBY, COULBY,**

Anthony, Boston, 1633. Frm. May 14, 1634. Propr. at Cambridge 1633; sold before 1640. Rem. to Salisbury about 1640. He was dism. from Boston chh. to chh. of Salis. 5 (5) 1640. Ch. John bapt. 8 (7) 1633, Sarah, (m. Orlando Bagley,) Samuel, (deposed in 1692, ae. about 53 years,) Rebecca b. March 11, 1643, (m. John Williams,) Mary b. Sept. 19, 1647, (m. Wm. Sargent, Jr.,) Thomas.

He d. Feb. 11, 1660; inv. and division of est. in 1662-3. The widow m. William Whittred; d. July 8, 1689, or thereabout. Her est. was admin. by son Samuel. List of ch. and gr. ch. [Es. Files, 38, 89.]

**COLCORD, COLCOTT,**

Edward, planter, Salem ,1637. Rem. to Dover, N. H. Deposed 8 April, 1673, about gifts of Mr. Bachiler to Chr. Hussey and wife, ae. 56 years. He contracted Nov. 5, 1639, to deliver clapboards at Pascatt River Mouth. [L.] He deposed 17 (9) 1669, a about 54 years.

See Page, Robert.

**COLDHAM, COULDUM,**

Thomas, miller, Lynn, frm. May 14 1634. Propr., juryman. He deposed in 1662, about Mr. Humphrey's mill at L., which he tended 2 or 3 years; never kept a better mill in England. Was then ae. about 80 years. Ch. Thomas, Clement, (ae. about 37 yrs. in 1662,) Martha, wife of Richard Whitney, ment. by son Thomas, [Elizabeth, wife of John] Symonds. He admin. on the est. of his son Thomas 24 (4) 1673.

He d. April 8, 1675, ae. about 89 years. Will, dated March 14, 1674-5, beq. to wife Joannah, son Clement C., gr. ch. Samuel Symonds, bro. and friend Mr. Henry Rhodes. The son Thomas also referred to cousin Sara Harte.

**COLE, COLES, COAL, COOLE, COOLEE,**

Clement, ae. 30, came in the Susan and Ellen in April, 1635. Served with Mr. Robert Keayne in the business of tailor in 1639.

Daniel, tailor, Yarmouth, atba. 1643. Frm. 5 June, 1644. Had accts. with Thomas Hawkins for Mr. Pollington of London 23 (8) 1646. [A.] He rem. to Eastham; sold land at Marshfield June 8, 1649. Wife Ruth; ch. Mary b. March 10, 1658, William b. Sept. 15, 1663. The wife Ruth d. Dec. 15, 1694, ae. 66.

He d. Dec. 20, 1694. Admin. gr. 15 Jan. folg. to son Israel, at the request of his bros. and sisters. Agreement made between the children, John, Timothy, Israel, James, William, Daniel and Thomas, Daniel Dean and his wife Hephzibah, John Young and his wife Ruth, Joshua Hopkins and his wife Mary, and Medad Atwood and his wife Hester.

Henry, Sandwich, atba. 1643.

Isaac, carpenter, of Sandwich, Eng., with wife Joan and 2 children, came in the Hercules in March, 1634. Settled at Charlestown; frm. March 14, 1638-9. He deposed 2 (4) 1665, ae. about 58 years. [Mdx. Files.] Ch. Abraham b. 3 (8) 1636, Jacob b. 16 (5) 1641, Elizabeth b. 26 (7) 1643. His widow

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**HARRIS, etc., cont.**
and Ebenezer. Refers to oldest son who d. beyond the sea.

Walter, embarked March 6, 1631, came to Plymouth upon an engagement with Mr. John Atwood of London, under command of Mr. John Done of Plym. for 5 years; was transferred to Henry Howland April 8, 1633.

Walter, of Dorchester, frm. June 2, 1641. signed the inv. of John Pope in 1640.

William, Charlestown, Rowley, propr. 1643. Wife Edy, or Edee, adm. chh. Charlestown 30 (9) 1642; ch. b. at Rowley 1 (5) 1645. Amy adm. chh. Charlestown 9 (6) 1656.

**HARRISON,**

Arthur, (called also Harris, q. v.)

Rev. Edward, Boston, adm. inhab. in 1645. Wife Eleanor; ch. Joseph b. 20 (3) 1646; John bapt. 21 (3) 1648, his father being pastor of the church at Virginia; Elizabeth bapt. 23 (8) 1649, ae. about 7 days.

John, gent., an attachment granted for him by Gen. Court 4 (10) 1628.

John, rope-maker, cordish maker, Salisbury, propr. 1639, frm. June 2, 1641. Sold lands in Salis. to Ralph Blaisdale 25 (1) 1643. Rem. to Boston. Rec'd to chh. from S. with wife Grace 17 (12) 1643. One of the attorneys of John Hodges, citizen and cooper of London in 1647. [Norf. rec.] Ch. John b. 2 (2) 1652, Elizabeth b. 2 Aug. 1653, Eliashib bapt. 18 (1) 1655, Anna b. 21 (10) 1656, Bethiah b. Sept. 7, 1658, Ebenezer b. May 31, 1660, Abraham b. Sept. 3, 1661, Rebecca b. Feb. 2, 1662, d. July 25, 1663, Isaac b. June 18, 1664. He m. 2. Persis, widow of Wm. Bridges, who was adm. chh. as his wife, 9 (2) 1654; she d. March 7, 1682-3. He d. Dec. 11, 1684.

Richard, Charlestown, witness to a deed in 1647.

**HARROD,**

Winnifred, adm. chh. Charlestown 12 (12) 1636.

**HARSON,**

Christopher, Wenham, 1643. [Essex Court files.]

**HART, HEART,** compare with Hardy,

Edmund, or Edward, Dorchester, propr. 1632; frm. May 14, 1635. Weymouth, propr. 1636. Ch. Martha b. 12 (8) 1640.

Isaac, yeoman, Watertown, before Gen. Court 30 (5) 1640; propr. 1642. Sold land in 1656. Rem. to Lynn, afterward to Reading. Propr. 1647. Wife Elizabeth memb. chh. R. 1648; petitioned Mdx. Court ..ing him in 1656. Ch. Elizabeth b. Dec. 11, 1651, Samuel b. Feb. 9, 1658, (m. 29 Jan. 1673, Mary Witterige; he d. 25 June, 1683. He, ae. about 40, and she, ae. about 35, deposed in 1658. [Es. files.]

His will dated Feb. 6, 1697, prob. Feb. 19, 1699, beq. to wife Elizabeth, sons Thomas, John, Samuel and Adam, and daus. Elizabeth Wenborn and Dabra (Deborah) Proctor.

John, embarked March 7, 1631.

John, shoemaker, ae. 40, with Mary, ae. 31, came in the James in July, 1635. Settled at Salem. Marblehead; propr. 1636; Mary memb. chh. 1637; he was adm. chh. 1638. Witness at Court 1645.

Admin. gr. to widow Florence 26 (4) 1656. Inv. 14 (1) 1655-6. Edward Flint, Jeremiah Neale, Joseph Morgan and John Trask gave power of attorney 1 March, 1672-3, to their bro.-in-law Jonathan Hart, to act for them as husbands of the daughters of the late John and Florence Hart of Marblehead. [See also Es. files XVIII, 38.]

Nicholas, Taunton, atba. 1643. [See Rossiter.]

Stephen, Cambridge, propr. 1633; frm. May 14, 1634. Propr. Sold in 1635. Rem. to Conn.

Thomas, ae. 24, servant ... John Browne, tailor, cert. from Redd... ...ex, came in the Desire in June, 163... ...ed at Ipswich; propr. 1638; town offi...

**HARTOPP, HARTUB,**

William, Plymouth, Duxbury, atba. 1643.

**HARTSHORN,**

Thomas, Reading, propr., frm. May 10, 1648. Deposed 3 (2) 1654, ae. about 40 years. [Mdx. Files.] Wife Susanna d. March 8, 1659-60. He m. Hannah —, who was recd from the chh. of Ipswich 6 (2) 1663; she d.

**MILLER, cont.**

William, Ipswich, paid for service against the Indians in 1646; a resident in 1648.

Thomas, tailor, ae. 30, with wife Mary, ae. 29, and son Thomas, ae. 2, cert. from the parish of St. Saviours, Southwark, Eng., came in the Elizabeth, in April, 1635. Settled at Dorchester. [L.] Propr., town officer. Frm. May 17, 1637. Removed to Gloucester. Bought house and land there in 1655. Wife Mary, dau. of John Grenaway, q. v.; ch. Thomas, came with them from Eng., John b. 8 (5) 1635, Jonathan b. and d. 1638, Mary b. 26 (6) 1639, Mehitabel b. 14 (1) 1641, bapt. 20 (1) 1642.

Inv. of his est. taken 23 (7) 1676, was presented by the widow Mary at Ipswich 3 days later. Agreement for division made 27 Sept. 1682, after her death, between Thomas and Nathaniel M., Sarah, widow of John M., Thomas Riggs [husband of —] and Isaac Elwell, [husband of —].

**MILLS, MILLES,**

John, Boston, appl. frm. Oct. 19, 1630, frm. March 6, 1631-2. Rem. to Braintree in 1641; he and his wife Susan and their son John had letters of dismission 14 (6) 1653. Town officer. Had accts. with Edward Witheridge in 1648. [A.] Ch. Joy and Recompense, daus. bapt. 25 (10) 1631, John bapt. 3 (4) 1632, (d. at Br. 27 Feb. 1684-5, ae. 62;) Jonathan bapt. 30 (6) 1635, James bapt. 3 (4) 1638.

He d. 5 July, 1678. Mrs. Susanna d. 10 (10) 1675, ae. 80 years. His will dated 12 Jan. 1677, prob. 10 Sept. 1678, beq. to only son John and daus. Mary Hawkins and Susanna Dawes; desires that one of John's sons may be fitted for the work of the ministry, "which was the employment of my predecessors unto the third if not the fourth generations."

Samuel, Weymouth. He deposed 11 (1) 1640, ae. 21, servant to Henry Waltham. [L.] Rem. to Dedham; townsman 1 (11) 1644, memb. chh. before 1646. Wife Frances; ch. Samuel b. and d. 1646, Samuel d. 15 (10) 1649, Benjamin b. 20 (1) 1651, Elizabeth b. 10 (9) 1652, Stephen d. 3 (10) 1653, Sarah b. 5 (3) 1654, Rebecca b. 10 (2) 1657.

The wife Mary d. Oct 30, and he d. Jan. 1694-5.

**MILLER** *alias* **Hodges, see Hodges.**

**MILLETT,**

Richard, appl. frm. Oct. 19, 163 frm. June 11, 1633.

**MILNER,**

Michael, ae. 23, came in the James 1 July, 1635.

**MINGO,**

—, Boston, a neger, his child Hope b 13 (3) 1641.

**MINGY, MINGEY,**

Jeffrey, Dedham, propr. 11 (8) 1637, sold (8) 1639; frm. May 13, 1640. Rem. to Hampton. Beq. his est. in 1658 to his wife and Eliakin Wardwell.

**MINOR, MINARD, MINORD, MINGET, MYNARD, see Maynard,**

James Boston. Wife Mary; ch. Amander b. (7) 1645. Mary Mynate, ae. about 45, deposed to the will of Mary Truesdell, Nov. 26, 1674.

John, carpenter, Boston, bought land 1 April, 1648. His widow Elizabeth and James Johnson, admnrs., sold his house and land Dec. 19, 1659. May 13, 1660, she sold her right of dower in land previously belonging to her former husband, Nathaniel "Eaton;" [see Heaton.] Sold land to her son-in-law John Barnes of Boston, cooper, March 4, 1669-70. Her will, dated 11 [illegible] 1671, prob. 27 (10) 1683, beq. to ch. [illegible] -athaniel and Eleazer Eaton; to [illegible] -tary Bartholomew; to the 5 ch. of her [illegible] -her; to dau. Elizabeth Barnes. Admin. [illegible] to her sons Cornelius Fisher and Nathaniel Heaton of Wrentham.

Thomas, [signature "Minor,"] Charlestown, memb. chh. 1632; propr. 1634; rem. to Hingham, propr. 1636. He m. April 23, 1634, Grace, dau. of Walter Palmer; ch. Clement bapt. March 18, 1638, Thomas bapt. May 10, 1640, Ephraim bapt. May 1, 1642, Joseph bapt. Aug. 25, 1644. Rem. to Hingham. Signed petition for liberty to plant at Whitehead Neck in 1645; also for Nashaway same year. Rem. to New London, Conn.

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**WITHERDEN, WETHERDEN, WYTHERDEN, WITHERNDEN,**

John, miller, millwright, Scituate, atba. 1643. Sold land in 1645. Rem. to Boston. Sold ⅛ of the wind-mill on the common, near to Fox Hill Feb. 12, 1654. Bought another tract in 1661, which he and his wife Mary sold same year.

**WITHERELL, see Wetherell.**

**WITHERIDGE, WYTHERIDGE,**

Edward, mariner, Boston, adm. chh. 24 (12) 1643. frm. May 29, 1644. Had accounts with Sedgwick, Hill and Mills 23 (3) 1648. [A.]

John, Watertown, (perhaps same as Witherell,) mentioned in Col. Rec. I (4) 1641. Admin. gr. Nov. 5, 1672, to widow Mary; dau. Mary recd. balance of est. 24 Dec. 1680.

**WITHERLEY,**

Thomas, before Gen. Court 6 June, 1639.

**WITH, WITHIE, WITHE, see Wyeth,**

Robert, ae. 20, "Marg." ae. 60, and Susan, ae. 16, came in the Hopewell in Sept. 1635.

**WITHINGTON,**

Henry, Dorchester, is believed to have come about the same time as Mr. Richard Mather, in 1635; one of the seven signers of the church covenant at the re-organizing, 23 Aug. 1636. Selectman 2 Oct. 1636; propr. Ruling elder; "a man that excelled in wisdom, meekness and goodness." [D.] By first wife Elizabeth who d. 5 (12) 1660, he had ch. Richard, Mary, (m. Thomas Danforth,) Ann, (m. James Bates, Jr.,) Faith, (m. Richard Baker.) He m. widow Margerie Paul, (formerly Turner,) of Taunton; she survived him and d. May 20, 1676.

He d. Feb. 2, 1666, ae. 79. Will dated 8 (11) 1664, ae. about 78 or upon 77 years of age; son Richard to perform contract made at marriage with wife Margarie, and pay her 10 li. extra; beq. to Richard, to Faith Baker, Mary Danforth and Anna Batte; to John Baker, Samuel Danforth, Samuel Batte and Samuel Paull; to all his grandchildren except Mary Robinson; to Messrs. Mather and Tompson; to the church; to Richard's four sons John, Ebenezer, Henry and Philip. Prob. 15 Feb. 1666-7. [Reg. XVI, 52.]

**WITHMAN,**

John, place of residence not given, frm. May 18, 1642.

**WITTER,**

William, Lynn, Lawsait, 1639. Called to Court for antagonizing Infant Baptism 22 May, 1645.

Will dated 5 (6) 1652. Inv. taken Nov. 13, 1653, prob. 24 (4) 1661; wife Annis; son Josiah; dau. Hannah, wife of Robert Burdin.

**WOAKER, see Walker.**

**WOLLASTON,**

Captain, Mr., founder of the Colony of Mt. Wollaston about 1623; a man of pretty parts. When the colony failed he took part of his servants to Virginia and sold them there. [B.] Had a conditional grant of land at Scituate in 1640. Was before the Gen. Court 7 Sept. 1641. Compare with next name.

**WOLLENSTON,**

Edward, gent., sued for debt in Plymouth Court and swine attached by George Allen of Sandwich, 1641.

**WOOD, WOODS.**

Constant, ae. 12, came in the Abigail in June, 1635.

Daniel, Ipswich, paid for service against the Indians in 1643; propr. 1644. Inv. of his est. taken 23 March, 1648.

Edmond, Springfield, one of the original proprietors in 1636. [See Reg. XIII, 207.] Jonas also appears as a propr., and John, a father in 1638.

Edward, baker, Charlestown, bought half of a house Nov. 1, 1639. [L.] Adm. chh. 30 (1) 1640, frm. May 13, 1640. His wife Ruth adm. chh. 24 (3) 1640, d. 29 (6) 1642; ch. Tabitha bapt. 30 (3) 1641. Edward Wood, "the elder of that name," died 27 (8) 1642. Admin. gr. 4 (10) 1642. [Reg. III, 81.]

Edward, mariner, would seem to be the younger of the name, referred to above; his wife Elizabeth seems to be the person, ae. 38, who came in the Increase April 15, 1635, with [son] Nathaniel, ae. 12. Edward bought land at Boston Jan. 12, 1655; which his wife Elizabeth, acting in his absence, mortg. July 21, 1659. Elizabeth adm. chh.

1851 and 1871 Devon census
document

## Editor's Note

This section contains only one "orphan" document, which was located among various other search documents from my parents' 1980 trip to Britain.

The source for the document is unknown, although it could have been Kim Cook (q.v.).

Tom Witheridge
August 23, 2022

1851 Census HO 107

Piece No 1877, 24-357

Parish of Revelstoke - No Witheridges recorded

Parish of Newton Ferrers - No Witheridges recorded

Parish of Wembury

Knighton Village

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| Thomas Witheridge | Head | Widr | 56 | Cordwainer | Devon, Wembury |
| Charlotte Ware | Sister/law | Wid | 53 | - | Devon, Wembury |
| Mary Dodderidge | Neice | Unm | 18 | - | Devon, Plymstock |
| William Harley | Visitor | Unm | 22 | Copper miner | Devon, Plympton |

Knighton Village - Jubilee Inn

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Elizabeth Gregory | Wife | Marr | 45 | Innkeeper | |
| Mary Chaffe | Visitor | Unm | 28 | - | |
| Jane Ward | Servant | Unm | 13 | House Servant | |
| William Witheridge | Lodger | Mar | 36 | Ag Lab | Devon, Wembury |
| Caroline Witheridge | Lodger | Mar | 25 | - | Sussex, NK |

Down Thomas, Oreston, Langdon Hall - no Witheridges recorded

Higher & Lower Hooe - no Witheridges recorded

Elburton - no Witheridges recorded

Plymstock - no Witheridges recorded

Staddiscombe - no Witheridges recorded, but

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| Joseph Willing | Head | Marr | 36 | Labourer | Devon, Plymstock |
| Mary Willing | Wife | Marr | 33 | | Devon, Plymstock |
| Nathaniel Willing | Son | Unm | 22 | Labourer | Devon, Plymstock |

(NB Ages presumably inaccurate!)

Yealmpton

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| William Witheridge | Head | Marr | 50 | Lab in woods | Devon, Yealmpton |
| Mary Witheridge | Wife | Marr | 67 | - | Devon, Yealmpton |
| Mary Ann Witheridge | Dau | Unm | 27 | Dressmaker | Devon, Yealmpton |
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| William Witheridge | Head | Marr | 25 | Master tailor | Devon, Yealmpton |
| Rebecca Witheridge | Wife | Marr | 26 | Dress Maker | Devon, Yealmpton |

Ermington

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| Phillip Witheridge | Head | Marr | 59 | Carp & Wheelwrt emp 1 man | Devon, Ermington |
| Mary Witheridge | Wife | Marr | 46 | - | Devon, Ermington |
| Philip Witheridge | Son | Unm | 19 | Carp (learn'g) | Devon, Ermington |
| Arthur Witheridge | Son | Unm | 13 | - | Devon, Ermington |
| Elizabeth Witheridge | Dau | Unm | 11 | Scholar | Devon, Ermington |
| Avis Witheridge | Dau | Unm | 8 | Scholar | Devon, Ermington |
| John Witheridge | Son | Unm | 5 | Scholar | Devon, Ermington |
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| Samuel Ryder | Head | Marr | 66 | Retd Miller | Devon, Torbrian |
| Jane Ryder | Wife | Marr | | - | Devon, Av Gifford |
| Cordelia Witheridge | Gdau | Unm | 6 | - | Devon, Tavistock |

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Ermington (contd)

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| Henry Witheridge | Head | Widr | 53 | Victualler &Builder emp 1 man/Barmaid | Devon, Ermington |
| Eliza Witheridge | Dau | Unm | 17 | Housekeeper | Devon, Ermington |
| Henry Witheridge | Son | Unm | 14 | Carp(Learn'g) | Devon, Ermington |
| Emma Witheridge | Dau | Unm | 11 | - | Devon, Ermington |
| Jane Witheridge | Dau | Unm | 7 | Scholar | Devon, Ermington |
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| William Conway | Head | Marr | 29 | Farrier | Devon, Ermington |
| Mary Conway | Wife | Marr | 25 | - | |
| Louisa Conway | Dau | Unm | 3 | - | Devon, Ermington |
| Helen Conway | Dau | Unm | 2 | - | Devon, Ermington |
| Elizabeth Witheridge | Visitor | Unm | 9 | - | Devon, Ermington |

No further Witheridge entries on this roll (roll 2 of four)
Rolls 1, 3 and 4 not yet examined (May 1978)

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Census returns - 1871

Parish of St Andrew, Plymouth - Drake ward

No 391 - 6 Frankfort Square

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | John Witheridge | Head | Unm | 42 | Labourer | Devon, Mitford |
| * | Elizabeth Sewell | Lodger | Wid | 62 | - | Devon, Ashburton |
| | William Wright | Lodger | Unm | 50 | Brass finisher | Birmingham |

* This name is not altogether clear, and may be Jewell

1976 Trip to Britain
documents

# Editor's Note

This section contains (mostly) documents pertaining to my parents' search of Witheridge-related records at the Devon Record Office and the North Devon Athenaeum during their first trip to Great Britain in 1976. The document at the end of the section is from another source.

Tom Witheridge
August 23, 2022

[DEW's notes regarding the Devon Record Office 1976 search]

✓ Holsworthy

First check from 1785 to 1795 for birth of
Joseph Witheridge [all Witheridge records]
Then look for his parents' marriage

Joseph
Witheridge
(b. 1788)

✓ Got Witheridge wills photocopied

Find out if Devon Record Office has Bishop's Transcripts
for Redruth + Gwennap, Cornwall, for 1810 to 1857.
Also Carharrack

See if there might be any other records of William +
Mary Witheridge in Combe Martin

Death of Mary (Slocombe) Witheridge?
More than one William of child-bearing age at that time?

Mary
Slocombe
(b. ca.
1715-20)

Look for Mary Slocombe's birth records about 1715-20
" " her death, about 1742-9
(Mary Witheridge)

Mary
Symons
(bapt. 1727)

Look for Mary Symons' birth records about 1720-30

Go through Bishop's Transcripts for period not covered
by Parish Register 1724-38

Look up Morris records in Combe Martin

William
Witheridge
(b. ca.
1752/1754)

Look up birth of William Witheridge Jan. 23, 1752 for name of
mother. [no listing at all in bishop's transcript]

Boscastle Group of Parishes; The Rev. F. J. W. Maddock, Rector; The Rectory, Boscastle, Tel. Boscastle 359

George
Witheridge
(b. ca. 1836,
m. 1860)

George Witheridge born in Cornwall about 1836 (Camelford?)

William
John
Witheridge
(b. 1873)

Death record of Wm John Witheridge, d. Camelford Mar. 16, 1938
(buried Otterham Corn.) St. Denis church

William John Witheridge, husband of Maud Witheridge of this parish
Died Mar. 16, 1938, aged 64 yrs.
Also Maud Witheridge, died Apr. 5, 1968, aged 93 yrs.

[Aug. 11, 1976]

[Note by DEW from his search
at the Devon Record Office in 1976]

8/11/76

Combe Martin.

1753 - Births

[Lovering]
July 22 - Joan Witheridge, dau. Nicholas Lovering +
Rebecca his wife.

Jumps to 1768

[Aug. 13, 1976]

[DEW's notes from visit to the Devon Record Office]

Aug. 13, 1976
Dev. Rec. Off.

Holsworthy - Bishop's Transcripts

Jewel, Emanuel
+ Eliz.

1785 - No Witheridge

1786 - No Witheridge

1787 - No Witheridge

1788 - Marriages

Elizabeth Witheridge (m. 1788)

Apr. 15 - Emmanuel Jewel, laborer, Bachelor, + Eliz. Witheridge, Spinster, Both of this Parish of Holsworthy, By Banns.

1789 - Baptisms

Jan. 25 - Mary, dau. of Emanuel + Eliz. Jewel

1790 - Baptisms

Apr. 18 - Susanna, dau. of Emmanuel + Eliz. Jewel

1791 - Baptisms

Nov. 13 - John, son of Emanuel + Eliz. Jewel

[May 24 - William, son of William + Dorothy Jewel]

1792 - No Witheridge or Jewel

1793 - Baptisms

[Sept. 5 - Richard, son of William + Dorothy Jewel]

1794 - Burials

[Feb. 7 - William, son of William + Dorothy Jewel]

1795 - Burials

[Feb. 28 - Mary, dau. of the late George Jewel + Susanna his wife]

[June 12 - Thomas, son of William + Dorothy Jewel]

[Nov 11 - Ann, wife of Christopher Jewel]

1796 - Marriages

[Mar. 27 - William Jewel, laborer + bachelor, to Ann Martin, spinster, both of this parish, by Banns.]

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Dev. Rec. Off.

Holsworthy - Bishop's Transcripts

1796 (cont.) - Marriages
[Aug. 16 - Christopher Jewel, Mason + widower, to Elizabeth Martyn, spinster - both of this parish, by Banns]

1797 - Baptisms
April 30 - James, son of Emanuel + Eliz. Jewel
[July 9 - John, son of Christopher + Elizabeth Jewel]
Burials
[July 30 - Christopher, son of William + Dorothy Jewel]

1798 - Burials
[May 3 - Ann, wife of William Jewel]

1799 - Baptisms
Feb. 27 - Grace, dau. of Emanuel + Eliz. Jewel
[Oct. 20 - Mary, dau. of William + Catharine Jewel]
Marriages
[Mar. 31 - William Jewell of this parish (Sojourner) + Catharine Cornish of this parish (Spinster) by Banns]

1800 - Baptisms
[May 11 - Christopher, son of Christopher + Elizabeth Jewel]
Burials
[Sept. 20 - Christopher, son of Christopher + Elizabeth Jewel]

1801 - Baptisms
[Mar. 21 - Mary, dau. of Christopher + Elizabeth Jewel]

1802 - Transcript missing

1803 - No Witheridge or Jewel

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Holsworthy - Bishop's Transcripts

1784 (May 26 - Dec. 31) - No Witheridge or Jewel

1783-4 (May 25, 1783 - May 22, 1784)

Baptisms

[Sept 4 - William, son of William + Dorothy Jewel (Priv.)]

Burials

[Sept. 25 - William, son of William + Dorothy Jewel]

1782-3 (May 26, 1782 - Apr. 13, 1783) - No Witheridge or Jewel

1781-2 (May 23, 1781 - May 7, 1782)

Baptisms

[June 10 - Thomazine, dau. of William + Dorothy Jewel]

1780-1 (May 23, 1780 - May 23, 1781) - No Witheridge or Jewel

[DEW's notes from visit to Devon Record Office] [Aug. 13, 1976]

Bishops' Trans., Combe Martin, Devon Rec. Off.

Edward Northcott (b. 1712) → ✓ Edward Northcott
d. Oct. 25, 1747

✓ Mary ——
d. Dec. 3, 1764 (?)
[Norcott]

Bishops' Trans. missing for 45 probably of marriage

Edward Northcott (bapt. 1741) → ✓ Edward [Norcott] b. Oct. 3, 1741

William Northcott (bapt. 1743) → ✓ William [Northcott] b. Dec. 1, 1743

also below

✓ Mary
m. Wakefield Tremellen June 8, 1768

Wakefield Tremellen (m. 1768)

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John Witheridge
✓ (Mason)

Mary ——

John Witheridge (b. 1838) ✓ John b. Nov. 18, 1838 - Combe Martin [B.T.]

✓ James b. Aug. 9, 1841 - Combe Martin [Bish. Trans.]

✓ Anna Howard b. Aug. 5, 1844 - Combe Martin [B.T.]

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Baptisms

(William and Edward Northcott)
✓ Dec. 1, 1743 - William, son Edward Northcott & Mary his wife
✓ Oct. 3, 1741 - Edward, son " " " "

Margaret Peake (bapt. 1741) → ✓ Oct. 31, 1741 - Margaret, dau Anthony Peake & Mary his wife

✓ Dec. 15, 1739 - Anthony, son Anthony Peak & Margaret his wife

Anthony Peak (bapt. 1739)

Anthony Peak

Burials

Anthony Peak (bur. 1734/5) (bapt. 1682/3) → ✓ Feb. 8, 1734/5 - Anthony Peak

[DEW's notes from the Devon Record Office] [Aug. 13, 1976]

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Dev. Rec. Off.

Susanna Witheridge (d. 1853)

Will of Susanna Witheridge (Ref. W1126)
Kingsbridge, Devon.
Made Feb. 7, 1841
Died "in the month of August, 1853"

Oath by Executrix, Susanna Shillabeer, that
Personal estate + effects amounted to less than £20
Aug. 14, 1854

Proved in Archdeacon's Court of Totnes, Aug. 14, 1854

Bequeathed to dau. Susanna Shillabeer all
real estate, house, garden, premises, etc. in
Kingsbridge, late the property of her
brother, Samuel Bentley, deceased, which
he purchased of William Curtis + others.

Susanna Shillabeer

To hold for use of said dau. Susanna + her
assigns for + during her natural life.
After decease of said dau., I give the same
property to grandson Samuel Bentley Shillabeer,
subject to the payment of legacies to his
sister + brother as hereinafter mentioned.
To granddaughter Eliza Jane Shillabeer, £50
To grandson Henry Shillabeer £50
(when they reach age of 21)
All rest of money, household goods, furniture, etc.
to dau. Susanna Shillabeer.

[DEW's notes from visit to Devon Record Office] [Aug. 19, 1976]

Richard Witheridge (d. 1834) 8/13/76
Dev. Rec. Off.

Will of Richard Witheridge (Ref. W1127), yeoman,
Hogbear in parish of Tavistock, Devon
Made July 5, 1834
Died July 9, 1834
Proved Sept. 12, 1834
Effects sworn to be under £600 by executrix,
Mary Witheridge [signed Mary Weatheridge]
[affidavit made out in name of Mary Wetheridge
and Richard Wetheridge]

To youngest son Richard - silver watch, silver
shoe buckles, & silver knee buckles.
Remainder to wife Mary Witheridge
After her death, said property equally divided
amongst all my children at the discretion of
my beloved wife Mary Witheridge

[DEW's notes from Devon Record Office] [Aug. 19, 1976]

Agnes Blackmore = William Gould 8/19/76
Devon Record Off.

Parish of Charles, Devon - Bishop's Trans.

1807 - Marriages

✓ Mar. 4 - William Gould of this parish, cordwainer, + Agnes Blackmore, spinster, resident here, were married by Banns.

Baptisms

✓ Sept. 27 - William, son of William Gould + Agnes his wife

William Gould (bapt. 1807)

[DEW's notes from Devon Record Office] [Aug. 19, 1976]

## Parracombe banns and marriages

8/19/76
Devon Record Office

Editor's Note: All of the Blackmore marriages in DEW's line during these years were in Combe Martin, not Parracombe. Therefore, I have not added these Blackmores individually to the index.
Tom Witheridge, Aug. 24, 2022

Parracombe - Parish Register

1821 - Banns of Marriage between Wm. Blackmore, sojourner of this Parish + Charity Gould of the parish of N. Molton, read on Sundays - June 3, 10, + 17

1810 - Banns between Richard Blackmore + Mary Jones both this Parish read Sundays July 22, 29, Aug. 5

1805 - Banns between Thomas Fry + Nancy Blackmore both this Parish read Sundays, Nov. 17 + 24 + Dec. 1.

1789 - Banns between Richard Blackmore of this Parish yeoman, + Elizabeth Lock of this parish, spinster read Sundays Dec. 13, 20, 27

~~1787 - Banns between David Harris, sojourner in this Parish + Mary Green~~

1776 - Banns between Nicholas Blackmore of this parish a sojourner, + Mary Knight - spinster, read May 26, June 2, + 9

1766 - Banns between William Tucker of the Parish of Kentisbury + Mary Blackmore of this parish, read Apr. 6, 13, 20

1763 - Banns John Blackmore, Batch. of this Parish + Elizabeth Slader of this parish, spinster, Apr. 10, 17, 24

1758 - Banns John Blackmore of this parish, husbandman + Margaret Gibson of this parish, spinster, read Mar. 12, 19, 26

1756 - Banns between Richard Cooke, Clothier of the Parish of Martinhoe + Philip Blackmore, this parish, spinster read Feb. 8, 15, 22

# Parracombe continued

1812 – Marriages
Nov. 14 – John Blackmore – Parish of Paracombe, widower,
& Susanna Gammon of said Parish, widow,
Married by Licence; Witnesses: Richard Blackmore &
Christopher Blackmore

1811 – Marriages
Sept. 16 – John Blackmore, Parish of Paracombe, Bachelor,
a minor, & Eleanor Roach, same Parish, spinster
Married by Licence, & with consent of Rev'd Blackmore,
his father; Witnesses: Richard Roach & Wm Sloley

1810 – Marriages
Aug. 6 – Richard Blackmore, this parish, Bachelor, &
Mary Jones, this parish, spinster, by Banns.

1806 – Marriages
Apr. 19 – John Gammon of this Parish Bachelor, &
Susanna Slader of this Parish, spinster, a minor
Married by Licence with consent of the Rev. John
→ Blackmore of the parish of Charles in Devon,
her guardian; Witnesses: Richard Blackmore & Wm Sloley

1805 – Marriages
Jan. 5 – Thomas Fry, this Parish, Bachelor, a Mariner, &
Nancy Blackmore, this parish, spinster, married
by banns. Witnesses: Nicholas Blackmore, Senior,
& Nicholas Blackmore.

1814 – Marriages
Oct. 23 – John Fancey, bachelor, the Parish of Paracombe
& Elizabeth Blackmore, same parish, with consent of
parents; Witnesses: Nicholas Blackmore & William
Sloley

Parracombe continued

8/24/76
Devon Record Off.

Parracombe - Parish Register

1817 - Marriages

Apr. 17 - William Britton, this parish, bachelor, + Elizabeth Blackmore, this parish, spinster married by Banns by John Blackmore, minister of Charles, Witnesses: Wm Doley + John Jones

1822 - Marriages

Feb. 4 - Humphrey Barwick, age 70, this parish, widower + Mary Blackmore (widow) this parish, aged 71, married by Banns.

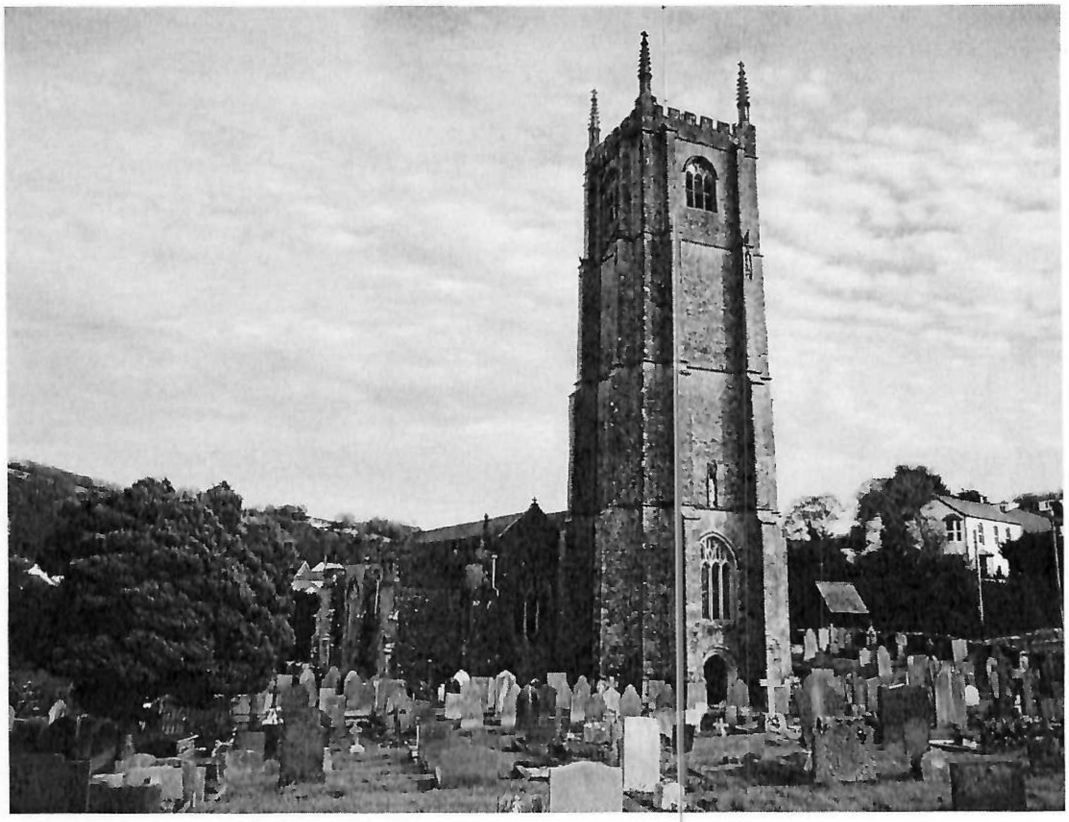
## Editor's Note

The following document, the last one in this section, lists individuals buried in the churchyard of the Church of St Peter ad Vincula in Combe Martin, Devon, England, which is the Church of England parish church for that village. Pages 3 and 4 of the document also include a separate list of Gear and Pile family burials under the heading "Berrynarbor"; however, it is unclear where those burials took place, because apparently there is a St. Peter Church in Berrynarbor as well, and Dad didn't specify the burial ground involved.

There is actually a Wikipedia article about the Combe Martin edifice, which states (as of today): "Possibly built on the site of a Saxon church, construction of the present building began in the 13th-century with additions in the 15th-century and later. It has been a Grade I listed building since 1965. The church comes under the Diocese of Exeter. Pevsner describes the church as 'One of the best in the neighbourhood.'" (Nikolaus Pevsner, *The Buildings of England: North Devon*, Penguin Books [1952], p. 76.)

Dad and Mom appear to have visited the Combe Martin church during their 1976 trip, although the level of detail in his handwritten list on the next four pages makes me think he might have copied the information from an existing list compiled by an unknown source (perhaps provided by the church itself?) and not gleaned it from their own laborious walk-through of the churchyard. I do wish he'd been more forthcoming here!

Tom Witheridge
August 27, 2022



Combe Martin church, from the aforementioned Wikipedia article, August 27, 2022

[Notes written by DEW; see previous page][Aug. 1976]

Church of St. Peter ad Vincula
Coombe Martin 10:00 a.m.

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Block C So. to No.
Mary Norman, d. Jan 2, 1877, aged 67 ✓
✓ Row G - 37 William Henry Blackmore, grandson of the above, d. June 18 1956, aged 80 ✓
[illegible]

Block B No. to So.
Row A - 3 M. Witheridge, Jan 1868
Row I - 3 Green, Ann, & Witheridge, Will Oct. 1842 & Mar 1849

Block F (opp. B)
No. to So.
Row E ✓ 2 Blackmore, James & Emily Oct. 1960 & Jan 1961
✓ Blackmore, Harriet & Richard May 1895 & Feb 1903
✓ 1 Blackmore, Mary & John Oct. 1884 & Jan 1892
Fred, Eliz & John Sept 1891, Mar. 1919, Aug 1931
Row H - 3✓ Blackmore, Mary Ann Jan 1907

Block J (far end left)
No. to So.
Row C - 8 Blackmore, Sydney (A) July 1973
Row E - 11✓ Blackmore, Veronica Sep 1958

✓ Betsy Pile, wife of William Pile of this parish, who died the 6th day of Mar. 1864, aged 37 yrs.
✓ Also Mary Witheridge of this parish who died the 8th day of Jan, 1868, aged 77 yrs.
✓ Also of William Pile, the above named who died Sept 4, 1877, aged 56 years

✓ Ann the wife of William Green of this parish who died Oct. 12, 1842, aged 73 years.
✓ William Witheridge son of Edward & Mary Witheridge and grandson of the above named, died Mar. 25, 1837, aged 5 yrs.

James Blackmore d. Oct 8, 1940 aged 63 yrs
Rosalind Mary Clemence, dau. of the above
d. Sept. 26, 1953 aged 39 yrs.
Emily Blackmore, wife of the above
d. Jan. 23, 1961, aged 83 yrs.

Mary wife of John Blackmore, d. Oct 9, 1884 aged 77 yrs
John Blackmore, above named, d. Jan 20, 1892 aged 79 yrs.
Fred Blackmore, grandson of the above, d. Sept. 20, 1881
aged 16 months
Elizabeth Blackmore, wife of John Blackmore,
d. Mar. 3, 1919 aged 73 yrs.
John Blackmore, above named, d. Aug 24, 1931
aged 86 yrs.

Harriet, wife of Richard Blackmore, late of Challacombe
d. May 4, 1895, aged 74 yrs.
Richard Blackmore, d. Feb. 19, 1903, aged 77 yrs.

James Irwin, d. June 1, 1923 aged 66 yrs.
Mary Ann, wife of above named, who d. Mar. 23, 1933
aged 76 yrs.
→ Also Mary Ann, dau. of above named & wife of James
Blackmore, who d. Jan. 17, 1937, aged 26 yrs.
Also John Irwin, son of James & Mary Irwin, above named,
who d. Oct. 19, 1962, aged 73 yrs.
Also Grace Irwin, wife of above, d. Sept. 22, 1967, aged 83 y.

Combe Martin

Dear wife and mother;
Veronica Blackmore, d. Sept 25, 1958, aged 46 yrs.

## Berrynarbor

Mary, eldest daughter of John & Jane Dean
d. Nov. 2, 1885 aged 30
Also the above named John Dean, d. Aug 21, 1902, aged 73
Also his wife Jane Dean, d. Dec. 22, 1906, aged 77

Elizabeth, wife of James Pile of this parish, d. Nov. 26
1838, aged 62 yrs.
Also Mary Pile, wife of the above cited who
d. Dec. 6, 1840, aged 45 yrs.

John Pile, d. Nov. 17, 1871, aged 64 yrs.
Mary Ann, widow of the above, d. Feb. 3, 1892,
aged 80 yrs.
Susan, wife of George Latham & youngest dau.
of the above, d. Apr. 25, 1910, aged 56

Ann Dean, wife of Richard Dean of this parish, d. June 11
1882, aged 79
Richard Dean, above named, d. Dec. 31, 1883, aged 80 yrs.
Richard Dean, son of above named, d. Aug 1, 1915, aged 82

John [illegible], son of James & Margaret E. Dean d. Mar 13, 1890, aged 1 mo
Also James Dean above named, d. Dec. 25, 1898 aged 36 yrs.
Also above named Margaret Ellen, d. May 24, 1962,
aged 101 yrs.

Husband's father John Dean, d. Mar. 21, 1946,
aged 78
Also his wife Susanna Dean, d. June 8, 1957, aged 96

1980 Trip to Britain
documents

# Editor's Note

This section contains documents pertaining to my parents' search of Witheridge-related records at the North Devon Athenaeum, the Devon Record Office, and the Westcountry Studies Library during their second trip to Great Britain in 1980.

Tom Witheridge
August 28, 2022

[This excerpt was made by EPW at the North Devon Athenaeum]

[Aug. 13, 1980]

North Devon Athenaeum
8/13/80

~~Devon, W D. Hoskins~~ [See note below]

Witheridge Parish Church        P. 169   Pop. in 1377

Probably the Black Death (14th century)

"--- the dead were collected by the cart load from the scattered farmsteads, and taken by night to the mother-church of Witheridge for burial."
1349 - 51

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Witheridge Parish, Devon

- Witheridge earliest settlement in the district. Gave its name to an ancient hundred -

Bronze Age

- Much of parish consists of wet moors, occupied in Bronze Age - numerous barrows on Witheridge Moor and West Raffe Moor -

Lord of Witheridge

- In 1248 Robert son of Pagan (Fitzpaine) Lord of Witheridge, was granted a weekly market on Wednesday & a three day fair on the eve, feast, and morrow of the Nativity of John the Baptist, the dedication festival of the parish church (June 24)

Parish church

- church chancel is early 14th cent. - remainder of church 15th cent. restored in 1876.
  Excellent 15th cent. font
  Fine medieval stone pulpit.

Editor's note:

This excerpt is from Devon by W. D. Hoskins. There is a good Wikipedia article on Hoskins, which I accessed today.

Tom Witheridge, Aug. 28, 2022

[DEW's notes from a search at the Devon Record Office] [Aug. 22, 1980]

Kingsbridge Parish Reg.
Marriages

Devon Record Off.
8/22/80

1858 Apr. 29. – Thomas Jarvis, 23, Bachelor, County Police, (abode) Blackawton, (father) Thomas Jarvis, Labour
+ Elizabeth Nettle, 22, Spinster, —, Kingsbridge, Edward Nettle, deceased

1848 Nov. 13 – James Gilbard, full age, Bachelor, Carpenter, St. Pancras, Middlesex, (father) William Ford Gilbard, Baker
+ Mary Bennett, full age, Spinster, Kingsbridge, James Bennett, Watch maker

✓

1842 Jan. 30 – William Witheridge, full age, Bachelor, Servant, Kingsbridge, Andrew Witheridge, Husbandman
+ Mary Hannaford, full age, —, Kingsbridge, Andrew Hannaford, Carpenter
In parish church acc. to rites of Established church
In presence of William Madge
Elizabeth Hannaford

See index, William Witheridge (b. 1815) and Mary Hannaford (d. 1893)

[No other Witheridge marriages back to July 25, 1837 or forward to 1900]

[DEW's notes from Devon Record Office] [Aug. 22, 1980]

Devon Record Office
8/22/80

Kingsbridge Parish Reg.

Baptisms

George Witheridge (b. 1840) 1862 ✓ Feb. 5 – Henrietta, d. of George + Dorcas Witheridge, Kingsbridge, Sailmaker

Jarvis family 1886 Aug 4 [Born May 19] – Earnest (sic) John, s. of Thomas + → Mary Jane Jarvis, Kingsbridge, Innkeeper

1888 June 27 – Catharine Jarvis, d. of Thomas + Mary Jane Jarvis, Kingsbridge, Innkeeper

No other Witheridge births from 1862 to 1888

See index, William Witheridge (b. 1815) and Mary Hannaford (d. 1893)

1861 ✓ Apr. 6 [Born Dec. 30, 1846] – Elizabeth, d. of William + Mary Witheridge, Kingsbridge, Gardener

✓ Apr. 6 [Born Dec. 4, 1848] – Charles, s. of William + Mary Witheridge, etc.

✓ Apr. 6 [Born July 21, 1851] – Francis George, s. of William + Mary Witheridge, etc.

see next sheet

✓ Apr. 6 [Born June 9, 1853] – Eva, d. of William + Mary Witheridge, etc.

✓ Apr. 6 [Born March 3, 1856] – John Edwin, s. of William + Mary Witheridge, etc.

✓ Apr. 6 [Born Jan. 27, 1859] – Mary Kate, d. of William + Mary Witheridge, etc.

Jarvis family 1856 Mar. 26 – Edward, s. of James Adams + Diana Jarvis, Kingsbridge, Sailmaker

1852 Dec. 22 – Frederick, s. of James Adams + Diana Jarvis, etc.

Dec. 22 – William, s. of James Adams + Diana Jarvis, etc.

1849 Sept. 21 – Ada, d. of William + Hanna Jarvis, Kingsbridge, Relieving (?) Officer

1848 Aug. 2 – Clara, d. of James Adams + Diana Jarvis, Kingsbridge, Sailmaker

1847 Apr. 5 – Ann Parker, d. of William + Hannah Jarvis, Kingsbridge, Relieving (?) Officer

[DEW's notes from Devon Record Office] [Aug. 22, 1980]

See index, William Witheridge (b. 1815) and Mary Hannaford (d. 1893)

Kingsbridge Parish Reg.
Baptisms

Devon Record Office
8/22/80

1844 ✓ Apr. 28 – William Henry, s. of William + Mary Witheridge, Kingsbridge, Gardener

1843 July 12 – Nathaniel Howard, s. of William + Hannah Jarvis, Kingsbridge, Relieving Officer

1842 ✓ Nov. 6 – Andrew Hannaford, s. of William + Mary Witheridge, Kingsbridge, Servant

[No other Witheridge baptisms back to 1813

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Kingsbridge Parish Reg.
Burials

Devon Record Off.
8/22/80

Gilberd 1813 May 5 – James Gilberd, Kingsbridge, 50

1815 Jan. 29 – William Gilberd, Kingsbridge, 38

Gilbert 1818 Dec. 27 – Elizabeth Gilbert, Kingsbridge, 77

1823 Apr. 7 – William Gilbert, Kingsbridge, 79

Jarvis June 8 – William Jarvis, Kingsbridge, 45

Cawse 1825 Feb. 20 – William John Cawse, Modbury, 5 mos.

Jarvis Oct. 26 – Thomas Jarvis, Kingsbridge, 5 yrs.

Cawse 1830 Jan. 18 – Grace Cawse, Modbury, 46

Gilbert 1831 Jan. 16 – Elizabeth Gilbert, Kingsbridge, 1 yr. 11 mos.

~~1837 Sept. 1, – William Annis [or Annip], Kingsbridge, 6 y.~~

~~Feb. 5 – Mary Annis, Kingsbridge, 59~~

Susan Witheridge

✓ 1853 Aug. 19 – Susan Witheridge, Kingsbridge, 92 yrs. [Gravestone? Husband?]

1851 Census for birthplace

1861 Oct. 29 – Sarah Jarvis, Kingsbridge, 58

Sarah Jarvis

[No other Witheridge burials through 1912]

[DEW's notes from Devon Record Office] [Aug. 23, 1980]

Devon Record Off
8/23/80

Andrew Witheridge (b. 1777)

So. Milton Parish Reg.

Births

✓1815 July 23 - William, s. of Andrew + Abigail Witheridge, South Milton, Laborer, Parish Clerk

✓1848 Feb. 27 - Sarah Anne, d. Andrew + Sarah Witheridge, So. Milton, Labourer, adm. to ch. Mar. 7.

✓1843 Dec. 10 - Jane Lake, d. Andrew + Sarah Witheridge So. Milton, Labourer

✓1841 Aug. 8 - William Henry, s. Andrew + Sarah Witheridge, So. Milton, Labourer

✓1839 Dec. 29 - Alice, d. of John + Mary Witheridge, So. Milton, Labourer

✓1838 Nov. 11 - Sarah Ann, d. of Thomas + Sarah (Coppinell) Witheridge, Sutton, Labourer

mar. 14 Nov 1837 Charles ch. Plymouth

✓1836 Oct. 23 - Eliza, d. John + Mary Witheridge, Milton, Labourer

✓1834 Mar. 16 - Thomas, s. of John + Mary Witheridge, Milton, Labourer

✓1832 Aug. 12 - Eleanor, d. John + Mary Anne Witheridge, Thurlestone, Labourer

✓1831 Mar. 27 - Eliza, d. John + Mary Witheridge, S. Milton, Labourer

✓1828 Oct. 19 - John, s. John + Mary Witheridge, Milton, Labourer

✓1826 Dec. 17 - Mary Ann, d. John + Mary Witheridge, S. Milton, Labourer

✓ dup. 1815 July 23 - William, s. Andrew + Abigail Witheridge, S. Milton, Labourer, parish clerk

✓1862 Jan. 23 - John William, s. William Henry + Ann Witheridge, S. Milton, Labourer

✓1870 July 15 - Sarah Kate, d. William Henry + Sarah Ann Witheridge, S. Milton, Labourer

✓1873 Jan. 7 - Ella Jane, d. William Henry + Sarah Ann Witheridge, S. Milton, Labourer

See the editor's note in the index at William Henry Witheridge (b. or bapt. 1841).

[Aug. 23, 1980,
continued]

S. Milton

Births

✓1875 Mar. 21 - Stephen Lake, s. William Henry + Sarah
Ann Witheridge, S. Milton, Labourer

to 1879

Marriages [Kim] ← [DEW searched these marriages for Kim Cook (q.v.)]

✓1759 May 27 - Nicholas Ball + Sarah Witheridge
Wit: William Witheridge + John Sayer
Banns. Mar 25, Apr. 1 + 8, 1759

✓1763 Apr. 11 - Edward Michamor + Mary Witheridge
Wit: Thos Michamor + Nicholas Ball

✓ Nov. 16 - William Oldriff + Elizabeth Witheridge
Wit: Ed Michamor & John Sayer

✓1826 Jan. 12 - John Witheridge + Mary Luckham
Wit: William Luckham, Agnes Wills, +
John Luckham

See previous page

✓1830 Oct. 7 - Andrew Witheridge + Sarah Lake
Wit: Mary Witheridge, Sarah Luckham, +
Will Luckham

✓1834 June 19 - James Moore + Mary Witheridge

✓1801 Mar. 24 - Andrew Witheridge + Abigail Tabb
Wit: John Witheridge + Thomas Polyblank

## Editor's Note

Dad used British phone books as his initial source to locate Witheridges still living in Great Britain (see the index entry, "Telephone directory strategy [DEW's]).

He first used the strategy in 1968, when he knew almost no one with the surname in the home country, and it paid off in spades. (See the aforementioned index entry.)

In 1980, he apparently updated his list of Witheridges in British phone books during his second trip to the U.K. with Mom.

At least that's my assumption, because I found the following document in Dad's manila folder for that trip.

Tom Witheridge
August 30, 2022

[See the preceding editor's note.] [1980]

Witheridge entries in British phone books - 1980

Loc.

252 Cumbria + North Lancashire
D. Witheridge, 92 Warwick Rd., Carlisle 38052
Wetheriggs Pottery, Penrith 2946
Wetheriggs Stores, Clifford Rd., Penrith 4454
[In 1976, J. Witheridge, 60 Currock Rd, Carlisle 28883]
313 Edinburgh + Lothian - NONE
311 Tayside + North Fife (1979)
F. Witheridge, 23 Kenmore Ter., Dundee 817349
312 Fife + Kinross - NONE
271 Aberdeen + North East Scotland
N. [Neil] A. Witheridge, 31 Victoria St., Stonehaven 62335
310 Highlands + Islands - NONE
278 Lomond + Argyll - NONE
276 Clyde Valley - NONE
270 South West Scotland - NONE
202 Cambridge Area - NONE
203 Colchester Area
D.C. Witheridge, 12 Stanley Wooster Way, Colchester 862257
104 London Postal Area, S-Z (1980)
Dorothy Witheridge, 133 New King's Rd. SW6 01-736-6518
M. Witheridge, 41 Westmere Drive NW7 01-959-0448
Maisie I. Witheridge, 3 Beverly Rd. W4 01-994-1674
R.E. Witheridge, 58 Hartswood Rd. W12 01-743-5069
I. Witheridge, 358 Barking Rd. E13 01-474-9179
E.R. Withridge, 71 Waltham Way E4 01-529-1013
K.M. Withridge, 167 Blackhorse Rd. E17 01-521-9228
A. Wetheridge, 19 Uffington Rd. SE27 01-670-5143
A. Wetheridge, 7 Blanbury Ho, Yarnton Way SE2 01-311-8823
L. Wetheridge, 134 Melbourne Gro SE22 01-693-5834
R.E. Wetheridge, 88 Whitminster Ct, Brockworth Clo SE15, 01-701-445
S. Wetheridge, 46 Tatterby Way SE16, 01-237-9765
211 Birmingham (1978)
P.B. Witheridge, 11 Cedar Ct., Peartree, Birmingham DV43, 021-358-7430
J. Brian Witheridge, R.I.B.A. Chartered Architect, 24 Brookland Rd.,
N. Hagley, Hagley 5245
Howard House, Granville St., Birmingham 021-643-7741
D. Witheridge, 11 Keyse Rd., Sutton, Coldfield 021-378-2090
? — Swansea (1977)
L. Witheridge, 96 Beaconsview Rd., Clase, Morriston, Swansea

# Editor's Note

The remainder of this section consists of three documents created by my parents when they visited the Westcountry Studies Library in Exeter, Devon, on August 23, 1980, during their second trip to Britain.

Document 1

This is a single typewritten page with information about one "WITHERIDGE, Edward of Lymehouse, Mariner. Proved 1697." Simple and straightforward.

Document 2

This is two pages of Dad's notes from the 1851 and 1861 censuses of Kingsbridge, Devon, for surnames of interest to him: Shillabeer, Wetheridge, Witherage, and Witheridge (plus any others living in the housholds). Again, simple and straightforward.

Document 3

This document — eleven pages of notes, the first page by Dad and the rest by Mom in her (unfortunately) less legible hand — requires a bit of explanation.

There is something called the "Burnet Morris Index" at the Westcountry Studies Library. Since I was totally mystified, I did a Google search today, and miraculously this popped up (at http://www.windeatt.f2s.com/windeatt/burnet.htm):

"This is an [sic] card index to Devonshire people, places and topics held at the Devon Local Studies Library in Exeter. Most of the million cards were written by one man — Burnet Morris. The records are, however, only an index and almost every entry requires further investigation in the original source or cross referenced record. ... [The writer was searching for records pertaining to her own Windeatt family.] Unfortunately, I didn't have time to do this second searching except in a few cases."

While Mom's notes from Burnet's index cards might have proven useful to Dad and Mom on August 23, 1980, it's impossible for me to imagine how to use them today — except to scan them and present them here for you to try to imagine how to use.

Happy imagining!

Tom Witheridge
August 30, 2022

[See preceding editor's note.]

Document 1

## WITHERIDGE FAMILY.

O.H. Coll. 8/36.

WITHERIDGE, Edward of Lymehouse, Mariner.

Proved 1697.

[Lands in East Healland in Fremington. My daughter Wilmot Terry & her children named. My daughter Rachel Stacy, widow].

[P.C.C. 130 Pyne].

Devonshire Wills, Vol. 37 - (W 929.3 x)

Westcountry Studies Library, Exeter

[See preceding editor's note.] Document 2

~~Devon Co. Off.~~ - 8/23/80
Westcountry Studies Lib.

## 1861 Census - Kingsbridge, Devon

William Witheridge (b. 1815) and Mary Hannaford (d. 1893)

| Sched. No. | Street, House | Name & Surname | Relation to Head | Condition | Age M | Age F | Rank. Occup. | Where Born |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Devon |
| ✓ #70 | Fore St. | William Witheridge | Head | Mar. | 46 |  | Gardener | " So. Milton |
|  |  | Mary do |  | Mar. |  | 45 | do. wife | " Doveton (?) |
|  |  | Andrew do | Son | Un. | 18 |  | Gardener | " Kingsbridge |
|  |  | William do | Son | — | 16 |  | do | " do |
|  |  | Elizabeth do | Dau | — |  | 14 | Scholar | " do |
|  |  | Charles do | Son | — | 12 |  | do | " do |
|  |  | Frances do | Son | — | 9 |  | do | " do |
|  |  | Eva do | Dau | — |  | 3 | do | " do |
|  |  | John Edwin do | Son | — | 4 |  | do | " do |
|  |  | Mary Kate do | Dau | — |  | 2 | do | " do |

N. George & Joanna Witheridge

Shillabeer family

## 1851 Census - Kingsbridge, Devon

|  |  |  |  |  | M | F |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Devon |
| ✓ #79 | Fore St. | [Susanna] Susan Shillabeer | Head | Widow |  | 52 | Butcher | " Plymouth |
|  |  | [Bentley] Samuel Shillabeer | Son | Un. | 27 |  | Butcher | " Kingsbridge |
|  |  | [Jane] Elija Shillabeer | Dau. | Un. |  | 25 | — | do |
|  |  | Henry Shillabeer | Son | Un. | 19 |  | Apprentice | do |
| Brother, Samuel — Bentley |  | [Susanna] Bentley b. 1760 Susan Witherige | Mother | Widow |  | 90 | — | do |
|  |  | Mary Jane Shears | Grand Dau. |  |  | 11 | Scholar | do |

[Document 2 continued]

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8/23/80

Isabella Witherage

1851 Census - Kingsbridge, Devon

| | | | | | M | F | | | Devon |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| #88 | Church St. | | Thomas Martin | Head - Mar. | 66 | | Wheelwright | Charleton | " |
| | | | — — — | | | | | | |
| | | ✓ | Isabella Witherage | Servant - Un. | | 19 | House Servant | Thurlestone | " |
| #79 | Fore St. | | Susan Shillaker | Head - Widow | | 52 | Butcher | Plymouth | " |
| ✓ #41 | Fore St. | | William Witheridge | Head M. | 36 | | Gardener | So. Milton | " |
| | | | Mary do | Wife | | 35 | — | Doveton | " |
| | | | Andrew do | Son | 8 | | Scholar | Kingsbridge | " |
| | | | William do | Son | 6 | | do | do | " |
| | | | Elizabeth do | Dau | | 4 | — | do | " |
| | | | Charles do | Son | 2 | | — | do | " |
| | | | Elizabeth Cullum (?) | Relative - Widow | | 27 | Dress Maker | Doveton Parish of Buckland Tout Saints | " |

(duplicate)

William Witheridge and Mary Hannaford

No Andrew Witheridge or Andrew Hannaford

[See preceding editor's note.]

Document 3

# Burnet Morris Index

Burnet Morris Index

Frequently occurring abbreviations:

T.D.A.: Transactions of the Devonshire Assoc. (Periodicals stack)

D. & C. N. & Q.: Devon & Cornwall Notes and Queries (Periodicals stack)

N. & Q.: Notes and Queries (Exeter Reference Library)

Gent. Mag.: Gentleman's Magazine (Exeter Reference Library)

Cal. Pat. Rolls: Calendar of Patent Rolls (Exeter Reference Library)

Burnet Morris Index, ~~Devon Record Office~~
(Westcountry Studies Library) 8/23/80

Witheridge
Little Apcott
Grant in, 1387
Brit. Mus. Add 29110
Charters

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Witheridge
(MSS)
Chancery Proceedings Elizabeth
Series II at P.R.O.
32.60 44.57 45.35
185.53, 57 161.70 145.57
179.44 180.81 189.73

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Witheridge
(MSS)
Ministers' Accounts at P.R.O.
(3) 1119

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Witheridge
(MSS)
Indentures 29 Edw. III

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Witheridge
(parish Magazine)
first number Jan. 1894, amalgamated with South Molton Deanery Magazine in 1985
[in progress]

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Witheridge
(registers)
These registers were produced at the Rectory on 25 Sept. 1917

Witheridge 1
(registers)
A Register of Baptisms Marriages & Burials
1586 - 1672 - parchment
320 x 125 mm - has been rebound in
reversed calf

Witheridge 2
(registers)
A Register of Baptisms, Marriages & Burials
1672 - 1794 parchment -
335 x 175 mm. rebound in reversed
calf.

Witheridge 3
(Registers)
A register of Banns & marriages jointly,
1754 - 1812 and of marriages alone
1813 - 1855 - paper - 370 x 245 mm.

Witheridge 4
(Registers)
A register of baptisms 1794 - 1812 - parchment
350 x 200 mm. [in this volume the
rector has copied the M. I from head-
stones which had been moved ]

Witheridge 5
(Registers)
A register of Burials 1794 - 1812 parchment
355 x 200 mm. [in this Volume have been
entered particulars of confirmations at various
parishes 1892 - 1914 - Mo. notes respecting changes

made when the church was restored – chronological notes (in progress) with reference to the Parish – dates of planting trees in the churchyard.

Witheridge 6
(Registers)
A register of Burials 1813 – 1852
[prefixed are MS historical notes on the Parish 1882 – 1889] paper
380 x 245 mm.

8 missing →

Witheridge 7
(Registers)
A register of Baptisms 1813 – 1836 –
paper – 395 x 250 mm.

Witheridge 9
(Registers)
A register of Burials 1852 – 1 [in progress 1917] paper – 320 x 210 mm.

Witheridge 10
(Registers)
A register of marriages 1837 –
[in progress 1917] – paper – in duplicate
235 x 375 mm.

Witheridge 11
(Registers)
Vestry minutes 8 Aug. 1846 – Feb. 4, 1892
paper 375 x 230 mm.

Witheridge 12
(Registers)
Vestry minutes from March 20, 1892
[in progress 1917] paper
325 X 205 mm.

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Witheridge 13
(Registers
Church wardens Account Book from
1817 — [in progress 1917] paper
410 X 160 mm

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Witheridge 1656
Captain of Cromwell's ship Plymouth
which sailed in April with the fleet
for the Indies
Cal. V. P. Venetian 1656 P.220

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Witheridge, Mrs. Honorary Sec.
Parish Hall Trust Bishopsteignton
W.C. Cleland Guide P.14

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Witheridge, Agnes 1549
Tenant of land in Exeter
(See Nich. Prydeaux 1549
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Witheridge, Alice Died 1936 34 yr
Aug. 8 at Prince of Wales Hospital
Mother of Phillip & Richard —
Reading Room House — Ermington
Daughter of Mr. R. Jenkins
Wife of Mick.

Witheridge, Annis (April) 1652
Verder? husband
John W. 1652

Witheridge, April 1658
Widow Instowe
Will Rec.

Witheridge, Arminal died Jan. 4 at 6:00
Aunt of Ethel Coleman 1938
Plymouth

Witheridge, Baldwin 1603
a witness
See will of Matthew Rowe
Abbotsham

Witheridge, Betty 1938
marriage notice
See Kenneth Brown

Witheridge, Charles 1744
Alias Rudd NN6
Heartland Burials

Witheridge, Edward 1652
R.N.
Commander of "Success"
20 men 30 guns gone to Barbadoes
J. Prestwich, Republica
1787 P.127

Witheridge, Elizabeth
of Berrynarbor 1742 Inf. 20
and John Dennis
Devonshire Marriages

Witheridge, Grace (my servant) 1648 (?)
See will of Thomas Stephens
Thurlestone

Witheridge, Henrietta Maud 1933
Married Harold James Moule
in Ermington Parish Church, son
of Mr. & Mrs. Moule of Fernham
"Hetty" was daughter of Witheridges
of Keaton, Ermington

Witheridge, Jone of Instow 1630
See will of Robert Smith
of Same 1631

Wetherygge, John 1568
Tenant of Knighton, Newbury
See Southampton, Thos. Earl of

Witheridge, John 1600
Berrynarbor
See his wife Katherine W.

Wetheridge, John
See Melch. Bennett 1623

Witheridge, John
See William Palmer 1626

Witheridge, John 1630
of Instow
a witness
to will of Robert Smith
of same

Witheridge, John 1636
Sidesman Berrynarbor
See Roger Granville
abstracts p. 126

Witheridge, John 1652
the Elder - Instow
Will Rec. relict Annie (after.)
J. Matthews Probates

Witheridge, John 1652
R. N.
Commander of the Bonadventure
180 men 44 guns convoy
in the Mediterranean
J. Prestwich, Respublica 1727
P. 127

Wetheridge, John 1692
Master of the Plymouth ship
"Mercy" 80 tons 7 men
Cal. S. P. Treasury Books
1629 - 92 P. 1936

Witheridge, John (husband) 1705
see Francis W. 1705

Witheredge, Katherin 1600
wife of John W.
Berrynarbor Burials
See Roger Granville
Abstracts

Witheridge, Mary 1627
Hartland Burials

Witheridge, Richard ca. 1546
(a warden of Barnstaple Bridge
Hist. Mss. Commission
9th Rep. 210

Witheridge, Richard
tenant of a messuage — ?
lands at Newport
See Henry Stapleton 1549

Wydridge, Richard 1557
a principal burgess
Barnstaple
Cal. Pat. Rolls P. 391

Wydridge Richard c. 1560
Capitol burgess Barnstaple
Hist Mss. Commission
9th Rep. 207a

Witheridge, Mary 1687 (0)?
Hartlands Burials

Witheridge, Richard Bowen
Died July 10, 1934
Address: 9 Berkeley Rd. Crouch End, N.8

Witheridge, Robert "my friend".
See will of Robert Smith
Instrow

Witheridge, Samuel 1906
cattle dealer Whitchurch

Witheridge, Thomas 1676
witness at a quaker wedding
See Thomas Yland 1676

Witheridge, Thomas died Oct. 30, 1765
Age 72
F. A. Crisp Memorial Rings
No. 238

Witheridge, Thomasin 1705
(wife of John W.)
daughter of Thomas Mortimer 1705
S.W.

Witheridge, Wm. 1560
Porche House, South
Milton, tenant
See John Roupe 1560

Wytherydge, Wm. 147
(church warden, Whitchurch)
See Francis Pengelly

Witheridge, Wm. 149
(Church warden — Whitchurch)
See Francis Pengelly
(Probably a duplicate of last on
previous page.)

?, ~~Witheringe, Thomas~~ Aug. 7, 1935
~~Appointed to establish~~
~~mail route between Exeter &~~
~~London~~

Folder

# 1.64i

1988 Trip to Britain
documents

# Editor's Note

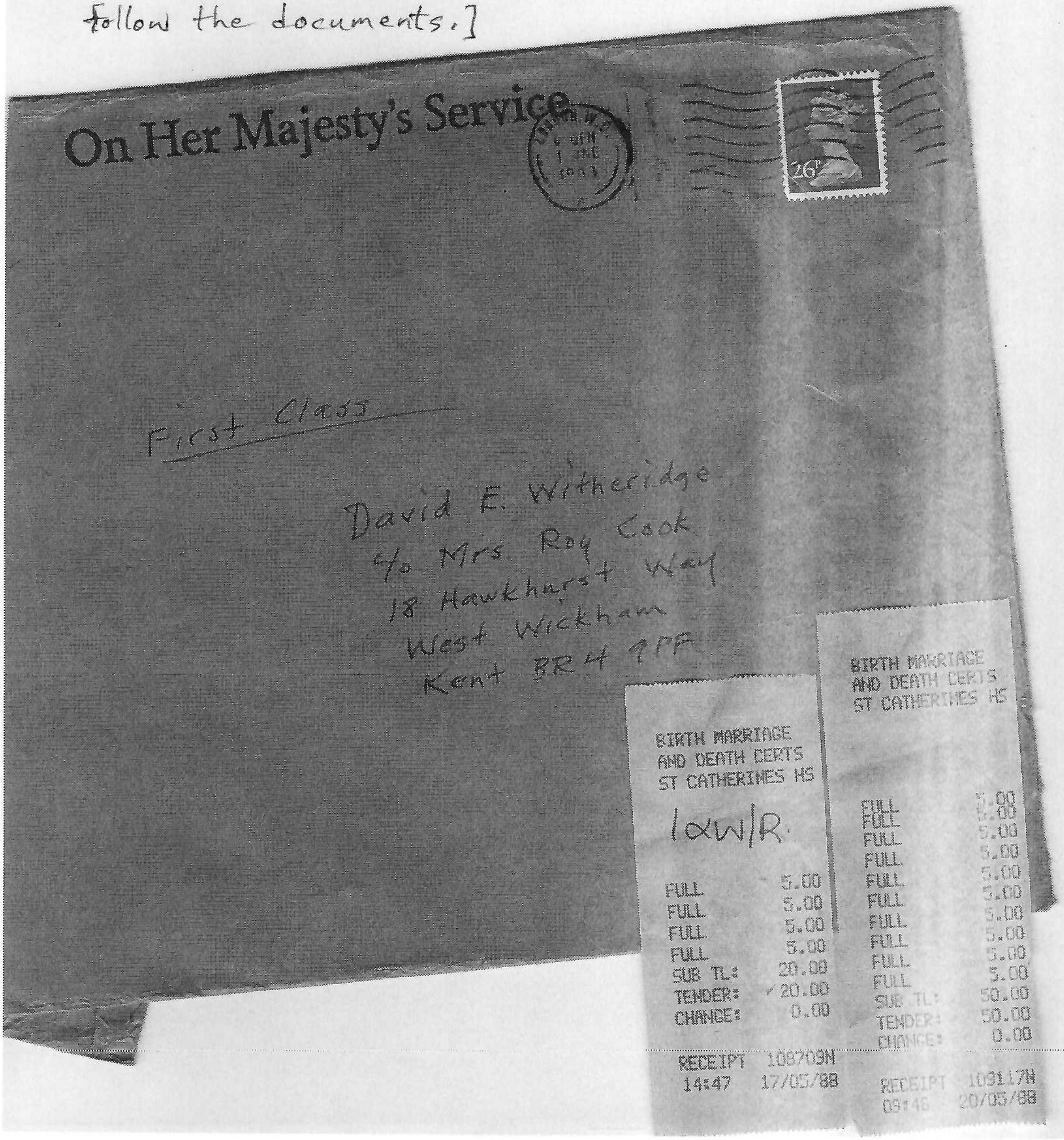
This section contains miscellaneous documents pertaining to my parents' in-person searches of records during their third and final trip to Britain in 1988. Most are Witheridge related, but one in particular involves Mom's ancestors, too (see the last document, whose origin is unknown to me, regarding the Munro Clan; those folks show up on both Dad's and Mom's side of the ledger).

The first clump of documents is from St. Catherine's House (q.v.), which was the central archive of birth, death, and marriage certificates in the United Kingdom at the time. St. Catherine's is now closed; as of August 2021 a company called Vital Certificates has taken over the function.

Also included here are Dad's notes for other repositories and personal sources: the Devon Record Office, the West Country Studies Library, the North Devon Athenaeum, and even the LDS IGI. And there are some one-family records that he took with him to Britain and amended, either on the spot or after returning home to Minneapolis.

Tom Witheridge
September 4, 2022

[The following documents were apparently ordered by DEW in person at St. Catherine's and mailed to him at Kim Cook's (q.v.) home in Kent, where the Rev. and Mrs. Witheridge were staying at the start and end of their trip to Britain. DEW's notes follow the documents.]



On Her Majesty's Service

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First Class

David E. Witheridge
c/o Mrs Roy Cook
18 Hawkhurst Way
West Wickham
Kent BR4 9PF

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AND DEATH CERTS
ST CATHERINES HS

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AND DEATH CERTS
ST CATHERINES HS

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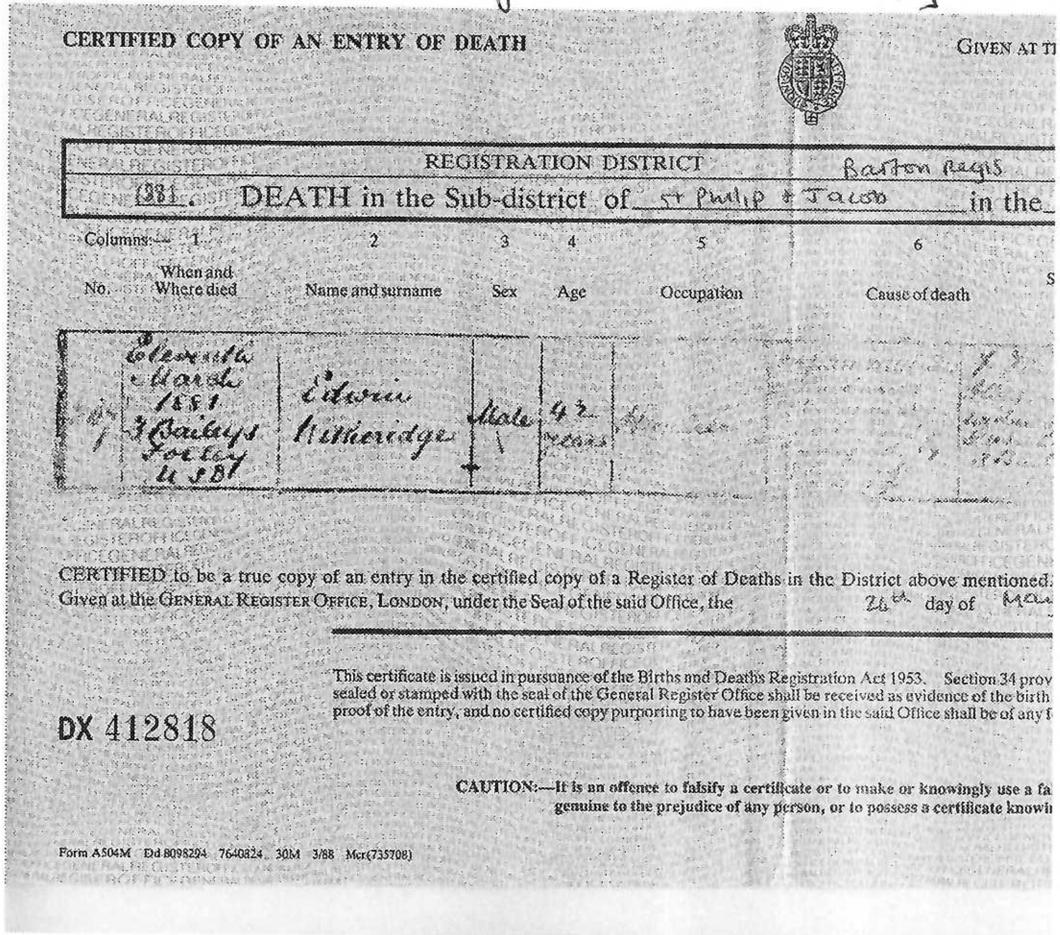
[Edwin Witheridge (b. ca. 1839)]



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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barton Regis

1881. DEATH in the Sub-district of St Philip & Jacob in the

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and Where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death |
| [illegible] | Eleventh March 1881 3 Baileys Fortey U SD | Edwin Witheridge | Male | 42 years | [illegible] | [illegible] |

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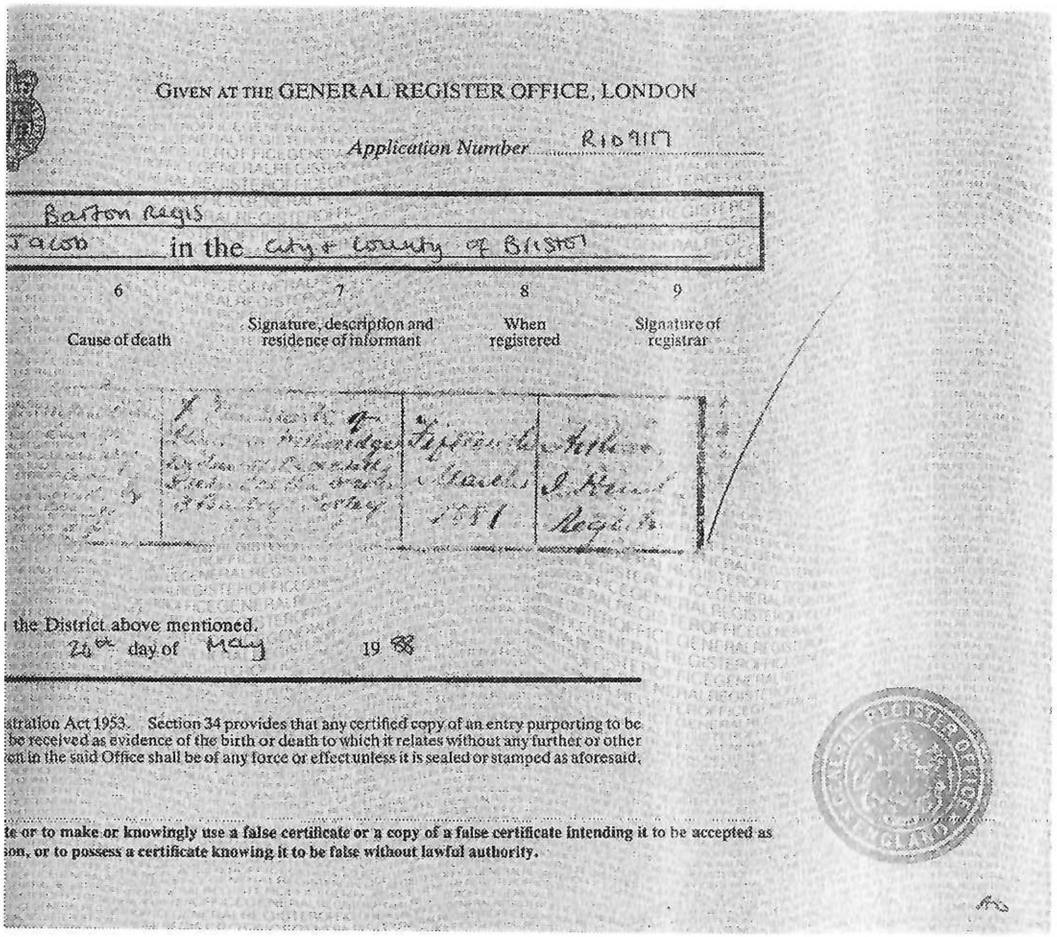
See also DEW's first page of notes following these documents.



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Application Number R109117

Barton Regis

Jacob in the City & County of Bristol

| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cause of death | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| [illegible] | [illegible] Witheridge [illegible] | Fifteenth March 1881 | Arthur I. Hand Registrar |

the District above mentioned.
26th day of May 19 88

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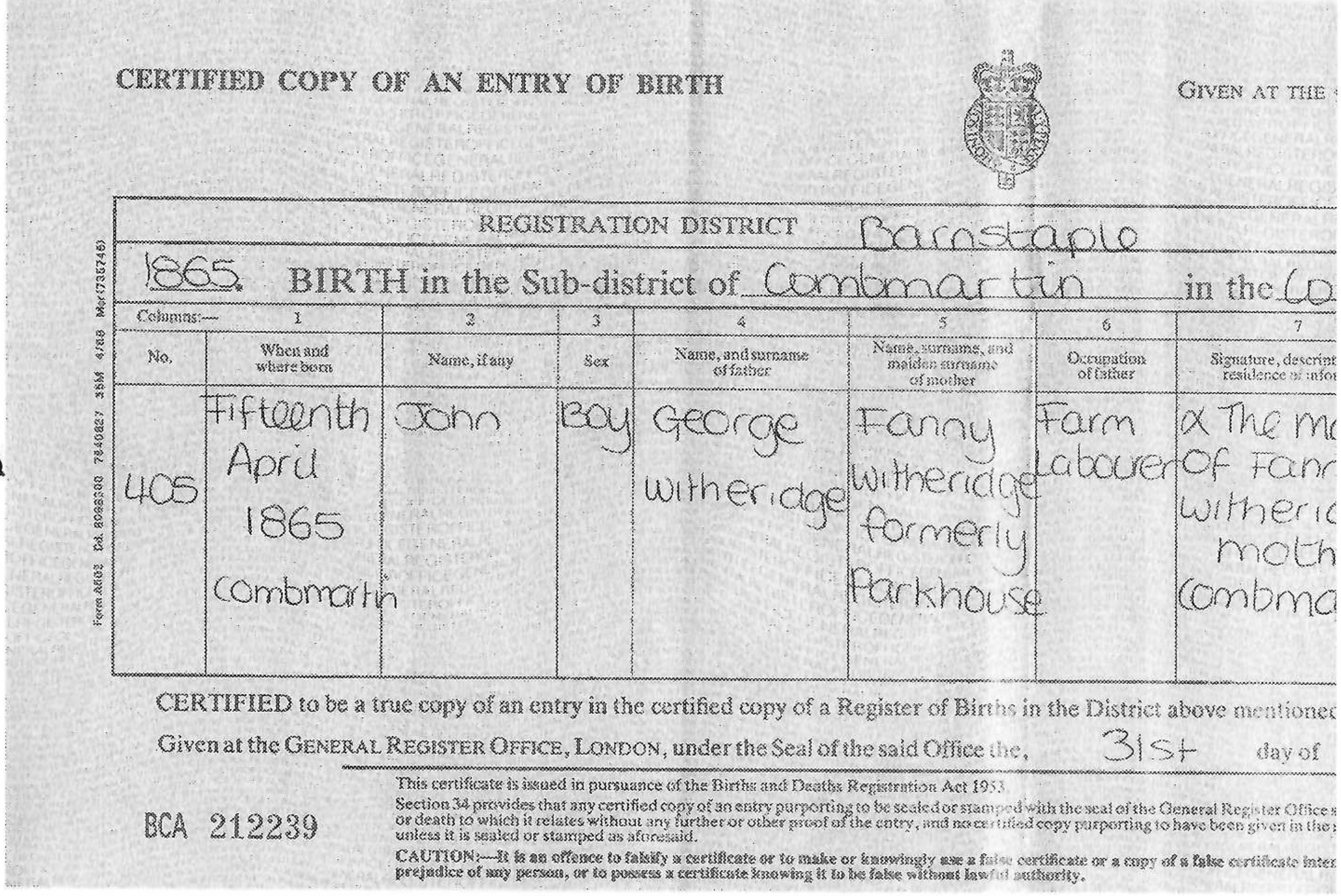
[John Witheridge (b. 1865)] [See note below.]



## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1865. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the Co

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, descript residence of info |
| 405 | Fifteenth April 1865 Combmartin | John | Boy | George Witheridge | Fanny Witheridge formerly Parkhouse | Farm Labourer | x The ma of Fann Witheri moth Combma |

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office the, 31st day of

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This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.

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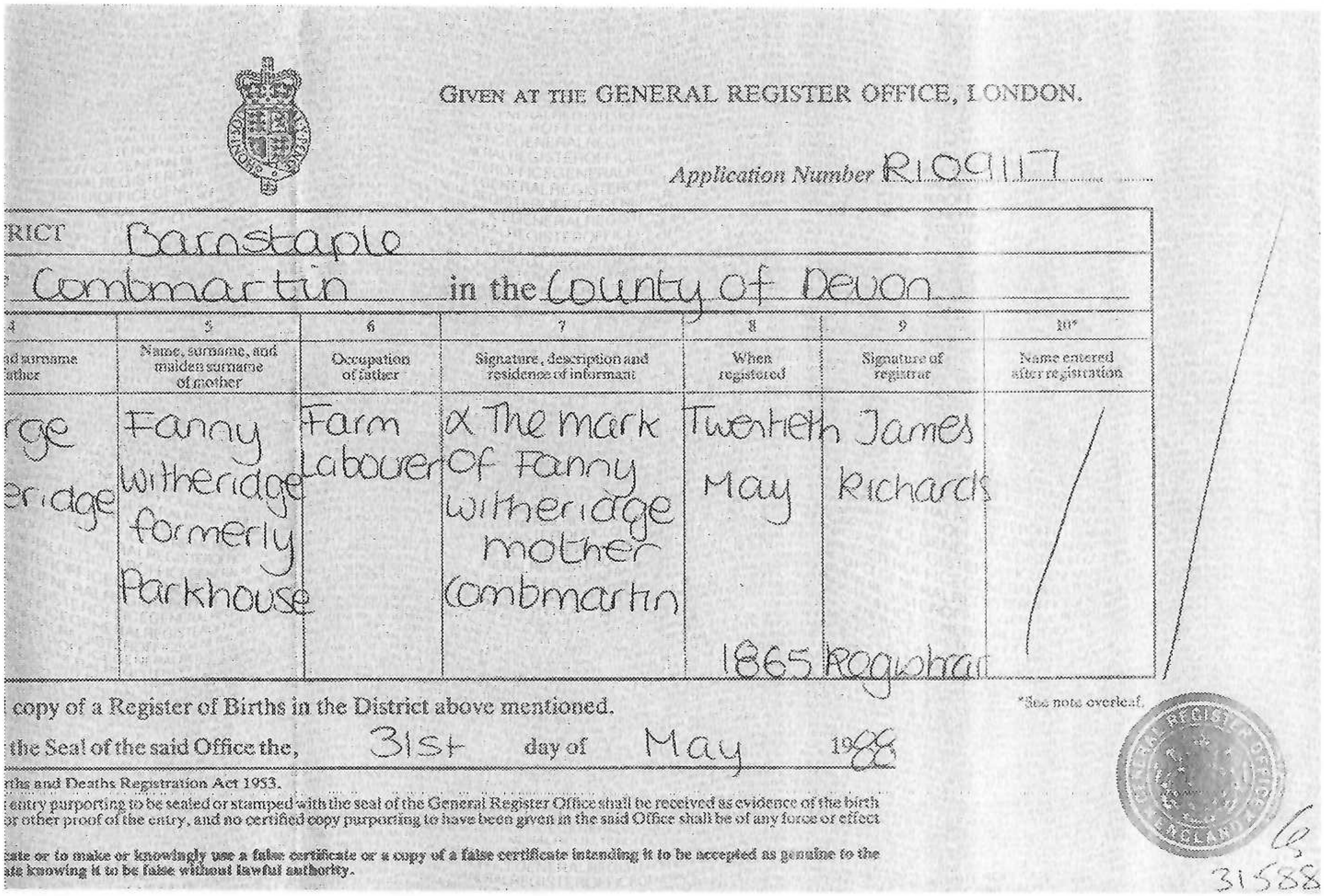

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RICT Barnstaple

Combmartin in the County of Devon

| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| nd surname ather | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| rge eridge | Fanny Witheridge formerly Parkhouse | Farm Labourer | x The mark of Fanny Witheridge mother Combmartin | Twentieth May 1865 | James Richards Registrar | |

copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

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*See note overleaf.

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[See also the index entry for John Witheridge (b. 1860).]

[William Witheridge]

See also document W3, folder 1.63a

# CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Barnstaple

1856. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| Columns:— 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and where born | Name, if any | Sex | Name, and surname of father | Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother | Occupation of father | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar | Name entered after registration |
| 478 | Twenty-third September 1856 Combmartin | William | Boy | John Witheridge | Clara Witheridge formerly Blackmore | Farm labourer | X The mark of Clara Witheridge mother Combmartin | Eighteenth October 1856 | James Richards Registrar | |

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*See note overleaf.

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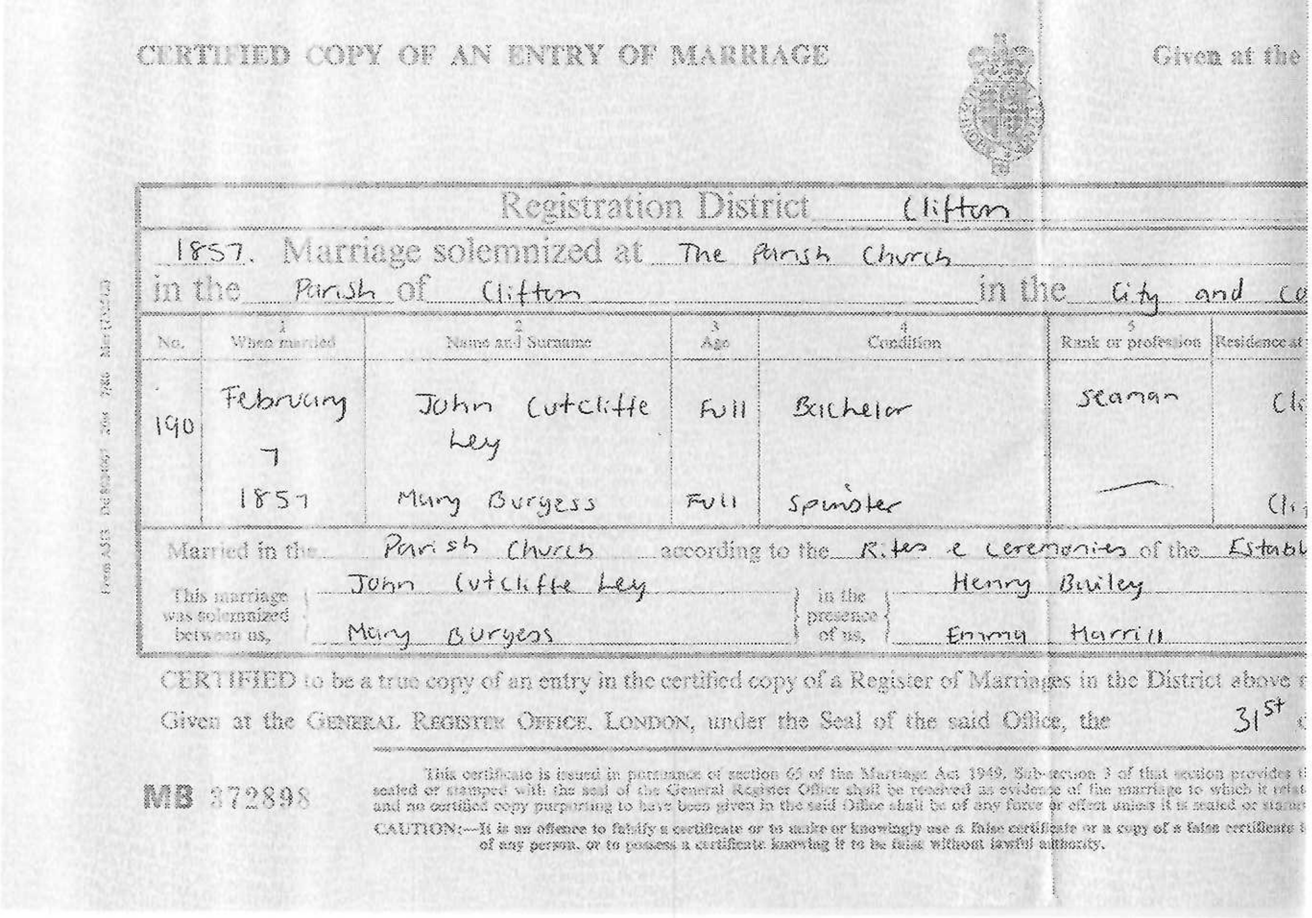
[Capt. John Cutcliffe Ley = Mary Burgess]



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

Given at the

Registration District Clifton

1857. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church

in the Parish of Clifton in the City and Co

| No. | When married | Name and Surname | Age | Condition | Rank or profession | Residence at |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 190 | February 7 1857 | John Cutcliffe Ley | Full | Bachelor | Seaman | Cl |
| | | Mary Burgess | Full | Spinster | — | Cli |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Establ

This marriage was solemnized between us, John Cutcliffe Ley / Mary Burgess in the presence of us, Henry Bailey / Emma Harrill

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 31st c

MB 372898

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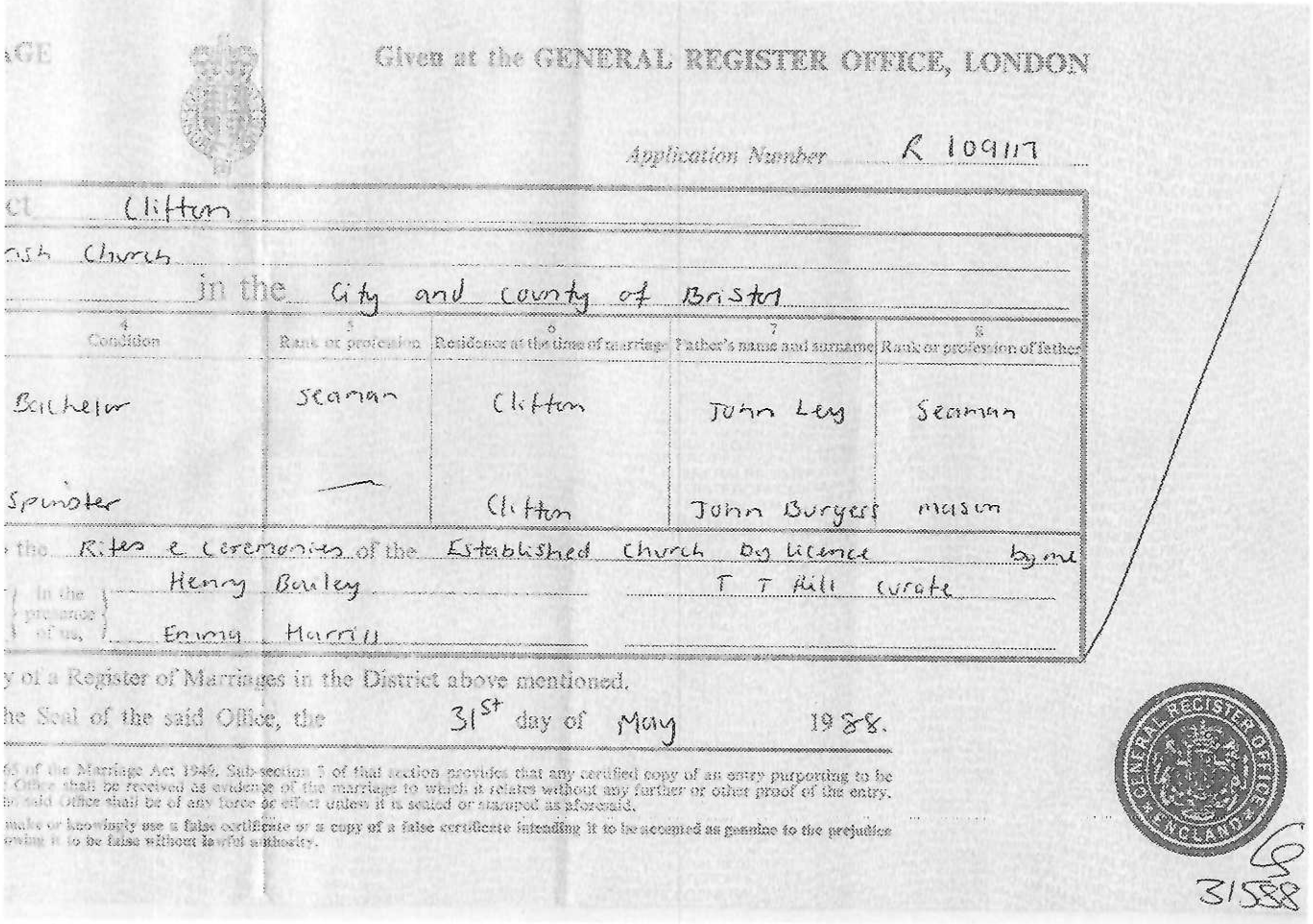

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

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ct Clifton

rish Church

in the City and County of Bristol

| Condition | Rank or profession | Residence at the time of marriage | Father's name and surname | Rank or profession of father |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bachelor | Seaman | Clifton | John Ley | Seaman |
| Spinster | — | Clifton | John Burgess | mason |

the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by licence by me

In the presence of us, Henry Bailey / Emma Harrill — T T Hill curate

y of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

he Seal of the said Office, the 31st day of May 1988.

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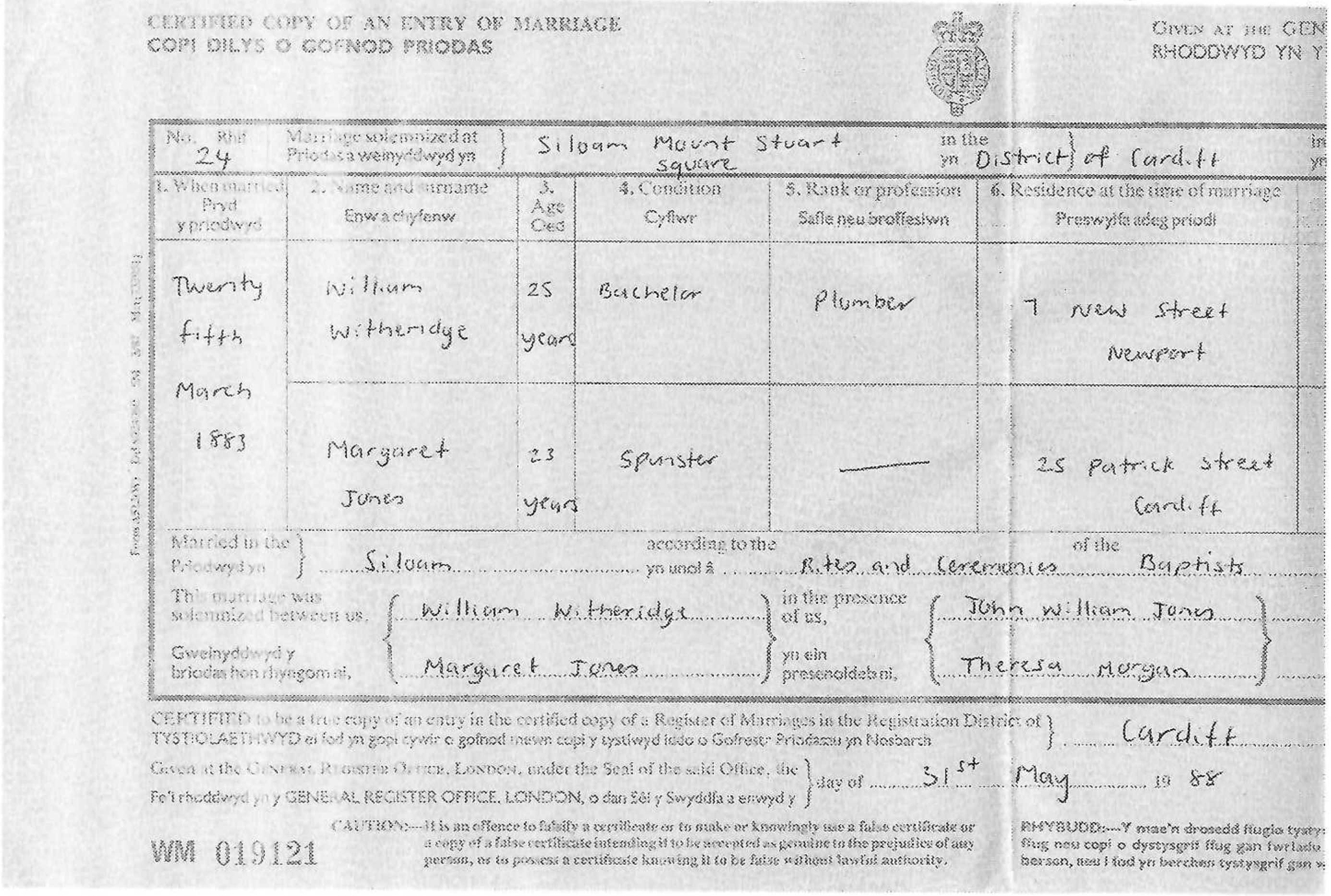
[William Witheridge (b. ca. 1858) = Margaret Jones]



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RHODDWYD YN Y

No. Rhif 24 — Marriage solemnized at / Priodas a weinyddwyd yn } Siloam Mount Stuart square — in the / yn District} of Cardiff

| 1. When married<br>Pryd y priodwyd | 2. Name and surname<br>Enw a chyfenw | 3. Age<br>Oed | 4. Condition<br>Cyflwr | 5. Rank or profession<br>Safle neu broffesiwn | 6. Residence at the time of marriage<br>Preswylfa adeg priodi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Twenty fifth March 1883 | William Witheridge | 25 years | Bachelor | Plumber | 7 New Street Newport |
|  | Margaret Jones | 23 years | Spinster | — | 25 Patrick street Cardiff |

Married in the / Priodwyd yn } Siloam according to the / yn unol â Rites and Ceremonies of the Baptists

This marriage was solemnized between us, / Gweinyddwyd y briodas hon rhyngom ni, { William Witheridge / Margaret Jones } in the presence of us, / yn ein presenoldeb ni, { John William Jones / Theresa Morgan }

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the Registration District of } Cardiff
TYSTIOLAETHWYD ei fod yn gopi cywir o gofnod mewn copi y tystiwyd iddo o Gofrestr Priodasau yn Nosbarth

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the } day of 31st May 19 88
Fe'i rhoddwyd yn y GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, o dan Sêl y Swyddfa a enwyd y

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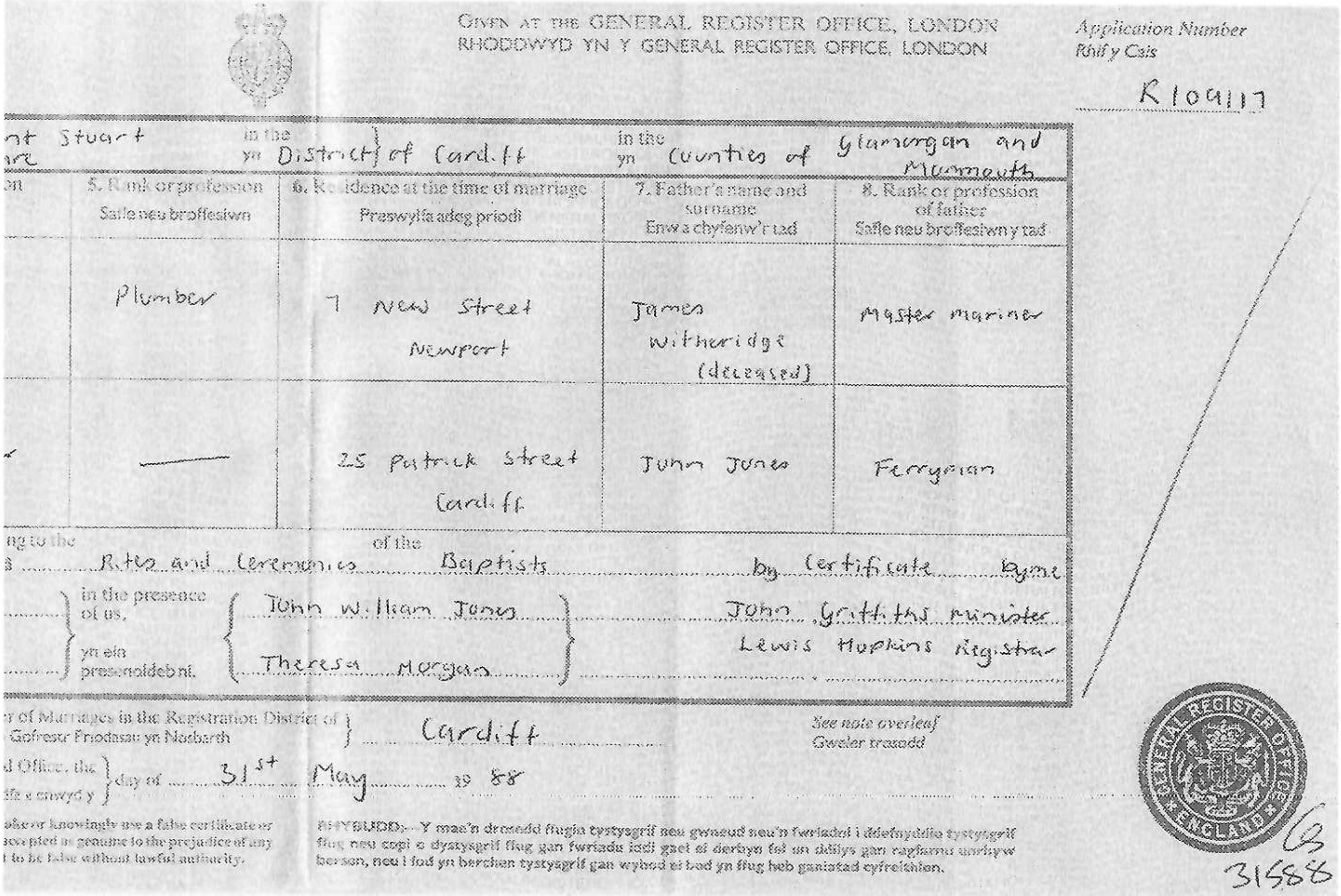

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RHODDWYD YN Y GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

*Application Number*
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nt Stuart / re — in the / yn District} of Cardiff — in the / yn Counties of Glamorgan and Monmouth

| on | 5. Rank or profession<br>Safle neu broffesiwn | 6. Residence at the time of marriage<br>Preswylfa adeg priodi | 7. Father's name and surname<br>Enw a chyfenw'r tad | 8. Rank or profession of father<br>Safle neu broffesiwn y tad |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Plumber | 7 New Street Newport | James Witheridge (deceased) | Master mariner |
|  | — | 25 Patrick street Cardiff | John Jones | Ferryman |

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in the presence of us, / yn ein presenoldeb ni, { John William Jones / Theresa Morgan } John Griffiths minister / Lewis Hopkins Registrar

y of Marriages in the Registration District of / Gofrestr Priodasau yn Nosbarth } Cardiff

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[Fanny Causey (bapt. 1799)]

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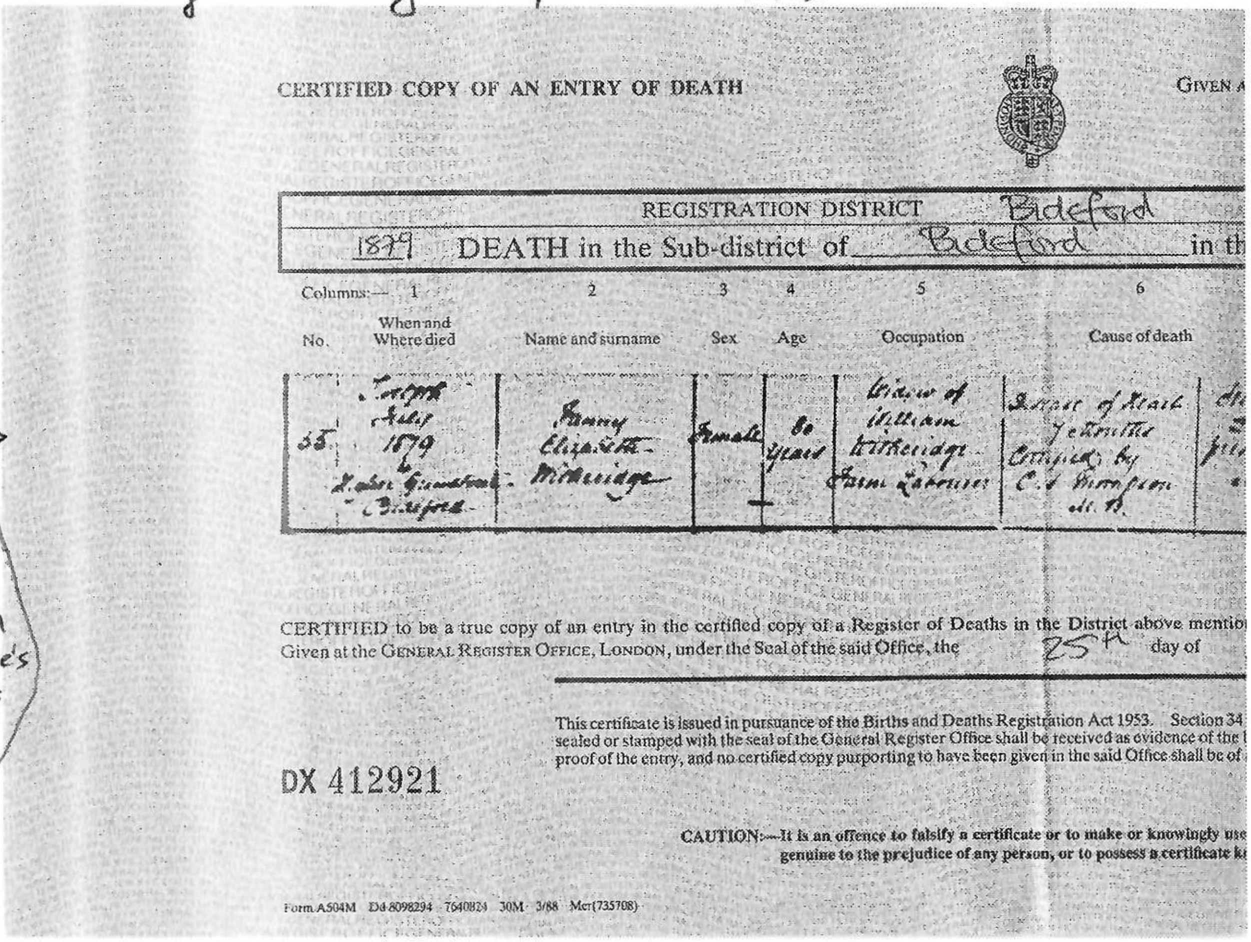

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| REGISTRATION DISTRICT Bideford | | | | | | |
| 1879 DEATH in the Sub-district of Bideford in th | | | | | | |
| Columns:— 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| No. When and Where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | |
| 55 Twelfth July 1879 Lower [illegible] Bideford | Fanny Elizabeth Witheridge | Female | 80 years | Widow of William Witheridge Farm Labourer | Disease of Heart 7 months Certified by C. A. [illegible] M.R. | [illegible] |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentio
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 25th day of

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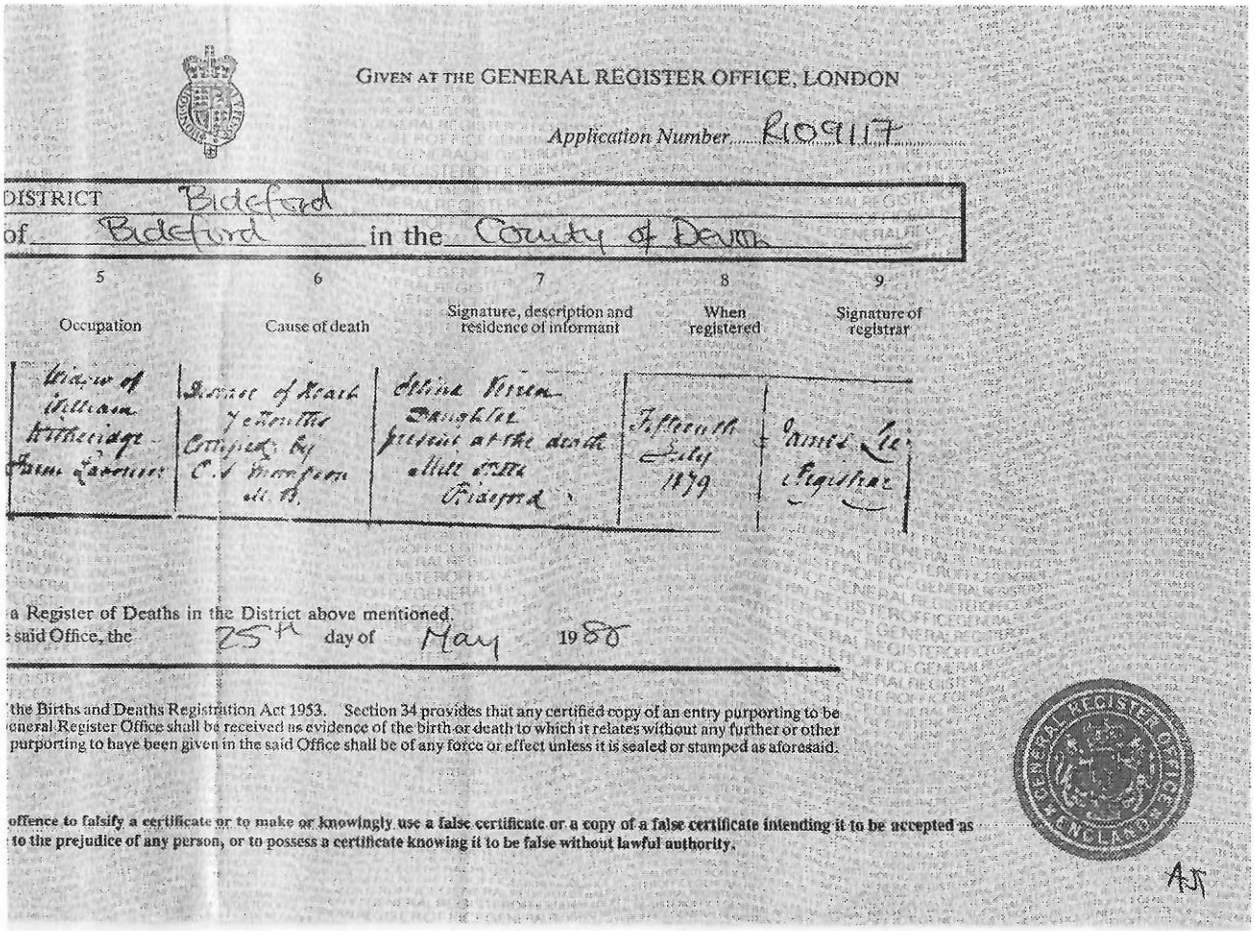

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Application Number R109117

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| DISTRICT Bideford | | | | |
| of Bideford in the County of Devon | | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| Widow of William Witheridge Farm Labourer | Disease of Heart 7 months Certified by C. A. [illegible] M.R. | Selina [illegible] Daughter present at the death Mill Street Bideford | Fifteenth July 1879 | James Lee Registrar |

a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.
said Office, the 25th day of May 1988

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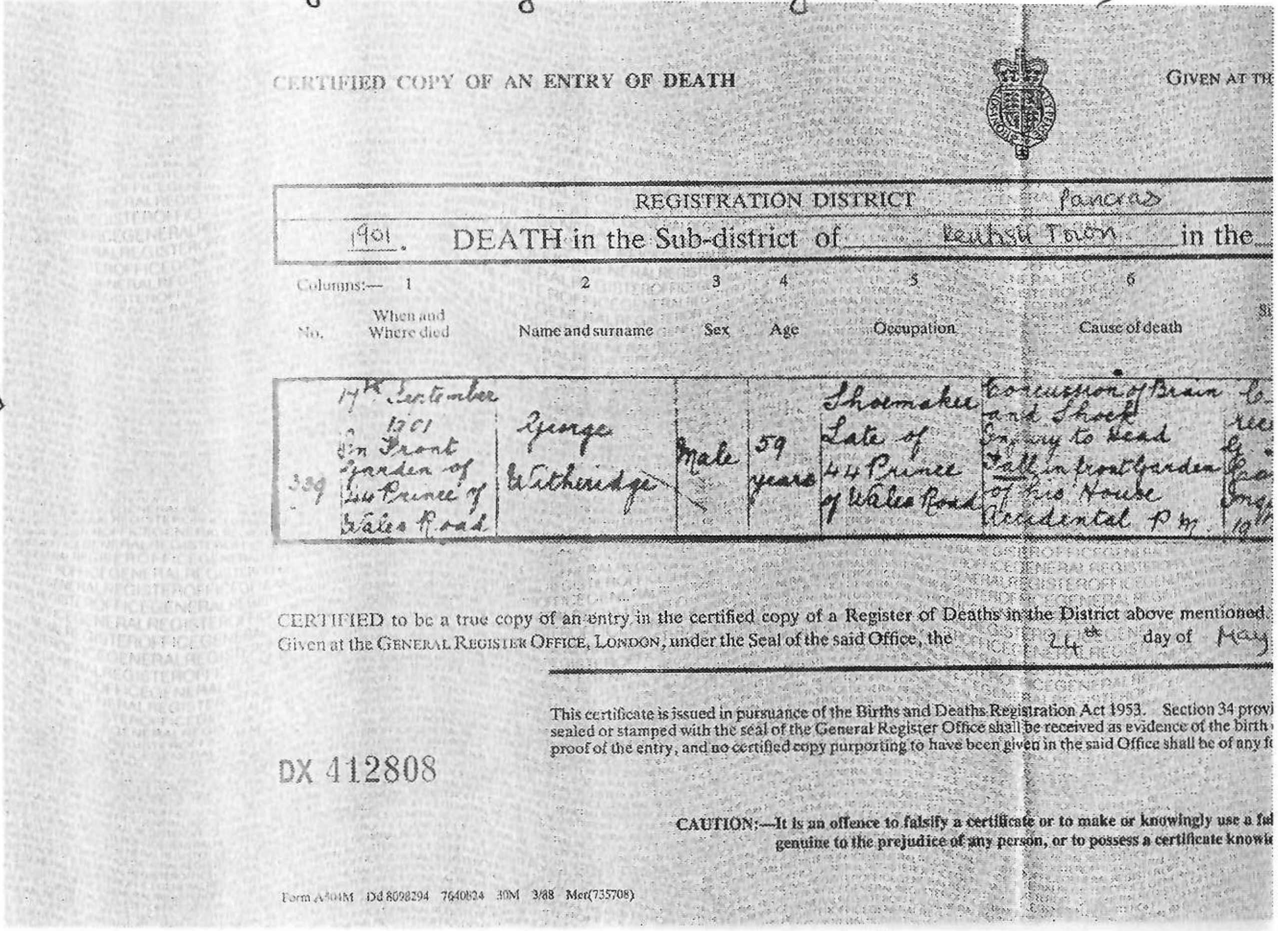
[See George Causey Witheridge (b. 1836)]



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

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| | REGISTRATION DISTRICT Pancras |
|---|---|
| 1901. | DEATH in the Sub-district of Kentish Town in the |

| Columns:— No. | 1 When and Where died | 2 Name and surname | 3 Sex | 4 Age | 5 Occupation | 6 Cause of death |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 339 | 17th September 1901 In Front Garden of 44 Prince of Wales Road | George Witheridge | Male | 59 years | Shoemaker Late of 44 Prince of Wales Road | Concussion of Brain and Shock Injury to Head Fall in front garden of his House Accidental P.M. |

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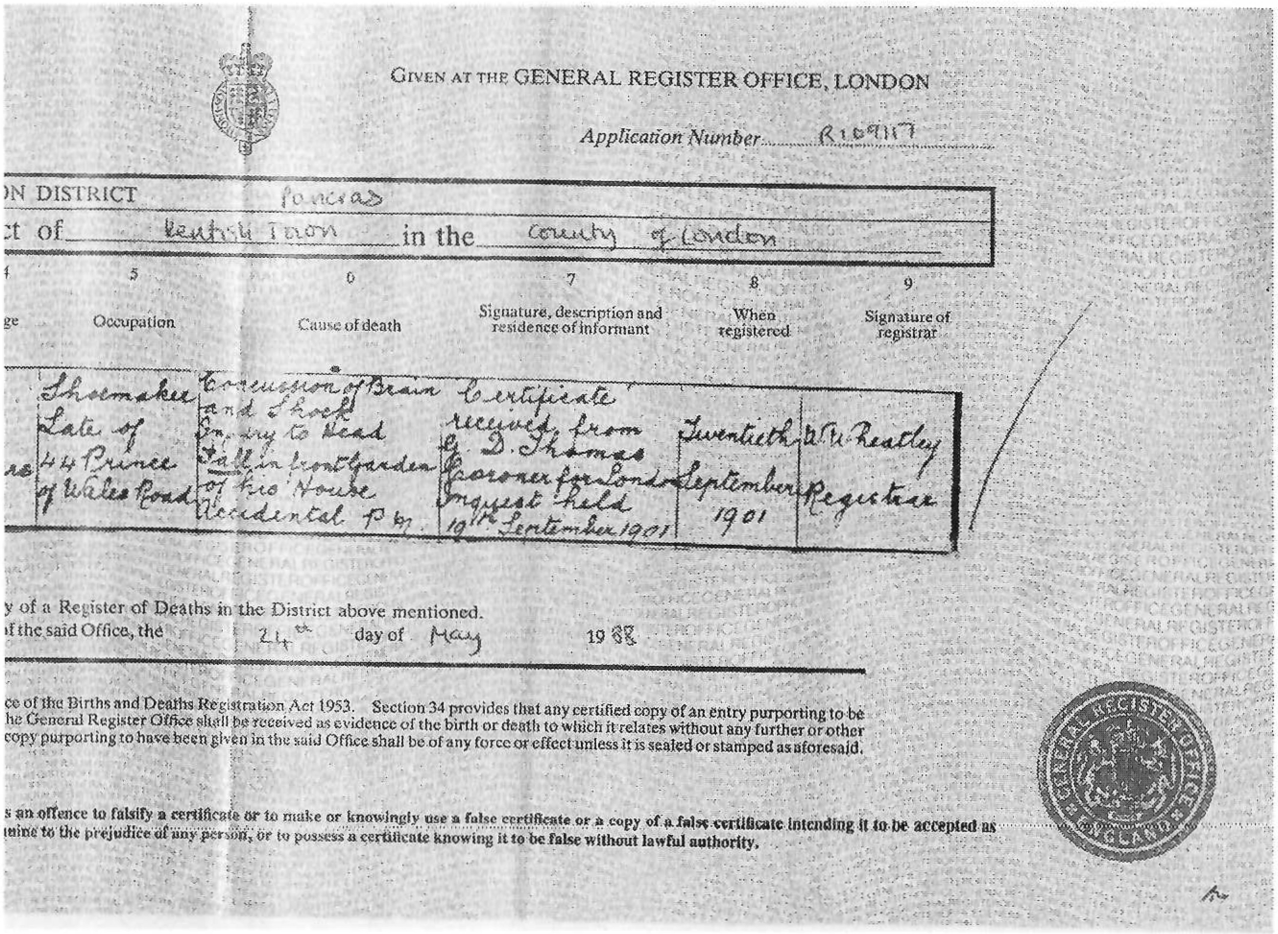

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Application Number R109117

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|---|---|
| N DISTRICT | Pancras |
| ct of | Kentish Town in the County of London |

| 5 Occupation | 6 Cause of death | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered | 9 Signature of registrar |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shoemaker Late of 44 Prince of Wales Road | Concussion of Brain and Shock Injury to Head Fall in front garden of his House Accidental P.M. | Certificate received from G. D. Thomas Coroner for London Inquest held 19th September 1901 | Twentieth September 1901 | W. W. Keatley Registrar |

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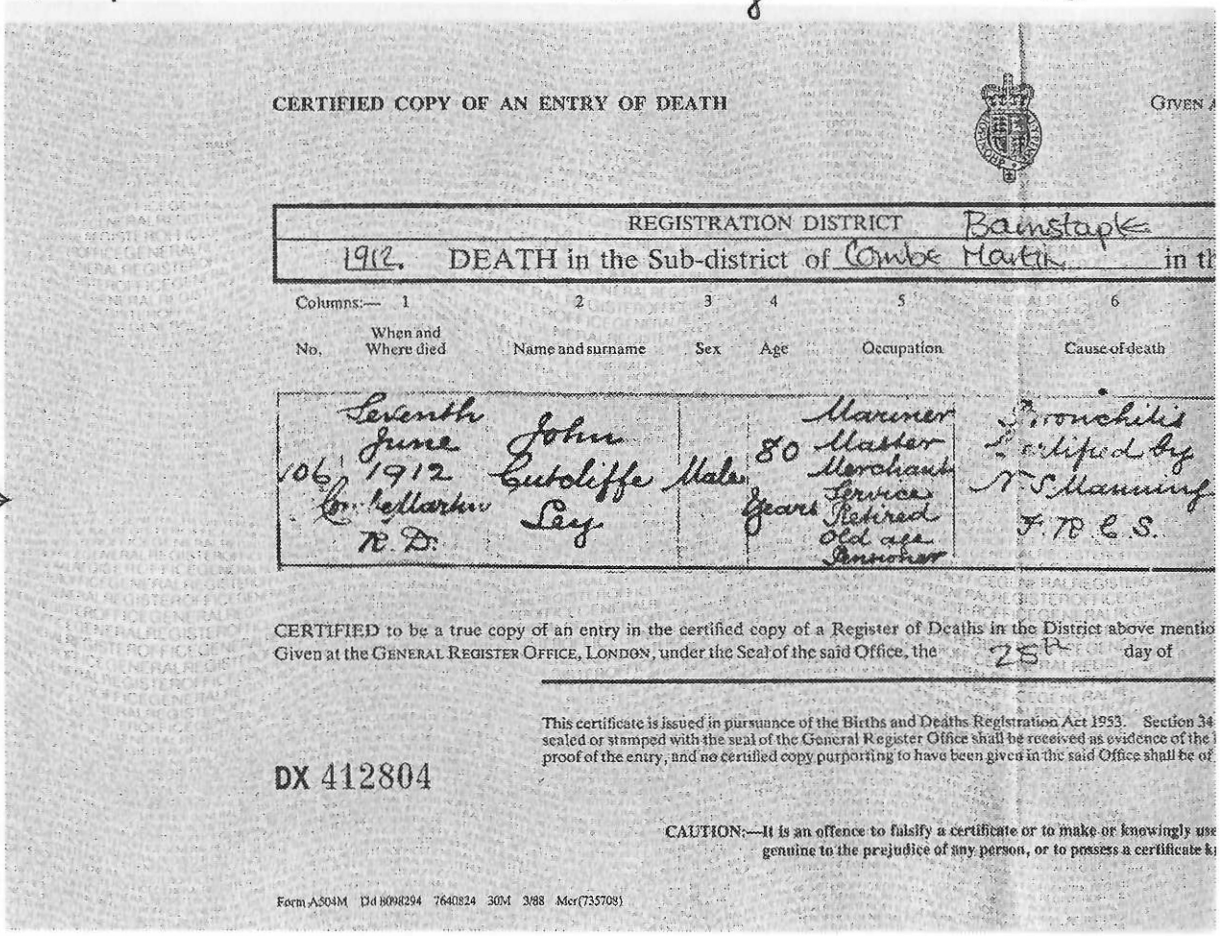

**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| REGISTRATION DISTRICT | Barnstaple | | | | | | |
| 1912. | DEATH in the Sub-district of | Combe Martin | | | | in th | |

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and Where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death |
| 106 | Seventh June 1912 Combe Martin R.D. | John Cutcliffe Ley | Male | 80 Years | Mariner Master Merchant Service Retired Old age Pensioner | Bronchitis Certified by N S Manning F.R.C.S. |

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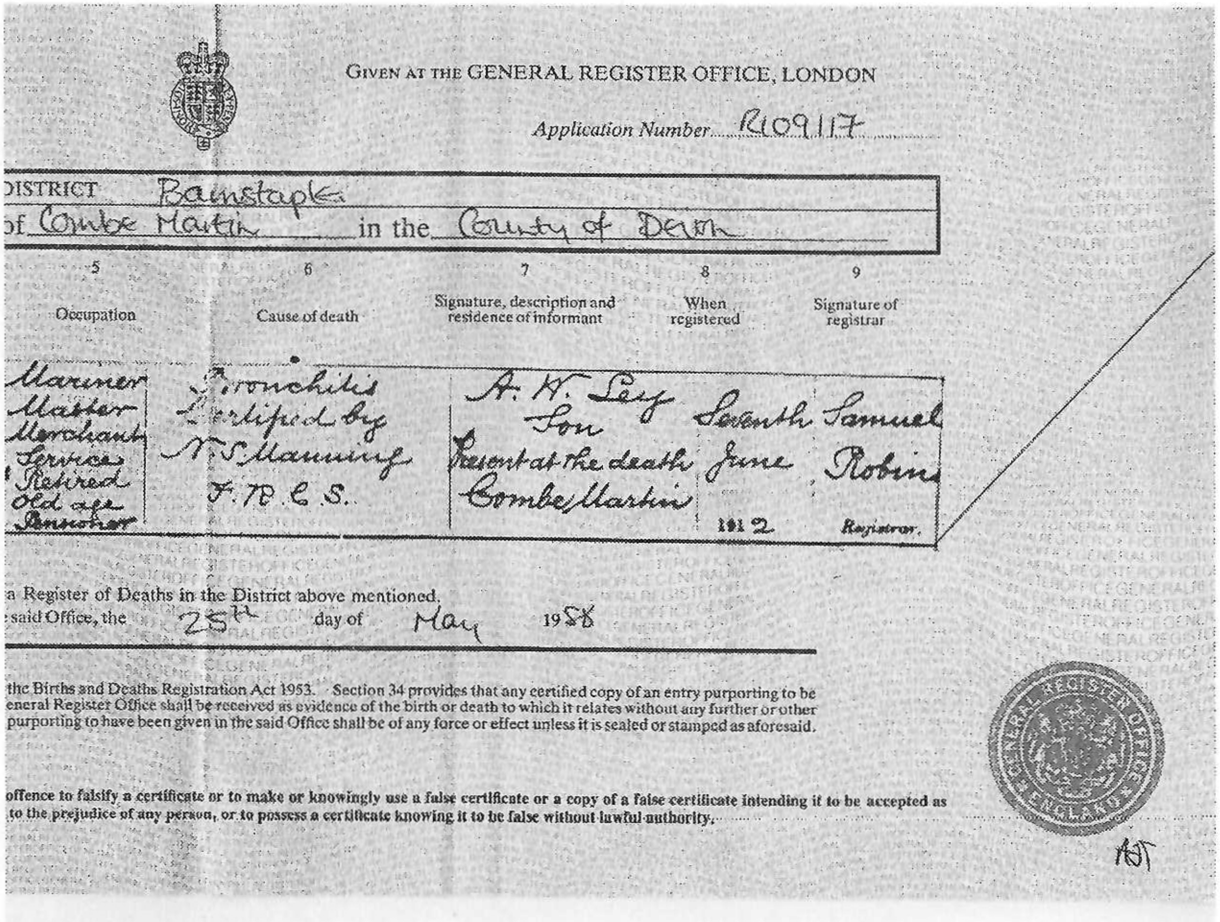

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*Application Number* R109117

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| DISTRICT | Barnstaple | | |
| of Combe Martin | in the | County of Devon | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| Mariner Master Merchant Service Retired Old age Pensioner | Bronchitis Certified by N S Manning F.R.C.S. | A. W. Ley Son Present at the death Combe Martin | Seventh June 1912 | Samuel Robins Registrar. |

a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.
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[Elizabeth Witheridge (b. 1838)]

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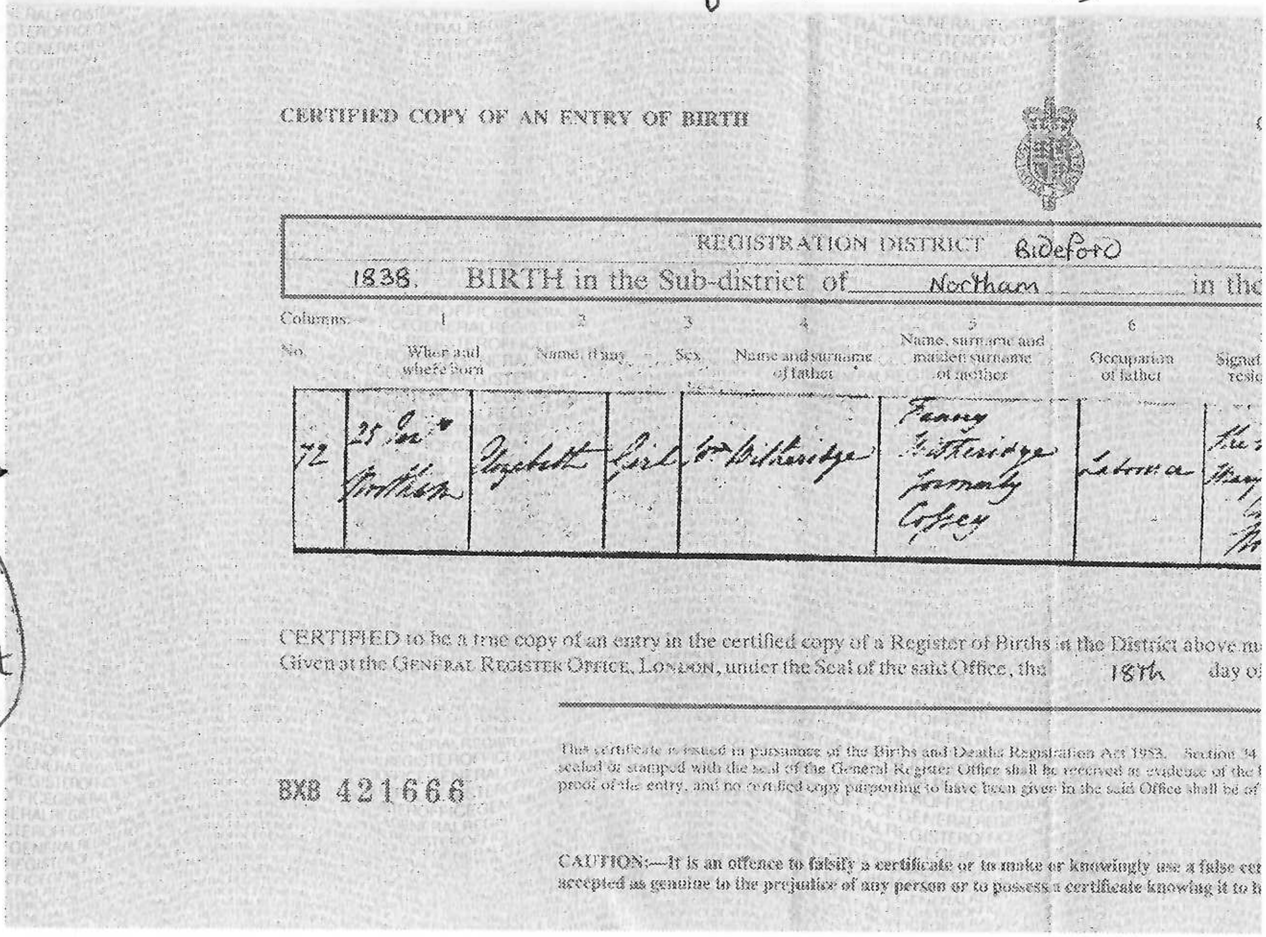

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Bideford

1838. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Northam in the

| Columns:— No. | 1 When and where born | 2 Name, if any | 3 Sex | 4 Name and surname of father | 5 Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | Signat resid |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 25 Jan Northam | Elizabeth | Girl | Wm Witheridge | Fanny Witheridge formerly Coffey | Labourer | the Mary |

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 18th day o

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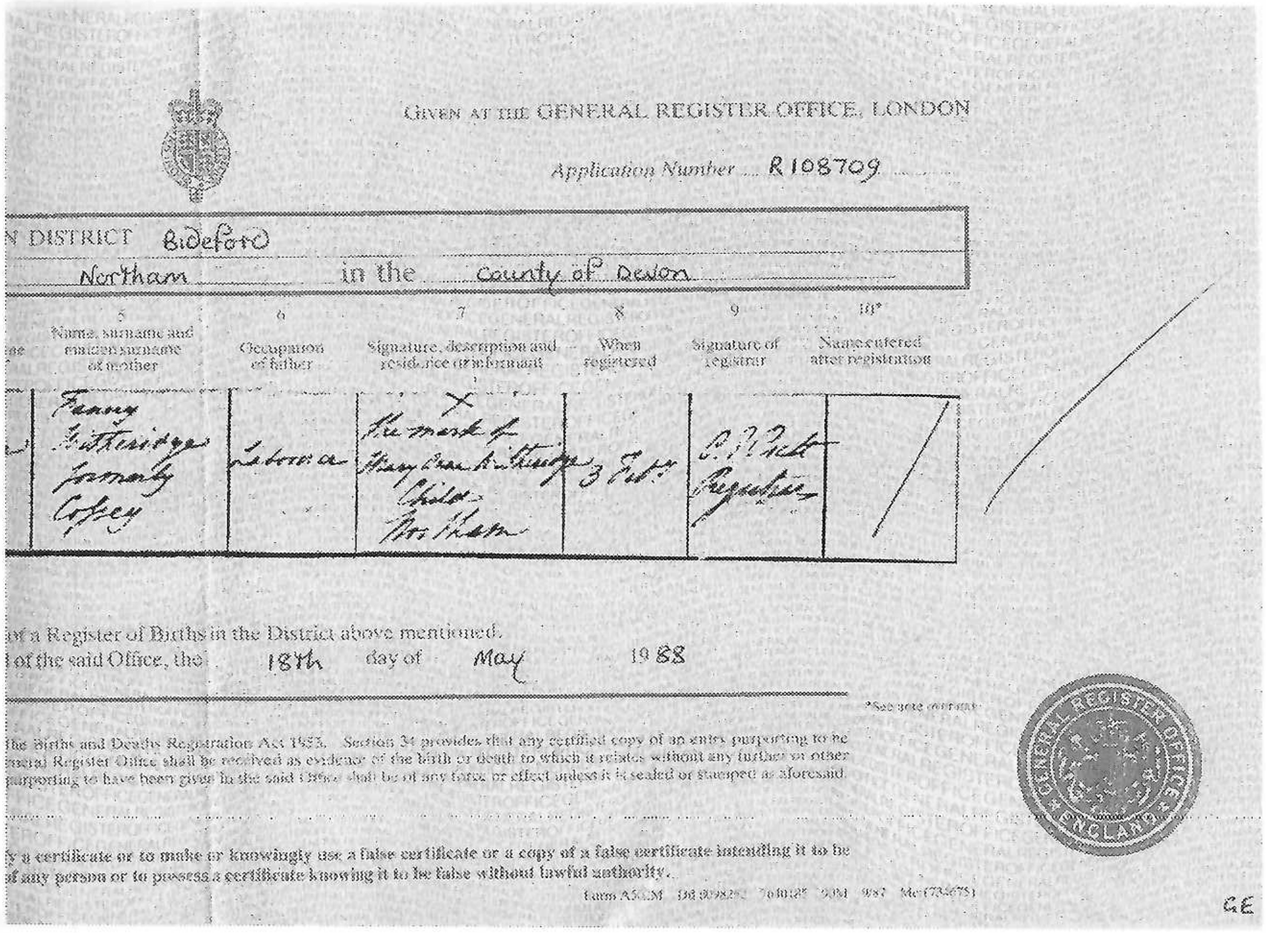

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Application Number R108709

N DISTRICT Bideford

Northam in the County of Devon

| 5 Name, surname and maiden surname of mother | 6 Occupation of father | 7 Signature, description and residence of informant | 8 When registered | 9 Signature of registrar | 10* Name entered after registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fanny Witheridge formerly Coffey | Labourer | X the mark of Mary Ann Witheridge Child Northam | 3 Feby | C. Pickt Registrar | / |

of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
l of the said Office, the 18th day of May 1988

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[George Witheridge (b. ca. 1838 or 1840)]

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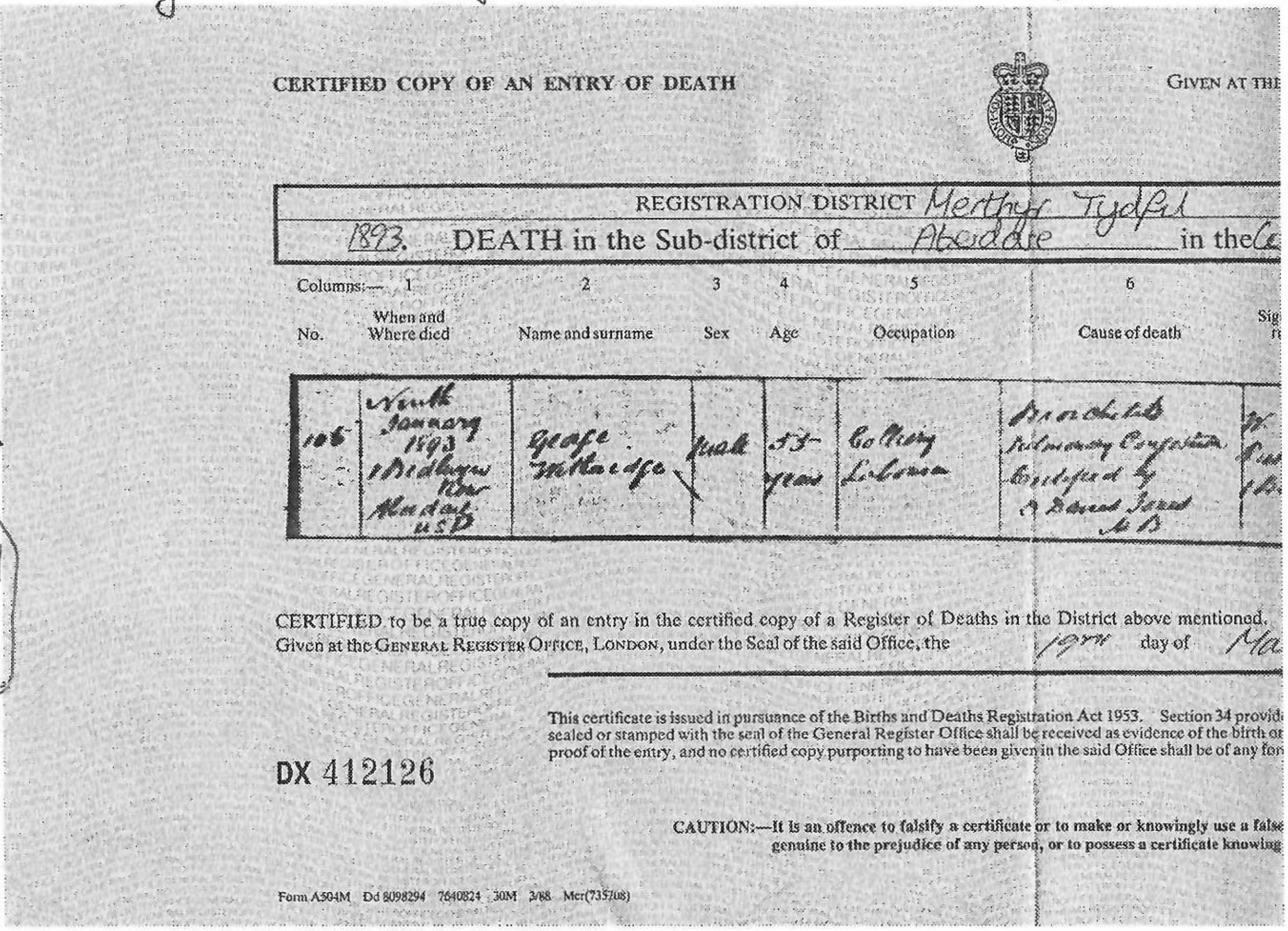

**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH**

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Merthyr Tydfil

1893. DEATH in the Sub-district of Aberdare in the

| Columns:— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | When and Where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Sig |
| 105 | Ninth January 1893 1 Bedlinog Row Aberdare U.S.D. | George Witheridge | Male | 55 years | Colliery Labourer | Bronchitis Pulmonary Congestion Certified by D. David Jones M.B. | W |

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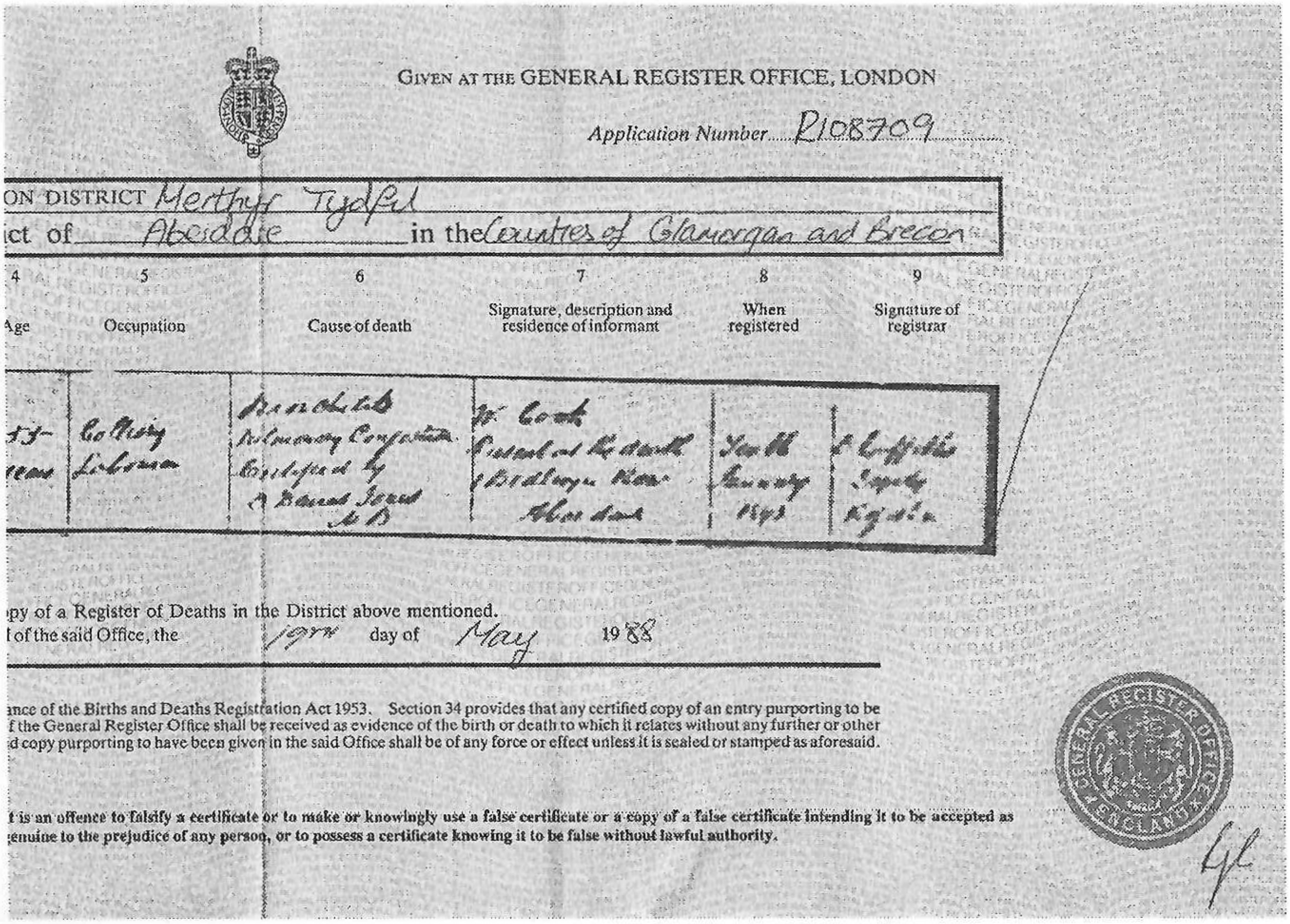

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*Application Number* P108709

ON DISTRICT Merthyr Tydfil
ict of Aberdare in the Counties of Glamorgan and Brecon

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| 55 years | Colliery Labourer | Bronchitis Pulmonary Congestion Certified by D. David Jones M.B. | W. Cook Present at the death 1 Bedlinog Row Aberdare | Tenth January 1893 | E. Griffiths Deputy Registrar |

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[George Wethered (m. ca. Sept. 1857)]

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# Application for Marriage Certificate

**USE THIS FORM ONLY TO ORDER CERTIFICATES IN THE PUBLIC SEARCH ROOM. This costs less than applying by post.**

## To apply for a Certificate

Take this form to the indexes and search for the entry relating to the person(s) concerned.
When you have found the entry, **copy the names and particulars from the index into the spaces A and B below in BLOCK CAPITALS**

**A**

| | Surname | Forenames |
|---|---|---|
| Man | WETHERFD | GEORGE |
| Woman | | |

| From the spine of the index | District | |
|---|---|---|
| YEAR 1857<br>QUARTER SEPT | COOKHAM | |
| FROM 1984 BOUND ANNUAL INDEXES DO NOT SHOW A QUARTER ENTER DETAILS FROM COLUMN HEADED REG<br>REG | Enter details from vol and page columns<br>Volume No.<br>2C | <br>Number following volume<br>621 |

Now complete the rest of the form and take it to one of the tills at the back of the search room.

I wish the certificate to be sent to me post free ☑

Tick one box

I wish to collect the certificate or to send someone to collect it for me. ☒

**I require** 1 **certificate(s) of the marriage of the person(s) to whom the particulars in spaces A and B relate.**

Sign here David E. Witheridge

**Please repeat in BLOCK CAPITALS** DAVID E. WITHERIDGE

Address 18 HAWKHURST WAY
WEST WICKHAM, KENT

Tel No 01-777-6072 Date MAY ~~[illegible]~~, 1988
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**B**

| | Surname | Forenames |
|---|---|---|
| Man | WETHERED | GEO. |
| Woman | | |

| From the spine of the index | District | |
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| YEAR 1857<br>QUARTER Sept. | COOKHAM | |
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## Notes

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**From 1984** the indexes are arranged in alphabetical order for the full year. The entry contains the month and year of Registration under the Column headed **REG**. The first two digits 01-12 indicate the month, the last two digits the year.

You should ensure that the reference you quote from the indexes refers to both parties. The fact that the same reference appears against both parties' names does not, however, necessarily mean that they married each other.

If you are not sure you have found the correct entry see overleaf.

You will be given an envelope for the purpose. Certificates are sent by 2nd class post unless 1st class postage stamps are supplied by the applicant. Certificates sent by post will normally be despatched within 2-3 weeks.

Anyone may collect the certificate provided they produce the receipt you will be given. Normally the certificate will be ready for collection after 48 hours.

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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY | | | | | | Entry Number |
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| District | | | | | | |
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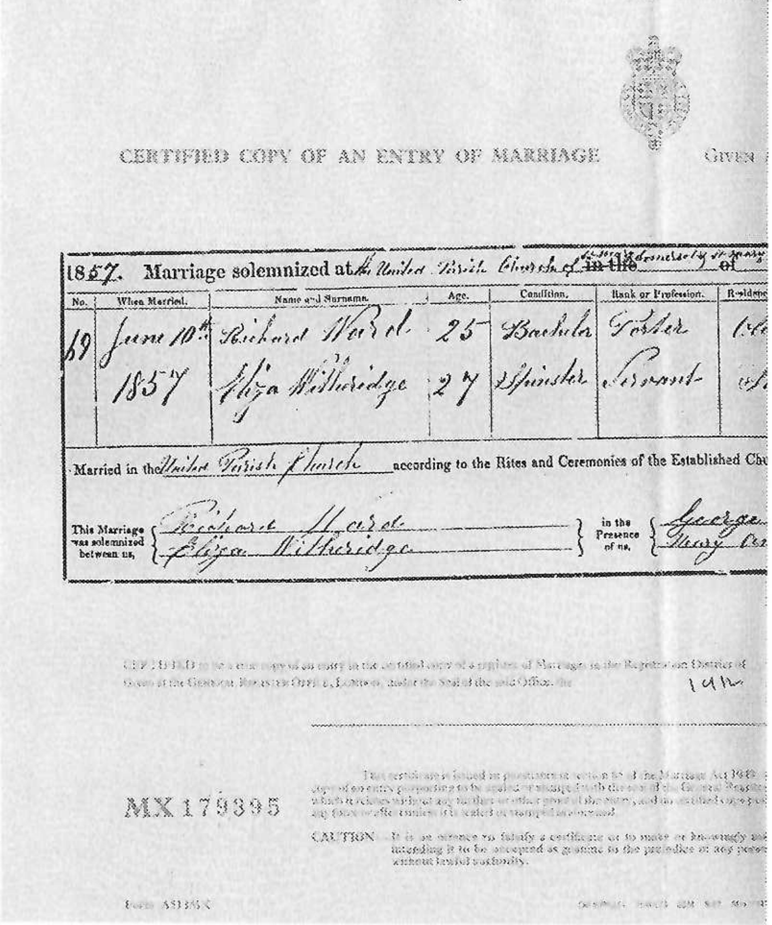
[Eliza Witheridge (b. ca. 1830, m. 1857)]



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

1857. Marriage solemnized at the United Parish Church of ~~in the~~ St Mary Woolchurch Haw & St Mary Woolnoth of

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | June 10th 1857 | Richard Ward | 25 | Bachelor | Porter |
| | | Eliza Witheridge | 27 | Spinster | Servant |

Married in the United Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Chu

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Richard Ward, Eliza Witheridge; in the Presence of us, George, Mary Ann

14th

MX 179395

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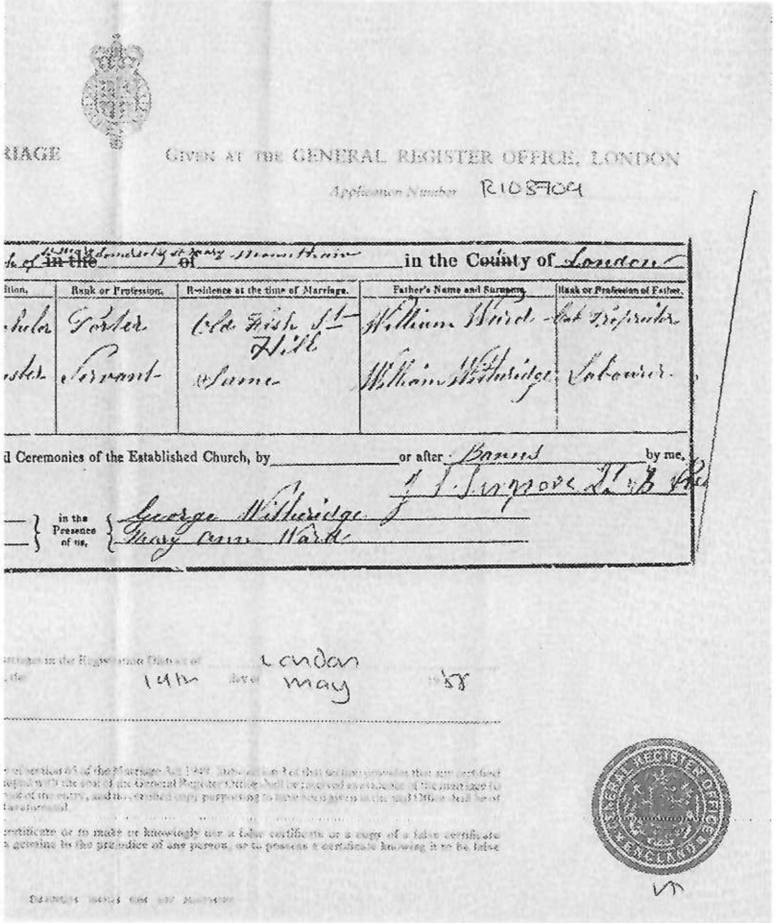

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Application Number R108704

of ~~in the~~ St Mary Woolchurch Haw & St Mary Woolnoth of in the County of London

| Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Porter | Old Fish St Hill | William Ward | Hat Proprietor |
| Servant | Same | William Witheridge | Labourer |

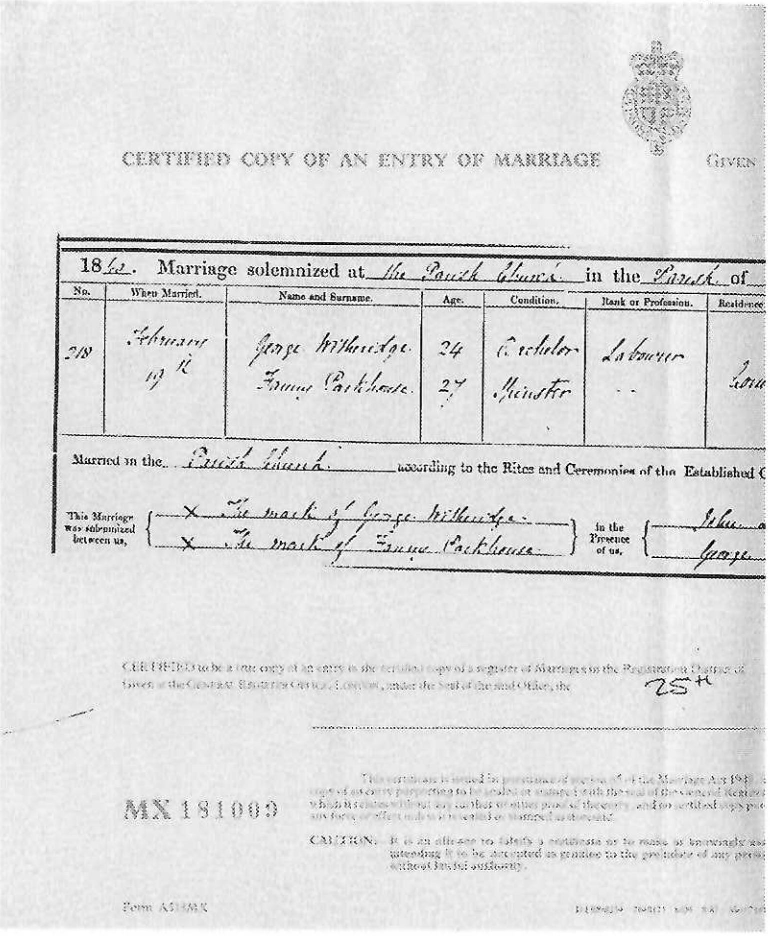
d Ceremonies of the Established Church, by ________ or after Banns by me, J. L. Sergrove D.D. Rec

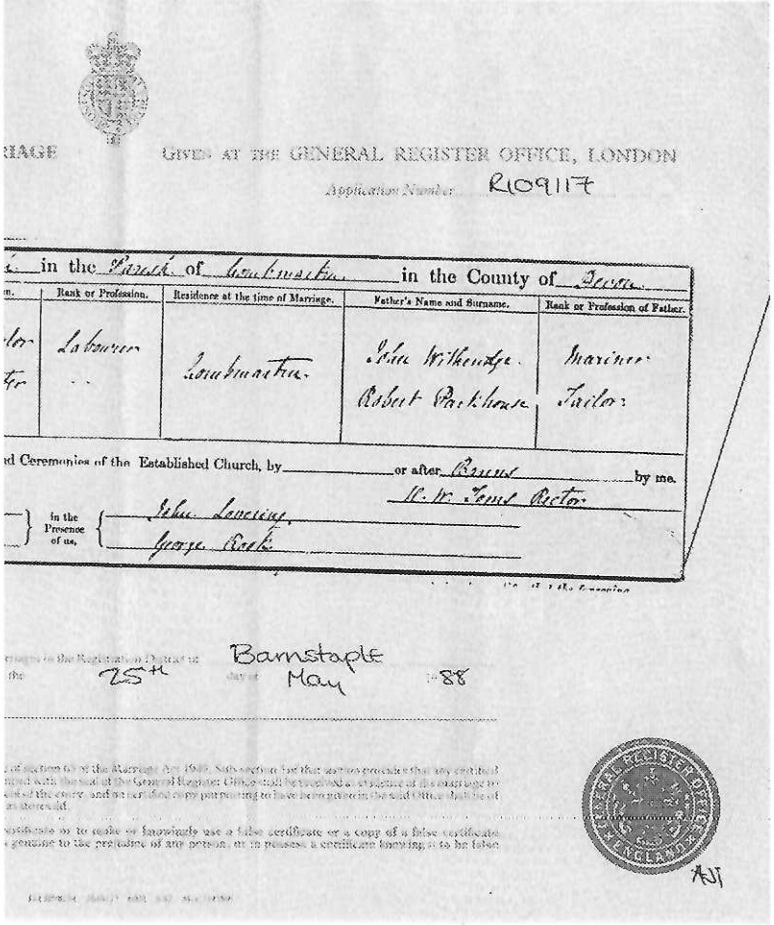
in the Presence of us, George Witheridge, Mary Ann Ward

London

14th May '58

[George Witheridge (b. ca. 1836, m. 1860) = Fanny Parkhouse (b. ca. 1833)]





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Application Number R109117

18 60. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Combmartin in the County of Devon

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 218 | February 19th | George Witheridge | 24 | Bachelor | Labourer | Combmartin | John Witheridge | Mariner |
|  |  | Fanny Parkhouse | 27 | Spinster | .. |  | Robert Parkhouse | Tailor |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by ____ or after Banns by me, H. W. Toms Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us,
× The mark of George Witheridge
× The mark of Fanny Parkhouse

in the Presence of us,
John Lovering
George Rook

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 25th day of May 1988

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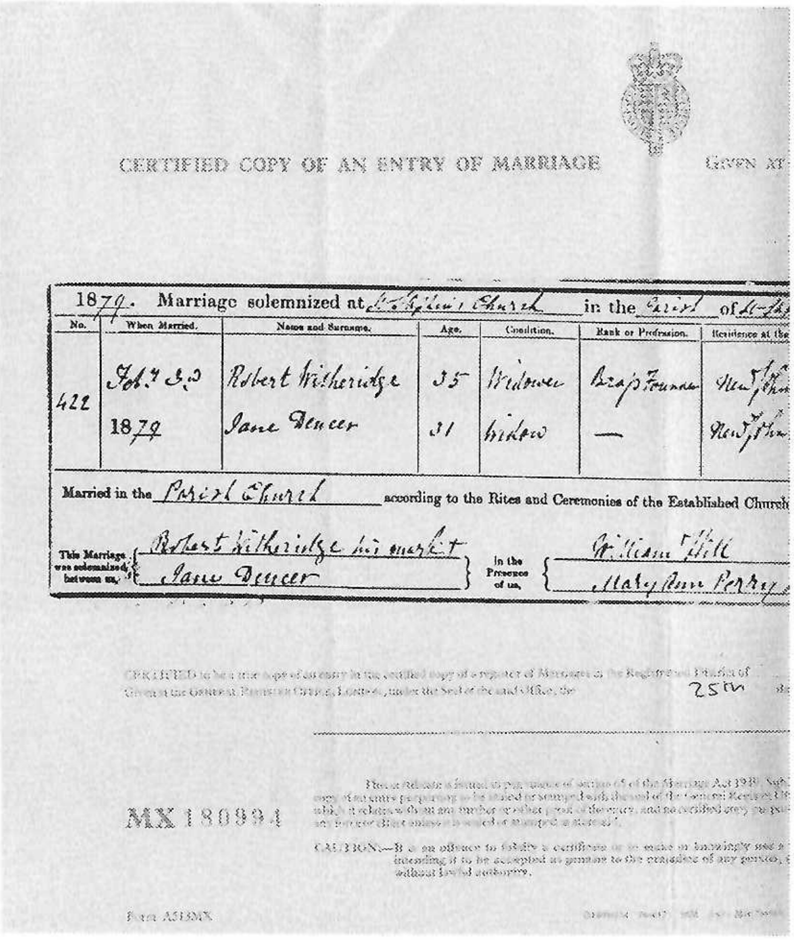
[Robert Witheridge (b. ca. 1844) = Jane Hands (b. ca. 1848)]



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT

1879. Marriage solemnized at St. Stephen's Church in the Parish of St. Ste

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 422 | Feby 3rd 1879 | Robert Witheridge | 35 | Widower | Brass Founder | New John |
| | | Jane Dencer | 31 | Widow | — | New John |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Robert Witheridge his mark + / Jane Dencer } in the Presence of us, { William Hill / Mary Ann Perry

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 25th

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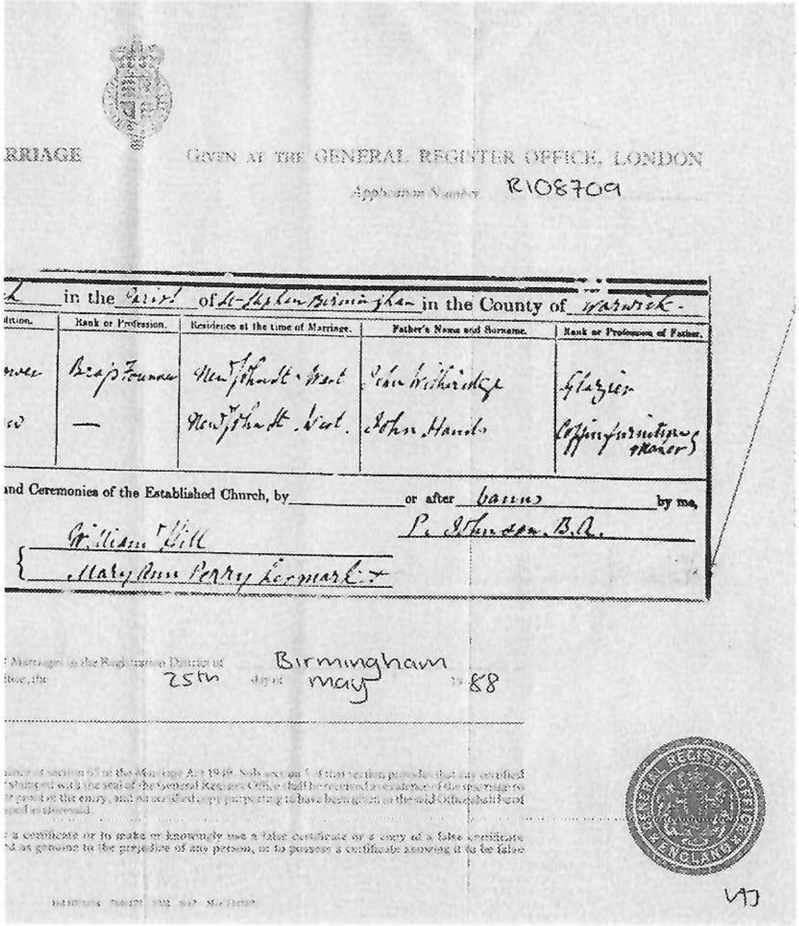

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Application Number R108709

in the Parish of St. Stephen Birmingham in the County of Warwick.

| dition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ower | Brass Founder | New John St. West | John Witheridge | Glazier |
| w | — | New John St. West. | John Hands | Coffin furniture maker |

and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by __________ or after banns by me,

P. Johnson B.A.

William Hill
{ Mary Ann Perry her mark +

of Marriages in the Registration District of Birmingham
ffice, the 25th day of May 1988

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ed as genuine to the prejudice of any person, or to possess a certificate knowing it to be false

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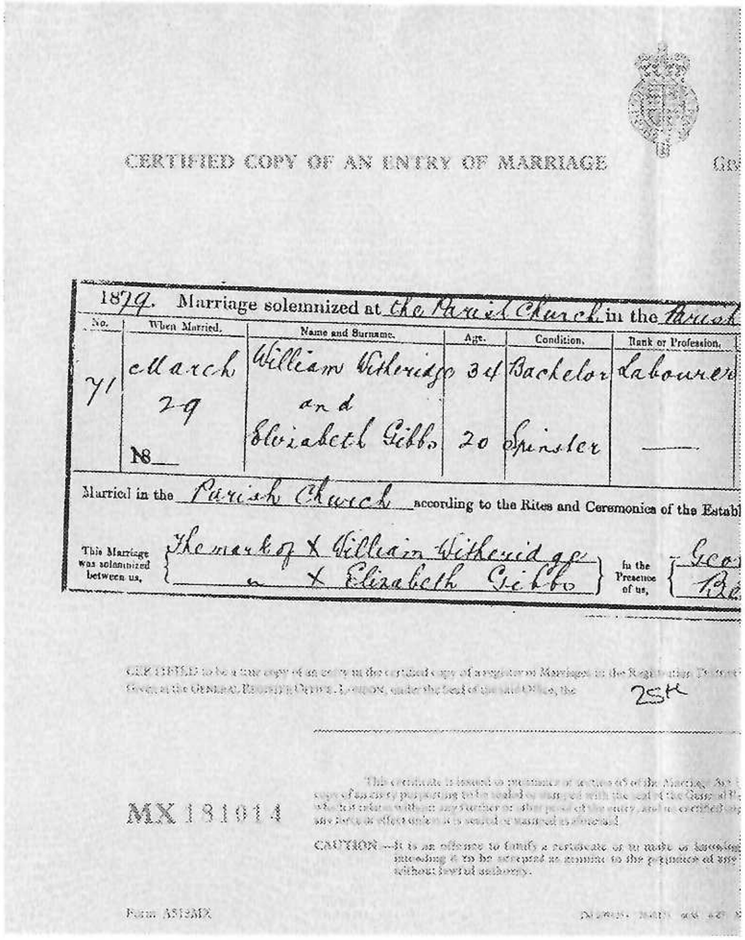
[William John Witheridge (b. 1840) = Elizabeth Gibbs
(b. ca. 1860)]

[Regarding this William, see further details at his index entry.]



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

1879. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish

| No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | March 29<br>18__ | William Witheridge<br>and<br>Elizabeth Gibbs | 34<br><br>20 | Bachelor<br><br>Spinster | Labourer<br><br>— |

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Establ

This Marriage was solemnized between us, The mark of X William Witheridge
" X Elizabeth Gibbs

in the Presence of us, Geo
Be

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 25th

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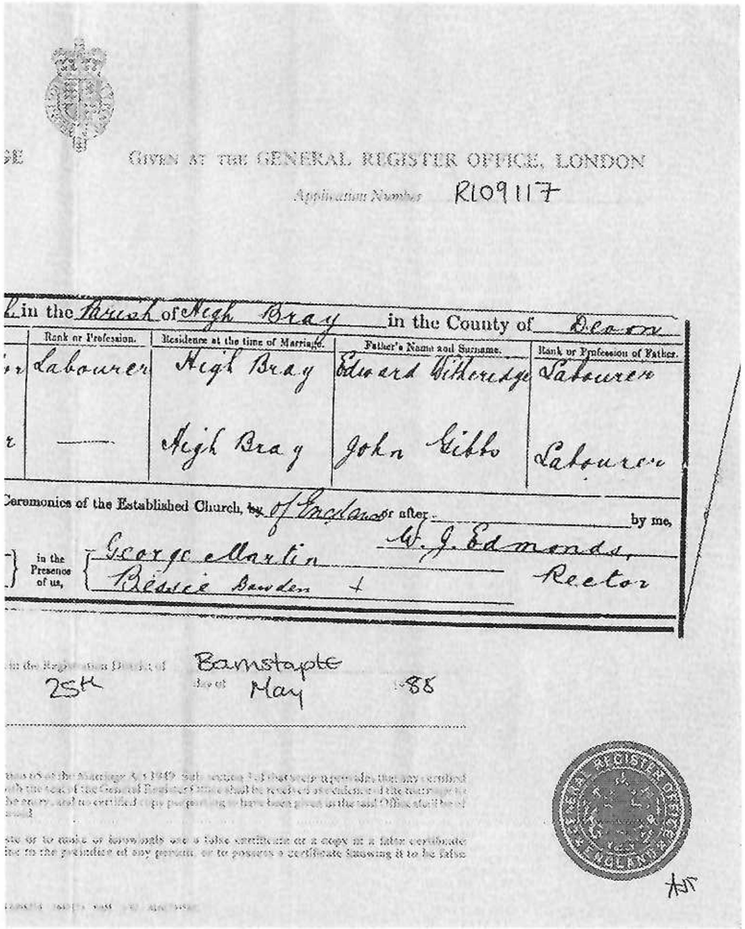

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Application Number R109117

in the Parish of High Bray in the County of Devon

| Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Labourer | High Bray | Edward Witheridge | Labourer |
| — | High Bray | John Gibbs | Labourer |

Ceremonies of the Established Church, of England or after __________ by me,

in the Presence of us, George Martin
Bessie Bawden +

W. J. Edmonds,
Rector

in the Registration District of Barnstaple
25th day of May 88

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Any already orderd?

Deaths

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ✓ | Ley, John C., age 80 | Barnstaple | 5b | 528 | June 1912 |

Look up:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ✓ ok | Witheridge, Fanny Elizabeth (80) | Bideford | 5b | 293 | Sept. 1879 |
| ✓ ok | Witheridge, George ~~[illegible]~~ (59) | Pancras | 1b | 107 | Sept. 1901 |
| no | Wetheridge, Emily Florence | [Pancras | 1b | 17 | Dec. 1867] no |
| ✓ ok | Witheridge, Edwin (42) | Barton R. | 6a | 109 | Mar. 1881 |
| | ~~Witheridge, George~~ (orderd) | ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~Mar. 1897~~ |

Mar.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ✓ | Ley, John Cutcliffe | Clifton | 6a | 172 | Mar. 1857 |

Look up:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ok | Witheridge, Selina | Bideford | 5b | 937 | June 1860 |
| ✓ ok | Witheridge, George ~~[illegible]~~ | Barnstaple | 5b | 827 | Mar 1860 |

Births

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ✓ ok | Witheridge, John ~~[illegible]~~ | Barnstaple | 5b | 488 | June 1865 |

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Mar.

✓✓ Witheridge, William 1877 Mar. Barnstaple 5b 657

✓✓ Witheridge, Robert 1879 Mar. Birmingham 6d 158

✓✓ Witheridge, William 1883 Mar. Cardiff 11a 376

ms Witheridge, Mary Ann 1883 Mar. Stoke D. 5b 519

✓ Witheridge, Eliza 1857 June London City 1c 215

X ms Wethered, George 1857 Sept. Cookham 2c 621

ms Wotheridge, Grace Bideford 5b 893

Deaths

ms Blackmore, Mary Grace, (21) 1880 June Barnstaple 5b 336

Births

X Witheridge, Elizabeth 1838 Mar. Bideford 10 68

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[Combe Martin]
(Burial record of Edwin Witheridge (bapt. Sept. 24, 1834), son of Edward W. + Mary Gear; died before Dec. 11, 1835)

Will of Edward Witheridge, d. Jan. 11, 1860, Combe Martin
Will of Mary Gear Witheridge, d. Aug. 15, 1874, Combe Martin

Will of John Witheridge, d. Apr. 2, 1905, Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glam.
Will of Clara Blackmore Witheridge, d. Nov. 21, 1909, Cwmaman, Glam.

[or Mary Blackmore] no
Death cert. of Mary or Witheridge, b. June 12, 1849; d. Apr. 3, 1880, Combe Martin?
[Illig. dau. of Clara Blackmore]

Death cert. of Eva Witheridge, d. June 21, 1918, Combe Martin? no
[dau. of Mary Witheridge, above] not Eva Blackmore

✓✓ Birth cert. of William Witheridge, c. 1857, son of Barry Witheridge + Fanny Parkhouse (1856 Dec. Barnstaple 5b 443 ← OK)
no ——— > Mar. ? v 1879 Mar. Barnstaple 5b 657
no ——— > ? v 1837 Mar. Cardiff 11a 376
Death cert. of John Blackmore [Curtis], an infant son of Clara Blackmore, b. Aug. 31, 1842, Combe Martin

Check June 1894 deaths

(55)
✓→ Geo. d. 1893 Mar. Merthyr Tyd. 11a 431 (58y).

[Caution: See the editor's note at the index entry for William Witheridge (bapt. 1799.)]

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname WITHERIDGE Family No. SGGW64

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
William WITHERIDGE (a)(f)[1]
Father's Name:
John WITHERIDGE (f)
Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth [Bapt. Feb. 7, 1799 - North Tawton, Devon (f)[2]
Marriage Apr. 11, 1824 - Northam, Devon (a)
Death
Other Places of Residence:
Bideford, Devon, 1851 (e)
Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Fanny CAWSEY (a)(b)
Father's Name:
John CAWSEY (b)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Elizabeth ———— (b)

Date Place
Birth [Bapt. July 28, 1799 - Littleham, Devon] (b) - Born in Landcross, Devon (e)[4]
Death 1879 Sept. Bideford 5b 293
Other Places of Residence:
Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Mary (a)(d)(e) Ann (a)(e)[5]
Married to
Birth [Bapt. July 25, 1824 (a)] - Northam (a)(e)
Marriage
Death

2 Fanny (a)(d) Elizabeth (a)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Mar. 27, 1827 - Northam] (a)
Marriage
Death

3 Eliza (a)[3]
Married to
Birth [Bapt. July 22, 1829 - Northam] (a)
Marriage
Death

4 Selena (a)(d)[7]
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Oct. 3, 1832 - Northam] (a)
Marriage 1860 June Bideford 5b 937
Death

5 George (a)(d)(e) Causey (a)[6]
Married to (1) Mary Ann BUSSELL (c); (2) ~~Jane Harding SHEPHERD (g)~~
Birth [Bapt. Jan. 3, 1836 (a)] - Northam (a)(e)
Marriage (1) c. 1856? (2) ~~Oct. 16, 1882 - Bideford (g)~~
Death

6 Elizabeth (d)(e)
Married to
Birth Jan. 25, ~~[illegible]~~ 1838 (d)(e) - Northam (e) [illegible]
Marriage
Death 1838 Mar. Bideford X 10 68

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Married to
Birth
Marriage
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Married to
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(a) Northam Parish Reg., Trans. by Wm. H. Rogers (LDS Microfilm), Doc. DE18-Log154

(b) Transcript of Littleham Parish Reg. (LDS Microfilm), Doc. 21(b)-Log 156

(c) Birth cert. of Geo. Causey Witheridge, Jr. (Somerset House), Doc. W65-Log 89

(d) 1841 Census of Northam (LDS Microfilm), Doc. DE40-Log 231

(e) 1851 Census of Bideford (LDS Microfilm), Doc. DE37-Log 231

(f) North Tawton Parish Reg. (Barbara Popplestone), Doc. W89(c)-Log 229

~~(g) Mar. cert. of George Cassey Witheridge + Jane Harding Shepherd, Doc. W29-Log 21~~

1- Husbandman, 1824; Labourer, Clash[?], 1832; Husbandman, 1836 (a); Agric. Labourer, 1841 (d); general labourer, 1851 (e)

2- Birthplace given as North Tawton, Devon, and birth date c. 1797 in (e)

3- Listed as servant living with John + Mary Shute in Northam in 1841 (d)

4- Birthplace given as Landcross and birth date c. 1797 in (e)

5- Laundress in 1851 (e)

6- Cordwainer appr. in 1851 (e)

7- Selina in (d)

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname WITHERIDGE Family No. SGGW32d

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
George Causey WITHERIDGE (a)(b)[1]
Father's Name:
William WITHERIDGE (e)
Mother's Maiden Name:
Fanny CAWSEY (e)

Date Place
Birth [Bapt. Jan. 3, 1836 - Northam (e), Devon (a)(e)]
W. Cath.
Marriage c. 1856 ? We ?
Death ? 1860, Barnstaple 5b 827
Other Places of Residence:
Sx. 1901 Sept. Pancras 1b, 607 (59y)
Other Wives: ~~(2) Jane Harding SHEPHERD (i)~~[6]
Death 1893 Dec. Bideford 5b 304 (54y)

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
(1) Mary Ann BUSSELL (b)
Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:

Date Place
Birth
Death
Other Places of Residence:
Other Husbands:

Order?
CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Emily (a)(f) Florence (f)
Birth c. Sept., 1857 (f) St. Cath (see over) 1857 Sept. Shoreditch 1c 138
Married to
Marriage
Dau of Arthur W. + Florence ann Roby
Death 1869 Dec. Pancras 1b 17 9 Kath

2 George Causey (a)(b)
Birth May 11, 1858 - Marylebone, London (a)(b)[5]
Married to
Marriage c. 1883 ? St. Cath.
Margaret RUMSEY (c)
Death Aug. 21, 1931 - St. Pancras, London (g)

3 Jack (a)[2]
Birth 1865 June Barnstaple 5b 438 St. Cath.
Married to
Marriage
Death

4 Henry (a)[3] (Harry)
Birth 1866 (?)[4] St. Cath (over)
Married to
Marriage
Annie Elizabeth
Death Harry Benjamin, 1859 June St. James 1a 339

5 Frances (a)
Birth St. Cath. (no)
Married to
Marriage incorrect reference
Death

6
Birth
Married to
Marriage
Death

1871 Census

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Marriage
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(a) Inf. from Charles F. Witheridge

(b) Birth Cert. of George Causey Witheridge [Jr.], Somerset House
(By Anthony G. Witheridge)

(c) Inf. from George A. C. Witheridge

(d) Inf. from Mrs. George Henry Witheridge (c)

(e) Transcription of Northam Parish Reg. by Wm. H. Rogers (LDS Microfilm)

(f) Index of Births at St. Catherine's House: Sept. 1857, Shoreditch 1c, 138

(g) Death cert. of George Caursey Witheridge (St. Cath. House), Doc. W58, Log 82

(h) Birth cert. of George Causey Witheridge [Jr.], Somerset House (Harry Witheridge),
Doc. W65-Log 89

~~(i) Mar. Cert. of George Cassey Witheridge + Jane Harding Shepherd; Doc. W29-Log 21~~

1- No Witheridge listed in either 1851 or 1861 Census at 45 Castle St., East, Marylebone, London, the address given on Birth Cert. of George Causey Witheridge [Jr.], May 11, 1858 (a) Bootmaker Journeyman (h)

2- Went to New Zealand (a)

3- Went to Australia (a). Three sons of Henry Witheridge came to England while serving in the First World War. Two of them were killed; and the third, Harold, returned to Australia (d).

4- A Henry Witheridge is listed in Index of Births at St. Catherine's House: 1866/4 Tavistock 5b 364 (Kim Cook ?)

5- At All Soul's Parish, Marylebone, Middlesex (h)

~~6- Conjecture of David E. Witheridge~~

## ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname *Witheridge* Family No. *5GGW16*

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

# *George Causey Witheridge (a)*¹

Father's Name:

# *George Causey Witheridge (a)(b)*²

Mother's Maiden Name:

*Mary Ann Bussell (b)*

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | *May 11, 1858* | *Marylebone, London (b)(d)* ⁴ |
| Marriage | *c. 1883?* | |
| Death | *Aug. 21, 1931 (d)(g)* | *St. Pancras, London (g)* ⁵ |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

*Margaret Rumsey (a)*

Father's Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

*order?*

1 *George Henry (a)(f)*
Married to *Sarah Amy Warren (a)(c)*
Birth *Sept. 14, 1884 – Pancras, Middlesex (f)* # ³
Marriage *Dec. 25, 1907 – St. Pancras, London (c)*
Death *June (d), 1966 (a)(d) – Laleham, Surrey (a)*

2 *Charles James (d)*
Married to *Cecily (?) Stratton (a)*
Birth *1890 – London (d)* [illegible]
Marriage
Death

3 *Eleanor (d)* *"Nell"*
Married to *Michael (c) Smith (d)(c)*
Birth
Marriage
Death *c. 1960*

4 *Alice (d)* *"Li"*
Married to *Stephen ——— (a)*
Birth *No children (d)*
Marriage
Death *During 1939-45 War (d)*

5 Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

6 Married to
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Marriage
Death

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(a) Inf. from George A.C. Witheridge

(b) Birth Cert. of George Causey Witheridge (Jr.), Somerset House [by Anthony G. Witheridge]

(c) Marriage Cert. of George H. Witheridge + Sarah A. Warren, Somerset House [by Anthony G. Witheridge]

(d) Inf. from Charles F. Witheridge

(e) Inf. from Harry Witheridge (Nat. Health Ins - Harry Witheridge)

(f) Birth cert. of George Henry Witheridge

(g) Death cert of George Caursey Witheridge (St. Cath. House) Doc. WSF-Log 82

1- ~~#~~ Name given as George Henry Witheridge, engineer, in 1907 (c); metal tube worker in 1884 (f); engineer's labourer in 1931 (g)

2- ~~##~~ Boot Maker Journeyman in 1852 (b)
Born in Devon; lighthouse keeper on Lundy Island (a)

3- ~~#~~ 21 Little George St., Somers Town, Pancras, Middlesex, in 1884 (f)

4- ~~##~~ Residence: 45 Castle St. East; Parish: All Souls

5- Found dead at 88 Grafton Road NW; Engineer's labourer of 4 Grafton Terrace, St. Pancras (g)

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Witheridge Family No. JPW31

HUSBAND (Name in Full)

Edward Witheridge (a)[1]

Father's Name: George Witheridge (a)

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Northcott (h)

Date Place

Birth [Bapt. Dec. 13, 1795 (a)] - Combe Martin, Devon (h)

Marriage Apr. 7, 1828 - Combe Martin (a)

Death Jan. 11, 1860 - Combe Martin (c)

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)

Mary Gear (a)(p)[10]

Father's Name: William Gear (a)[2, 11]

Mother's Maiden Name: Ann Davis (a)[2]

Date Place

Birth [Bapt. Oct. 4, 1801 (a)] - Combe Martin (h)

Death Aug. 15, 1874 - Combe Martin (g)[7]

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

(16)

1 John (a)(q)
Married to Clara Blackmore (b)
Birth [Bapt. Feb. 8, 1828 - Combe Martin] (a)[3]
Marriage Oct. 20, 1855 - Combe Martin (b)[8]
Death Apr. 2, 1905 - Cwmaman, Aberdare, Glamorgan (e)

2 William (a)
Married to ———
Birth [Bapt. Feb. 5, 1832 - Combe Martin] (a)
Marriage ———
Death Mar. 25, 1837 - Combe Martin (m)

3 Edwin (a)(q)
Married to
Birth [Bapt. Sept. 24, 1834 - Combe Martin] (a)
Marriage
Death [illegible]

4 Edwin (a)[4]
Married to Matilda Thomas (a)
Birth [Bapt. Dec. 11, 1835 - Combe Martin] (a)
Marriage Apr. 23, 1859 - Combe Martin (a)
Death Mar 1881 - Barton R. 6a 109

5 Susan (a)(n)(o)[9]
Married to ——— COOKE (t)
Birth Sept. 26, 1838 - Combe Martin (o)
Marriage
Death

6 William (a)(n)(q)
Married to Elizabeth Gibbs (d)
Birth Dec. 15, 1840 - Combe Martin (p)[6]
Marriage Mar. 29, 1879 - High Bray, Devon (d)
Death Apr. 27, 1904 - Bray Town, High Bray (f)

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Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

8 [Ledger (h)] George (h)(q)[5]
Married to
Birth c. 1837 (h)(q) - Cornwall (h) [Devon (q)]; [Bapt. Apr. 17, 1853 - Combe Martin] (a)
Marriage
Death ? 1893 - Merthyr Tydfil
Mar 1893 - Merthyr Tyd. 1881 Census ? 11a 401

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(a) Combe Martin Parish Reg. (Rev. Fred A. Lovell)
(b) Marriage Cert. of John Witheridge + Clara Blackmore (Somerset House)
(c) Death Cert. of Edward Witheridge (Somerset House)
(d) Marriage Cert. of William Witheridge + Elizabeth Gibbs (Somerset House)
(e) Death Cert. of John Witheridge (Somerset House)
(f) Death Cert. of William Witheridge (Somerset House), Doc. W33-Log 22
(g) Death Cert. of Mary Witheridge (Somerset House), Doc. W10-Log 17
(h) 1851 Census of Combe Martin (Public Record Office)
(i) Inf. from High Bray Churchyard, Brayford (Hilda Witheridge)
(j) Inf. from George Chivers
(k) Inf. from Hilda Witheridge (Mrs. Wm. John)
(m) Grave stone, Combe Martin Church
(n) Bishop's Transcripts, Combe Martin (Devon Record Office)
(o) Birth Cert. of Susan Witheridge (St. Catherine's House), Doc. W26-Log 20
(p) Birth Cert. of William Witheridge (St. Catherine's House), Doc. W24-Log 20
(q) 1841 Census of Combe Martin (LDS Microfilm)
(r) Combe Martin Parish Reg. (Combe Martin Church, 1980)
(s) 1861 Census of Combe Martin (LDS Microfilm)
(t) 1871 Census of Combe Martin (LDS Microfilm); Doc. CM2-Log 79

1- Labourer (a),(g)(p); husbandman (a); farm labourer (h); ag. lab. (q)
2- Living with Edward + Mary Witheridge in 1841 (q)
3- Birth given as Feb. 23, 1828 by George Chivers (j)
4- Edwin listed in 1851 Census at South Ley on 108 acre farm with Richard Turner [wife, 3 dau., 1 son, 5 servants] (?)
5- George listed as lodger with Edward Witheridge in 1851 Census; limestone quarry labr.; birthplace: Cornwall. (h) Listed as son of John [mariner] and Mary at baptism (r). [Mary Hancock]
6- Birth given about 1844 by (d) and (f); c. 1842 by (h)
7- Reported by Catherine Parkhouse [Mrs. Robert ?], present at the death (g) [sister of Clara Blackmore Witheridge]. Bur. Aug. 19, 1874, at Combe Martin (a)
8- Witnesses: Beatsy Parkin and Susan Witheridge (b)
9- Listed in 1861 Census as unmarried and a dressmaker (s)
10- Listed in 1871 Census as 72-yr. old pauper living with her daughter Susan (t)
11- Listed as widower, thatcher, pauper, 84 yrs. old, living with Edw. + Mary Witheridge in 1851 (h)

Joan and Ronald Shaw

documents

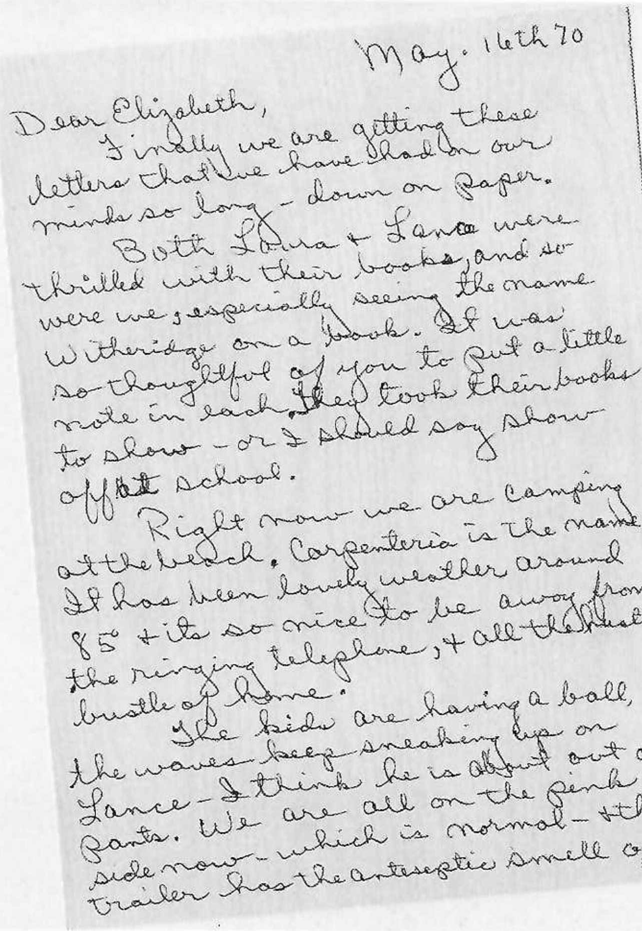
# Editor's Note

This section contains a selection from the largely nongenealogical correspondence between Dad and his cousin, Joan Shaw (born Joan Lorraine Witheridge [b. 1939]), who married Ronald William Shaw (b. 1933). Many of Joan's annual Christmas cards have been omitted.

The pictures at the end — including some of Dad, my daughter Rebecca, and me — were taken when Joan, her husband Ronald, their daughter Laura, and Laura's daughter Chloe visited Minneapolis in July 1999 and stayed a couple of nights behind Dad's house in their recreational vehicle.

Tom Witheridge
September 9, 2022

[May 16, 1970]



May. 16th 70

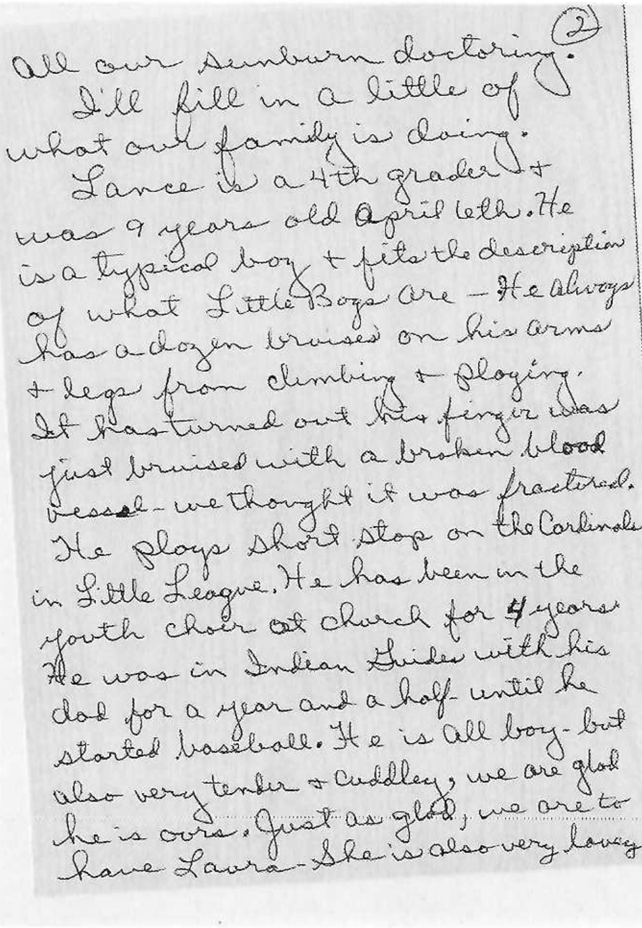
Dear Elizabeth,

Finally we are getting these letters that we have had on our minds so long - down on paper.

Both Laura + Lance were thrilled with their books, and so were we; especially seeing the name Witheridge on a book. It was so thoughtful of you to put a little note in each. They took their books to show - or I should say show off at school.

Right now we are camping at the beach. Carpenteria is the name. It has been lovely weather around 85° + its so nice to be away from the ringing telephone, + all the hustle bustle of home.

The kids are having a ball, the waves keep sneaking up on Lance - I think he is about out of pants. We are all on the pink side now - which is normal - + the trailer has the antiseptic smell of



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all our sunburn doctoring.

I'll fill in a little of what our family is doing.

Lance is a 4th grader + was 9 years old April 6th. He is a typical boy + fits the description of what Little Boys Are - He always has a dozen bruises on his arms + legs from climbing + playing. It has turned out his finger was just bruised with a broken blood vessel - we thought it was fractured. He plays short stop on the Cardinals in Little League. He has been in the youth choir at church for 4 years. He was in Indian Guides with his dad for a year and a half until he started baseball. He is all boy - but also very tender + cuddley, we are glad he is ours. Just as glad, we are to have Laura - She is also very loving.

(3)

Laura is a sixth grader - turned 11 Nov. 4th. She is very feminine, a little small for her age. She wears a 10 dress - Lance wears a 10 also. She was in choir 5 years - this year she couldn't be because it conflicted with Girl Scouts. She has been doing some sewing - made herself a simple little dress. She loves to cook or bake anything, Lance does too, in fact I have to be careful I don't give one more cooking jobs than the other. Laura has been in scouting since Brownies. She is quitting this June, + then when she is twelve she wants to go into Jobies, and get back into choir. She has been taking Clarinet in Orchestra. Lance + Laura both take piano lessons + enjoy it very much.

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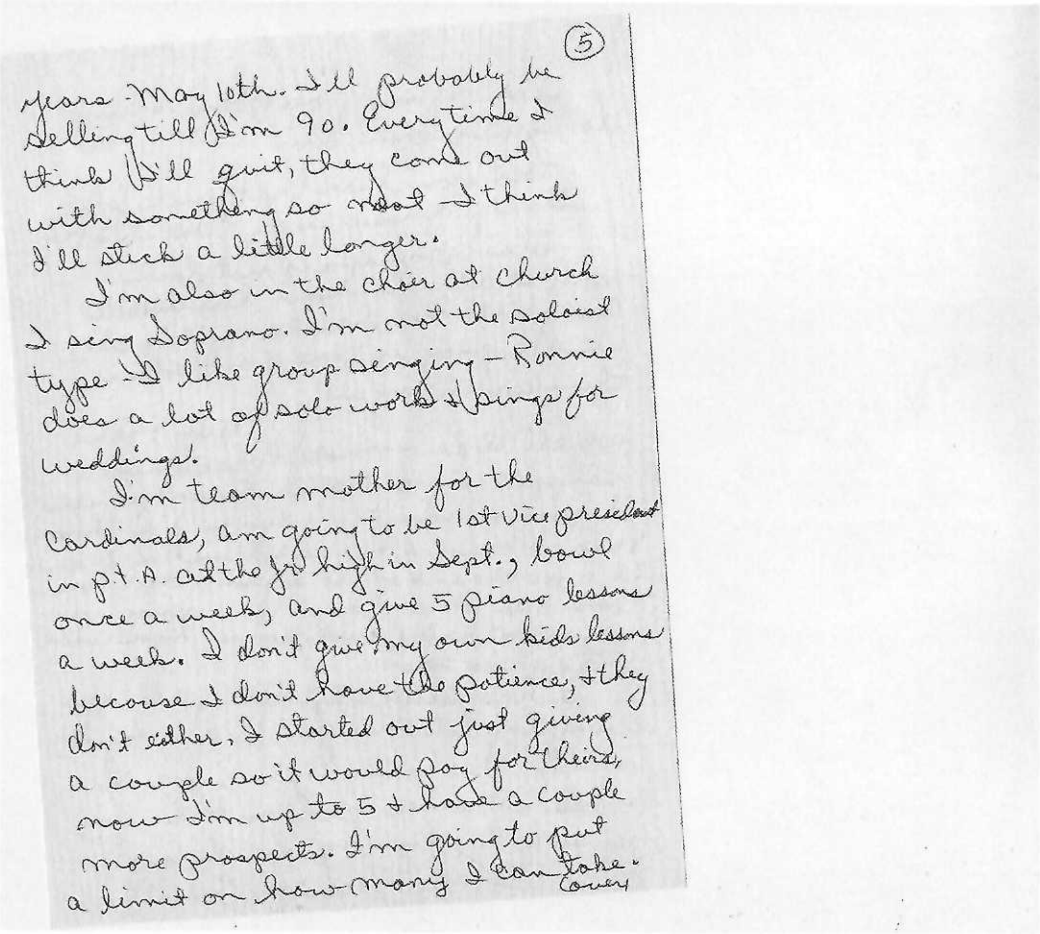
(4)

Ronnie works for L. R. Waterhfur. n underground. He sings tenor in our dult Choir. He manages the team Lance is on. He is on the worship committe at church + we are both starting on a family activities program at church to plan outings + ect. We both belong to Methodist Marrieds (I guess you would figure - we both would)

I'm a member of the womens Society at church + I belong to 2 circles. One circle is newly formed for younger gals with children - we call it 3 H, which stands for Head Heart + Hands. We are not a working circle like the other circles - we have a 5 min. devotinal - coffee + conversation, and learn to do something we don't know how to do. Right now we are learning to knit.

I've been selling Avon for 7



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years - May 10th. I'll probably be selling till I'm 90. Everytime I think I'll quit, they come out with something so neat I think I'll stick a little longer.

I'm also in the choir at church I sing Soprano. I'm not the soloist type - I like group singing - Ronnie does a lot of solo work & sings for weddings.

I'm team mother for the Cardinals, am going to be 1st vice president in P.T.A. at the Jr high in Sept., bowl once a week, and give 5 piano lessons a week. I don't give my own kids lessons because I don't have the patience, & they don't either. I started out just giving a couple so it would pay for theirs, now I'm up to 5 & have a couple more prospects. I'm going to put a limit on how many I can take.

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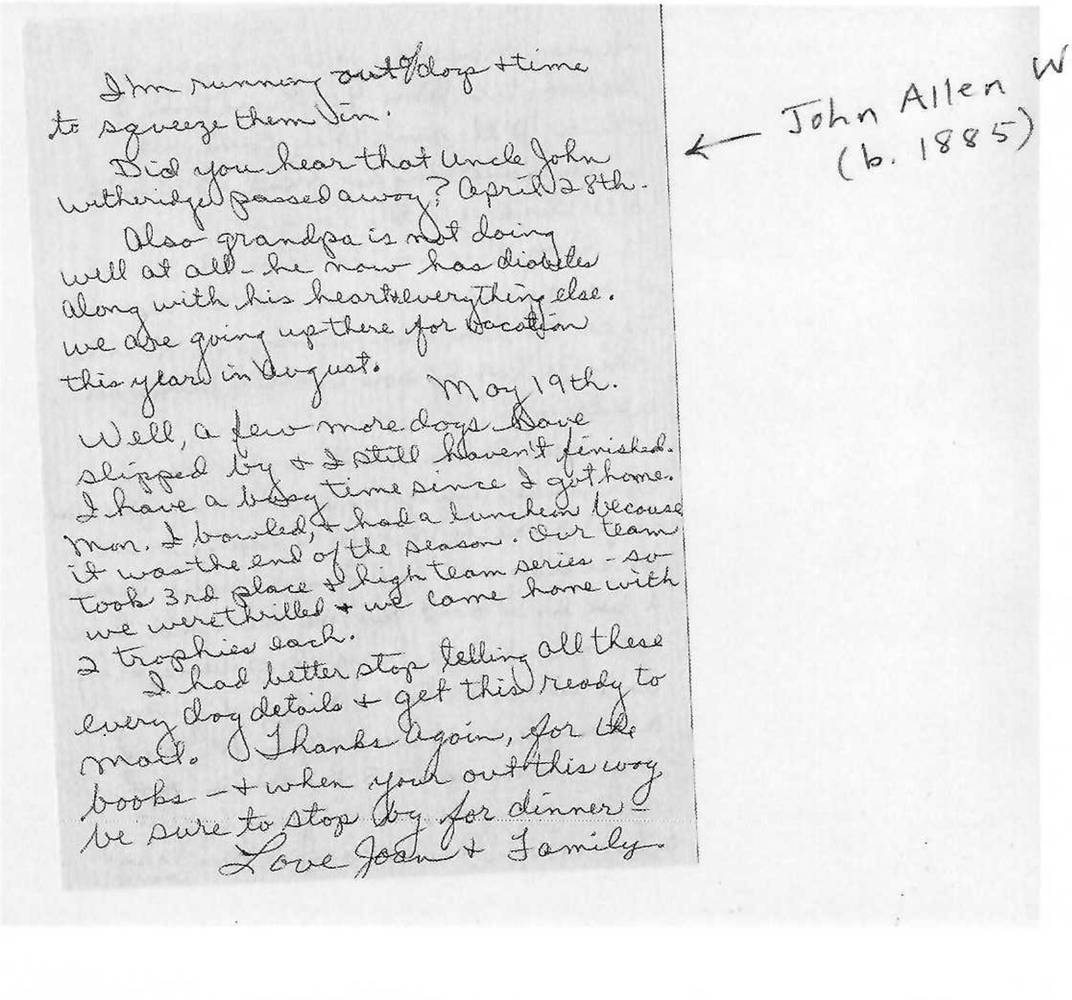


I'm running out of days & time to squeeze them in.

Did you hear that Uncle John Witheridge passed away? April 28th.

Also grandpa is not doing well at all - he now has diabetes along with his heart & everything else. we are going up there for vacation this year in August.

May 19th.

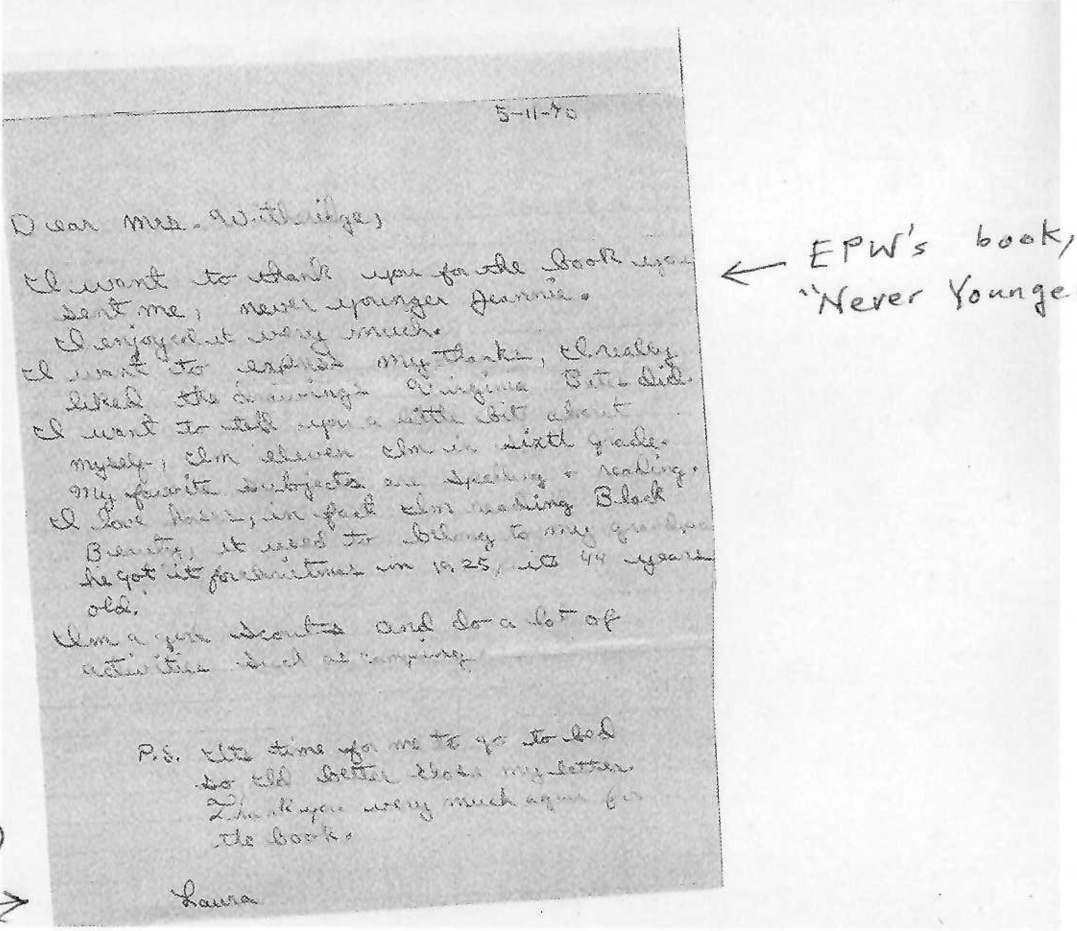
Well, a few more days have slipped by & I still haven't finished. I have a busy time since I got home. Mon. I bowled, & had a luncheon because it was the end of the season. Our team took 3rd place & high team series - so we were thrilled & we came home with 2 trophies each.

I had better stop telling all these every day details & get this ready to mail. Thanks again, for the books - & when your out this way be sure to stop by for dinner.

Love Joan & Family.

← John Allen Witheridge (b. 1885)

[May 11, 1970]



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Dear Mrs. Witheridge,

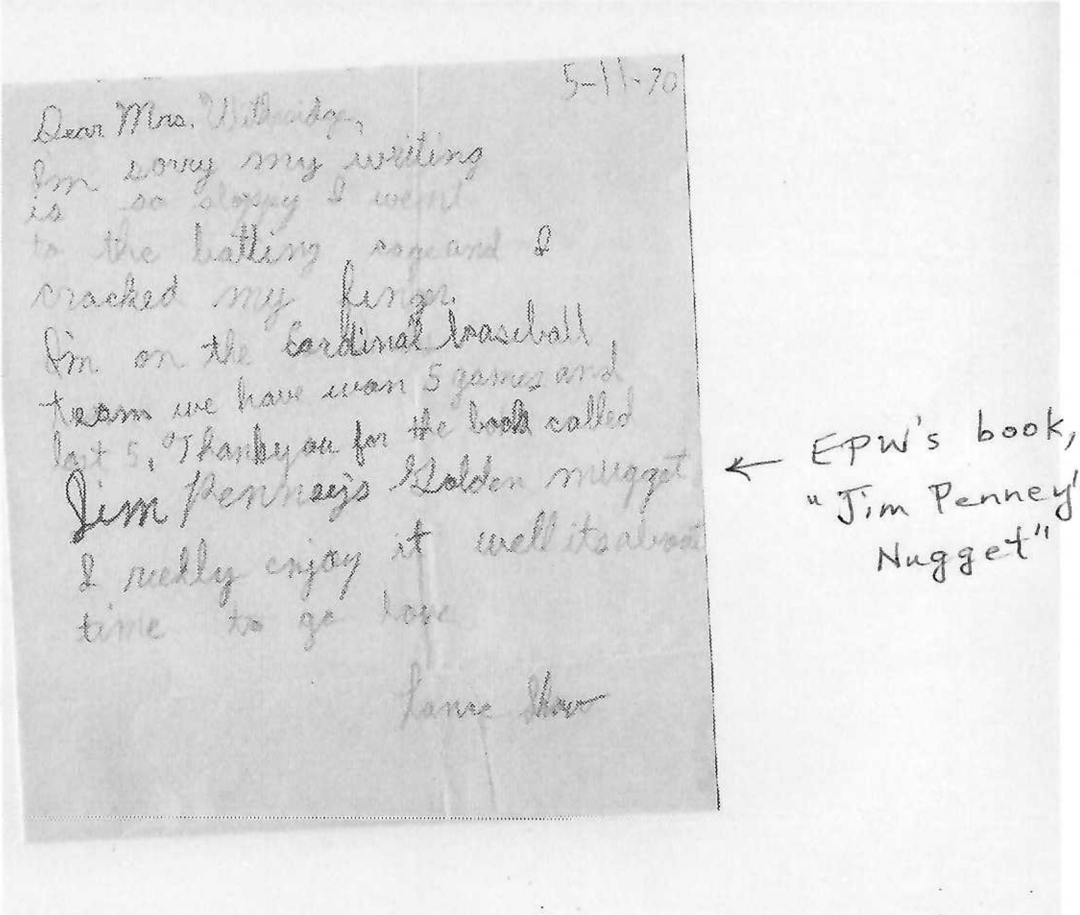
I want to thank you for the book you
sent me, Never younger Jeannie.
I enjoyed it very much.
I want to express my thanks, I really
liked the drawings Virginia Bates did.
I want to tell you a little bit about
myself, I'm eleven I'm in sixth grade.
My favorite subjects are spelling + reading.
I love horses, in fact I'm reading Black
Beauty, it used to belong to my grandpa
he got it for christmas in 1925, its 44 years
old.
I'm a girl scouts and do a lot of
activities such as camping.

P.S. Its time for me to go to bed
so I'd better close my letter.
Thank you very much again for
the book.

Laura

← EPW's book, "Never Younger, Jeannie"

Laura (Joan + Ronald's daughter) →



5-11-70

Dear Mrs. Witheridge,
I'm sorry my writing
is so sloppy I went
to the batting cage and I
cracked my finger.
I'm on the Cardinal baseball
team we have won 5 games and
lost 5. Thank you for the book called
Jim Penney's Golden nugget
I really enjoy it well its about
time to go home

Lance Shaw

← EPW's book, "Jim Penney's Golden Nugget"

Lance (their son) →

[May 31, 1970]

May 31, 1970

Dear Joan,

It was so good to hear from you — and such a newsy letter! You are certainly a busy family.

Laura and Lance wrote very nice "thank you" letters. I think Elizabeth will want to say a word about them.

I thought you'd like to see a picture of our family, but the only one I had an extra copy of is this one which is six years old. So we've all changed a lot, especially the boys. Anyway, this will give you an idea of what we look like. The next time you write, maybe you'd send us a picture or two.

You sound like a very musical family. Both Elizabeth and I are interested in music, too. I'm not a soloist, but I've sung in choirs all my life — a tenor, like Ron. At one time I played the violin, but I didn't keep that up after high school.

Elizabeth plays the piano and has sung in choirs, though not recently. Her latest musical activity has been directing the children's choir at our church – Trinity Community Church (American Baptist). She got into this because she had taught music so much as a kindergarten teacher and as the director of many Sunday school departments. She hasn't done this for a couple of years, though.

Our boys aren't particularly interested in music now. Tom played the piano for a while and Jim played clarinet in the junior high band and now is trying his hand at the guitar. Tom graduated from Oberlin College last year and is working in Boston at the Mass. Mental Health Center. Jim dropped out of the Univ. of Minnesota and is working in St. Paul at the Goodwill Industries. Both are C.O.'s working two years on their alternative service.

I assume you are Methodists. Next year we are having Bishop Gerald Kennedy here as our Holy Week speaker. He was here several years ago and was very well liked. The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, of which I am the Executive Director, sponsors noontime services in a downtown church each day of Holy Week.

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We were very sorry to hear of Uncle John's death. I never knew him because he left England before I was born. I'm sure all the Witheridges in California and Washington have had some very interesting gatherings over the years.

Death of DEW's uncle, John Allen Witheridge (b. 1885), whom he never met.

We're sorry, too, that Uncle Ed hasn't been doing well, what with his eyes and diabetes and heart. We heard from Margaret that your brother Robert is now up there running the store. That sounds like a grand arrangement all around. Margaret also said that Robert and bride now have a little Robert!

You may have heard from your grandpa and others that I am greatly interested in genealogy. I've worked not only on the Witheridge family, but also on all the other lines on both Elizabeth's and my sides of the family. This gets to be pretty extensive and complicated.

When you write again, you might

give me a little information about your brothers. I know Robert is married to Linda, but I don't know her full maiden name or the date and place of their marriage.

Is Larry married? If so, would you give me the full maiden name of his wife, and the date and place of marriage?

Also, do Lance and James have middle names, and where were they born?

We certainly did enjoy finally meeting you through your letter and look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

David & Elizabeth

[Feb. 11, 1971]

2/11/71

Dear Joan + Ronald,

I just want to write a short note to tell you that we have been greatly worried about all of you in the San Fernando Valley since the earthquake.

The news coming to us has been dreadful, and we are afraid you have had damage to your homes and perhaps bodily injury. Please write and let us know what has happened and whether any of the relatives were hurt.

The enclosed clipping is the first one that came out in our paper, and you can see why we would be worried.

I can't take time to write much of a letter, because this is a very busy time for me. We just recently had our annual meeting of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and now I am getting ready for a finance campaign.

Elizabeth is frantically trying to finish her latest book, which is about an American Indian boy.

We're anxious to hear from you.

Love,
David + Elizabeth

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# California quake death toll rises to 44

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LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP) — Authorities kept a wary eye on a cracked reservoir dam and probed wreckage of a ruined hospital for bodies today in the wake of an earthquake that dealt death and destruction to Southern California.

Forty-four deaths were reported, nine of them heart attack victims. More than 1,000 persons were reported injured.

Officials said 15 persons were missing, some buried in the rubble of two collapsed buildings at a Veterans Administration hospital in the hard-hit west end of the populous San Fernando Valley.

Twenty-five bodies had been found in the hospital wreckage—two of them just after dawn today—and 55 rescued.

So heavy and so interlocked were huge chunks of concrete from the virtually leveled three-story structures that rescuers said it might be another day or more before all victims could be reached.

Although cries of "Help me! Help me!" could be heard Tuesday night, authorities said there was little likelihood of more survivors being found. The bodies of five persons were extricated in the night and early morning hours.

The shock at 8:01 a.m. (Minneapolis time) Tuesday was centered 26 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, and crumpled much of the concrete facing on the 150-foot high dam of Van Norman Lakes, the city's largest reservoir, and cracked its main structure of earth fill.

As water experts began draining it, police ordered an evacuation last night of some 80,000 persons in a 20-square-mile area of the San Fernando Valley which would be in the path of flood waters should the dam break. Officials said that barring a strong, new after-shock, it should hold.

The initial shock and lesser after-shocks caused damage likely to be reckoned in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Hundreds of commercial buildings and factories were damaged, along with uncounted homes, highways, bridges and public buildings. Los Angeles County estimated loss to its buildings, alone, of $125 million, with 427 damaged structurally and 42 evacuated.

Gov. Ronald Reagan surveyed the damage and said, "It's shocking. When you look at this you feel pretty helpless."

He alerted 10 National Guard units.

A big cleanup already was under way. In downtown Los Angeles and in communities in the San Fernando Valley, whose western edge is but 10 miles from the quake's center, the glass and bricks and crumbled mortar

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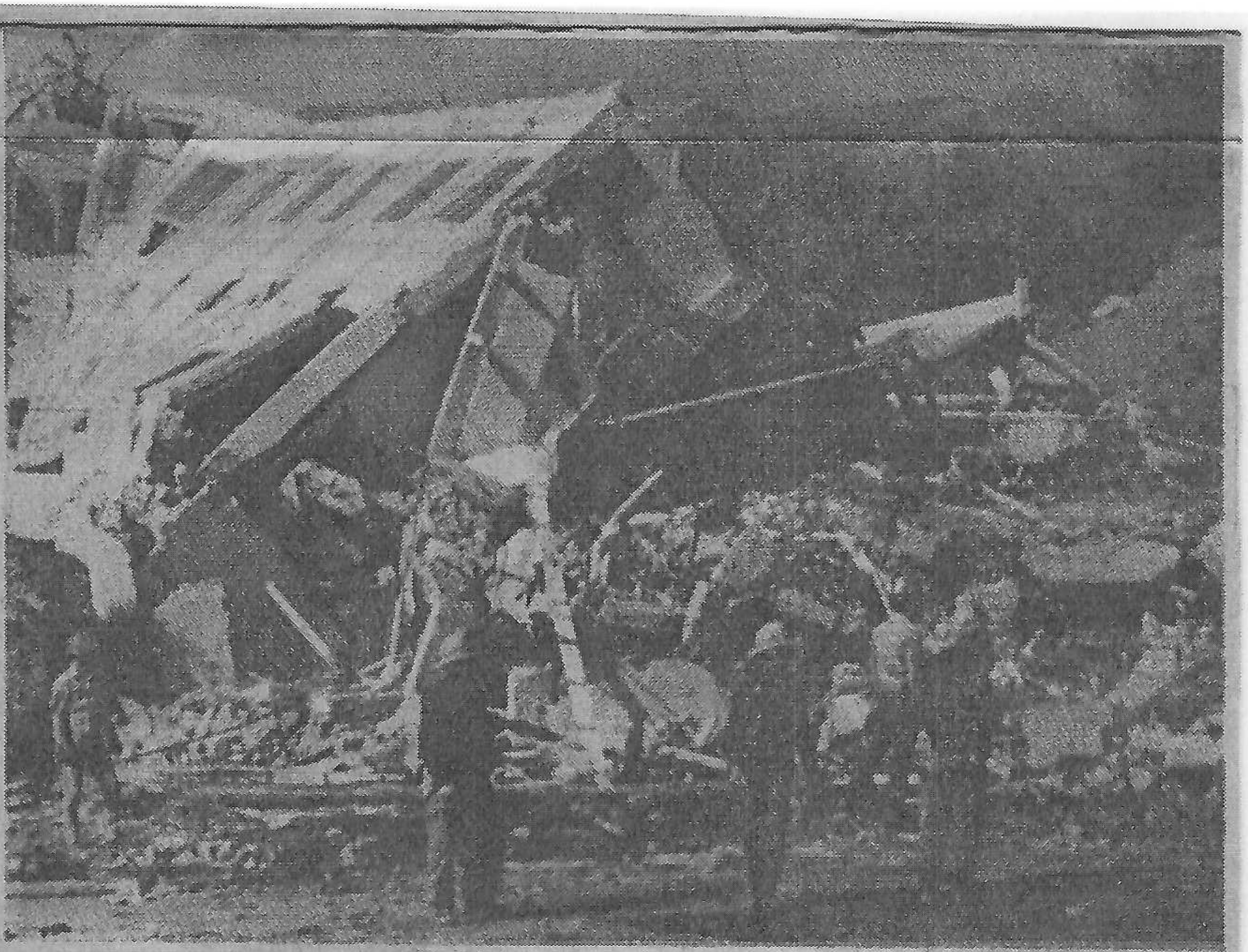

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**RESCUE TEAMS SEARCH FOR VICTIMS AT A LOS ANGELES VETERANS HOSPITAL**

*Twenty-five persons are known to have died at the hospital, scores of others were injured*

*LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—A television newscaster had this one-sentence description of what it was like when a 6:01 a.m., earthquake rocked a metropolitan area of about seven million:*

*"It was the day almost everybody in Los Angeles woke up at the same time."*

# City Rules 298 Damaged Private Buildings Unsafe

The city Building and Safety Dept. yesterday reported 298 private buildings, damaged in last Tuesday's devastating earthquake, have been ruled unsafe for occupancy.

Included in the 298 buildings ruled unsafe for occupancy were 1017 dwelling units.

In the Northeast Valley area, police reported late yesterday that 69 homes had been condemned and residents ordered to vacate. The evacuees were sent to emergency centers set up at Charles Maclay and Pacoima Junior High Schools.

In a report prepared for Mayor Sam Yorty, the department said 925 private buildings suffered major structural damage during the quake.

A spokesman at the city Board of Public Works control center at City Hall said some of those structures could be repaired while others would have to be demolished.

City inspectors have checked 1603 buildings damaged in the quake, and there are at least 2666 structures still to be inspected.

The Building and Safety Dept. reported quake damage to private structures could go as high as $100,000,000.

The control center will close at midnight tonight and will reopen tomorrow morning.

[Feb. 16, 1971]

Feb. 14th 71

Dear Elizabeth + David,
I was glad to get your note.
I have been going to write you
for so long - its rediculous. I was
going to write a letter at christmas
but couldn't find the slip of paper
I had your address on. I finally found
it + promptly put it in my card file -
Anyway, - I don't know where
to begin on the Earth quake - It was
really terrifying. Sylmar was hardest
hit (I think the count is almost
300 homes listed unsafe which
really means demolished. They have
not covered all the areas yet - so
I'm sure there are many more than
that.
We just got back our gas + water
yesterday. We didn't have electricity
for 23 hours. Our house held

together, + we were thankful for that.
Two of our block walls around
the yard fell - one hit our trailer
+ broke the window. Our third wall
is tilted + we think we may have
to knock it down.
There were three homes 1/2 blk
above us that were cracked in half -
as well as about 5 homes 2
blks to our left - so we were very
fortunate. A dresser fell on my
leg while I was still in bed - but
resulted in only a big bruise - we
all were uninjured - Mom + dad
had quite a ride up there in Newhall
too - there house suffered many more
cracks, + structure damage - they are
on cement floors + we are on hardwood
floors which makes a big difference.
There house was twice as bad as
my mothers brother - 4 units
away. Everyone had giant messes -

in their homes. Every cupboard emptied completely. We had a foot of debris - food mixed with chunks of glass. It took us a full day just to get the kitchen floor cleaned off - + of course no water made it difficult. we got water from a pool up the street for the big thrill of flushing the toilet once a day - we are on septic tank so we could flush if we had water - most of the people couldn't fush because the sewers were also damaged - they brought in out houses + have them throughout the area - also trucks with drinking water. The water we have now is muddy.

There was a home that caught on fire the day after the earth Quake. Of course with no water that was our biggest fear. Ten fire trucks came + put it ~~on~~ out - only 2 bedrooms were damaged, If that wasn't eerie because it happened almost the same time as the quake the morning before (5:30 AM) - It was pitch dark except for burning house + flashing lights + we were still getting after shocks every 15 - 20 min.

There are many people who still don't have water - gas or telephones.

You can drive 5 miles south of here + never know there had been a quake - The coverage on t.v. was mostly - the Vets hospital + the dam. The people under the dam area didn't have much damage + their utilities were restored shortly after the quake - but they had to be evacuated. we were in no danger of the dam.

Like our minister said when a man claimed - its an act of God - "what is it that your alive".

We really can't feel sad about

our material losses - its so good to be alive.

I'm sending you this picture that was taken this last summer in Port Townsend.

Grandpas eyes are doing much better + he has written a few letters - he went through a period when his eyes were really bad + he felt like a real failure + just sat around + felt bad - He came down here + spent a month - he went to eye specialist who really helped him + referred him to a good Doc. in Port Angeles Washington - We got him a tape recorder for his birthday - we - meaning mom + dad - my brothers + us, so you might tape a letter to him - I'm sure he would return one to you - (cassette type)

Mentioning Larry there was something about Larry you wanted to know - for (Family Tree) I forgot what - well must close, I'll try to answer sooner this time - Love Joan + Family

[Dec. 13, 1976]

12/13/76

Dear Joan, Ron, Laura + Lance,

It's always fun to get your Christmas cards, Joan, because you always continue to write such interesting notes and make your family come alive. You make us want to meet you all some time!

We did have a great time in Britain. We were able to combine sight seeing, genealogy, visiting relatives, and ecumenical study.

Death of Esther Mary Duda (b.1915) →

Yes, we heard about Esther from my sister Louise, who had had a letter from Aunt Clara Mae. Her death is a great loss to her family and to many others. We do wonder how Uncle George will manage.

George Allen Witheridge (b. 1887)

Best wishes to all of you in the coming year!

Love,

[illegible] & Elizabeth

[Christmas 1980]

The family of Ronald and Joan Shaw

Clockwise from upper left;
Laura, Lance, Joan, Ronald

1980

[Christmas
1980]

Bringing you
the
Season's Best Wishes!

Love Ron, Joan, Laura and
Lance

Hi, hope everyone there is fine. We are busy working on our Christmas music + various other activities. Laura is going to leave the elementary school where she works + go to work for a presbytrin Nursery school so she can work with pre schoolers which she prefers - She has been going with a fellow for 16 months. They are pretty serious but no date set yet. Lance is working full time & dates someone different every week. Mom + dad just got a 32 ft. motor home - which is great because they travel

for about 5 months of the year.
Ron is still singing Barbershop + in church choir.

I'm still taking marimba lessons and singing in choir. I've decided to give up selling avon after 17 yrs + 7 months, thats long enough.

Have a wonderful Christmas
If your ever this way be sure to stop or call.

Our phone no. 213-365-6160

[Christmas
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*Then let us sing
amid our cheer,
Old Christmas comes
but once a year.*

*Thomas Miller*

*At Christmas and throughout the New Year
may every happiness be yours*

Love Ron, Joan + Lance

Laura got married July 7th - to John peter LaCivita - they live just 1/2 mile from us + one street over from Mom + Dad in a Mobile Home park - Lance still dates different ones every other week now - he is 23 - Laura 26 -

My brother Bob + wife Lori are expecting again in March - their little Chad - is a sweetie always smiling + so kissable - miss not seeing them more than a couple weeks a year.

Brother Larry is driving a semi truck all over the states from Denver - they live in Manitou Springs with their 3 kids -

We are busy with our choir as usual - doing two performances of the Messiah with orchestra - I'm braving it + doing a solo - hope my heart survives it. Rons Barbershop Quartet is singing what child is the - at church Xmas - we just went caroling ——— Ron just asked me - If we were going to be lifetime choir members! Love Joan

Christmas
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[Mar. 29, 1999] [Apr. 3, 1999]

Subj: **email**
Date: 3/29/99 12:07:53 PM Central Standard Time
From: joanrons@juno.com (ron w shaw)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi David- just checking to see if this gets through. i sent a long letter sat. and it came back. I don't know how to save something that comes back without all the other stuff that comes with it so if this gets through I'll type another.
I used DWitheridge@aol.com-- and just now realized there was no e - on yours - i was thinking maybe the D W should not have been capitalized- then i notied the e-so I'll try again
Love joan

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Subj: **Your letter**
Date: 4/3/99 2:19:03 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: joanrons@juno.com

Joan,

I've been expecting a letter from you, and then I thought you were waiting for me to tell you your last message came through all right. Yes it did, so now I'm hoping to get another letter from you soon.

David

[Apr. 5, 1999] [Apr. 14, 1999]

Subj: **Re: reunion**
Date: 4/5/99 2:41:26 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: joanrons@juno.com

Thanks for the letter. Hope that everything goes well for Ron and that your trip to the wedding works out OK.

Love, David

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Subj: **visit**
Date: 4/14/99 10:37:40 PM Central Daylight Time
From: joanrons@juno.com (ron w shaw)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Hi david
Well we got good news about ronnie's tests- they all came back good no sign of artery problems or heart- he was sure relieved to hear that- he was thinking that he probably would have to have surgery of some type. the bladder problem is almost over. the only thing that showed up was he was a little anemic and they want to do that fun colonostopy test. He had a pre cancer polyp removed about five years ago and he was due for a checkup so they want to make sure thats ok. they might do it when we get back from our trip.
We now are thinking we would be going through the Michigan area both going and coming home and would be going up higher in the states too as we come home so we could see you if you are going to be home.
we think we are going to leave about June 10th or 11th and get to Elmira about the 20th- the wedding is June 26th and we will stay for about 5 days after that before starting back.
We have Larry to see in Colorado- friends in Missouri and Iowa- Ron has an Aunt in farmington Mi and we have friends Mi and Pennsylvania- we hope to see other Witheridge family if possible when its best for them either before or after- if they have E mail addresses we could make plans that way.
We are getting things set up for mom and my moms sister lorraine might come over for a few days too to see mom- so its on and on hectic- i have my craft group and then Sunshine Girls tommorrow so thats about all I get done on thursdays.
Much Love

Joan

[Apr. 17, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Visit**
Date: 4/17/99 12:02:24 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: joanrons@juno.com

Dear Joan,

So glad to get your letter with the good news about Ron's tests. Now you're deeply involved in plans for your big trip. I'm looking forward to seeing you on your way home. Since I don't travel anymore, I'm sure I'll be here whenever you get here. It sounds as though it will be early in July.

I'm sorry I can't invite you to stay with me overnight, so you'll have to sleep in your motorhome. My son Tom and his wife Virginia have separated, and he now lives with me. Their ten-year-old daughter is with us about half the time.. So I don't have a guest room anymore. We'll work it out so you can meet Tom and Rebecca and also my son Jim and his partner, David Torborg. They're gay, and they live about a mile from me, so I see them about once a week.

In Michigan you'll probably want to visit Saginaw, where your father, grandfather, and great-grandfather lived. The only one of the family still living there is my brother John with his wife Janice and son Jay. The last I knew they were not on the Internet, but his address is P.O. Box 1807, Saginaw, MI 48605. They live at 1647 Brockway. (Phone: (517) 790-0821)

In East Lansing is a second cousin of mine, Joyce Aldrich (Mrs. Bruce). She is helping Kathy Witheridge arrange the Witheridge Reunion. (By the way, the date has been changed from August 22 to August 28.) Her grandmother was Betsy Witheridge Chivers, my grandfather's sister. Joyce is interested in genealogy and family relationships, and I'm sure she'd love to meet you. She may be able to get a few of her relatives in the Lansing area together also to meet you. Her address is 6555 Coleman Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823. (Phone: (517) 337-0319) Her E-mail address is bjaldrich@juno.com

While you are in Farmington, my niece, Jennifer Burke, may be able to drop over to see you. She lives in Royal Oak, not far from Farmington. She is the daughter of my sister, Louise Mark, who lives in California. I think you met her and her husband, Jim. Her address is 3920 Devon Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. (Phone: (313) 549-2070) Her E-mail address is jenni.burke@juno.com

On your way between Elmira and Michigan, either going or coming, you might want to go through Canada. (That way you could also go through Niagara Falls.) If so, you could stop and see Kathy Witheridge (the Witheridge Society North American Representative) and her husband Paul. They live in Sarnia, just across the river from Port Huron, Michigan. Their address is 343 Bright St., Sarnia, Ontario N7T 4G5. (Phone: (519) 336-9272) Their E-mail address is kathpaul@ebtech.net

Well, I guess that's all for now. Love,

David

[June 8, 1999]

Subj: **Re: Almost all packed**
Date: 6/8/99 8:06:47 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: joanrons@juno.com

Dear Joan and Ron,

Hope this reaches you before you leave. Glad things are about ready for your trip. You've done so much of this that you probably have it down to a science.

I told my brother John in Saginaw about your coming to Michigan, but he doesn't correspond very well, and he isn't on the Internet yet.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Minneapolis. Perhaps you could let me know a few days before you expect to arrive. Do you need a map of how to find our place, or are you good at that sort of thing?

Love, David

[July 24, 1999] [Aug. 4, 1999]

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Subj: **Re: We're Home**
Date: 7/24/99 4:52:42 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: joanrons@juno.com

Good to hear from you. Glad to know you're home safely. Sounds as though you had a wonderful trip home, in spite of some unpleasant moments. Enjoyed meeting you after all these years. Thank you for taking the time to come here.

We're in the midst of a heat wave here. We've had two 90 degree days already, and it's 96 here today with the same coming tomorrow. So I mostly stay in with my air conditioning.

On Monday the painter is coming to paint the south side of the house, as well as refurbishing the front and doing the kitchen ceiling. So we'll be in turmoil for several weeks.

Love to all of you,

David

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Subj: **Pictures**
Date: 8/4/99 4:00:27 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: joanrons@juno.com

[See next page]

Hi,

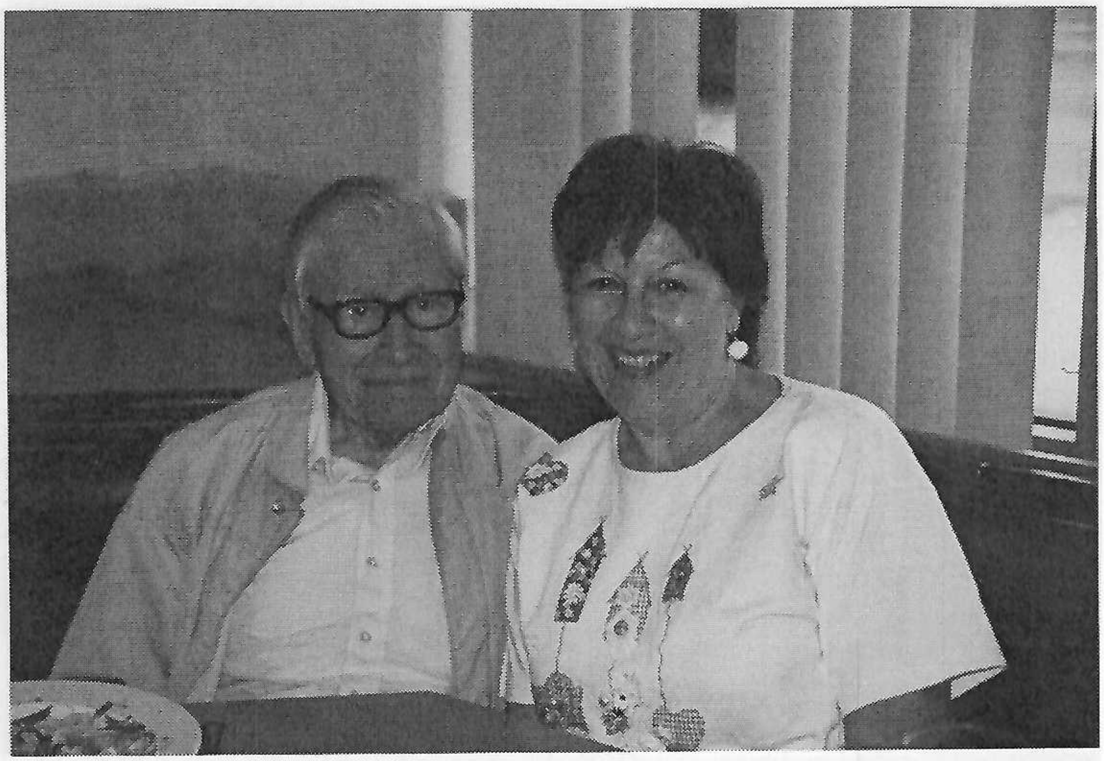
Loved the pictures! Thank you for sending them. Wonderful memories of those two days together. I don't take many pictures, so it will be quite a while before I finish the roll. I had just started a new one.

Sounds as though you still have a lot of traveling on the schedule for the rest of the summer. Hope you get the window fixed in time.

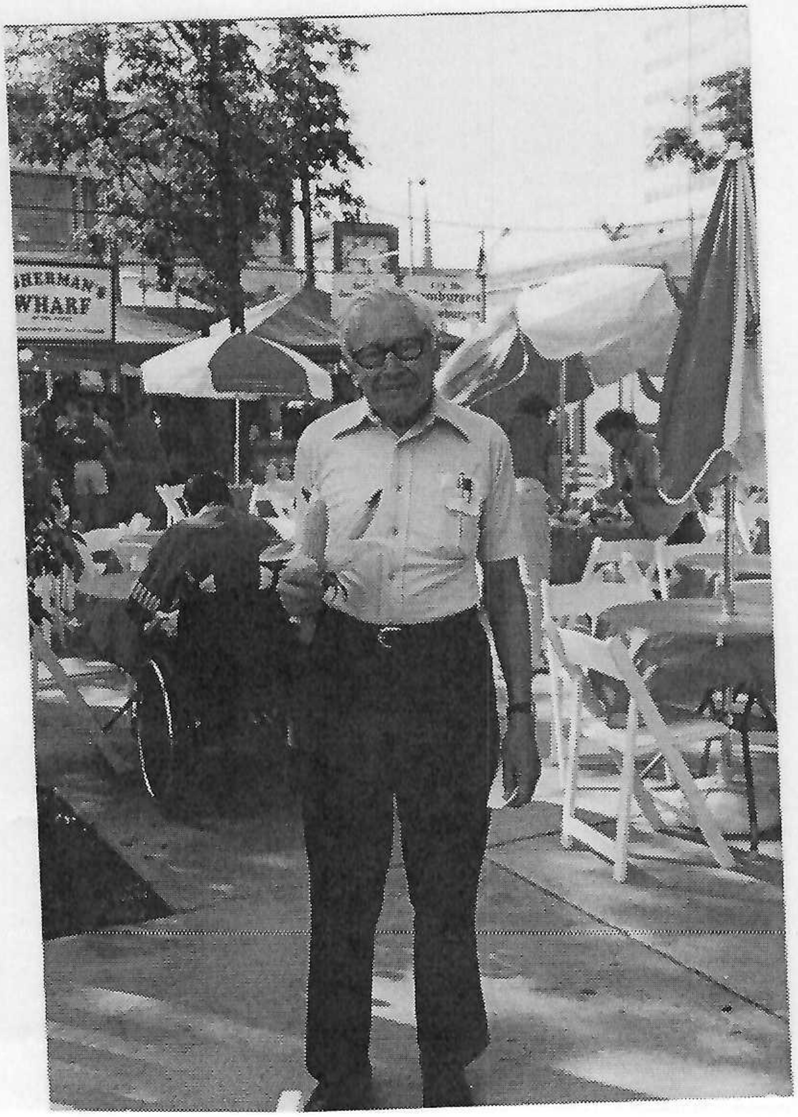
Love, David

All pictures on these pages were taken in July 1999 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

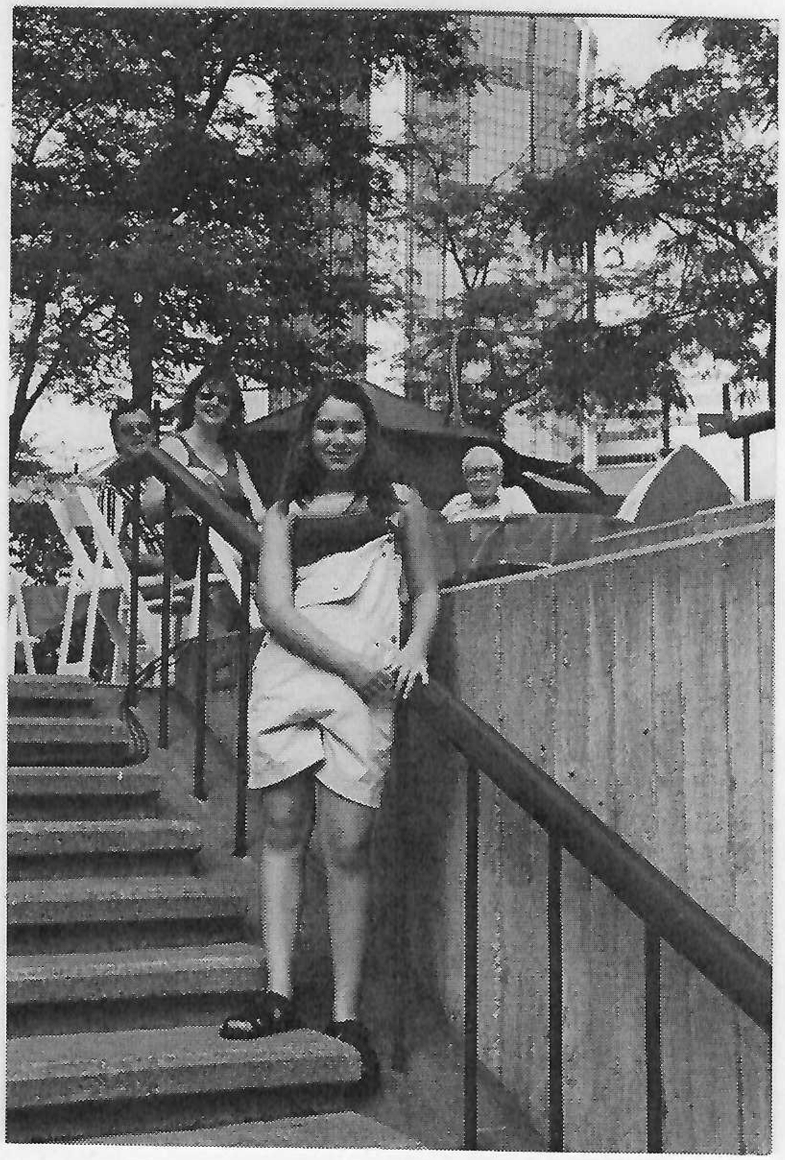
[See preceding editor's note.]



David E. Witheridge and his cousin, Joan Shaw.



David in downtown Minneapolis near Orchestra Hall.



Front;
Chloe, daughter of
Laura Lynn Shaw
(b. 1958)

Rear, L to R:
Ronald William
Shaw (b. 1933)
Laura Shaw
David E. Witheridge

Downtown, near
Orchestra Hall

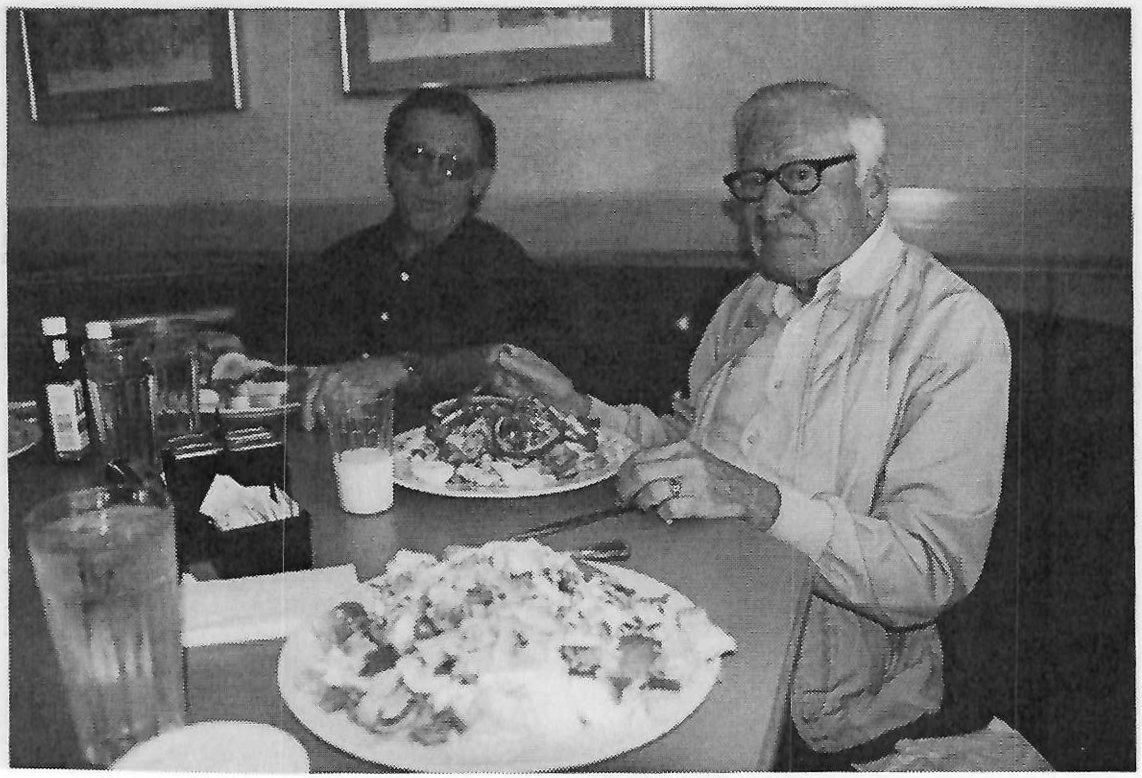
L to R:
Laura
Chloe
David

Rose gardens
near Lake Harriet

ROSE GARDENS

L to R:
Ronald
Joan
David

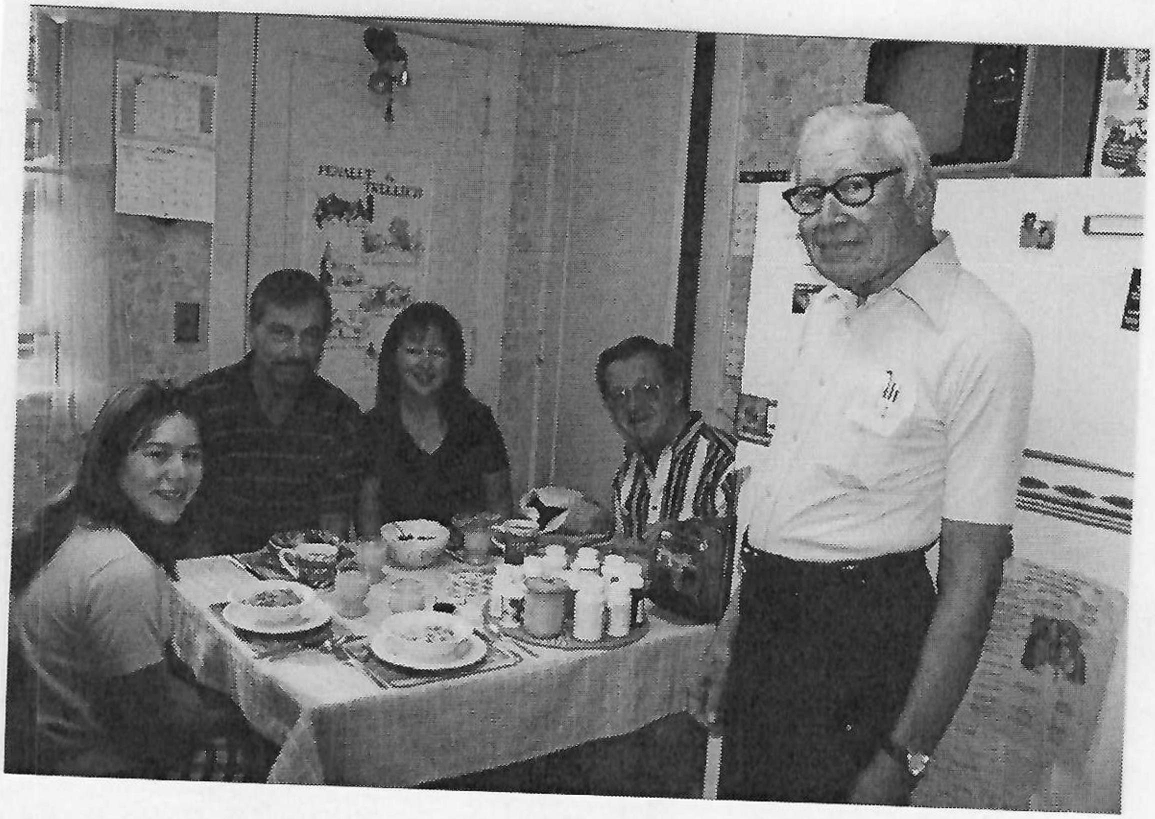
At the rose gardens



Ronald and David

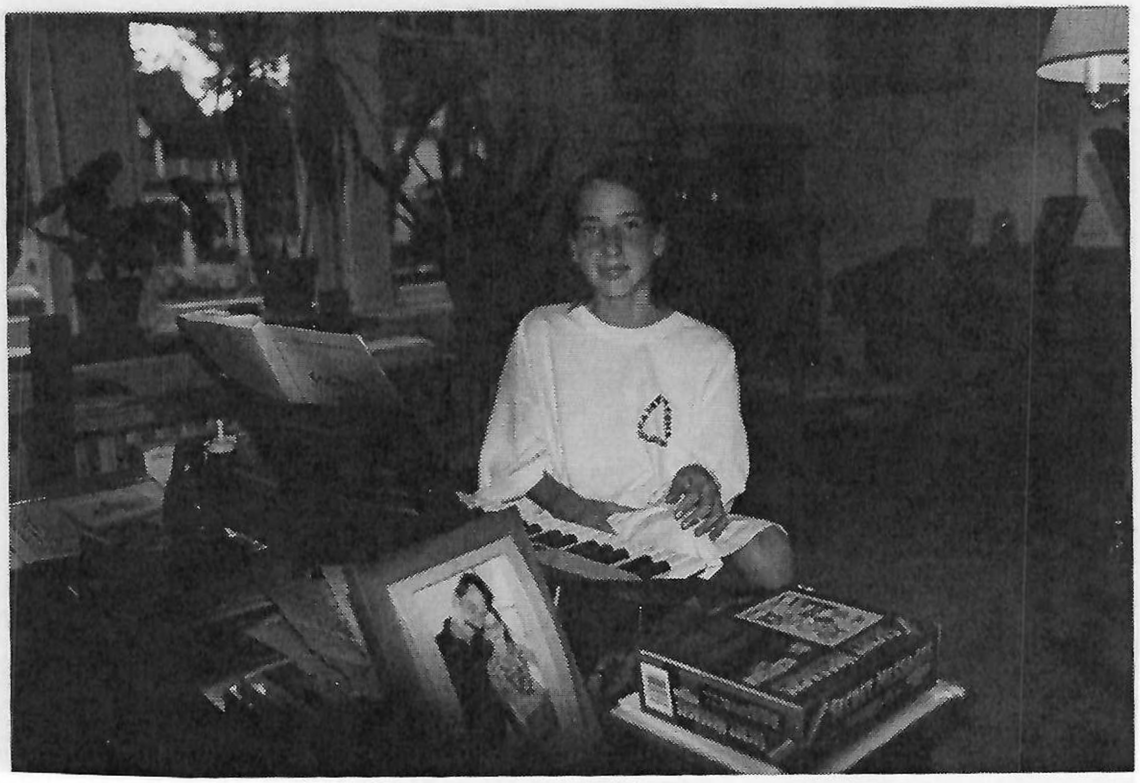
Ronald, Laura, and David in front of David's house, 2425 Irving Avenue South

The Shaws' recreational vehicle behind the house.



L to R:
Chloe
Tom Witheridge
(the editor)
Laura
Ronald
David

in the
kitchen
←



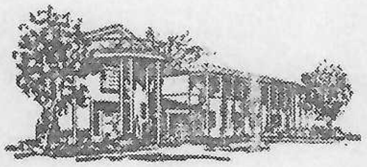
Rebecca Elizabeth
Witheridge Schick
(b. 1988)

in the
living room
at Grandpa's
house.

Richard Edward Jenkins
documents

[July 22, 1977]

McCORMICK
Mortuaries



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### The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me: thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In Loving Memory Of

Christina Jenkins

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August 16, 1888

Died

July 19, 1977

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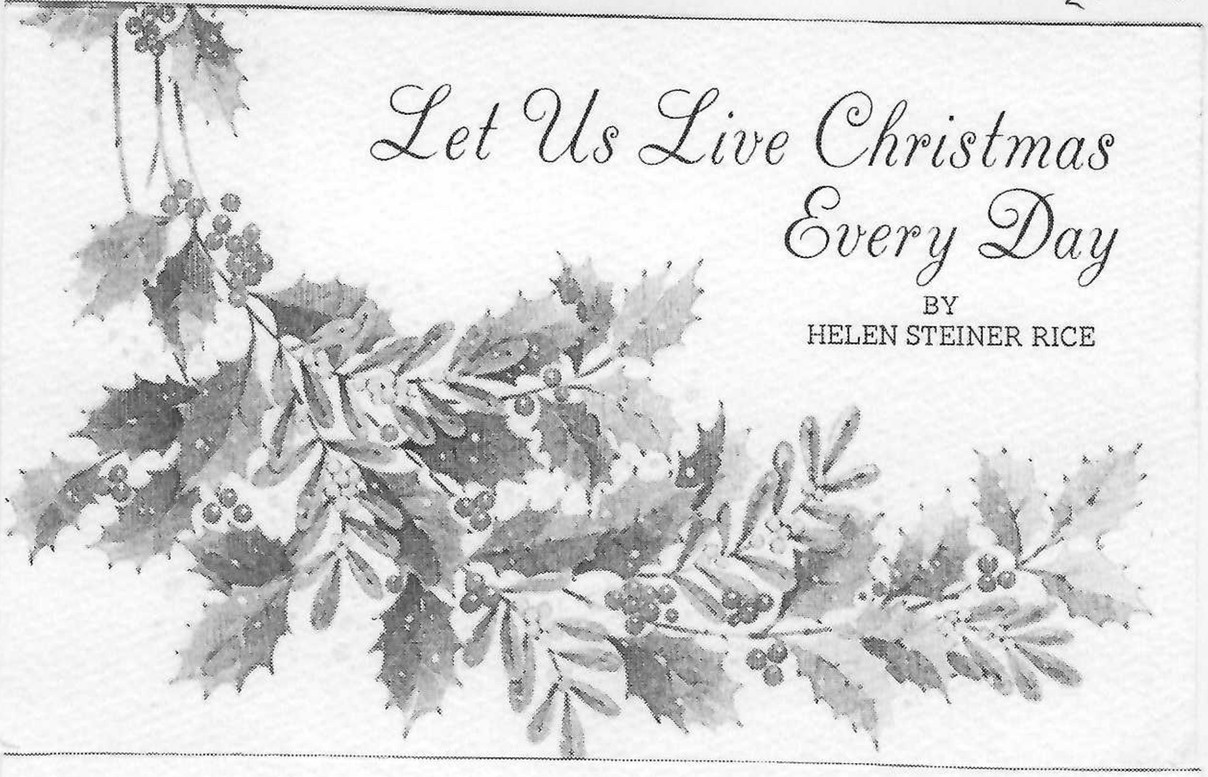
[Dec. 11, 1981]



# Let Us Live Christmas Every Day

BY
HELEN STEINER RICE

Hi David:

I have some pictures of the family many from England and I just found your address. If you would like to have them let me know and I will send them to you.

Dick Jenkins.

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Rebecca Witheridge and relatives, 1988-93

Selected photos

# Editor's Note

This section contains 19 pages of pictures of my daughter and sweetheart, Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge Schick (b. 1988), when she was very young (1988-93).

Aside from being Rebecca's proud papa, desirous of showing her off to the world in perpetuity, I realized the other day that this would also be an easy way to share the likenesses of her close Witheridge and Selleck/Meyers relatives, some of whom are no longer with us.

These by no means exhaust my supply of Rebecca pictures. I have whole shelves full of her — both still photos and videos — but I'm sparing you, because I know you're busy with your own life and loved ones.

Tom Witheridge
September 20, 2022

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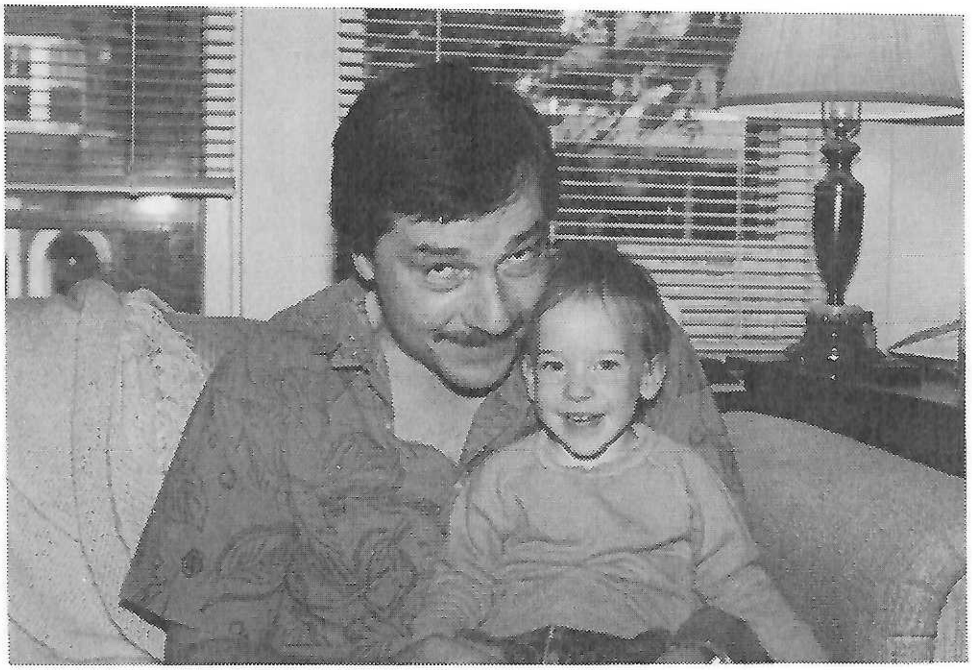

Thomas Frank and
Rebecca Elizabeth
Witheridge
1122 W. Webster,
Chicago
June 3, 1990
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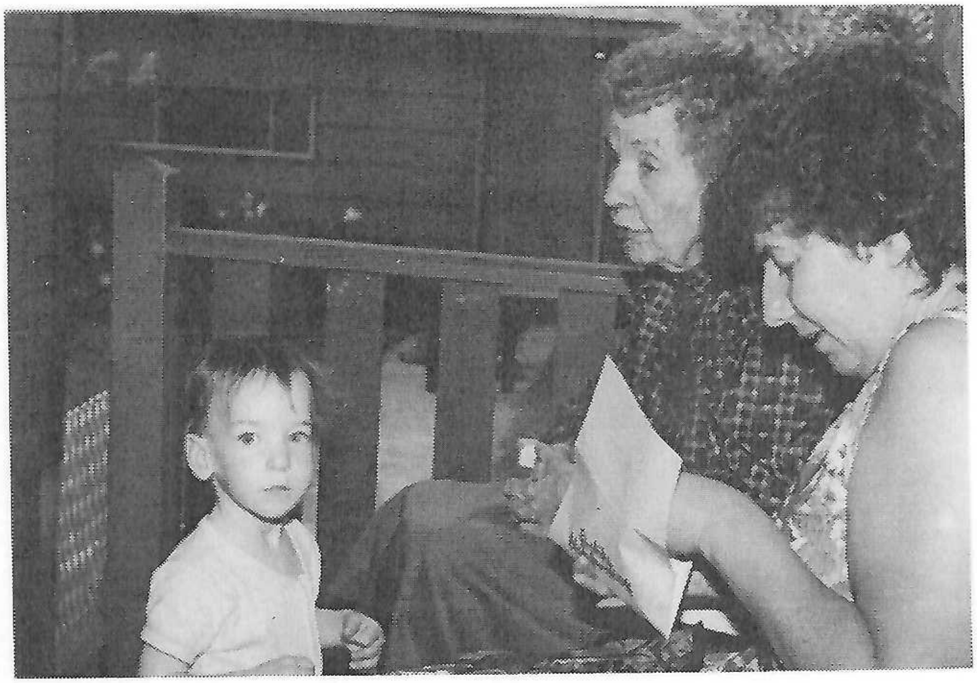

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Elizabeth (EPW)
Kim Cook

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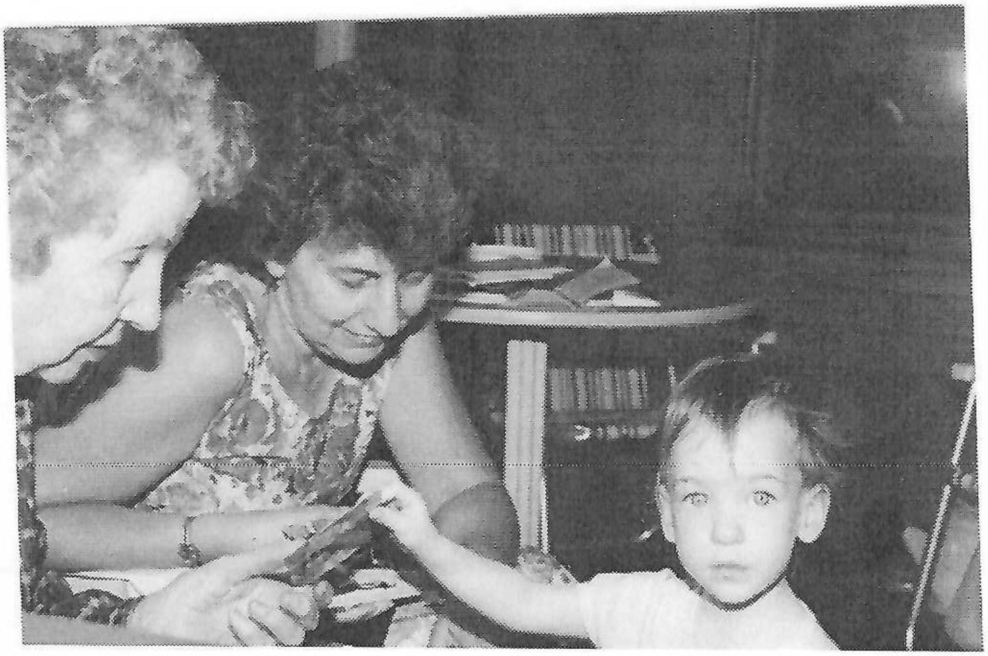

L to R:
EPW
Kim Cook
Rebecca

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Rebecca with
Kim Cook
June 3, 1990
1122 W. Webster,
Chicago
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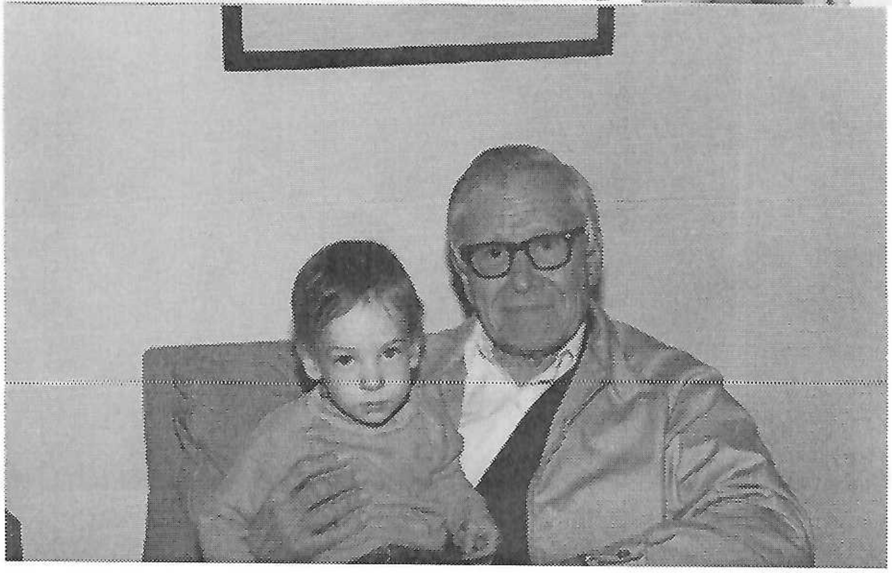


2 pictures above:
Rebecca with EPW

Left:
Rebecca with DEW

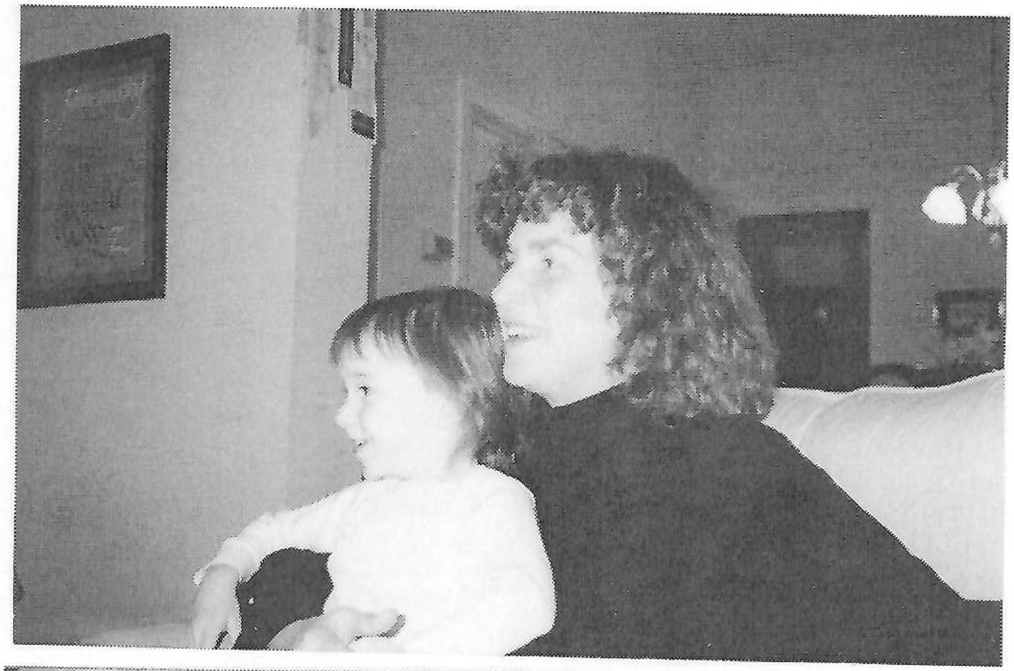
Same date and
place as
previous page

This page:
1122 W. Webster,
Chicago
November 23, 1990

Rebecca with her
grandmother,
EPW

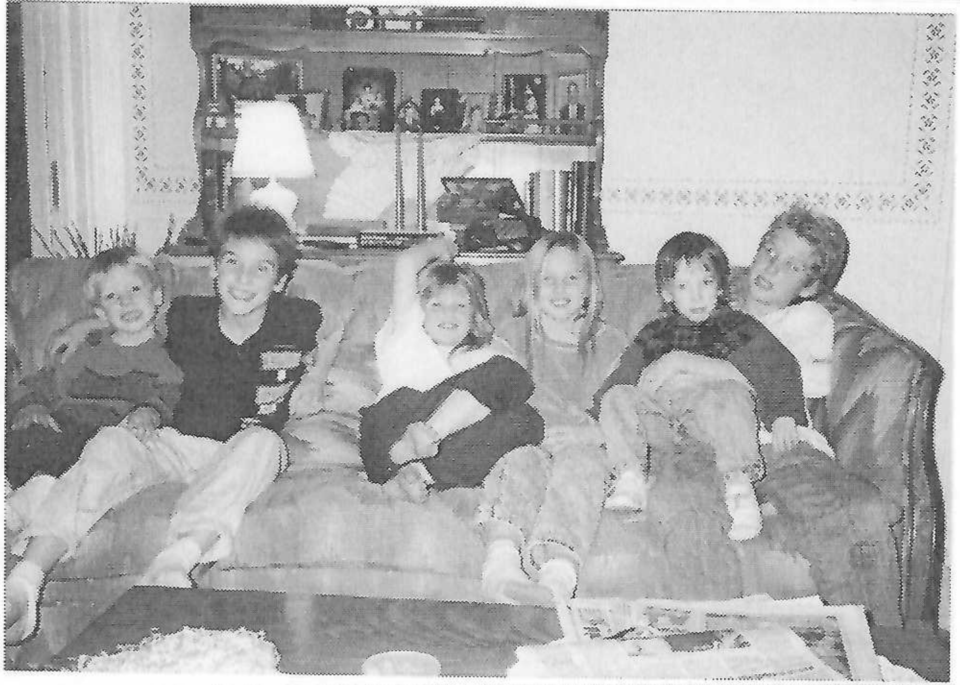
Rebecca
with her
grandparents,
EPW and DEW

Rebecca with
her mother,
Virginia Selleck



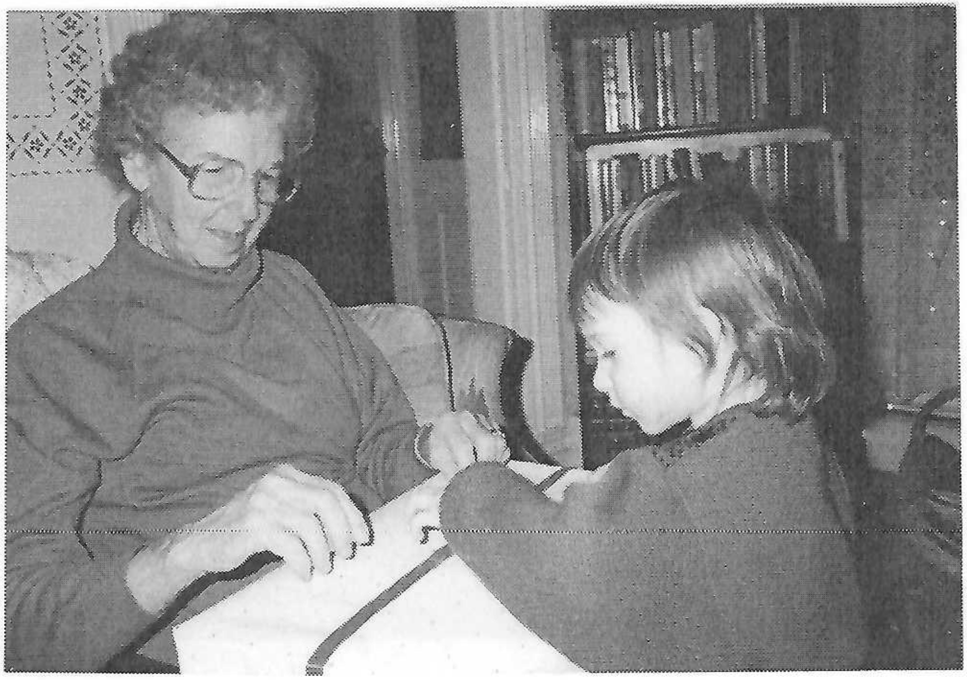
Rebecca with
her mom

1122 W. Webster,
Chicago
December 2, 1990



Rebecca with her
Selleck cousins in
Galena, Illinois
December 22, 1990

L to R:
John (son of John W. Selleck)
Nicholas (son of Robert N. Selleck)
Jessica (dau. of John W.)
Kathleen (dau. of John W.)
Rebecca
John (son of Robert N.)



Rebecca with her
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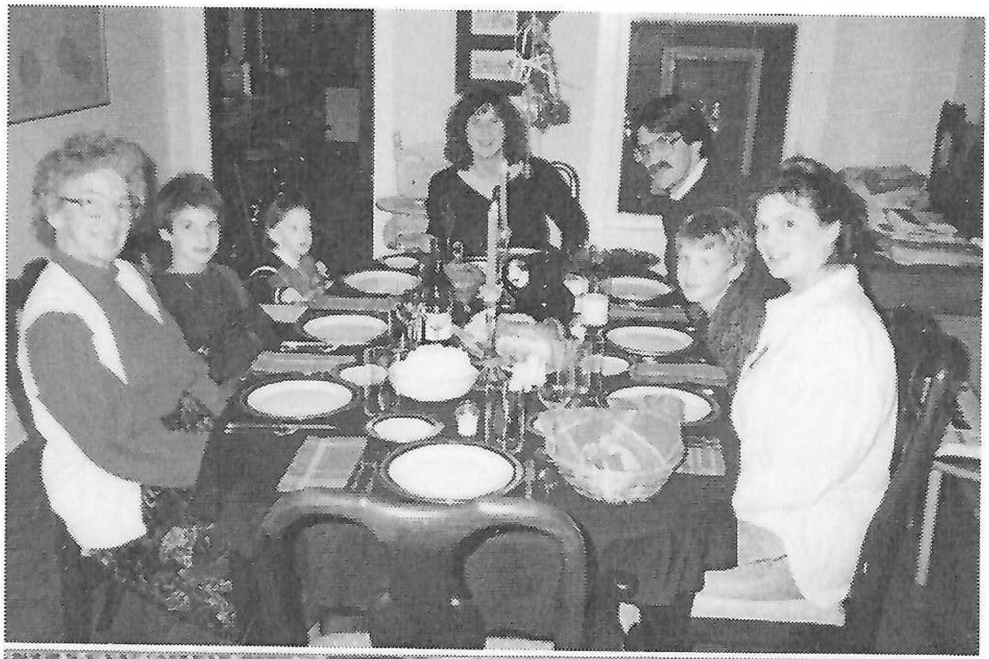
Jean Selleck
(Eleanor [Jean]
Virginia Meyers [b. 1915])
Galena, Illinois
December 22, 1990



Christmas 1990
1122 W. Webster,
Chicago

L to R:
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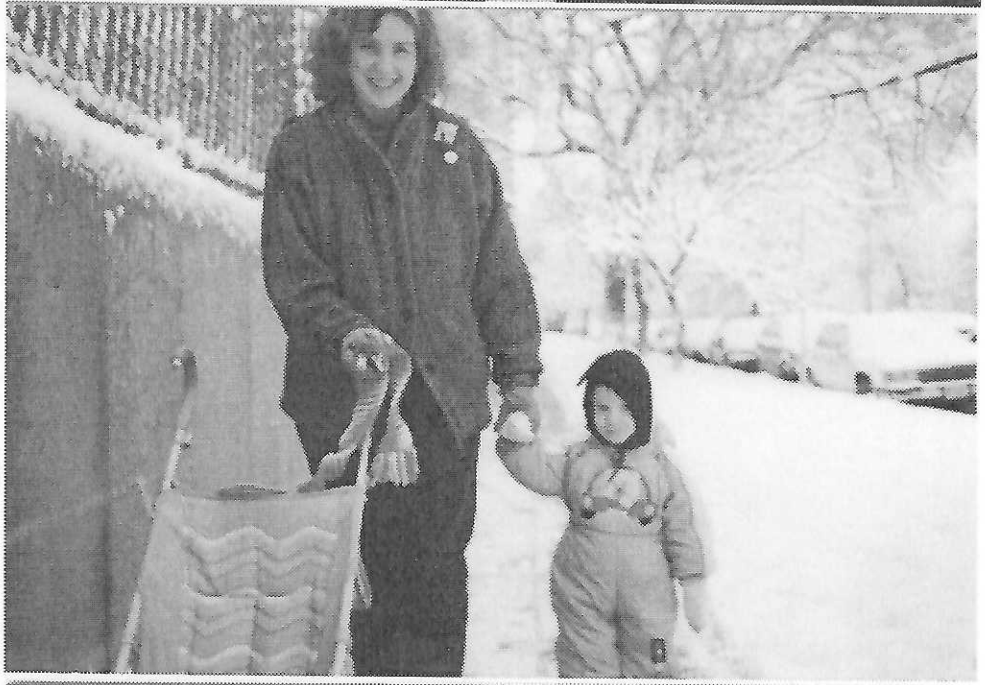
Nicholas (son of Robert N. Selleck)
Rebecca
Virginia
Robert N. Selleck
John (son of Robert)
Theresa (Robert's wife)



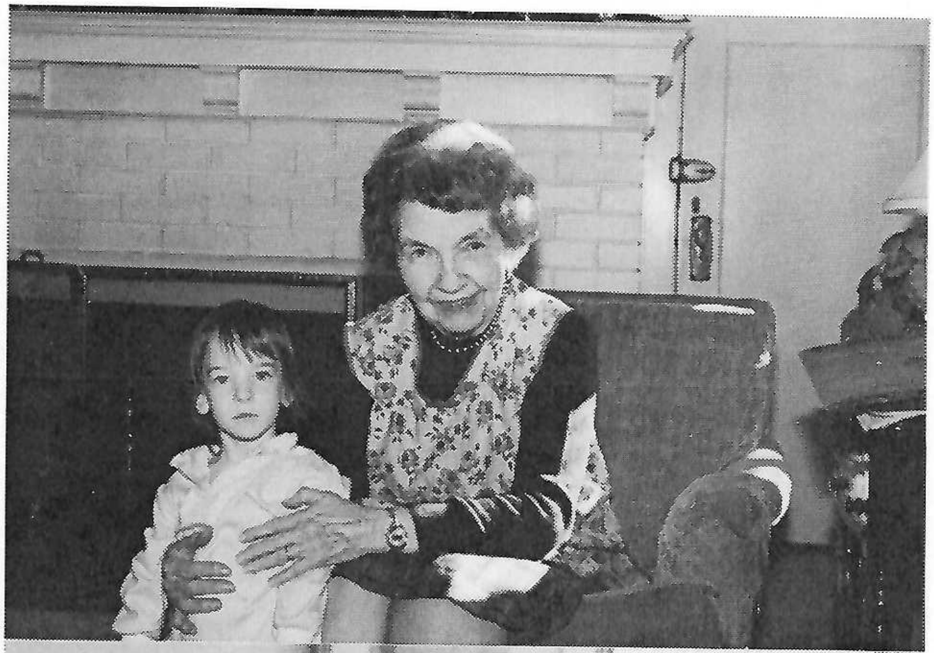
Virginia and Rebecca on their way to Lincoln Park Zoo from 1122 W. Webster

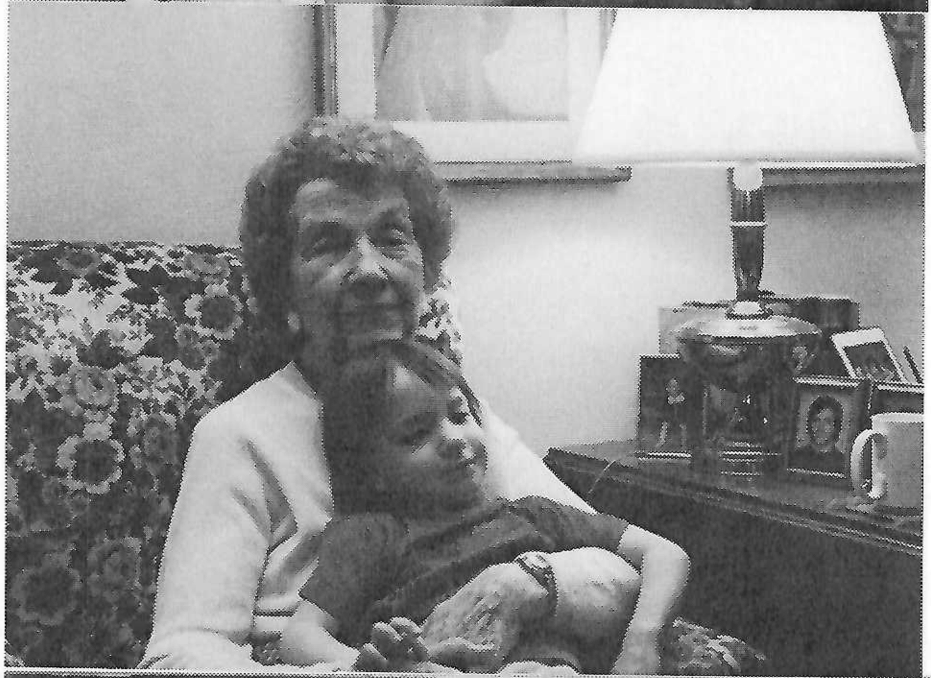
January 12, 1991

Rebecca with
Rokk,
her grandparents'
Norwegian Elkhound

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis

February 18, 1991





Rebecca with her grandmother, EPW,
February 18, 1991

2425 Irving Ave. So.,
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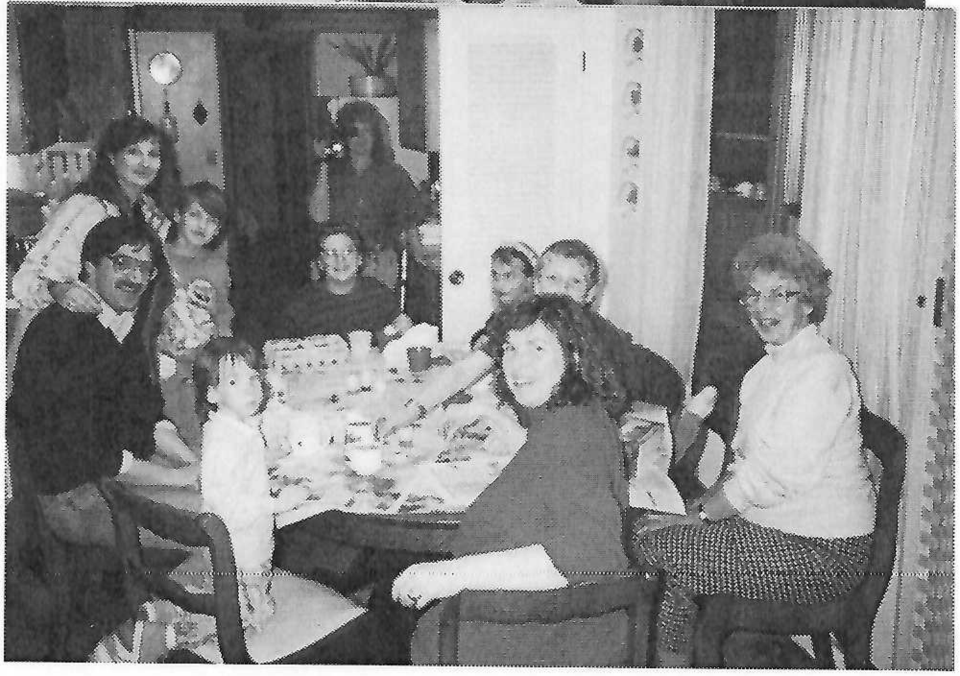

Decorating Easter eggs
at Jean Selleck's house,
Mattoon, Illinois

March 30, 1991

Clockwise around table:
Rebecca (on her knees)
Robert N. Selleck
Theresa Selleck (Robert's wife)
Nicholas (Robert's son)
Luke Barefoot (Son of Ned
Barefoot and Suzan Brod
Barefoot)
Suzan (with video camera)
Meghan (dau. of Ned and Suzan)
John (Robert's son)
Jean Selleck
Virginia Selleck

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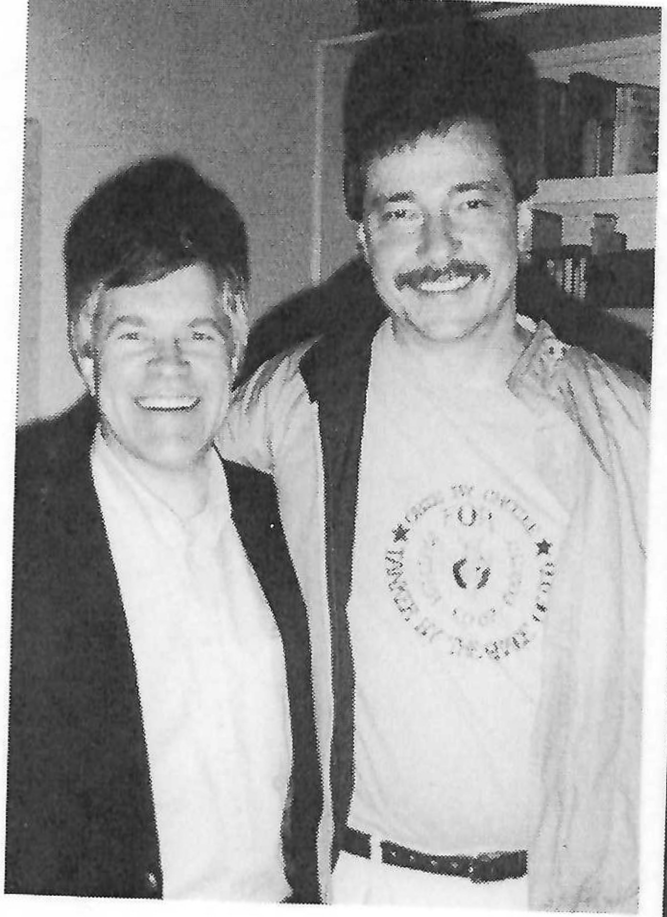
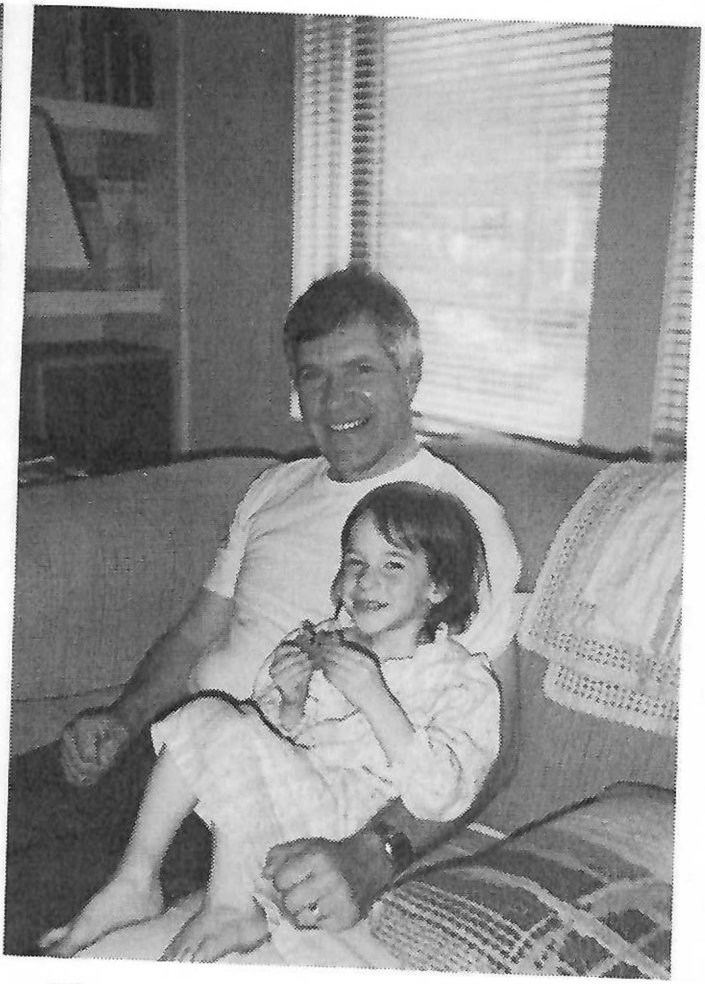
All pictures on pages 7 and 8 were taken April 29, 1991, at 1122 W. Webster, Chicago by Tom and Virginia.



Jaimie Mark (Dr. James Fredric Mark III [b. 1939]) with Tom Witheridge



Jaimie and Rebecca

Jaimie assembles his clarinet for a fascinated cousin.

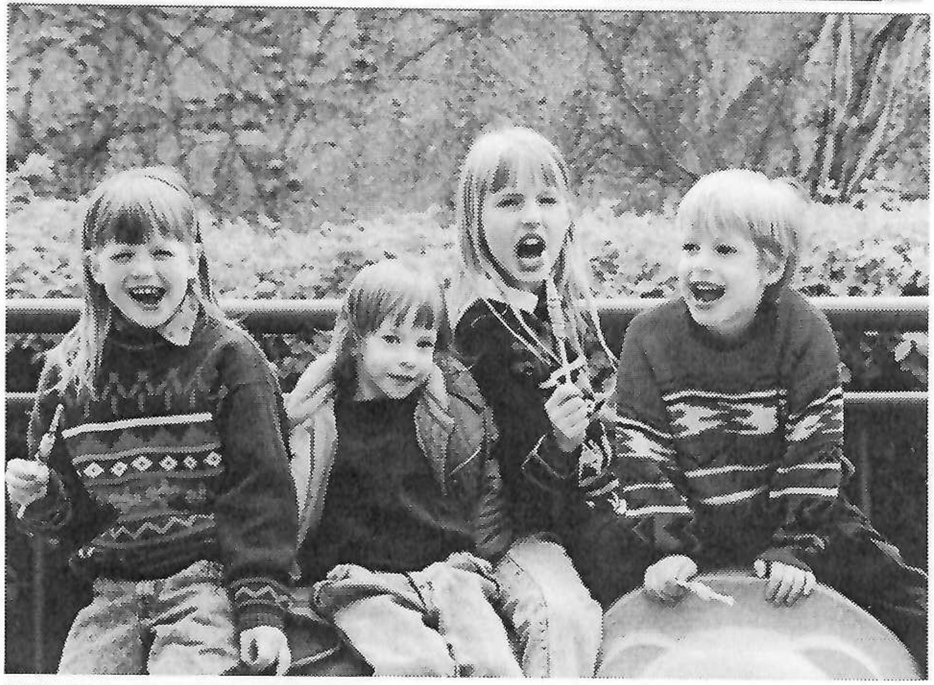
Jaimie plays the "Sesame Street" theme for Rebecca,

Jaimie's wife, harpsichordist and pianist Penelope (Penny) Mark, with Rebecca.

At Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, May 4, 1991.

All pictures by John W. Selleck (b. 1951), Rebecca's uncle.

Rebecca with her grandmother, Jean Selleck



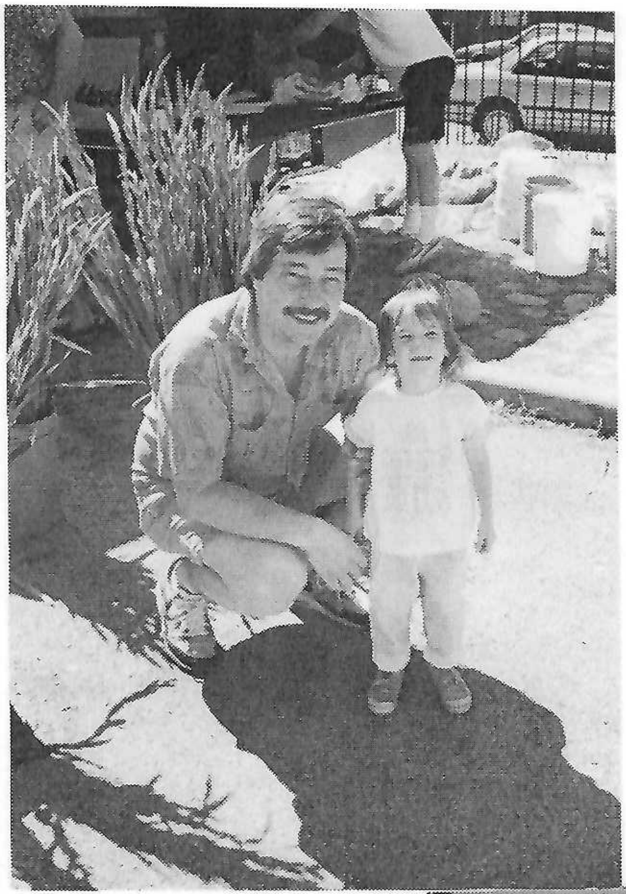
Rebecca with her cousins (John's children); from L to R:

Jessica Ann
Rebecca
Kathleen J.*
John J.

*Kathleen (Katie) and Rebecca were both married in 2022.

Clockwise:

Virginia
Jean
Kathleen
Jessica
Rebecca



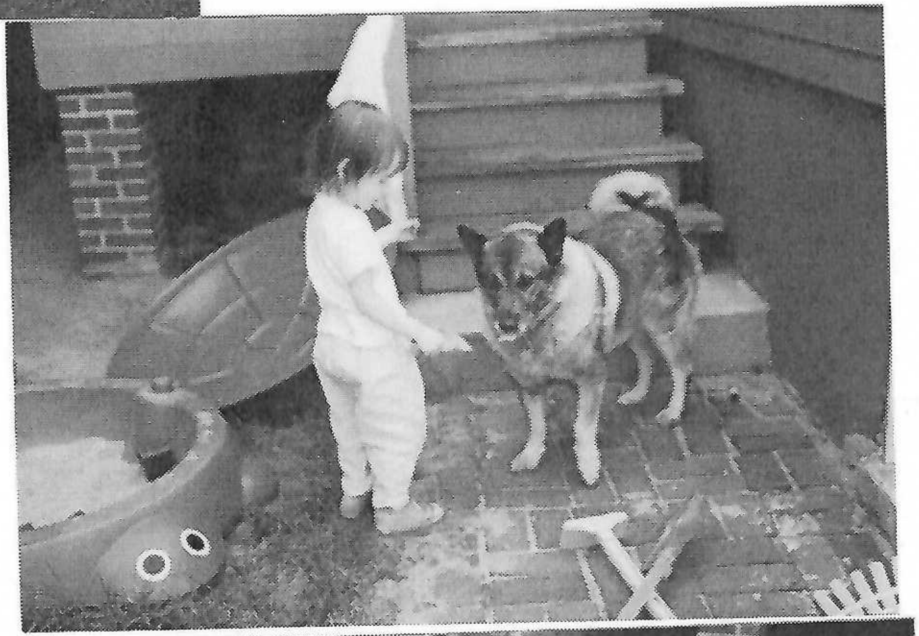
These are all by DEW.

At a Lincoln Park neighborhood weekend farmer's market in Chicago, July 27, 1991

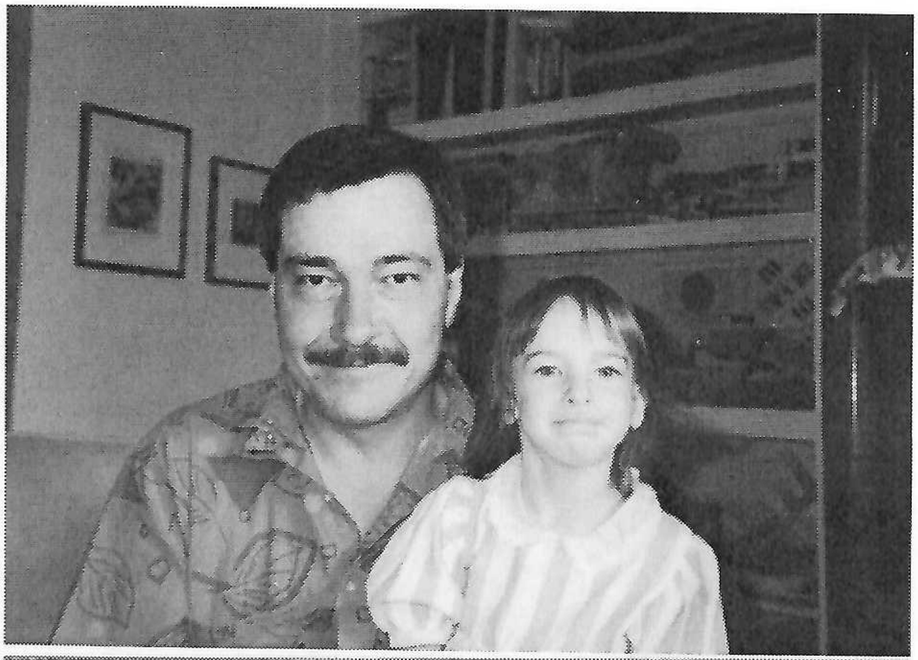
Tom and Rebecca

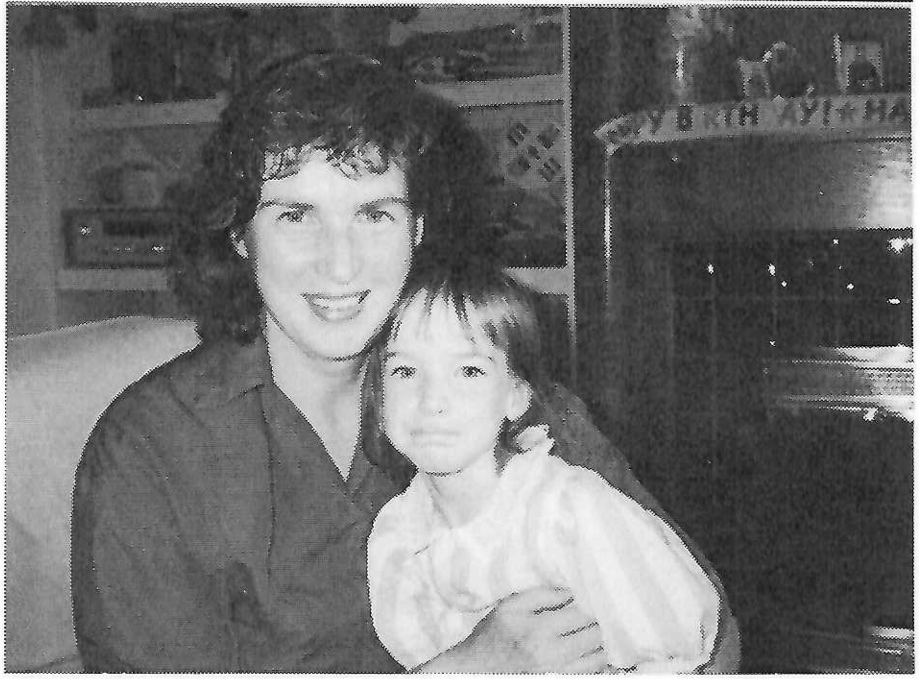
In the backyard at 1122 W. Webster, Chicago

July 27, 1991



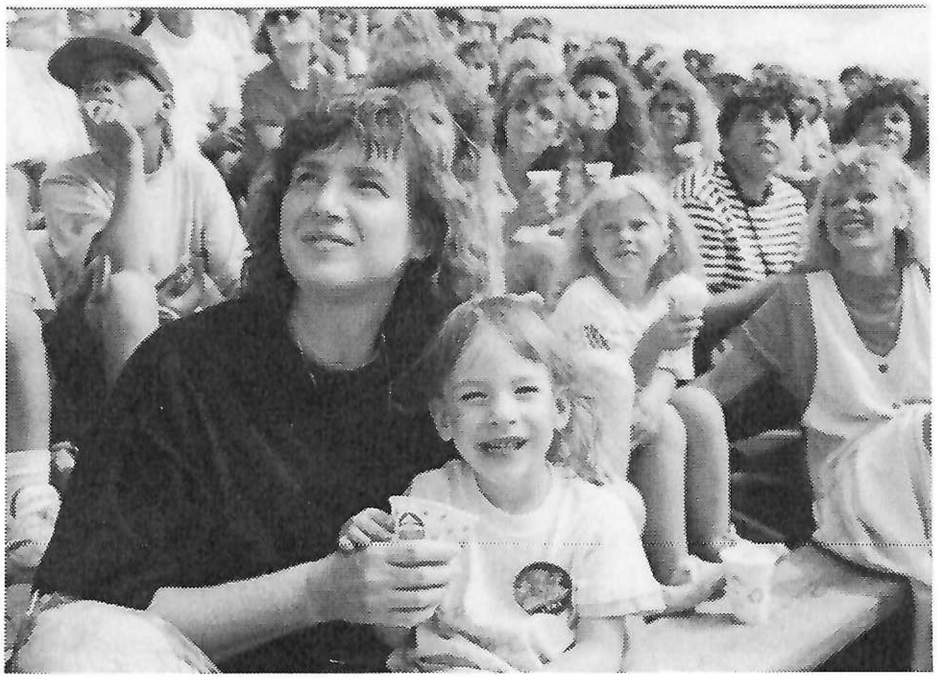
Rebecca with Rokk, EPW and DEW's Norwegian Elkhound (visiting from Minneapolis)



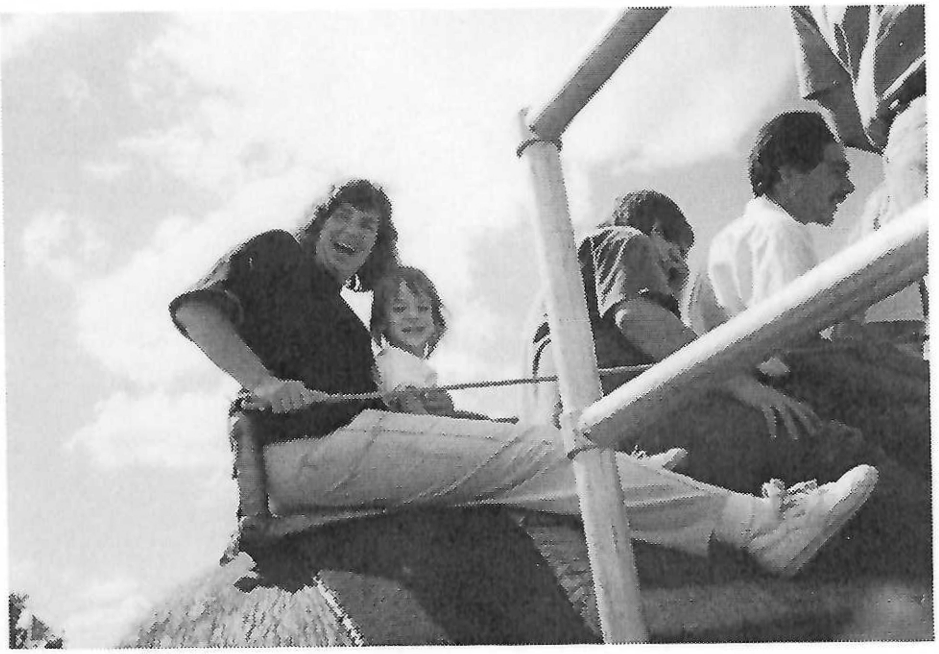


Rebecca's third birthday party at 1122 W. Webster. The family moved to this address on the day she was born * (August 19, 1988). These were taken on August 17, 1991.

* Great planning, right?



Rebecca watches her first circus with her mom at the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul, August 31, 1991.



Virginia and Rebecca ride an elephant at the Minnesota State Fair, August 31, 1991.

Grandma, Grandpa, Virginia, and Rebecca in the horse barn at the fair.

Grandma and Rebecca play croquet in the backyard at 2425 Irving Ave. So. in Minneapolis (photo by DEW).

# David and Elizabeth Witheridge's 50th Anniversary

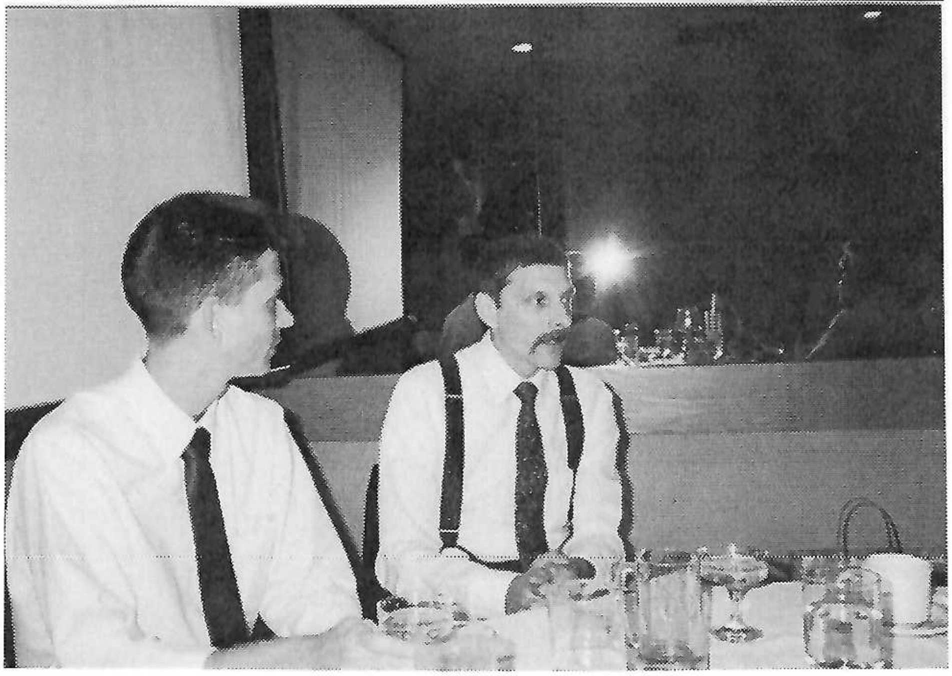
At home in Minneapolis

September 5, 1991

At the party in a suburban St. Paul restaurant

More 50th Anniversary pictures

Rebecca with Grandpa and Grandma.

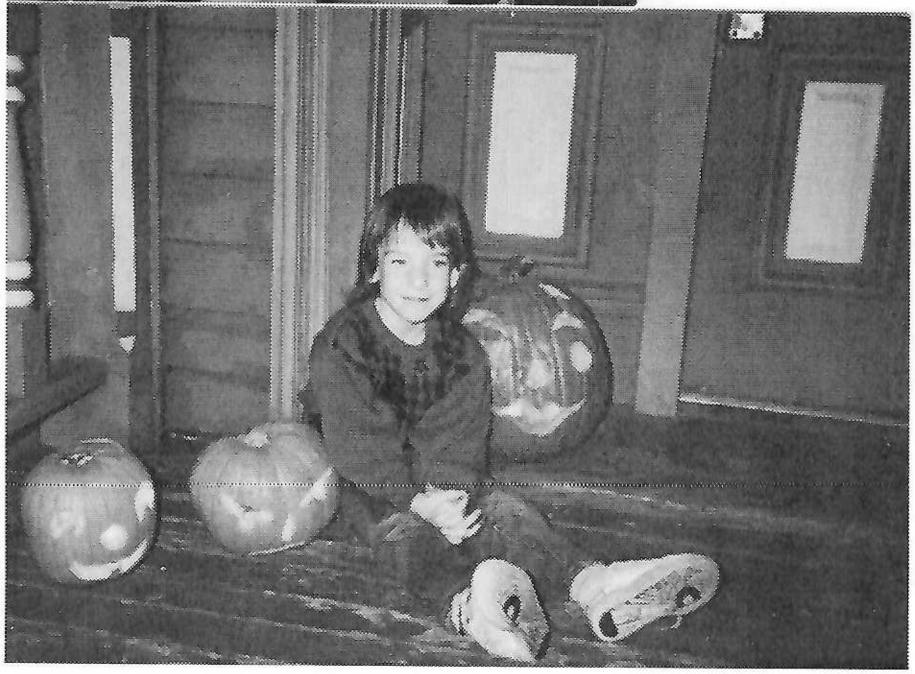


Rebecca's Uncles David Torborg (left) and Jim Witheridge (right) — then partners, now married.

At the anniversary party: Rebecca with her grandparents and Mary Heltsley, a dear friend and Elizabeth's distant cousin.

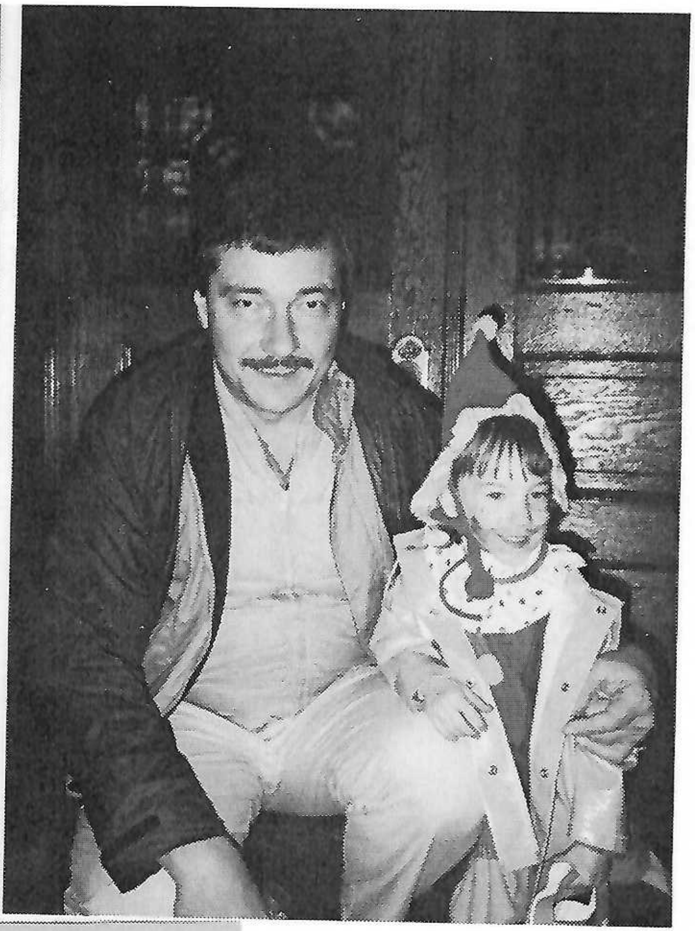
September 11, 1991

Back in Chicago, Tom and Rebecca at the annual "customer appreciation night" of Lincoln Park Foods, Webster and Bissell.



Rebecca on her front porch at 1122 W. Webster.

(Unfortunately, the "painted lady" paint job doesn't show up here.)

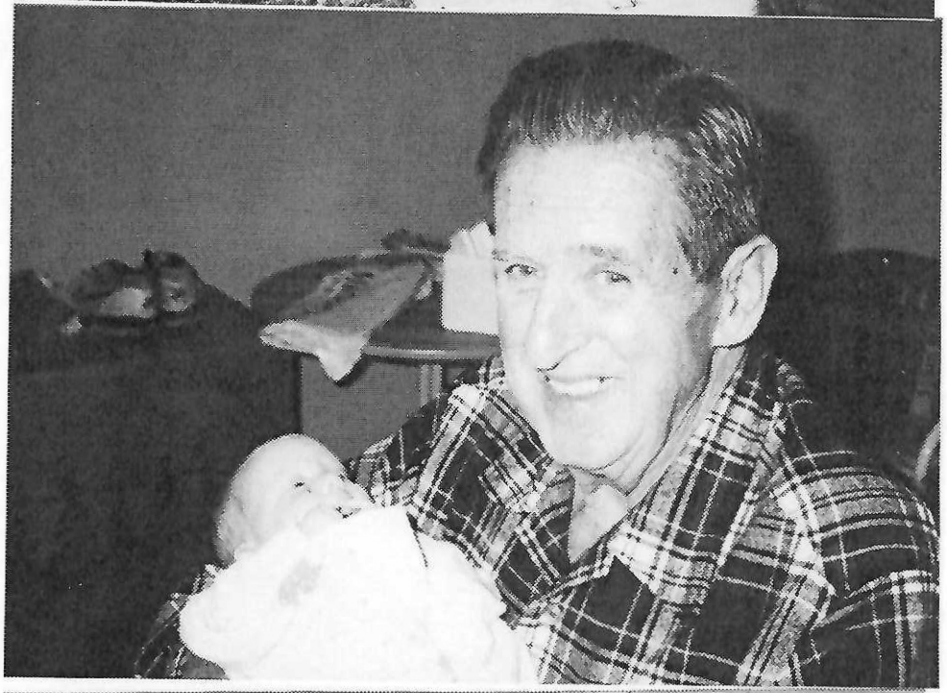


Getting ready
to trick-or-treat!

This was the
family's 1991
Christmas card
photo – taken
December 7, 1991.

The remaining pictures are not in chronological order with the preceding ones.

A bundled Rebecca is about to have her first walk with her parents.
1122 W. Webster, Chicago,
November 13, 1988.



Rebecca's grandparents visit from Mattoon, Illinois, December 11, 1988.

John (Jack) Robert Selleck (b. 1918)

Jean Selleck (Eleanor [Jean] Virginia Meyers [b. 1915])

Rebecca with her great aunt and uncle* at their 50th anniversary party in Allison Park, PA, near Pittsburgh, January 1990

*Mary Margaret (Marge) Meyers (b. 1919) — known as Marge Brod — and William Frank Brod (b. 1916) — known as Bill

Rebecca at Grandma's house in Mattoon, Easter, April 15, 1990.

Rebecca's mom, Virginia, at age 1½ years, December 13, 1949 (place unknown).

Rebecca with Tom at his 20th reunion, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, May 26, 1990. (Rebecca enrolled 16 years later.)

Rebecca with her mom and Uncle John and his kids at 13942 Drommond Trail, Apple Valley, Minnesota.

L to R:
Virginia
Jessica
Johnny
Katie
John W. Selleck (b. 1951)

Mid-July 1993

← Rebecca with
Jean Selleck
Virginia Selleck
Suzan Brod Barefoot
at Jean's house, Mattoon, Illinois, March 30, 1991

Will and Rebecca Schick
Selected photos

# Editor's Note

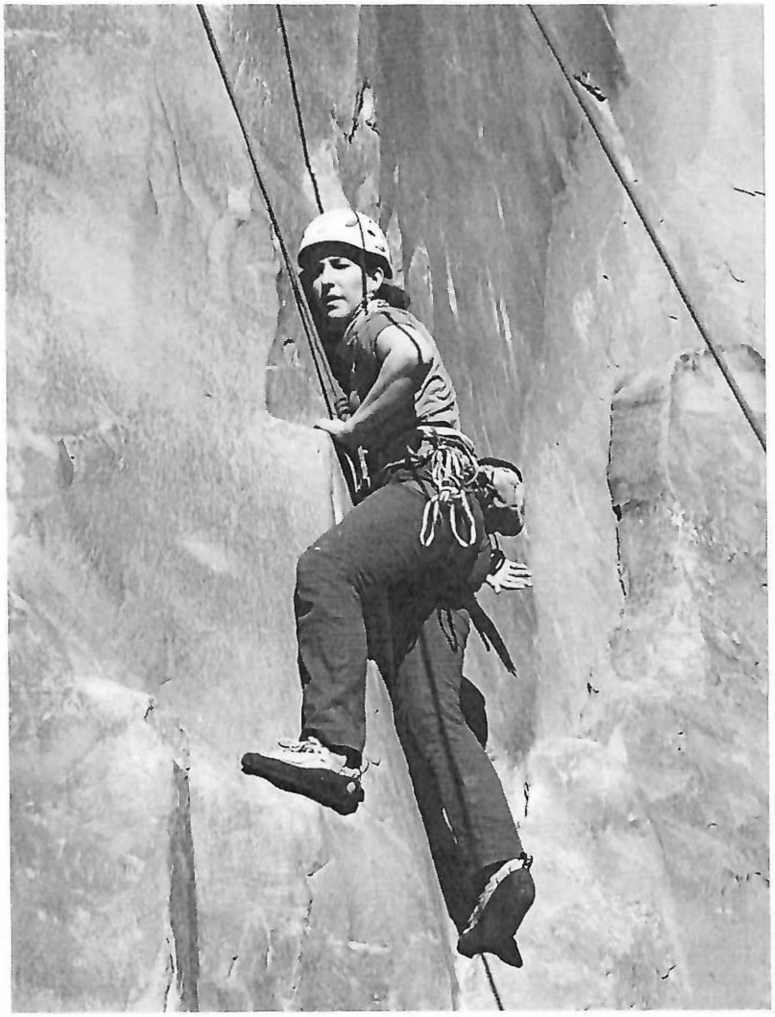
This section contains five pages of photographs of Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge Schick (b. 1988) and her husband, William Peter Schick (b. 1981), all taken in recent years. I took most of them, but some are selfies taken by Rebecca or Will.

They aren't in chronological order, but they are all recent. The final page is reprinted from the Rob and Cathy Staples section (p. 22) in the latter half of folder 1.64e; the quality is probably better in that version.

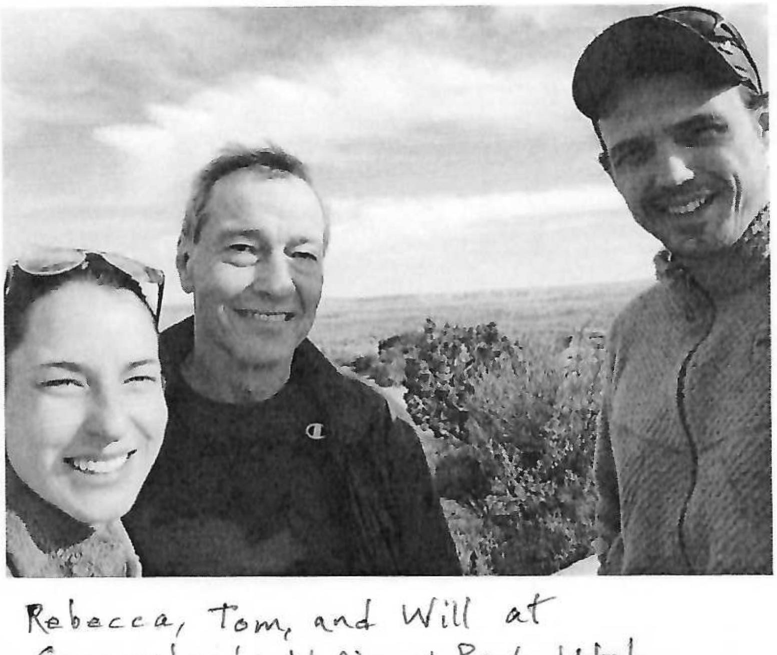
Tom Witheridge
September 21, 2022

Rebecca and Rocksy
at home in Denver

Rocksy watches Rebecca
and Will climbing



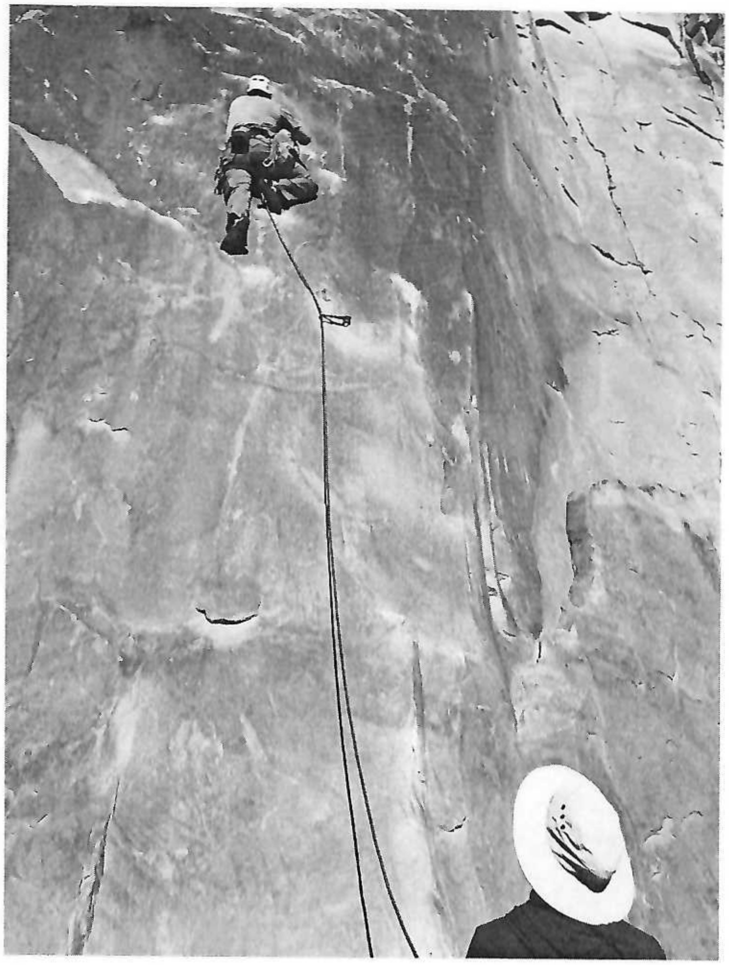
Rebecca climbing near Denver



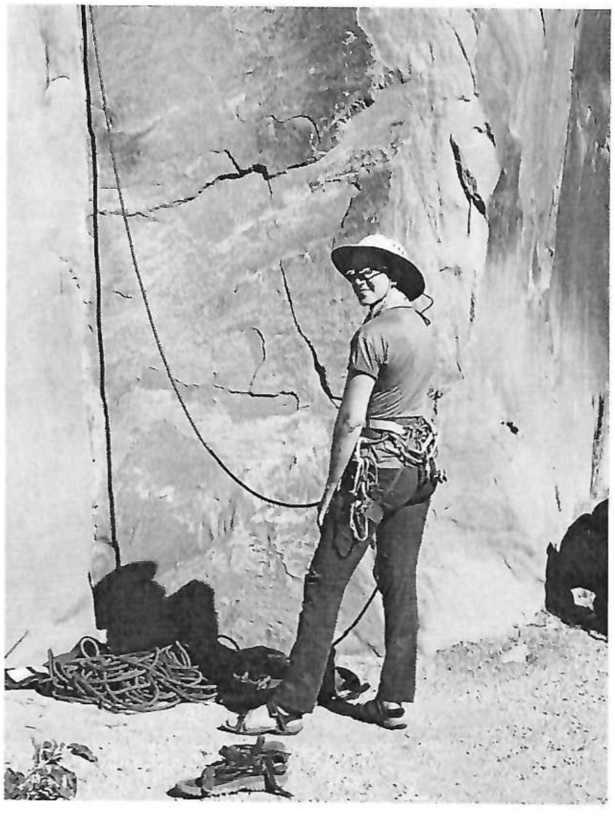
Rebecca, Tom, and Will at
Canyonlands National Park, Utah,
October 2019

Rebecca and Dad near Denver
about 2017

Rocksy and Will at the dog park in Denver

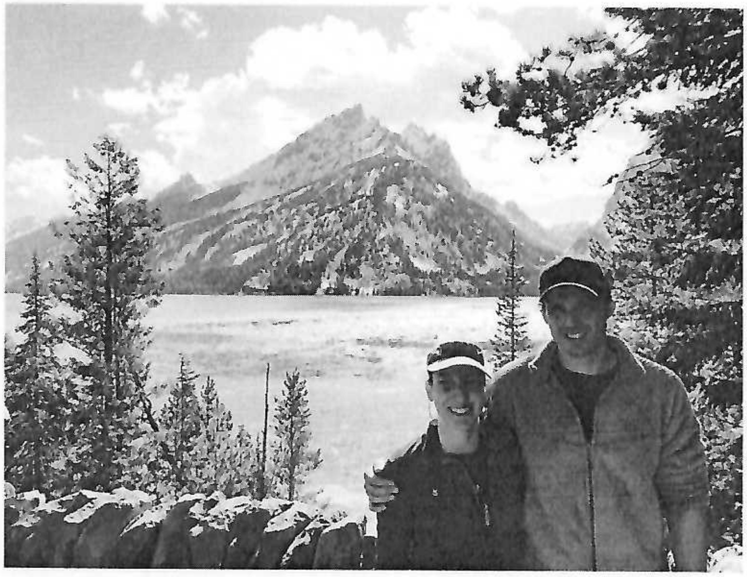


Will and Rebecca climbing on "Wall Street," Moab, Utah



Will holds Rocksy on her adoption day, June 1, 2019

Will, Rebecca, and Tom went to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in May 2018.

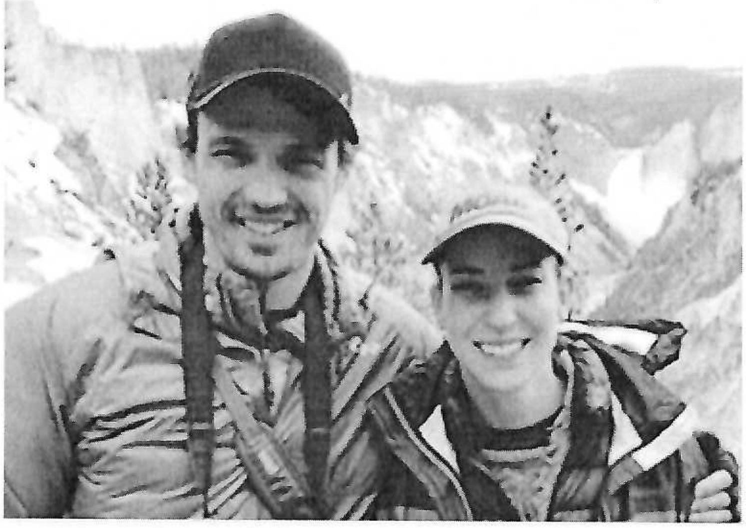


Rebecca and Will at Grand Teton National Park

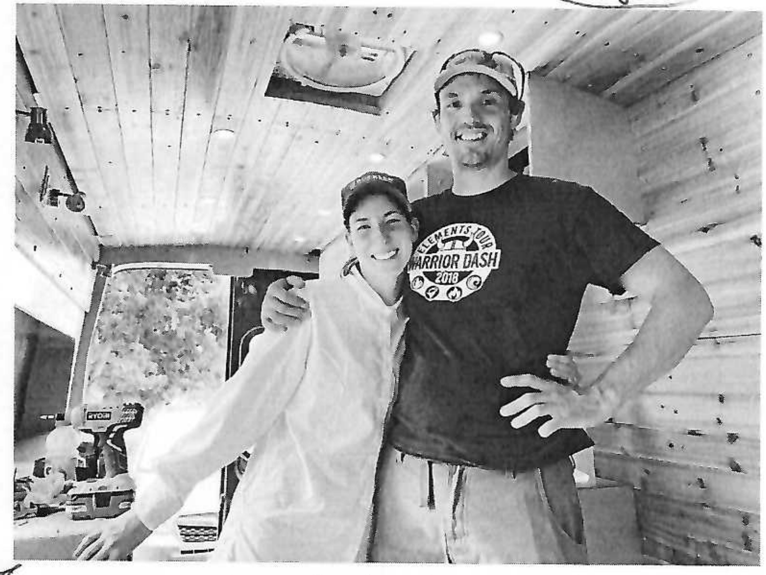
Waiting for Old Faithful to blow. (She did.)

In the lobby at Old Faithful Inn

At the Lower Falls of Yellowstone River



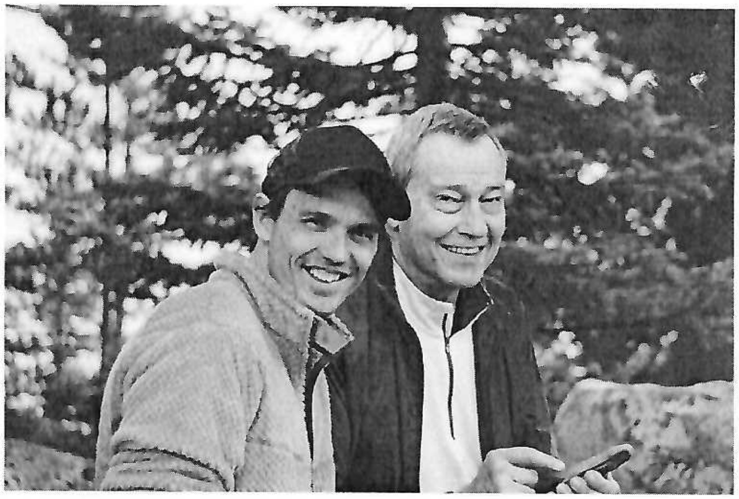
Rebecca, Rocksy, and Will in their Denver backyard. The "cottage" behind them is their office.



← Working hard to build their new Ford Transit Van into a camper. Done! ↓

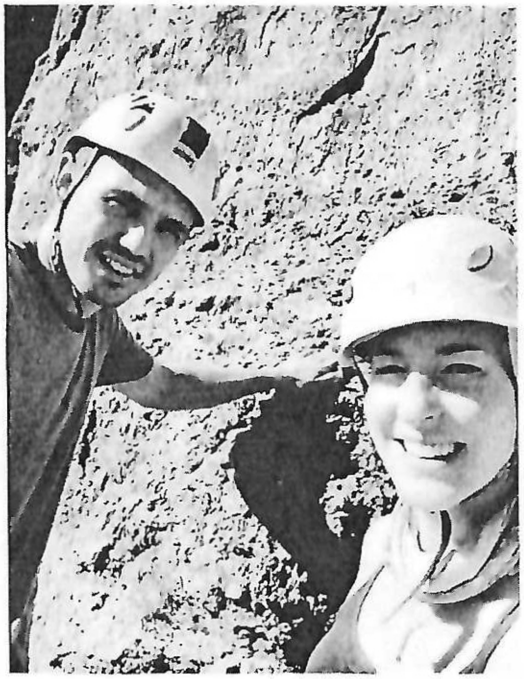
Skiing at Copper Mountain, January 2022

Celebrating Rebecca's 34th birthday in Denver



Will and Tom ca. 2018

Tom Witheridge at Canyonlands National Park, Utah, 2019



Will Schick and Rebecca Witheridge Schick climbing rocks near Denver, Colorado, 2019

Will Schick and Rebecca Witheridge Schick in Denver, Colorado, 2018

Tom Witheridge and Rebecca Witheridge Schick in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 2018

Louise and Jim Mark
documents

Louise and Jim Mark

50th Anniversary
Hemet, California
November 20, 1987

# Editor's Note

This section starts with three family pictures that have almost nothing to do with Louise and Jim but somehow ended up in their manila file.

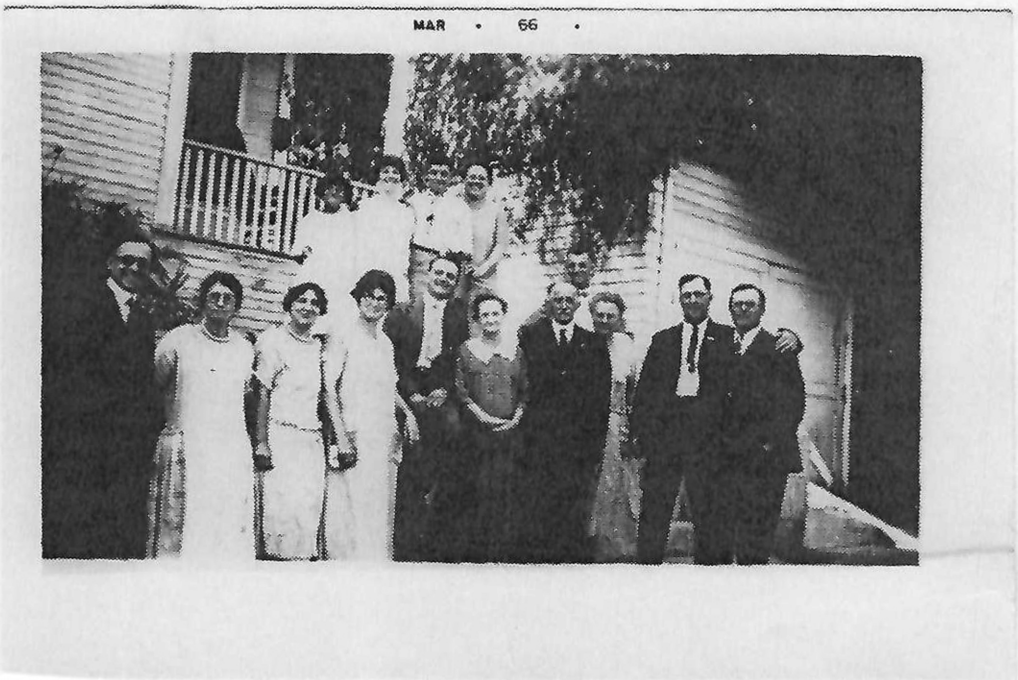
Louise and Jim Mark (Louise Alice Witheridge [b. 1913] and James Frederic Mark, Jr. [b. 1914]) were Dad's older sister and her husband. They were my beloved Aunt Louise and Uncle Jim.

The Witheridges and Marks were very close emotionally and in other important respects (the one exception being politics: Aunt Louise couldn't resist warning us that "the Democrats are taking us down the road to socialism"). In fact, the four adults solemnly agreed that — should anything happen to either couple — the other two would finish raising their children. Whenever we went back to Saginaw, Michigan, to visit my parents' respective families and longstanding friends, my brother Jim and I would stay with the Marks and their kids, Jaimie and Jennifer (now known as Jenni), while Dad and Mom stayed with Mom's dearest friend, Grace Perry, and her sister Marian.

Dad's thick Louise and Jim Mark file contained correspondence that was mostly nongenealogical in nature; I have scanned some of it here but have saved the rest for Jaimie and Jenni to keep or toss.

Tom Witheridge
September 18, 2022

This photo is enlarged on the next page. It was taken in Los Angeles, California, in 1925, by an unknown photographer. A copy was made by DEW in March 1966.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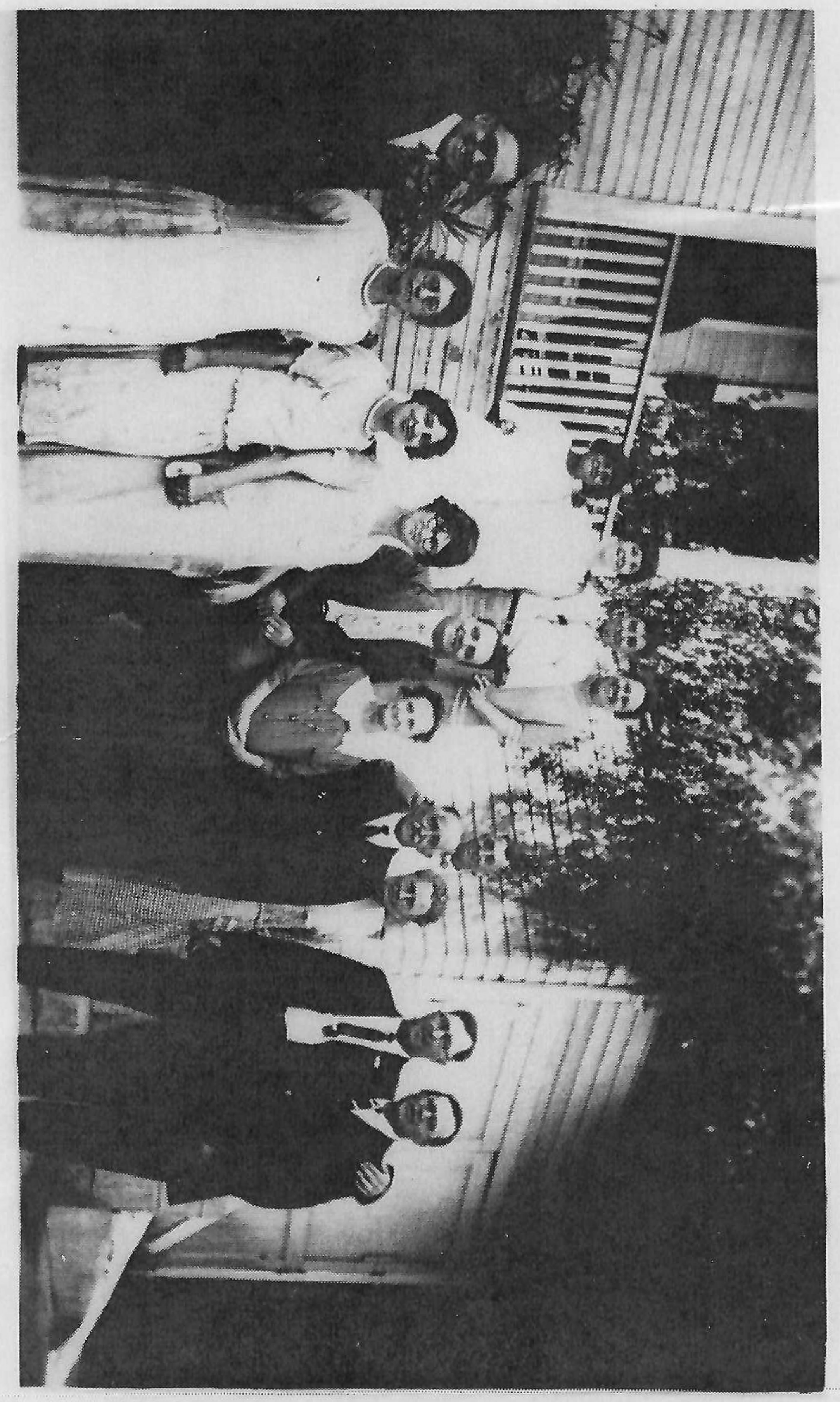

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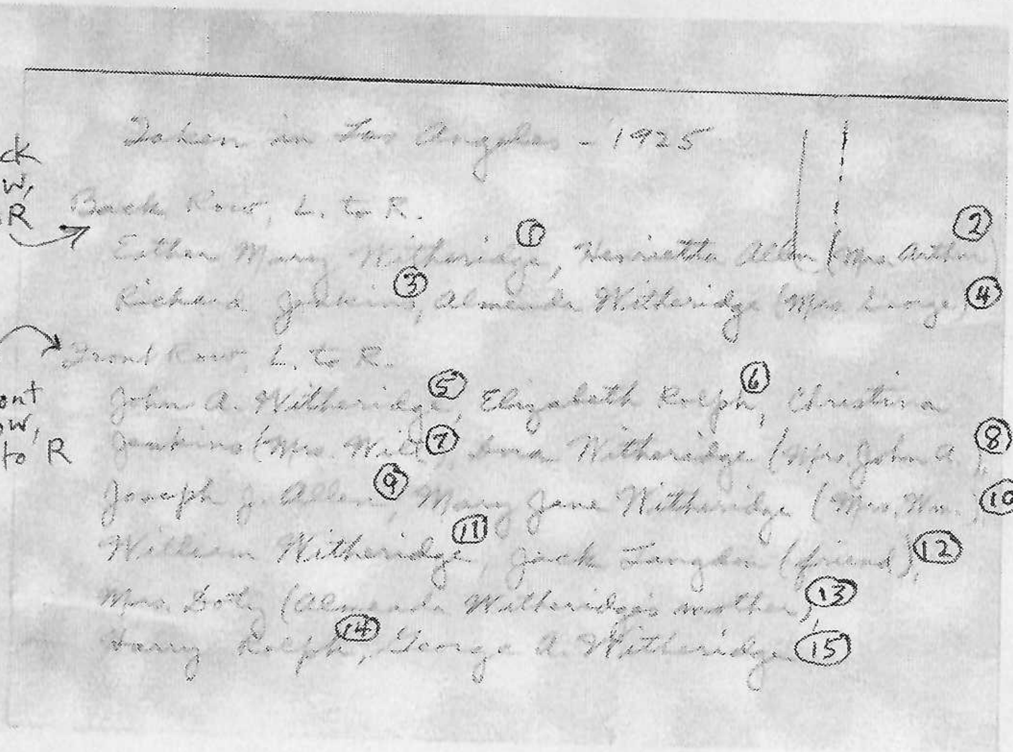


Taken in Los Angeles - 1925

Back row, L to R

Back Row, L. to R.
Esther Mary Witheridge ①, Henrietta Allen (Mrs. Arthur) ②
Richard Jenkins ③, Almeada Witheridge (Mrs. George) ④

Front row, L to R

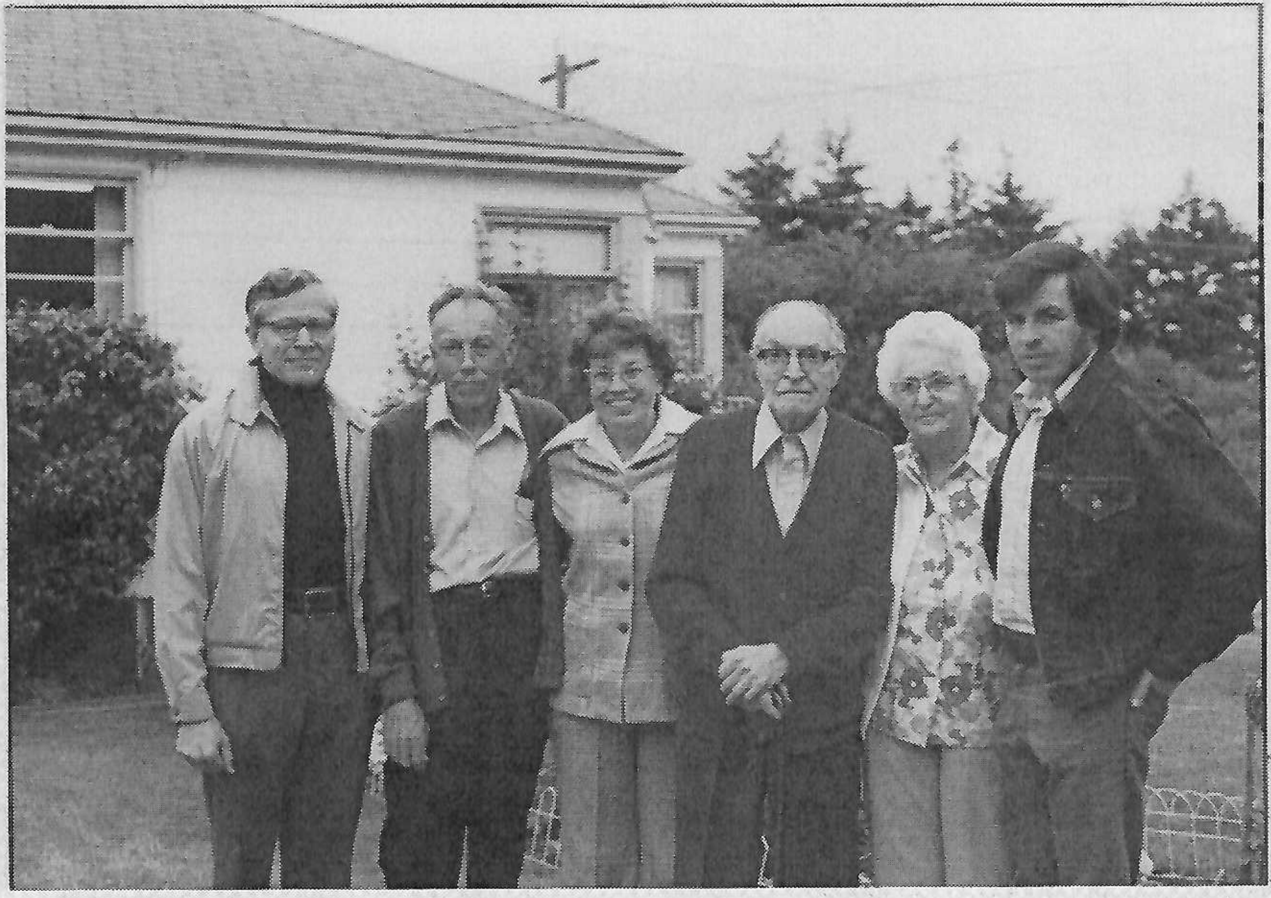
Front Row, L. to R.
John A. Witheridge ⑤, Elizabeth Rolph ⑥, Christina
Jenkins (Mrs. Will) ⑦, Dora Witheridge (Mrs. John A.) ⑧
Joseph J. Allen ⑨, Mary Jane Witheridge (Mrs. Wm.) ⑩
William Witheridge ⑪, Jack Langdon (friend), ⑫
Mrs. Doty (Almeada Witheridge's mother), ⑬
Harry Rolph ⑭, George A. Witheridge ⑮

Names were written by DEW on back of photo.

Most of these are identical to their names in the index:

① Esther Mary Duda (b. 1915)
② Wife of the Rev. Arthur Vincent Allen (b. 1890)
③ Son of Christina Witheridge (b. 1888) - Richard Jenkins
④ Almeada Mary Merrill (b. 1890)
⑤ John Allen Witheridge (b. 1885)
⑥ Elizabeth Jane Witheridge (b. 1878)
⑦ Christina Witheridge (b. 1888)
⑧ Dora Parmelia Henry (b. 1876), first wife of John Allen Witheridge (b. 1885)
⑨ Joseph James Allen (b. 1887)
⑩ Mary Jane Allen (b. 1857), DEW's grandmother
⑪ William Witheridge (b. 1856), DEW's grandfather
⑫ Jack Langdon, family friend - looking over William's head
⑬ See Almeada Mary Merrill (b. 1890)
⑭ Harry G. Rolph (m. after 1919 in Saginaw, MI), husband of Elizabeth Jane Witheridge (b. 1878)
⑮ George Allen Witheridge (b. 1887)

Taken in Port Townsend, Washington, about July 8, 1974. See the correspondence near the end of the Edward Allen Witheridge section, folder 1.64a.



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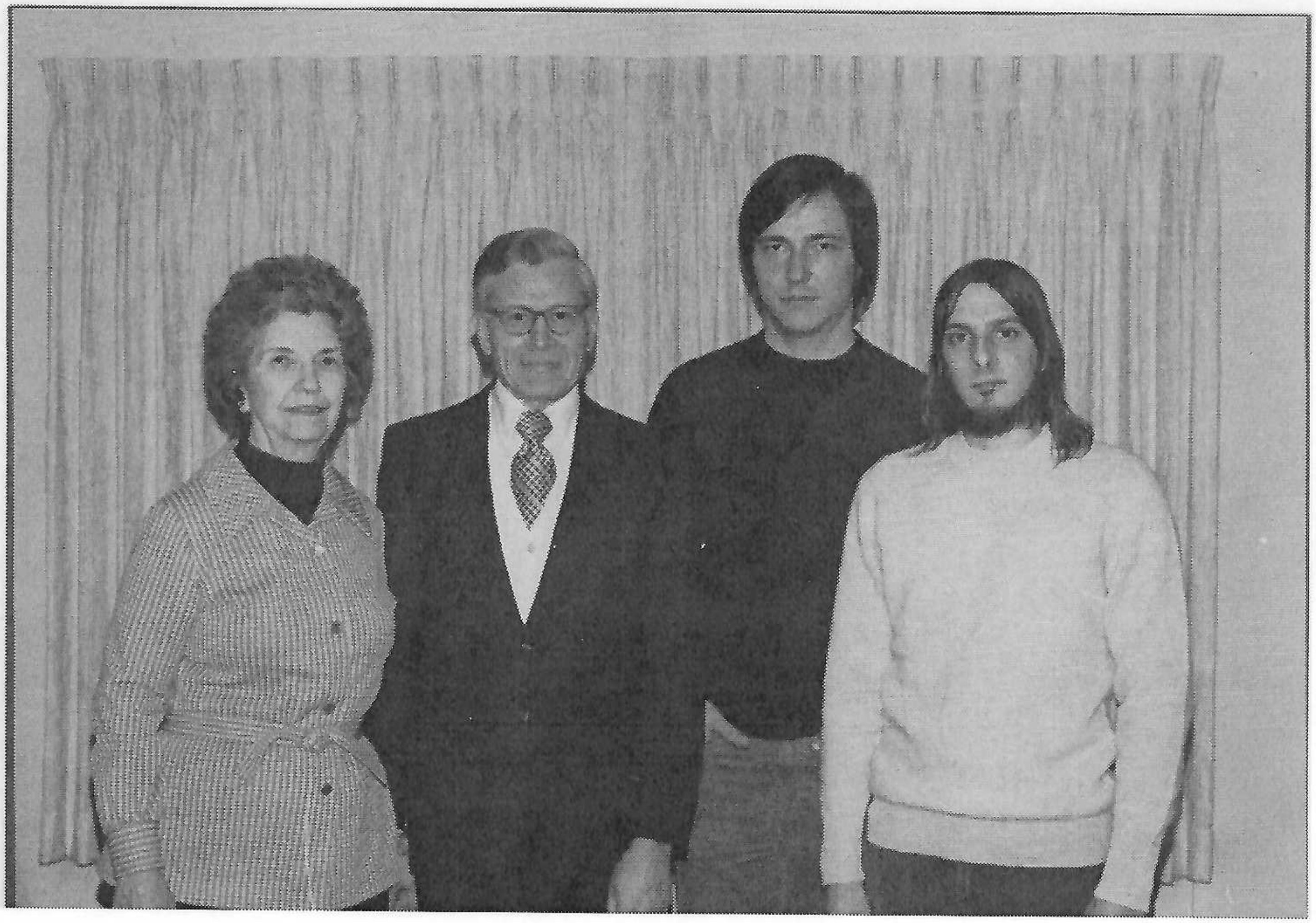
[L to R]→ ①David, ②Robert, ③Lois, ④Edward,
⑤Margaret, + ⑥Bob Witheridge
7/9/74

① DEW
② Robert Edward Witheridge (b. 1916)
③ Lois Elizabeth Garrison (b. 1913)
④ Edward Allen Witheridge (b. 1891)
⑤ Margaret, Edward's second wife
⑥ Robert Allen Witheridge (b. 1942)

[Jan, 1, 1975]

The Witheridges of Minneapolis



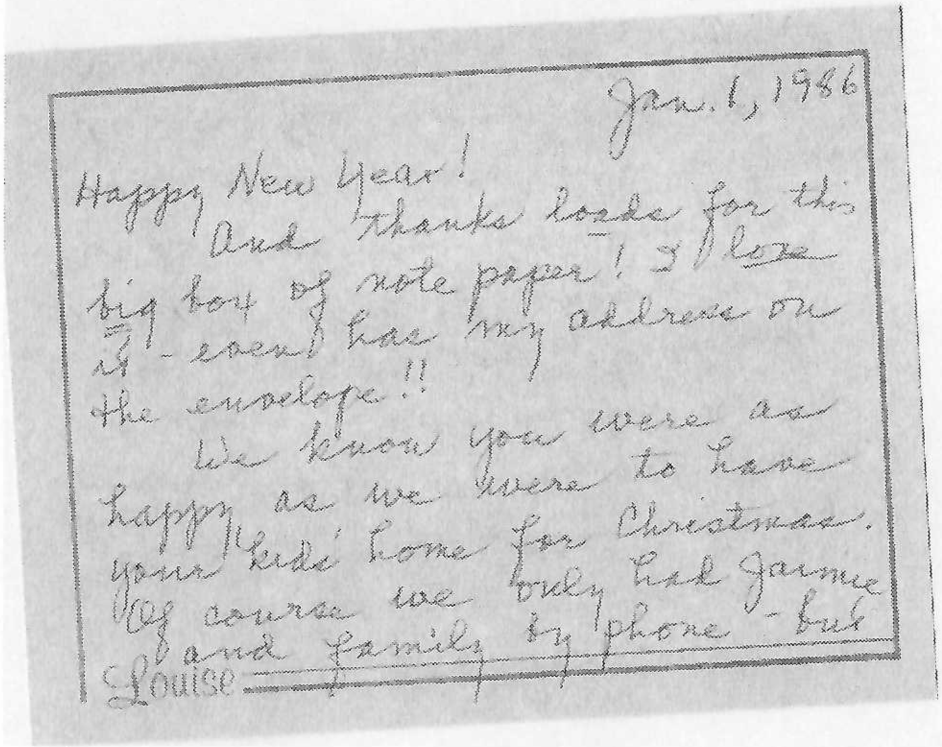
L to R:
Elizabeth Helen Kendall Plumb Witheridge (b. 1907)
David Edward Witheridge (b. 1914)
Thomas Frank Witheridge (b. 1947)
James Penney Witheridge (b. 1946)

At 2425 Irving Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

January 1, 1975

[Louise and Jim's correspondence starts here.]

[Jan. 1, 1986]



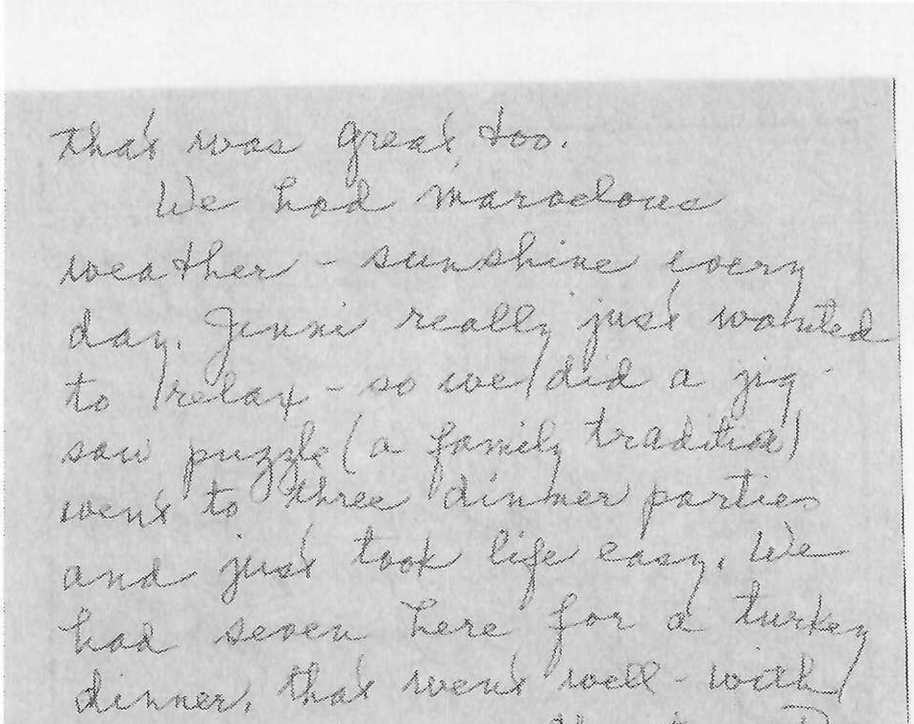
Jan. 1, 1986

Happy New Year!

And thanks loads for this big box of note paper! I love it - even has my address on the envelope!!

We know you were as happy as we were to have your "kids" home for Christmas. Of course we only had Jaime and family by phone - but

Louise



that was great, too.

We had marvelous weather - sunshine every day. Jennie really just wanted to relax - so we did a jig-saw puzzle (a family tradition) went to three dinner parties and just took life easy. We had seven here for a turkey dinner, that went well - with Jennie's help, on Christmas Day.

Jennie picked out a pattern and yarn for a sweater I'm making her for Christmas - a vest - really. I've almost got it done already.

Jennie got along fine with her car rental and arrived Mon. before Christmas and left the next Sun. after lunch. We loved having her here so long. She visited

her friends, Prof. & Mrs. Nye (from Macalester days) at Lucadea Sun. night and her plane left Mon. at 11:00 a.M.

We're so happy to hear about Tom and Virginia's boy to arrive in April, and pray for a good journey!

Jim will put in a ~~note~~ (I can't seem to write today!). Stay well - all of you - much love -

Louise

[Jan. 1, 1986]

James F. Mark

January 1, 1986

Dear Ones –

Such "spiffy" note paper. I thank you much.

Took down the outside lights today but Louise clings to the tree for a few more days. Then our holidays are over!

Very cold nights right now. Gets down below 50°!! But our Tangelo tree gave us a good crop this year. Maybe next year for oranges and grapefruit.

Love –

Jim

[Jan. 21, 1986]

Jan. 21, 1986

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

Thanks so much for the *Newsweek* article. We are also very proud of Tom and Virginia and their very important work. It's not everyone who can do that kind of work! Takes a lot of compassion! Los Angeles sure could use *Bridge*! There is a great problem here with discharged mental patients who become homeless street people.

We are finally getting our 60's daytime winter weather. It was so lovely over Christmas & New Years that our peach tree has blossomed! Now it gets down in the low 40's at night and we may lose our peaches this year. Our tree was loaded last year.

I imagine you got Jennie's

"form" letter she wrote for relatives and friends. She sent us a copy and we were surprised at how many things she is involved in! At least she hasn't much time to get lonely!

Jim is rehearsing now for the *Elijah* to be performed Feb. 9. That means two choir rehearsals a week! This week he also had a scout committee meeting. So he will be gone 3 nights. I do needle-point and watch TV or play tapes.

We haven't been up to the pool for exercise class for quite a while. Too chilly! I only go when it gets above 70°!

We have started our New Years weight loss program but haven't had great success yet! Ho-hum!

Stay well - much love - Louise + Jim

[Feb. 12, 1986]

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12
'86

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

Isn't it fun to be planning for a new baby? That baby is going to have lots of people cheering for him! Virginia's note about their nursery sounds delightful! I can certainly imagine how excited you all are! We are too!

I don't know yet what I'm going to knit, since I have to look for a new baby pattern book. But whatever I make will be *big*. I remember how big Tom was!

Yes, we did know there was a nice wooden tray with the fruit but we didn't know about the *date palms*! Good! It will you remind you of your CA relatives! Right now with the below zero reports in eastern U.S. we're very glad to be here with the palm trees!

I'm looking at and smelling a lovely bouquet of sweet peas that Cliff ga~~[illegible]~~ve me yesterday! On Monday we drove down to La Jolla with C. & D. to the Doctor and saw masses of so-called freeway flowers - a yellow and orange colored ground cover that the highway Dept. plants ~~along~~ along the freeways, Just beautiful! We also have some trees blossoming so it is beginning to look like spring - but it is chilly. In the 60°'s today - 30°'s at night!

I'm glad you had a note from our "kids". They are so involved, that we don't get as many letters as we used to. We did get a nice letter from Amanda and Penny and Jenni - but Jason and Jaimie only add a word or two on the bottom of Penny's letter. So you are lucky to hear from Jason! We're certainly looking forward to being with them this summer - and to seeing you! We'll let you know soon when we expect to be in Mpls. It will be in the first part or middle of June. Depends on when we leave and how we plan to go. I'd like to go to Salt Lake City and Denver, we have never been there. That way would take us thru the Rocky Mountains, also. I understand the Mt. flowers would be beautiful at that time.

Our church has a communion service tonight - then Jim has choir practice after. I'll go to the Library (just two blocks from the church away). I'm reading Texas by Michener. Fascinating - but such a big book to hold!

Keep warm and stay well -

Love - Louise and Jim

P.S. Thought you might like Virginia's note back. L.

[Feb. 27, 1986]

Feb. 27, 1986

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

Just a quick note to tell you some sad news about our trip next summer. We will not be able to drive our car as we have been advised ~~to~~ it might not survive! So, we

Louise

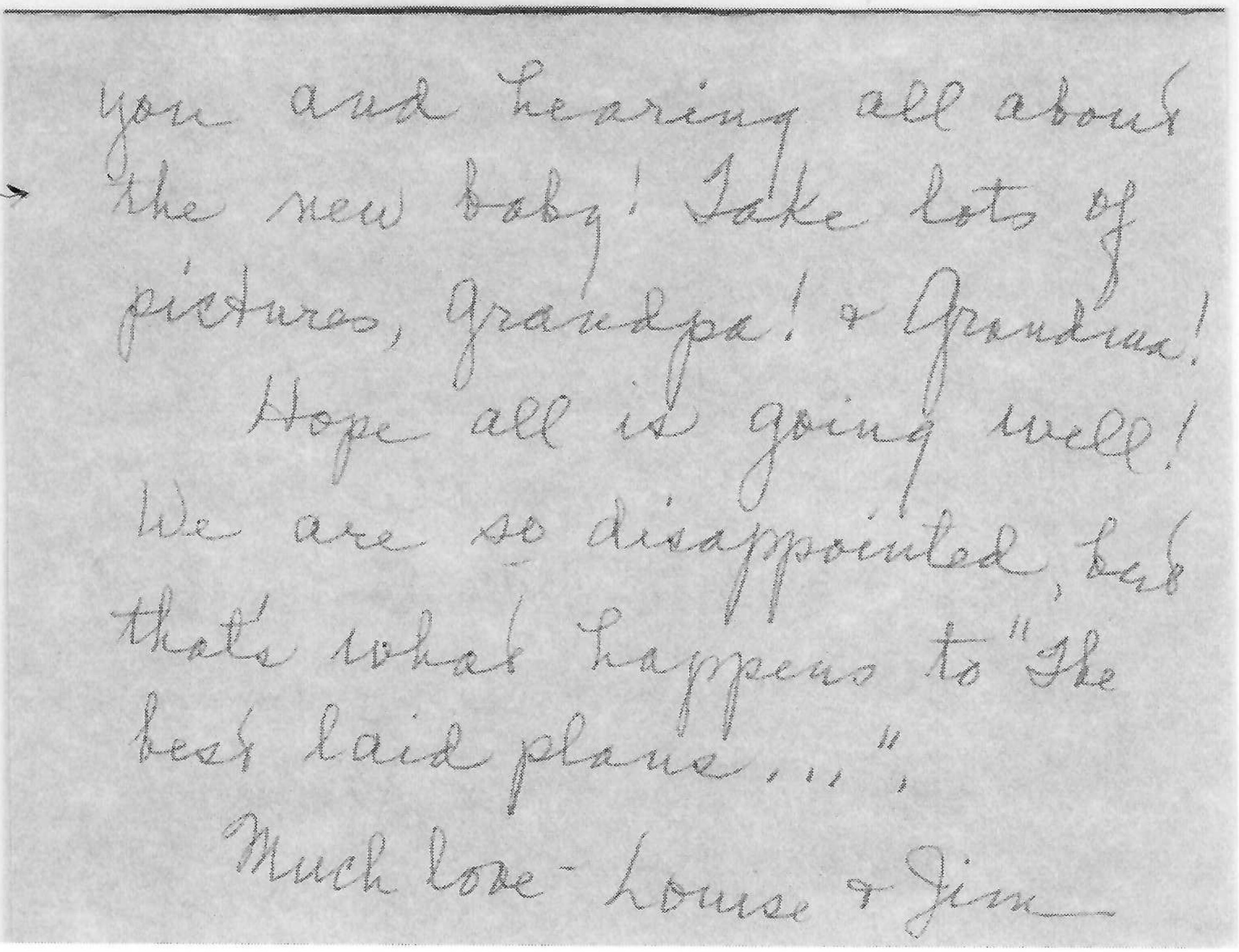
are flying directly to P.E.I, from Los Angeles in July to be with our "kids" for a month. The airline only allows us to stay one month. Maybe that will be as much as we ought to stay!

We are taking a low cost flight that unfortunately doesn't come to Mpls! It goes to Chicago - Toronto - Charlottetown. We have to stay over-night in Toronto.

We decided to take our MN and MI trip the following year - not try to do it all in one year, since we will have to fly not drive.

We will miss seeing

[David Ash Witheridge (b. 1986)]



you and hearing all about the new baby! Take lots of pictures, Grandpa! & Grandma!

Hope all is going well! We are so disappointed, but that's what happens to "The best laid plans...".

Much love - Louise & Jim

[Apr. 6, 1986]

'86
Sunday, April 6

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

We received the beautiful card from Tom and Virginia about the David Ashe Witheridge Memorial Fund. That is such a fine idea and will be a real contribution that David's short life can make to other families in the future who may have to go through similar tragic events. Tom also included a note about Davey (his word) that was very sweet and meaningful. We will none of us ever forget his short turbulent life. He really made his mark on all.

I imagine you are beginning to get the look of spring in your area. We have had lots of rain - so all is nice and green!

Penny writes they have rented a lovely, big (4 bedrooms) house, in P.E.I. We are all looking forward to a great summer.

Our friends the Mortons bought this note paper last year in Mpls.

Illustrated by Judy Evans
*This is one of a collection of notes and Christmas cards created at Reindeer House, 3409 W. 44th St. in beautiful Minneapolis, Minn. 55410.*
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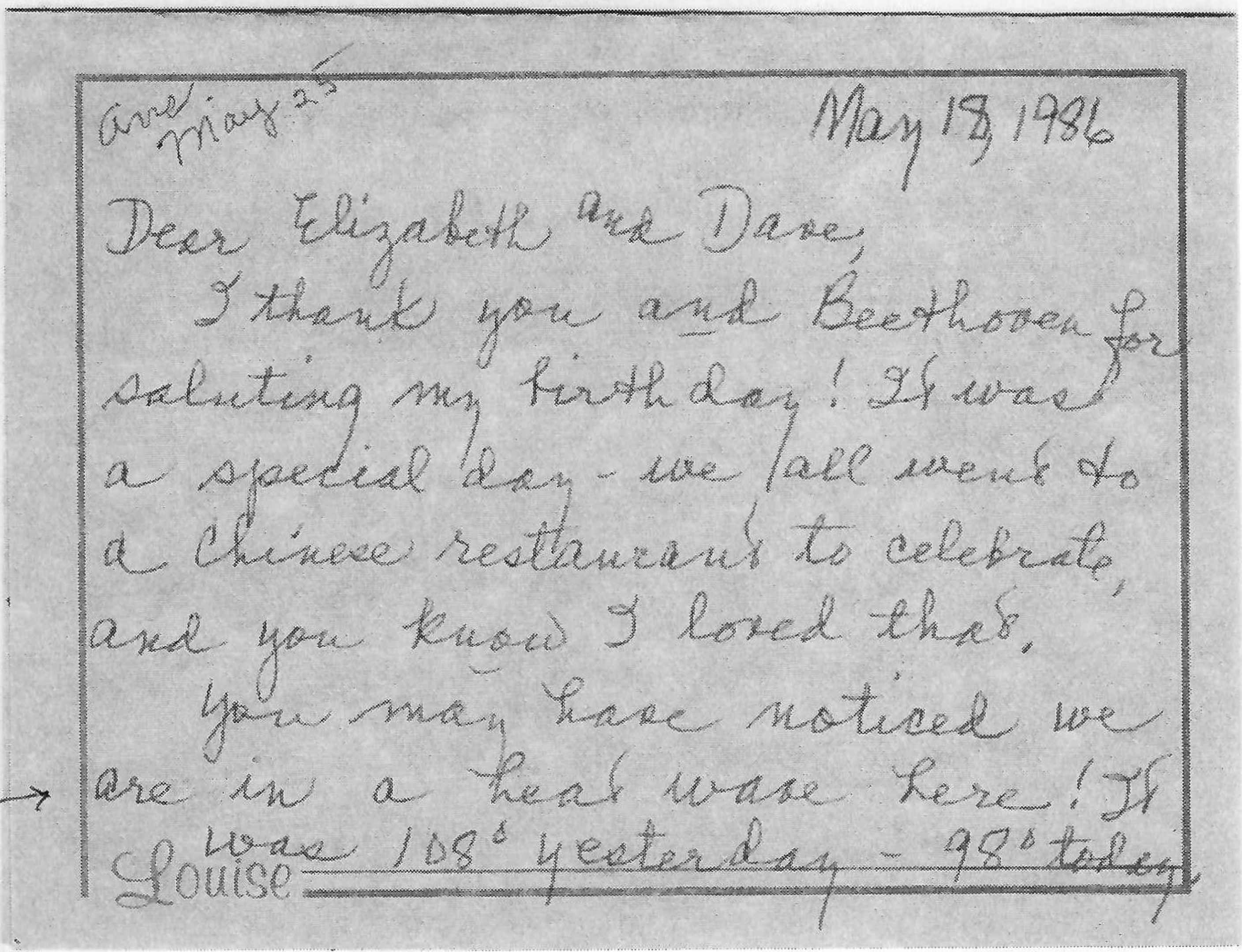
Much love - Louise & Jim

[May 18, 1986]



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May 18, 1986

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

I thank you and Beethoven for saluting my birthday! It was a special day - we all went to a Chinese restaurant to celebrate, and you know I loved that.

You may have noticed we are in a heat wave here! It was 108° yesterday - 98° today

Louise

Hemet,
California

We went to pool exercises - but stayed in our cool house the rest of the time. I did some braille transc. and some needle-point and read. Jim went to the pool - read - and tonight he has gone to a scout Committee meeting. We look forward to our 2 months by the ocean with Jaimie & Penny.

We leave July 7 and return Aug. 28. Jaimie & Penny phoned on Mother's Day and said Burridges plan come to P.E.I. while we are there. Amanda has been accepted into the Ottowa Ceremonial Band for the summer - but she may get a 3-day pass while we are there, in Aug. She plans to buy a new flute with some of her earnings Jason will be at P.E.I. and we

Prince Edward Island, Canada

don't know if he will be
working in the Festival or not.
It will be good to see them
all - after 3 years.

I'm sure your flowers are
beautiful now! We have lovely
roses, too, and our peaches are
almost ready to eat. Glad to get
them before we have to go!
Hope you are well - we think of
you often! Love - Louise + Jim

[May 18, 1986]

5/18/86

Dear Dave:

Ministerial Joke Number 114:

A minister was counseling a young lady, who told him she had already made her plans for a full life.

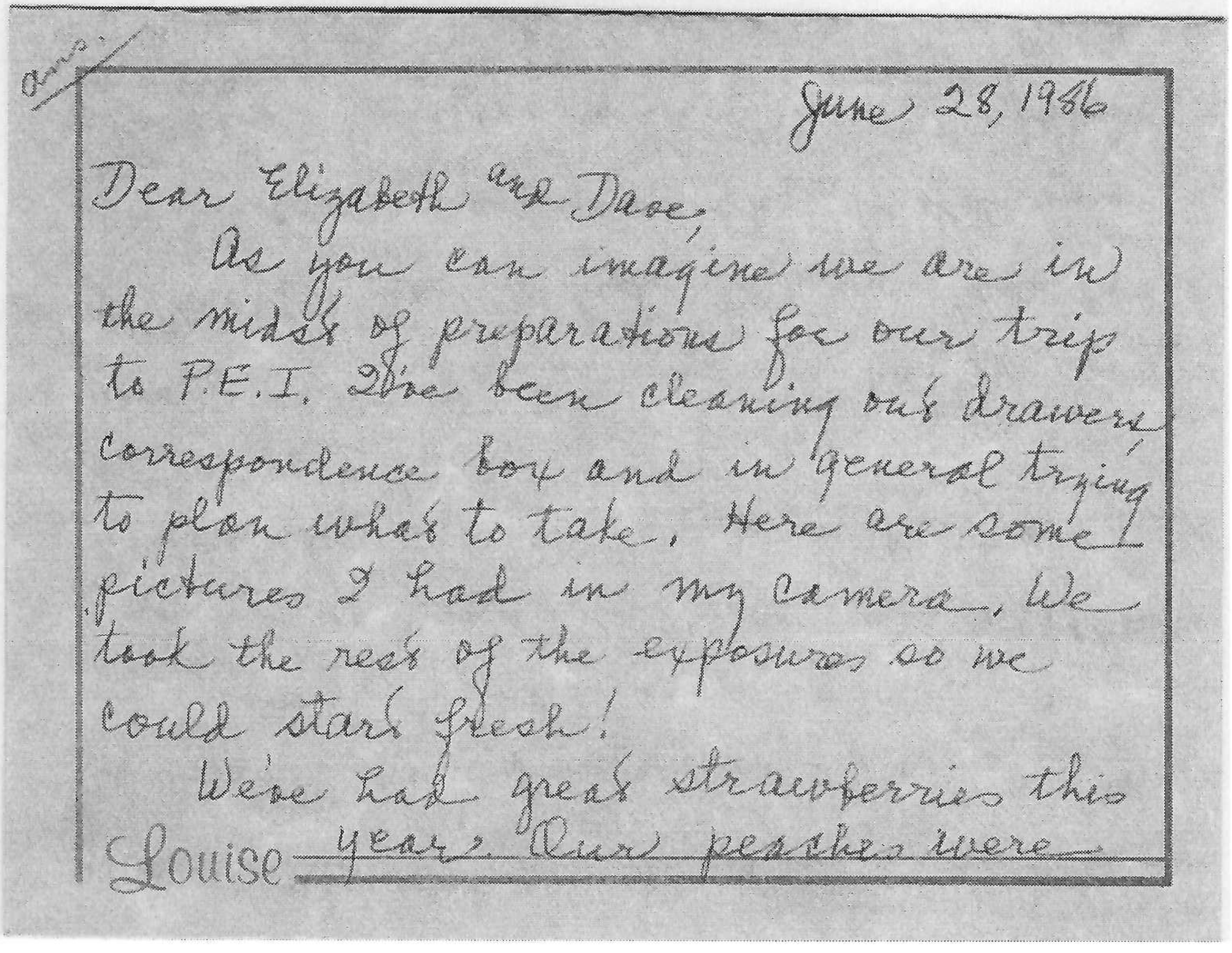
"I will marry four husbands," she said. "First a millionaire, then an actor, then a minister and finally, an undertaker."

"Why those professions and in that order?" asked the minister.

The lady replied, "One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go."

Jim

[June 28, 1986]



Ans.

June 28, 1986

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

As you can imagine we are in the midst of preparations for our trip to P.E.I. We've been cleaning out drawers, correspondence box and in general trying to plan what to take. Here are some pictures I had in my camera. We took the rest of the exposures so we could start fresh!

We've had great strawberries this year. Our peaches were

Louise

good, also. That's one thing we love - always good fruit and produce, any time of year.

It is getting very hot - so we are eager to get to Canada for some cool sea breezes.

Jaimie & Penny phoned on Jim's birthday and said Penny had a job accompanying the Children's Theatre! It is just 1 hr. on performance days - but it pays her $3400.00 So she couldn't pass it up! So - we will be able to help out with meals and house work. That will make us feel more useful. They like the house they rented very much. Jason has a job at the Dinner Theatre - but not acting - he's too young - he's going to wash dishes! He thought that would get him acquainted with the manage-ments (for next year when he will be 18 yrs. old).

Jim and I go to the pool every day for exercises. That cools us off!!

Hope you have a lovely summer! We'll send you a card from Charlottetown. The address will be: 200 Mt. Edward Rd., Charlottetown, P.E.I. Canada - Phone (902) 892-6773. We'll be there July 8 - Aug. 28.

Love -

Louise + Jim

[July 18, 1986]

Fri. July 18, 1986

Ans. 7-27-86

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

It was fun getting your letter at P.E.I. but we are as much at sea as you are about the earthquake damage in our Park! We can only assume that it is not too bad or Dora and Cliff would have let us know. We have not had any direct news from Hemet so perhaps we were lucky. At least we were lucky not being there ourselves! The papers have been warning it might happen sometime soon - but they were very indefinite about it because they can't predict exactly when. We told Jim it happened

② because he left and upset the balance!

Things are pretty rushed here because everyone is on a different schedule. Penny was asked at the last minute to accomp. the *Children's Theatre* every afternoon except Sun. and two mornings. Jaimie plays every night but Sun. and two afternoons - Jason works breakfast, lunch & dinner coming home between! So we go to the beach *Sun*. and take a picnic. We have one big meal a day - the rest of the time people get their~~s~~ own food. Jim and I *try* to help as much as we can. This house has a dishwasher so that helps a lot.

We've been to two shows and are going to Jaimie's "Swing" again tomorrow night. We also went to a lovely noon-time organ recital in a beautiful old Cathedral yesterday. Then we shopped and waited in the library for Penny. Needless to say we are enjoying ourselves very much.

Give our love and best wishes (for their disertations ~~disertations~~) to Tom & Virginia when you see them in August.

④ By the way those strawberries were *not* our own. They came from *Fallbrook* - south and west of Hemet (us), We are now in the *strawberry* season here (P.E.I.), much to our delight. We think they are even sweeter than our CA berries! It is beautiful and *green* - green. The ocean is great! Air is refreshing. It is a lovely *interlude* for us - away from the CA 100° temps.

Thanks for the letter.

Much love from all,

Louise & Jim

[Aug. 4, 1986]

Ans. 8-28-86

Aug. 4, 1986

Dear Dave and Elizabeth,

I don't know how quick the Canadian mail service is so you may get this very early! Your last letter came here in just 3 days - we were amazed.

We've all been discussing the unseasonal weather that seems to be widespread. We wonder if Chernoble has been responsible? It has been very cool, cloudy and raining here - most unusual - J. & P. say it was hot and sunny most of the time last summer when they were here. We don't mind as much as J. & P. because we have hot & sunny weather most of the time in CA.

② But J. & P. need the sun - for the long winter months ahead.

Yesterday there was a big Cast Party at a beautiful farm by the ocean. It didn't actually rain but it was cloudy and misty some of the time.

Everybody had fun - tho' - races for all ages - lots of food. All the families of the cast and back stage people were there. It was fun to see the little children! We don't see many tiny ones in our Senior Park! We all came home bushed - and sleepy.

Jim gets exercise every

③ day by walking Bro - the dog. She is a lovely German Shepherd (sort of) and they still have their first cat - Tracy. She is pretty old (we think, 16 yrs.) She is a little deaf and has one ear that has tumors that are sores because she scratches it - but she seems contented! Strange! During her life she has had many harrowing escapes - so we know she has 9 lives. Their other cats died a few years ago. But Tracy endures!

We're enjoying the shows at the Festival - still have two

④ to see - Penny's Children's Theatre, "Rapunsel" and a play - "Salt Water Moon". It is great for us!

We don't know if Jenni will be able to come over or not - she is uncertain about job and money and other engagements.

Everyone here sends you fond greetings and hope you have a great birthday.

Love - Jim and Louise
and family.

[Aug. 29, 1986]

Sunday - August 29th, 1986

Pink

Dear Dave & Elizabeth -

Excuse the gosh-awful paper. It's what I found in the desk.

Last Monday (4:00 AM) Louise fell over the dog in an unlighted hallway and was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital with what we thought was a broken hip. The doctors scheduled a ball & socket replacement for Wednesday last but kept taking pictures because they couldn't seem to agree on the break

On the morning of the proposed operation, they agreed that it was not a broken hip but a cracked pelvis which is certainly bad enough but at least surgery is not required. Louise is resting quietly and should be discharged at the end of the week. She sat up for 15 minutes yesterday.

We think we will stay here in P.E.I. after Jaimie & Penny go back to Sackville until Louise is able to fly back to L.A. Whether she can take the trip to Hemet in a car or if we will need an ambulance is something contingent on her rate of recovery.

Sure a poor finish to our vacation but we are so thankful we saw all the shows early. "Swing" was the big show which we saw twice. Jaimie came down front of the big band to a microphone in the spotlight to play the Bennie Goodman solo to 'Sing-Sing-Sing.' He brings down the house!

I don't think Louise will be in the hospital long enough for you to send a card so I won't bother you with the address. Will keep you posted when we know departure dates.

Surely we should be on our way by September 10th.

Love -

Jim

[Sept. 16, 1986]

Ans. 9/25/86

Tues. Sept. 16, 1986

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

We are so happy to hear about Tom's orals and perhaps by now he has his Ph.D.! Congratulations to him and to you! And when Virginia gets hers - you'll just be a family of Drs! It's a tremenduous accomplishment!

I don't know if Jim told you or not but I spent the last 2 weeks of our marvelous vacation in the hospital! I fell over the dog who was lying in a darkened hallway in front of the bathroom door. I crashed down on the hard bathroom floor on my right hip. (4 o'clock in the morning). They rushed me in ambulance to hospital for X-rays

⑫ and decided I had a fractured pelvis and cracked hip. I couldn't move my rt. leg without great pain. They took loads of X-rays and found I had lots of arthritis in that hip. I didn't know that - although I was sometimes stiff after sitting and couldn't go up stairs more than one at a time.

They were planning on doing a hip replacement. Then they did some more X-rays and decided the hip wasn't cracked - so didn't do the surgery - thank goodness. The Dr. said I may elect to have that done at a later date.

So they decided I just had a severe bone bruise and after 13

③ days in hospital let me go to the house J. & P. had rented for the summer. I still had to have a walker. On Sept. 10th we flew home with aid of wheel chair and Dora and Cliff picked us up in L.A. and with lots of cushions I got home O.K. For several days I was very sore and tired but today I feel much improved. I still use the walker and have to sleep on my back as it is too sore to turn on my side. However, last night I turned slightly on left for awhile. I feel very lucky to get along so well - but it put a decided damper on

④ the end of the summer. Jr. & P. & Jason & Amanda had to go back to Sackvill on Sept. 2nd but the landlady was very nice and let Jim & I stay until the 10th. In fact she took us to the plane. The people couldn't have been nicer both on the Island and at Air Canada.

Jim has been cook, bottle-washer-nurse and general man-of-all work! Hope he doesn't get sick! He has been magnificent and cheerful, too!

That's all I've got energy for! Bye for now - Love - Louise/Jim

[Nov. 6, 1986]

Nov. 6, 1986

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

Hope Elizabeth's throat is back to normal by now! That is *no* fun.

We were delighted to get a phone call from Tom while they were in Anaheim (sp?) *CA*. We would love to have seen them but Hemet was just too far for them as they planned to travel north to San Francisco & Napa Valley. We are east and south toward Palm Springs. They said they liked CA - so maybe they will come again. We'd certainly be happy to see them and we have an extra bedroom. We wish some winter when you are tired of snow - *you*

② would visit us for several weeks. You would like our valley - and beautiful weather!

Dave, I'm enclosing the clippings (and (not of funer) pictures) Becky sent me of the funeral - As usual there are lots of errors!

Becky said if you would like her to send you Clara Mae's papers (letters etc.) just drop her a note. I think they could be sent UPS. I believe I gave you her address but just in case -

Mrs. Dale Adams (Becky)
3041 Stanton Circle
Carmichael, CA 95608

I'm also enclosing a few pictures we took at P.E.I.

③ plus Jr. & P.'s business card. They play about 10 concerts every season in various places in the Atlantic Provinces. They love it - it pays well - and makes good contacts for future students at Mt. A. Now that Jason and Amanda are grown up they can go away with no worry.

Jason will be in a Mt. A. production of Hello Dolly this winter - Jaime conducting. Jason is a H.S. senior but takes voice lessons at Mt. A. so he usually gets to be in the musicals. He enjoys that very much. He may

④ decide to go to Mt. A. next year majoring in Drama & Music. There is a drama school in Nova Scotia he is looking at — also one in Toronto. So — we'll have to wait and see which one he chooses.

Becky said the funeral was nice. She wrote a short history of Clara Mae to read. I thought that was very nice of her.

I added Bill Witheridge & V. Anne Sorensen as Grand nephew & Grand niece to the list the lawyer sent. Perhaps you thought of that, too.

I'm much better — walk without a cane now. Go to pool several times a week.

Much love — Louise & Jim

[Feb. 1, 1987]

Sunday, Feb. 1 '87

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

This year is going by just as fast as last year! Feb. already!

I'm wondering if your weather is still "boring"? The news shows very cold temps in some areas and lots of snow in the East. Jenni says they haven't had much snow - but it is cold.

We've had warm and cold days - cold nights always - so my electric blanket has been on every night.

We're very happy for Tom, that he now has his doctorate. It is very important in his field and Virginia will be very glad when she has hers, It certainly is a good idea to wait for another pregnancy until she is over with that dissertation. We know how proud you are of ~~both~~ of them. They work so hard at their profession and do such a good job.

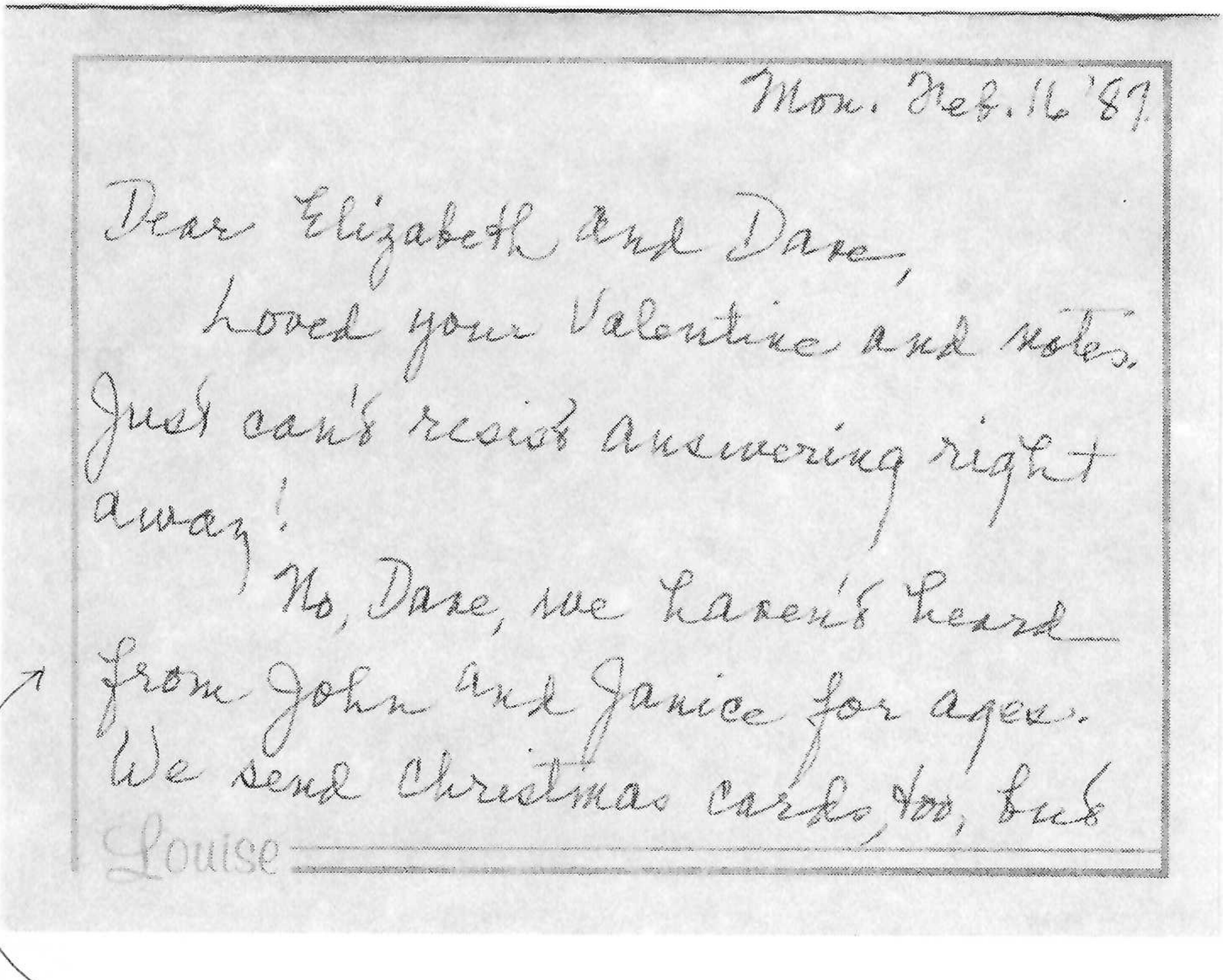
We are both fine - take things very easy. I'm knitting myself a vest just like the one I made Jennie for Christmas. Very pretty.

Jim is going to the Scout Annual Banquet in Riverside on Sat. He is not active in a troop or committee but likes to keep in touch with Scouting.

Stay well! I'm enjoying the cheese! Almost gone now!

Much love - Louise & Jim

[Feb. 16, 1987]



Mon. Feb. 16 '87.

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

Loved your Valentine and notes. Just can't resist answering right away!

No, Dave, we haven't heard from John and Janice for ages. We send Christmas cards, too, but

Louise

John Meredith Witheridge (b. 1922), their brother, and John's wife, Janice Elinor Wertman.

never get any from them. We quit birthday cards after Janice said she didn't want to celebrate birthdays with *family* (when we were in Sag).

We were not surprised at their rudeness to Kim & Roy! Probably they were too embarrassed to visit with people who knew so much about *your* geneological activity! We had a good chuckle about them being told that Dave knew more than any one else about Witheridge ancestors! They are very silly! Remember Janice visited Aunt Clara Mae and asked her a lot of questions - and she also told her that you knew more than she did! Funny!

Kim
and
Roy
Cook

We can see why Kim & Roy

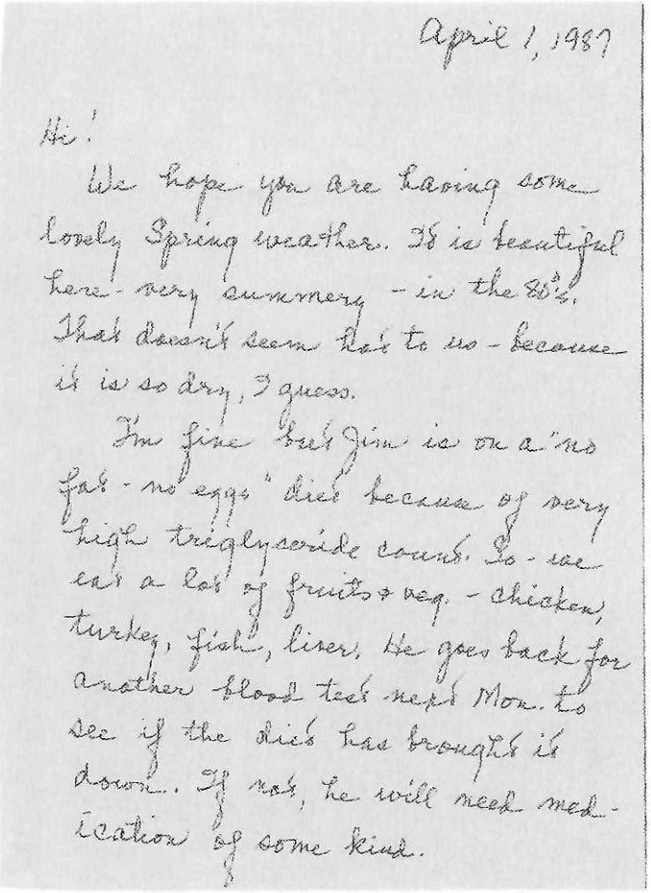
couldn't believe John was your brother, Dave!

Jim and I saw our Doctor today and so far all is well!

Passed the news clippings about the weather around - we all agree that LA is a good place to be (except for earthquakes!).

Thanks - we love you, too! Louise & Jim

[Apr. 1, 1987]

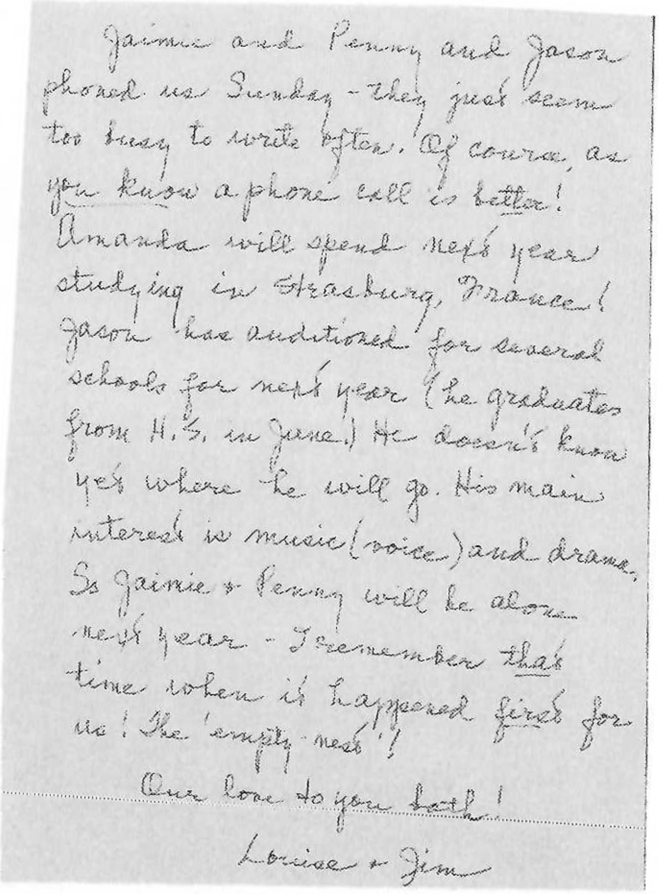


April 1, 1987

Hi!

We hope you are having some lovely Spring weather. It is beautiful here - very summery - in the 80's. That doesn't seem hot to us - because it is so dry, I guess.

I'm fine but Jim is on a "no fat - no eggs" diet because of very high triglyceride count. So - we eat a lot of fruits + veg. - chicken, turkey, fish, liver. He goes back for another blood test next Mon. to see if the diet has brought it down. If not, he will need medication of some kind.



Jaimie and Penny and Jason phoned us Sunday - they just seem too busy to write often. Of course, as you know a phone call is better! Amanda will spend next year studying in Strasburg, France! Jason has auditioned for several schools for next year (he graduates from H.S. in June.) He doesn't know yet where he will go. His main interest is music (voice) and drama. So Jaimie + Penny will be alone next year - I remember that time when it happened first for us! The 'empty nest'!

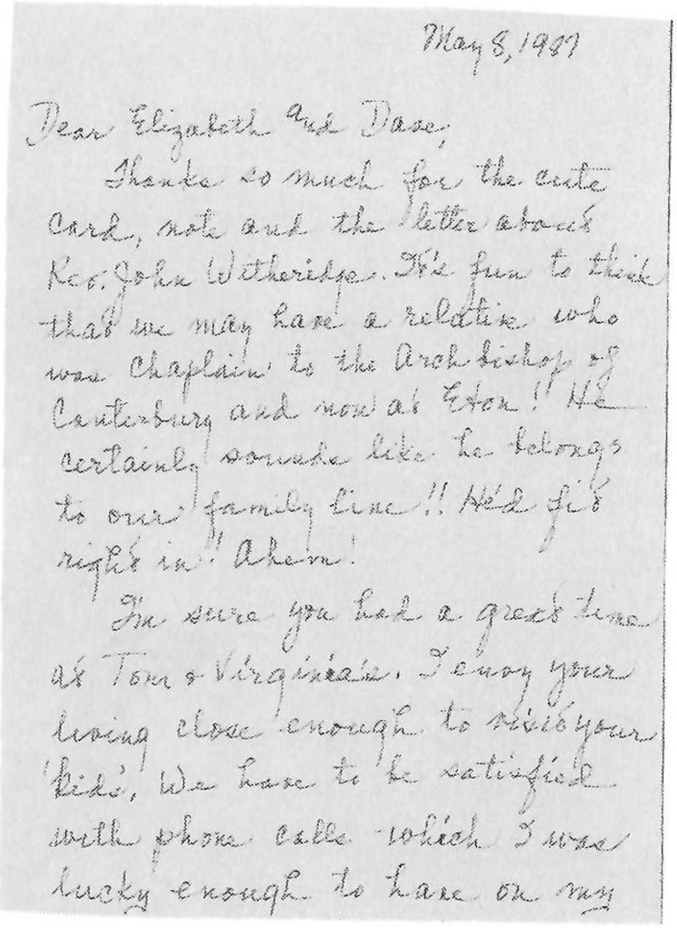
Our love to you both!

Louise + Jim

← Daughter Amanda

← Son Jason

[May 8, 1987]



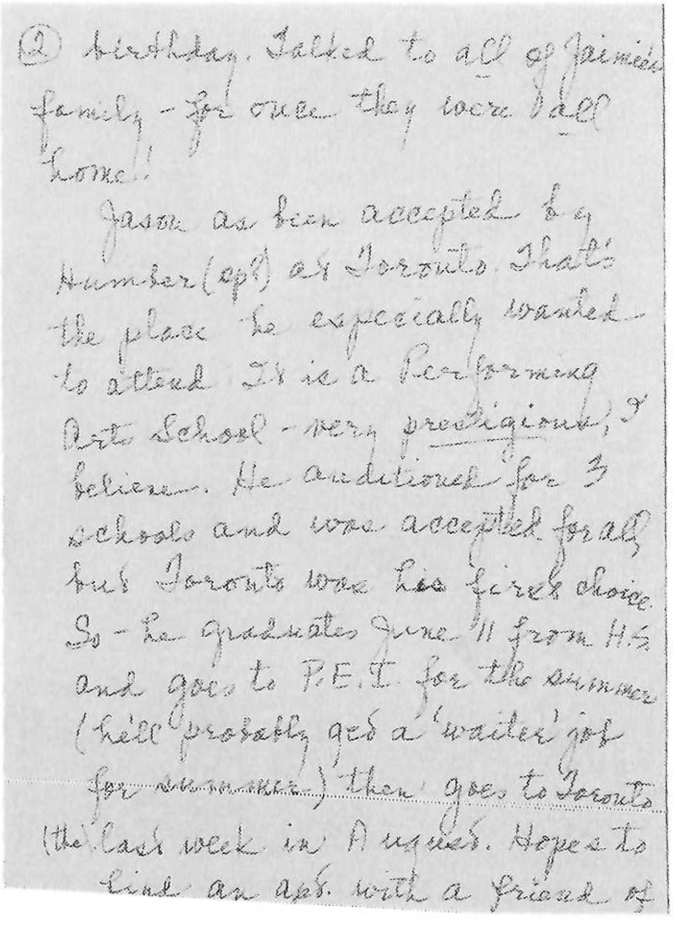
May 8, 1987

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

Thanks so much for the cute card, note and the letter about Rev. John Witheridge. It's fun to think that we may have a relative who was Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury and now at Eton!! He certainly sounds like he belongs to our family line!! He'd fit right in!! Ahem!

I'm sure you had a great time at Tom & Virginia's. I envy your living close enough to visit your 'kids'. We have to be satisfied with phone calls which I was lucky enough to have on my

← John Witheridge (Chaplain to Archbishop of Canterbury)



② birthday. Talked to all of Jaimie's family - for once they were all home!!

Jason as been accepted by Humber (sp?) at Toronto. That's the place he especially wanted to attend. It is a Performing Arts School - very prestigious, I believe. He auditioned for 3 schools and was accepted for all but Toronto was his first choice. So - he graduates June 11 from H.S. and goes to P.E.I. for the summer (he'll probably get a 'waiter' job for summer) then goes to Toronto (the) last week in August. Hopes to find an apt. with a friend of

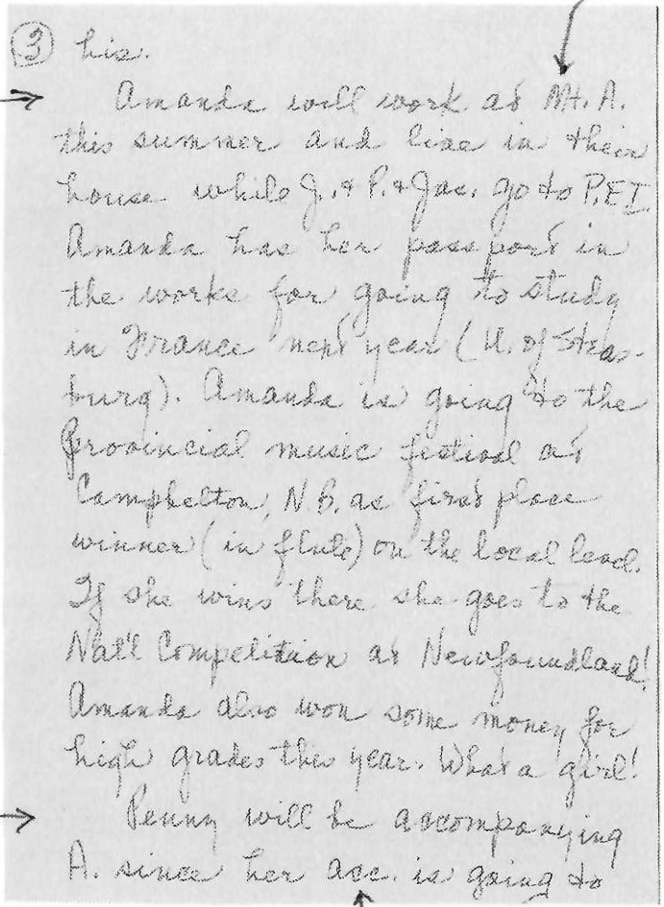
Dr. James (Jaimie) Fredric Mark III

← Jasun Burridge Mark-Cesario (b. 1968)

Mount Allison University,
Sackville, NB, Canada

Amanda
Anne
Mark
(b. 1966)

Prince Edward Island



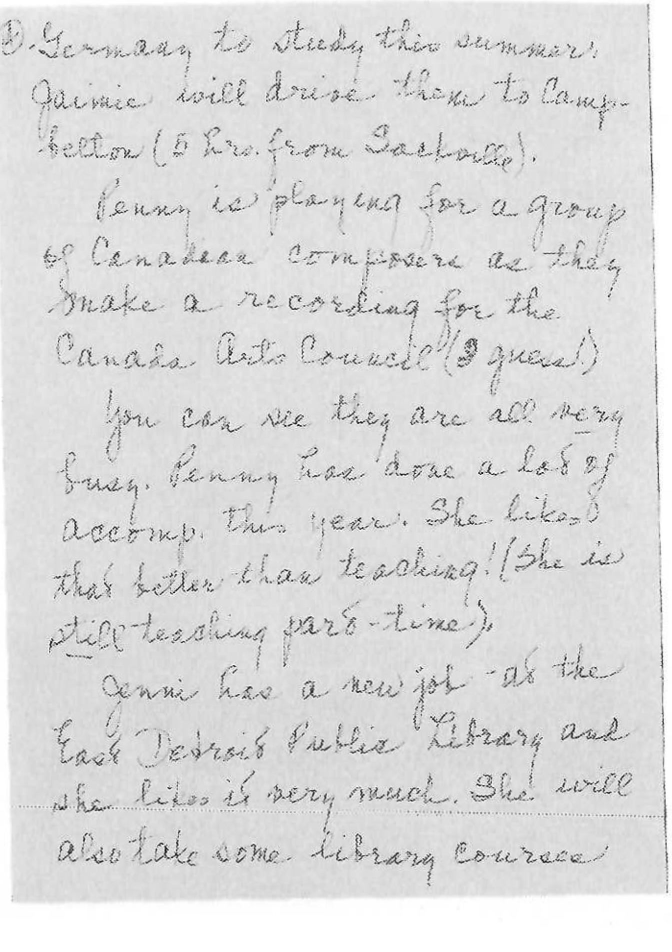
③ his.

Amanda will work at Mt. A. this summer and live in their house while J. & P. & Jac. go to P.E.I. Amanda has her passport in the works for going to study in France next year (U. of Strasburg). Amanda is going to the provincial music festival at Campbelton, N.B. as first place winner (in flute) on the local level. If she wins there she goes to the Nat'l Competition at Newfoundland! Amanda also won some money for high grades this year. What a girl!

Penny will be accompanying A. since her acc. is going to

accompanist

Penelope
(Penny)
Elizabeth
Anne
Burridge
Mark



④ Germany to study this summer. Jaimie will drive them to Campbelton (5 hrs. from Sackville).

Penny is playing for a group of Canadian composers as they make a recording for the Canada Arts Council (I guess!)

You can see they are all very busy. Penny has done a lot of accomp. this year. She likes that better than teaching! (She is still teaching part-time).

Jenni has a new job at the East Detroit Public Library and she likes it very much. She will also take some library courses

Jennifer (Jenni)
Edith Mark (b. 1943)

⑤ at Wayne State!! The only draw-back to all this is she has to drive so far every day!

Jim is doing very well - sticking to his diet and he goes back June 2nd for another blood test.

I'm fine! This very dry, hot weather is great for my poor old joints.

Dora + Cliff took me to lunch on my 80 birthday. We went to a Mexican restaurant we hadn't been to - it being 'Cinco-de-Mayo' - a Mexican Holiday. Enjoyed that very

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⑥ much. I like Mexican food better than Jim does.

Well, I never intended this letter to be so long. Just thought I'd bring you up-to-date on our family! It's a very exciting time for them! How I remember when our kids took off! I'm glad we don't have to go through that again! It's fun to hear about it, however.

Have a nice summer - we have 90° weather already! But I love it! Stay well!

Lots of love - Louise + Jim

P.S. Enjoyed the article about your non-winter!! + picture!

[June 25, 1987]

June 25 '87

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

I guess you are back home by now from your trip to Michigan, via Chicago. Aunt Helen tells us MI is beautiful now. Wish we had been able to visit MI this year - maybe next year.

I guess I told you Jason graduated from H.S. this year, too. Jaimie & Penny phoned Jim on his birthday and said Jason had been to Toronto to find a place to live next year. He flew from Charlottetown - his first plane trip. After they had left the airport - Ji. & P. got a phone call - it was Jason - they said, "where are you?" - He said "we're back in Charl. - the wheels wouldn't retract - so they came back to check what was wrong!" Pretty exciting first plane trip! Penny said soon they saw the plane go over again with both wheels down - so they must have flown to Halifax that way. Any way all went well - he found a house he will live in with 4 other people - so all set for Sept. Jason is very excited about living in a big city. He never liked Sackville - too small!! Jaimie says its exciting for Penny & him, too.

Glad you called John, Davis ~~[illegible]~~, I often feel like doing that - but never have since we moved to

CA. I'm sure John was pleased. He has no one of his family around anymore - just Janice's family. Sounds like Jay isn't married?! Sorry about the business. Well - they should do better soon. Here in Hemet building is booming - May be people are going West again!

No, we haven't heard about the new Nemitz and Tomke relatives - love to hear about them!

Congratulations to Jim! That is not an easy accomplishment. That AIDS problem is terrible. Not likely to get better very soon either. We can just hope they find a vaccine.

I'm enclosing a clipping I thought you might find interesting (from the Tawas paper we still take).

J. + P. are looking forward to a pleasant restful summer. We're having a hot one - but we are enjoying the pool every day! Jim is fine - eating carefully. So we expect the next visit to the Dr. should show a lot of gain. Jim has finished putting stones around the fruit trees and along the drive way. Looks very neat. Will keep weeds down, also.

Hello! to Mable - I'm sure she will enjoy being in Mpls with you. We'd love it, too!

Much love - Louise + Jim

[Sept. 1987]

Dear Elizabeth, (& Dese)

How the years roll around! We just must be thankful they have been so good to us!

We hope you had a jolly day. Did the "Lunch Bunch" take you out to lunch? I always enjoyed going with you to your luncheon. We have a group here that goes out every Thurs. (the day we have our hair done!) We go to different places - Chinese, Mexican, Cafeteria's, Sizzlers, etc. It's fun and saves us from cooking and doing dishes!

Our grandson, Jason, is now in Toronto at Humber, and Amanda is in France at U. of Strasbourg. She has earned all her expenses by Scholarships and playing in the Mustang Band! Even $400.00 of new clothes!

Jason earned enough to buy his $350.00 microphone and some of his books. College is so expensive now! Jaimie was glad he had a summer job to help out.

Jim is doing very well, stays on his diet and we go to the pool every day.

I'm still having some pain from my arthritis in the hip - but not too bad. I just can't ride in a car too far or I get stiff!

Hope you are both well.

Lots of love!

[Dec. 30, 1987]

Dec. 30 1987

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

Happy New Year! May it be a healthy one, too!

What a wonderful Christmas we have had - as I'm sure you all have had, too! It is so good to have Jenni for a few days. She left on Sunday - just ahead of the storms that blanketed the Mid-west. Jaimie and Penny phoned on Christmas so we were together, sort of.

We all enjoyed sampling the goodies in the box you sent! Thanks loads! I also am very glad to get the diary, Elizabeth. Haven't had one for a number of years.

② I hope the storm didn't affect Tom and Virginia's trip back to Chicago. It certainly slowed a lot of travel!

← Amanda

Amanda is having a great time in France. She has been attending Opera and Ballet and went to Paris during Christmas vacation!

← Jason

Jason was home for Christmas so J. + P. weren't too lonely. Things do change as our children grow up.

Our weather has been chilly and rainy but it is warming up today. Lots of snow on the mountain tops! Pretty!

③ Jim sent this article to the Tawas paper. They didn't put everything he gave them in. But it was pretty good. The picture turned out well.

← 50th anniversary
(see next page)

The snapshot was taken at the Anniversary dinner. Thought you'd like to see one of Dora & Cliff, too.

We have been enjoying the tapes on our new VCR and have seen 4 movies that we can borrow from our Public Library! They have old ones and some new ones on a revolving basis. Great! It costs $2.50 or more to rent the video tapes. It's fun to see the movie without commercials like on TV!

We hope you stay well,

All our love,

Louise & Jim

Michigan

IOSCO COUNTY NEWS HERALD
Wednesday, November 25, 1987

# Celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Mark

HEMET, CA. — James and Louise (Witheridge) Mark celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 20 in Hemet, Ca., to where they moved from Tawas City in 1983. Clifford and Dora (Mark) Stockdale hosted a dinner for the Marks and a group of friends.

Jim Mark graduated from Tawas High School in 1932 and Louise from Saginaw High School in 1931. After marriage in Indiana, the Marks resided in Battle Creek, Saginaw and Grand Rapids, where they engaged in careers of business and music.

The Marks returned to Tawas to live in 1969 where Jim was employed by Schreck Lumber Company and by Schaaf Lumber Company. He was an active scouter, serving as Round Table Commissioner and receiving the Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award and the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow while in Tawas.

Mrs. Mark is a past-president of the Twentieth Century Club of Tawas City.

Their son, Dr. James III, is an associate professor at Mount Allison University of New Brunswick, Ca. and daughrer Jennifer E. Burke lives in Royal Oak.

Louise and Jim's
50th anniversary,
Hemet, California,
Nov. 20, 1987

Clifford and
Dora (Mark)
Stockdale at
the celebration

Ans. 3/2/88

Feb. 6, 1988

[Feb. 6, 1988]

Dear Elizabeth and Dean

I was so delighted to hear that you were planning a trip to England this Spring that I just had to write again right away! That is such a good idea - to take the trip while you both are feeling good and able to really enjoy yourselves. I was hoping you could do that. I'd love to make that trip, too, but since that is out of the question I'm very glad you are going, and I will have a vicarious joy thinking and hearing about it.

We just received our Christmas gift from Amanda from France! It takes so long to get mail from France to CA! She mailed it Nov. 25th and we got it Feb 2nd!

But we were thrilled - it was a beautiful big Art Calendar of six lovely Renoir prints. We're going to get a nice frame for them and then we'll hang them up and can change the picture every other month.

Jim donned his Scout uniform and hat and went down to the Hemet Mall today to judge the Scout exhibits. He still does those kind of things for

③ the local scouts - but doesn't go to any meetings.

I agree - it would be fun to look at your beautiful snowy scene - but I'll be glad to just look at pictures of it. Penny says they have had amazing amounts of snow this year. Lovely to see but I'd rather not have to go out in it. We could drive up the mountain and see it - but I like it better from our sunny valley! It is 72° here today in bright sun. It is so good for my arthritis! I feel fine and so does

④ Jim, so we are happy to be here.

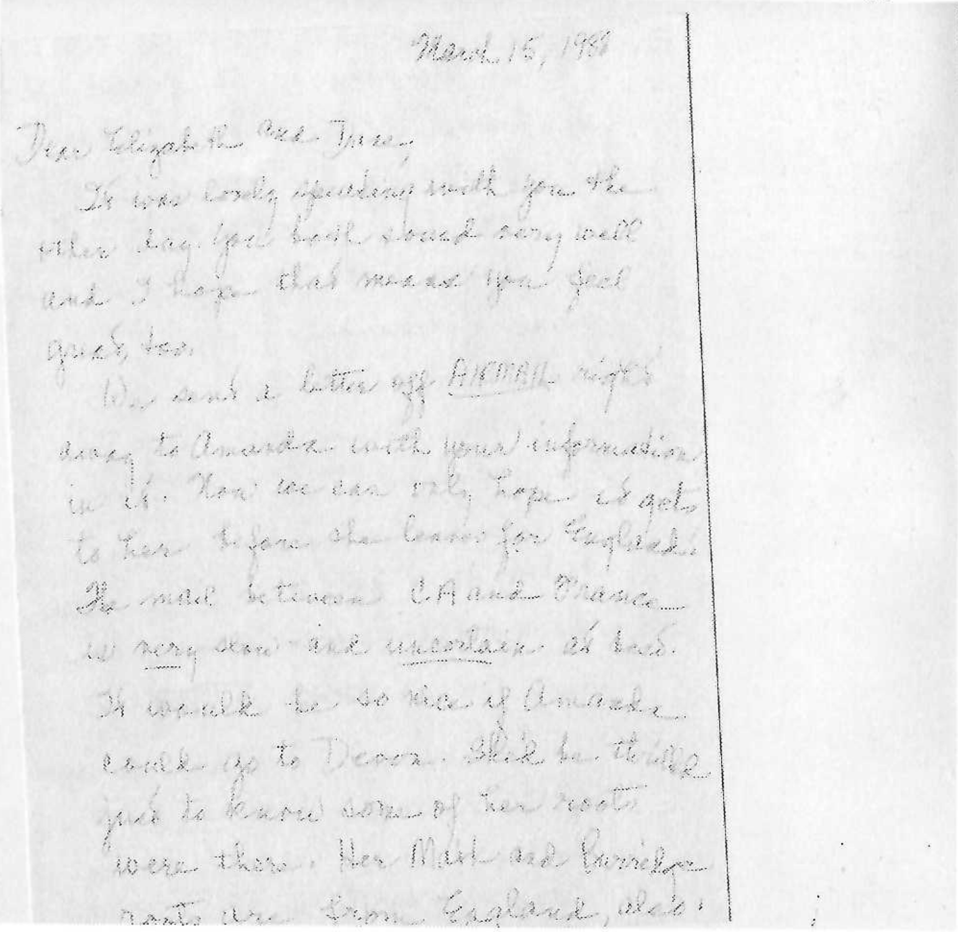
It is time now for us to set out new plants in our patio boxes. We're now enjoying some of the grapefruit we planted 4 yrs. ago! We had quite a few tangelos this year and lemons (these are ever-bearing). That's another plus we have living here - fresh fruit in our yard year around.

I'll love to hear your ✓ plans about your trip!

Much love,

Louise & Jim

[Mar. 15, 1988]

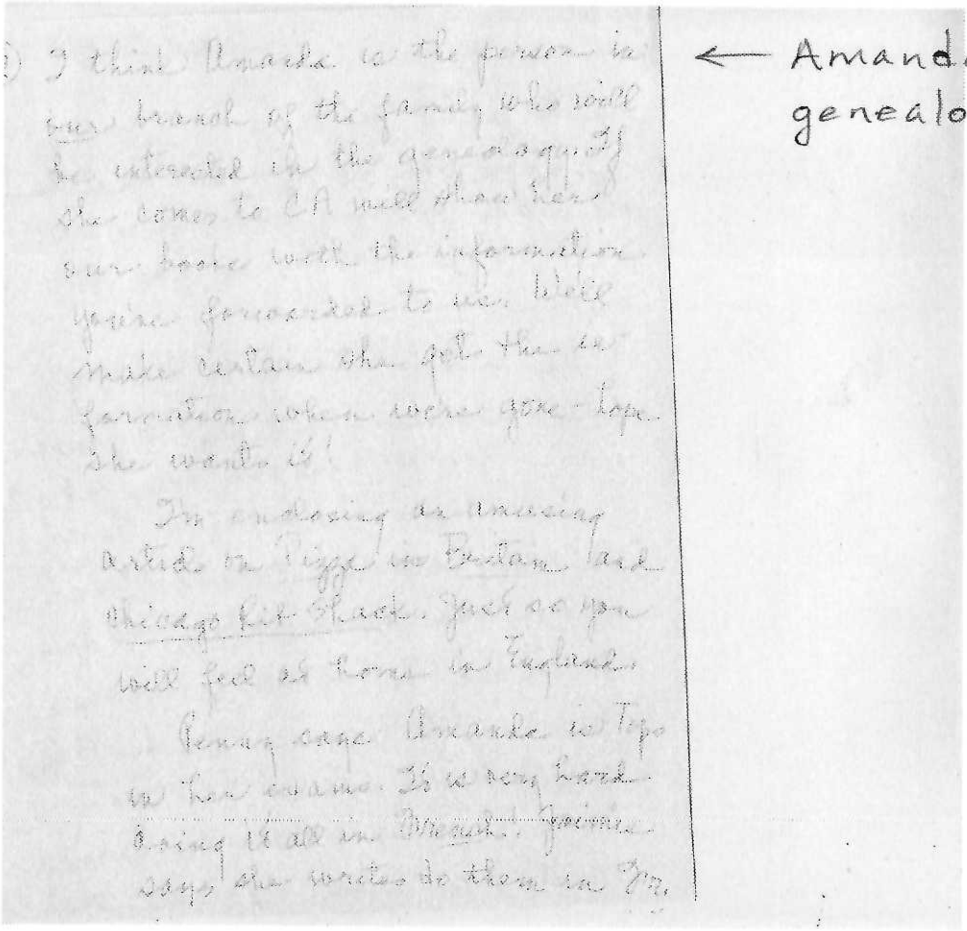


March 15, 1988

Dear Elizabeth and Jerry,

It was lovely speaking with you the other day. You both sound very well and I hope that means you feel good, too.

We sent a letter off AIRMAIL right away to Amanda with your information in it. Now we can only hope it gets to her before she leaves for England. The mail between CA and France is very slow and uncertain at best. It would be so nice if Amanda could go to Devon. She'd be thrilled just to know some of her roots were there. Her Mom and Carrick's roots are from England, also.



← Amanda and genealogy

) I think Amanda is the person in our branch of the family who will be interested in the genealogy. If she comes to CA we'll show her our book with the information you've forwarded to us. We'll make certain she gets the information when we're gone. Hope she wants it!

I'm enclosing an amusing article on Pizza in Britain and Chicago Rib Shack. Just so you will feel at home in England.

Penny says Amanda is tops in her exams. It is very hard doing it all in French. Joanne says she writes to them in Fr.

(3) Good thing she doesn't write to us in French! My H.S. French couldn't figure anything out but 'bon jour'!

Dora has a blood disorder, myeloma, which is very serious. She has started chemotherapy which hopefully will keep it under control. She has been feeling weak and losing weight and has been going to La Jolla for tests and now treatment. It's quite a way to go but the clinic there is excellent. We're all hoping the treatments are successful. She only goes to La Jolla once every three

(4) weeks for a shot. In between she takes lots of pills.

Cliff's condition is not very good either so the poor things have to try to take care of each other. He is diabetic, you know, and it seems he has been going down hill the past year. Tomorrow is Cliff's 70th birthday. We go out (six of us) for dinner on our birthdays.

We have some new little green leaves on the _Liquid Amber_ (Maple family) tree. Gives us a touch of Spring!

Much love

Louise & Jim

[July 22, 1988]

Louise A. Mark
32600 Hwy. 74, No. 24
Hemet, California 92343

July 22, 1988

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

We were happy to get your letter, Elizabeth, and hope by now David's cough is cleared up. I know, by Jim, it can take a long time. Bronchitis is hard to shake.

We are having very hot weather like others in the country. We dare only go out early in the morning. Last night we went out to eat and it was still over 80°! I see some people are getting rain! Not enough I'm afraid - but it helps some.

Jim's Aunt Dorothea Mark

② Henning died last Sunday, July 17, and they buried her body in the Mark plot in Tawas. She was the last of Jim's Dad's immediate family. We still have Aunt Helen Mark in Tawas and two Applin Aunts. We are quickly becoming the 'older generation'!

David, we have 12 scrap-books that are in bad shape and we plan to go through them and re-do them in some manner - eliminating a lot of duplication and trivia (friends no longer communicating, etc.)

Do you have some ideas for us of the best way to save pictures, articles, letters etc.? I

③ know you file things but we
just don't have a place for
a file. We also have a box
of just pictures (photographs & slides!)
in frames, etc.) We know we
should do something - but don't
want to throw away something
the next generation (or two) might
want to see. It is a real puzzle!
All suggestions are very welcome!
If we should suddenly die, Jenni ← Jennifer
is apt to clear everything ~~[illegible]~~
out. If we get things in better
shape Amanda might want to ← Amanda
take care of them!

It is fun to look over these
things - but they should be in

④ better shape. I'm afraid I have
always been a sort of a 'pack-
rat'. I saved much too much!
These books and things really
are a history of our family,
though, and so I feel we should
preserve the best and most
relevant items. Jim and I are
even surprised ourselves to
see some things we had
forgotten about! Funny!

Good luck on your roses!
Don't work too hard in the
heat.

Jim is still hurting! Hope
it lets up soon. That's a nasty
thing to have - like arthritis!

Love to all - Louise & Jim

A very pretty name for the baby!

[Aug. 31, 1988]

August 31, 1988

Dear Louise + Jim,

It was good to talk to you the other day and to hear the recent news about your family. We hope that Jim especially will gradually improve even faster than the doctor thinks he will. I think I mentioned this article ove the phone.

Rebecca born + doing O.K.

The latest news from Tom and Virginia continues to be good. Rebecca Elizabeth is twelve days old today, and she is doing very well with her breathing. Her heart is also behavin as it should. Although they are feeding her intravenously, they have started giving her some of Virginia's milk through a tube down into her stomach. So far, she is able to absorb it, so that is progress. The other day she had an ultra sound test with a very good report. Tom keeps remindin us that many things could go wrong in the next few week but we remind him that Rebecca is doing much better than little David did at her age, and he has to agree. He doesn't call every day any more because things are stable with very little daily change. So we have to think that "n news is good news."

In your last letter, Louise, you spoke of your twelve scrapbooks and asked if I had any suggestions on how to handle all the materials in them, as well as pictures, article and letters you have. I'm sorry to say you have brought up a subject that we haven't handled very well. It's true we have a great many things in file folders, but that means these items are grouped by people, schools, churches, places, an so on. They are not organized by chronology or the lives we have been living. Actually, your scrapbooks are better in that regard. The journals that some people have kept ar irreplaceable, but can't be duplicated a long time after the fact! Furthermore, I have piles and boxes of materials th I have never had time to file.

Our pictures are kept in various places — some in albums, some in envelopes and boxes, and some (of relatives) mounted near the proper record sheets in my genealogical notebooks. Most of the old black and white snapshots from our childhood and youth (except those in albums) are in a card file box separated by 4"x6" cards labeled at the top. More recently, as you know, I have numbered all the snapshot negatives and filed them in envelopes. But the pictures themselves (the prints) are not as well organized, except that many are grouped together in envelopes.

I guess I have been so occupied with gathering more and more genealogical data, that I haven't concentrated enough on putting all this information, & all our other accumulated family materials, in usable and interesting shape. Now that you have raised this issue, I'll have to try to find time to do this. But unfortunately I am not much help to you in your present situation.

The other day I got a letter from an Edwina Wilkinson in New Baltimore, Mich. From the things she said, I figure she must be Edwina Johnson, though she never really said. She had been going over some old things and came across items related to you and me. She got my address by calling John in Saginaw. Her husband died in 1986, and she lives in a Presbyterian retirement apartment complex. Did she also write to you? I really don't want to renew that old connection, even by correspondence, but I don't know if I can simply ignore her letter. Fortunately, I'm too busy right now to do anything about it. Maybe we can just send her a Christmas card once a year.

I guess that's all for now. Best wishes for better health and better weather!

Love,
Dave + Elizabeth

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Louise and Jim Mark
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[Dec. 29, 1988]

Louise A. Mark
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Hemet, California 92343

Dec. 29, 1988

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

Christmas has come and gone in a hurry! It's over too soon! That's the way everything is now - 'over too soon'! But we do have lovely memories of lots of cards, candlelight service, Christmas music, goodies to eat, friends for dinner, phone calls from dear ones!!

We are enjoying the pretty basket of cheese, cakes and candy you sent. Thank you so much!! We had a Christmas Eve open house after our 7:30 P.M. Candlelight Service - so it was most welcome!

We called our 'kids' on

The musical Mark family

Boxing Day, Dec. 26, and talked with all of them: Jenni sounded like she was having a great time with Jaimie's family. They are going to make a tape of their musicale Christmas night (the numbers they can repeat - solos + duets) Jason is advancing very well in his voice lessons, Amanda played flute (for a fee) on Boxing Day TV with a choir - and at the United Church (for a fee) Penny says, "She's a Goldmine"!

← Jennifer Mark (b. 1943)

← Jason Mark

← Amanda Mark

Jenni played Fiddle Dance music on Amanda's violin! She also sang with Jason, and alone. It was a typical 'Mark Christmas' - that's what we always did in Taiwan years ago. How we would

③ have loved to be there! They had just a light snow-fall on Christmas to make everything pretty.

We've had chilly weather - in the 50's in daytime and 30's at night. No snow except on the mountains - looks nice!

We see you've had lots of snow and cold weather. I know you like it that way!

Penny sent an extra program of Jaimie's Winter Band Concert. Thought you'd be interested in it. "Oration, OP 37" by Michael Parker was an original composition by a Newfoundland composer dedicated to Paul Woodford (Nfld), who conducted it.

James Mark III

Penelope Mark

④ Penny gave a harpsichord recital at Owens Gallery (two performances) - so successful there were no programs left. She will make us a copy for our book.

I just wonder if some day we will have an earthquake and ruin all our scrap books! It could happen! Oh, well, we just keep things anyway - who knows?

Amanda is getting very interested in family pictures, etc. So - we'll pass along our keep-sakes to her!

Happy New Year! Love, Jim & Louise

We love the pictures of [illegible] Elizabeth (the family)

From Louise Mark: [ca. 1989]

# JAMES and PENELOPE MARK

## CLARINET and PIANO

Department of Music
Mount Allison University
Sackville, New Brunswick
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James and Penelope Mark have presented many clarinet and piano recitals in the eastern United States, the American southwest and in eastern Canada.

James Mark is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Hartt College of Music and the University of Michigan where he received a Doctorate in clarinet performance. While studying at the Royal College of Music in London, England, he was twice awarded the Arthur Somervell Woodwind Prize which was presented by the Queen Mother. Dr. Mark has performed with the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company; the United States Air Force Band in Washington, D.C.; the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Albany, New York; the Orchestra of Santa Fe, New Mexico; and has been principal clarinetist of the Berkshire Symphony, Massachusetts. He has been a soloist with several of the afore-mentioned orchestras and has been a frequent performer in chamber music ensembles as well as a recitalist. Since moving to Canada in 1979 he has been heard on the CBC, both Atlantic and national networks, is a member of the Tintamarre Chamber Ensemble, and has been acting conductor of the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra. Dr. Mark is presently Assistant Professor of clarinet and saxophone at Mount Allison University, where he also conducts the Symphonic Band. He is frequently an adjudicator at Maritime music festivals.

Penelope Mark is a graduate of Mount Allison University and holds two A.R.C.M. certificates from the Royal College of Music in London, England, where she was twice awarded the harpsichord prize.

While living in the United States, Mrs. Mark presented harpsichord recitals in many cities and performed as a member of several symphony orchestras including the Hartford Symphony, the Springfield (Mass.) Symphony, the Robert Brink Orchestra of Boston, and the Arlington Opera Theatre. She has been active in theatre work in Washington, D.C. and Massachusetts. While living in New Mexico she was invited to perform at the Santa Fe Bach Festival and appeared both as soloist and accompanist for James Mark throughout the state. Mrs. Mark has taught at the University of Hartford, Conn., Williams College, Mass., and is presently teaching piano and harpsichord at Mount Allison. She performs frequently as piano soloist with the Tintamarre Chamber Ensemble, records for the CBC both locally and nationally, and recently taped a television programme of harpsichord solos for Tele D'Acadie. Her concert schedule this year includes a performance of Beethoven's Quintet for Piano and Woodwinds, the premier of Dr. James Code's Sextet for Piano and Woodwinds, and a recital of piano duets with Dr. Janet Hammock.

She has adjudicated several music festivals in the Maritime Provinces and also examines for the Mount Allison Local Centre examinations.

[Mar. 18, 1989]

3/18/89

Hi!

Hope all is well with you and yours! We are both O.K. and enjoying some beautiful weather this week.

David, the enclosed news clipping from L.A. Times made me wonder if you recognized "Old Fred"? He is my age and it says he graduated from H.S. in Saginaw. Of course - it could have been Arthur Hill or the Mich. Lutheran School. Does his name mean anything to you? Sounds familiar to me. But I can't really say I knew him. Thought I'd see if you did. It was an interesting article anyway. Kitty Morton brought it over to me. She takes

② the L.A. Times + Des. News + Riverside News (Press Enterprise). We just take the Riverside paper. That's all the news we want to read.

Jaimie's family are busy musically - Amanda has been playing flute with the Hillsborough Chorus, an award winning group in New Brunswick. In fact she is going to Montreal with them April 26th to a Chorus Festival. Penny has been asked to go, also. She will accompany them on the piano in a number. They'll have a great time. They go on the Train from Sackville.

Jaimie plays a Clarinet concerto with P.E.I. Symphony April 9th.

(3) Then both J. & P. play with a violinist from U. of New Brunswick in a concert on CN Radio. Jaime also is scheduled to play a concerto with the St. John's, N.B., Chamber Music group, don't know for sure the date. So they are very busy in addition to their regular University classes! Makes me tired just telling about it!!

Jason came home for March Break and they called us, so we got to talk to all of them. Great! Jason does coaching at Humber in sight reading and the School pays him $200 a month! Jason says he can make more money in the summer in Toronto than going back home. He says their

④ minimum wage is $7.00 per hr.! Jason says there are a lot more jobs than people who want work!

Jaimie says he'll probably play at the Charlottetown Festival again this summer but Penny may stay in Sackville. They haven't decided yet.

Did I tell you Jenne is Hypoglycemic? We don't know how she's doing - too soon to tell. She has to eat 6 meals a day! Also takes more thyroid & different Vitamins. She is going to an Orthopedic Dr. So glad she is going to a Dr.!

low sugar in the blood

Take care - loads of love,

Louise & Jim

[June 7, 1989]

6/7/89

Dear Elizabeth & Dave,

MANY SPECIAL THANKS
For the darling pictures &
YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS

MEANS SO MUCH—

MORE THAN WORDS CAN EVER SAY.

I loved the pictures, Rebecca looks so cute and her mama so happy and proud. Her Grandparents look especially adoring

"Thanks be to God, who
gives us the victory . . ."
I Corinthians 15:57
(L.B.)

and why not? You have all waited a long time for that little sweetheart! We are going to add one of them to our picture board in our kitchen/dining room so we can see Rebecca every day. It was a great picture of you two & Virginia too. I see the little sweater is still big, especially the slee

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[Aug. 15, 1989]

August 15 1989

Dear Dave,

Hope your trip East was all you wished for!

We have been happy to just do pool exercises and then stay in until after 4:30 p.m. when it cools off. We are both well, thankfully! We hope you are the same.

Did you hear the story of the Michigan man who had a pet goose who had no web feet? So, he got a pair of tiny child's shoes and fastened them to the goose's legs. They worked fine! The goose could walk and even swim! This card looks like

Will you be with Rebecca on her birthday? I did two Counted Cross-stitch pictures for her playroom wall. They are a horse and a goose - "Carousel" figures - cute.

Our family J+P are again at P.E.I and Jason is in Toronto working this summer and Jenni has been to a fiddling workshop the 1st week in August!

We will soon start back to Church and Jim's Choir. We don't go in the hot summer;

Jaimie & Penny celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary July 27th! Hard to believe!

Hi! to Elizabeth and lots of

[Sept. 9, 1989]

9/9/89

Dear Louise + Jim,

Thank you for the clever birthday card and the letter. We have had a very busy and interesting four weeks since then. We weren't with Rebecca on her birthday, but Tom and Virginia and Rebecca were here over the Labor Day weekend, and we had a most wonderful time.

Grand-
daughter
Rebecca
visits
from
Chicago

We got the old highchair down from the attic, cleaned it up, and bought a new pillow for it. We also got Jim's crib down from the attic – it was a better one than Tom's. We washed it thoroughly and took the mattress to a cleaner – one that does drapery and upholstery. Then we bought a mattress protector, a sheet, and a blanket, and it looked lovely in our guest room.

Rebecca crawls fast all around, including up the stairs (with somebody watching her!), and she walks holding someone's hand or the furniture, but not alone yet. We thought you'd like this picture even though the color isn't very good. She is just crazy about Rokk and he is fond of her, too. She chased after him everywhere, and they even played together with one of his toys and a bone!

On two occasions we had some neighbors and friends in to see Rebecca and to meet Virginia, whom some had never met.

Sadly, their visit ended a day earlier than planned. About noon on Monday Virginia got a telephone call from her mother saying her father had died that morning. He had been ill for some time - cancer and other things - but had been expected to live a month or so longer. They immediately packed up and headed for Mattoon. Virginia was stricken that she hadn't been with her mother at the time, but fortunately one of her brothers was.

John (Jack)
Robert
Selleck
dies in
Mattoon,
Illinois

Before closing, I want to tell you about a call I got the other day from a distant cousin of ours, Carol Witheridge Goins (Mrs. Ronald), who lives in San Diego. I had never heard of her until she called in June saying she had heard about me from someone in England. She was born in the far north of England (Northumberland) and still has her mother and brother there. She came to America in the 1970's to get married. Her husband is a pilot for UPS and is also a pilot in the Air Force Reserve. Her Witheridge line definitely goes back to Berrynarbor where ours started, and I think she is about a ninth cousin! When she first called, I mentioned that you are in Hemet, and she said she sometimes is near there. When she called the other day she said she hadn't contacted you yet, but she sounded as though she might some day, so I thought I'd better tell you who she is!

Dorothea
Carol
Witheridge
Goins

That's all except to tell you we're feeling well and glad to hear that you are, too.

Love,
Dave + Elizabeth

[Sept. 12, 1989]

Sept. 12, 1989

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

What fun it was to read about the lovely time you had preparing for and enjoying your sweet little Rebecca! How healthy and bright she looks! Thanks for the picture!

It was indeed sad that they had to leave early for that reason. It is especially sad that Rebecca will grow up not knowing her grandfather Selleck. However, she will have three other grand-parents who will give her lots of love and admiration.

I know you are happy that Rokk got along so well ~~of~~ with the Rebecca,

DEW and EPW's
Norwegian Elkhound,
Rokk

(2) and no doubt felt she had to protect Rebecca!

Your preparations of crib and high chair took me way back to when Amanda and Jason visited in Tawas. Weren't you glad you had saved all those things? Of course, you have that nice big attic to store things.

Amanda and Jason
Mark (Louise and
Jim's grandchildren)

We're glad you are both well. Right now we are about to go to our pool exercises which helps us stay well.

Later Tonight Choir Rehearsal Resumes, so our vacation from church is over.

③ next month - so we go through a period of unease for awhile. I hate to see Dr. Liden go - he was more liberal than I fear many people wish. There are not many *liberal churches* in Southern CA. I wonder why *bad weather* makes people *conservative*?? (or fanatic!) So far they at least sing *good* music. If they didn't I'm afraid Jim would leave the choir. Dr. Liden has been at this church 26 yrs!

Dora and Cliff are doing quite well. She walks without the walker now and also has a back

Religious liberalism

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you know Penny has been teaching part time for 10 yrs. but she thinks this year she will be asked to teach full time. They are short one faculty person so it will take awhile to fill the position. Penny says she will do it for *one* year - for the extra money and benefits - but she won't continue much longer - she hates *faculty meetings*! As a part-timer she wasn't required to attend them.

Have a nice autumn - I miss *that*!

P.S. I'll be glad to hear from Carol Witterid Jr.!

Love -

Louise & Jim

Penelope (Penny) Mark

[Nov. 24, 1989]

Nov. 24, 1989

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

Here are some more items from Jaimie you might be interested in. I'm always sorry we are so far away that we can never go to their concerts. We had planned to attend the Saint John's Symphony concert - but they changed the date to Dec. - so we decided it was too cold for us. They always send us a VCR tape of their concerts but we'd love to be there in person!

We had a quiet Thanksgiving Day - Dora and Cliff came over to share our turkey (that Jim cooked).

Messiah with the Mt. San Jacinto College Symphony next week. So Jim has been busy with those rehearsals.

He has been busy also putting down new outdoor carpet on our front porch and steps. It looks very nice - a forest-green colour. There are a few other repair jobs that need doing but not before Christmas.

Hope you are both fine and your family as well. Did Tom, Virginia & Rebecca come for Thanksgiving?

I have 40 blossoms on my Christmas cactus! They are not all out yet - but soon will be.

[Dec, 1989]

Dec. 1989

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

We are busy now getting ready for Jennifer's Christmas visit. We have our Christmas cards almost ready to mail - we have Jaimie's box sent off - the choir concert of the Messiah has been performed with the Symphony so now we can concentrate on getting a tree for our 'see-through' mantel and getting out the ornament box.

It is always a little hard for us to feel like Christmas when there is no snow and the temperature is in the low 70's.

② music and decorations and Christmas programs on TV help to get us in the mood.

We are glad we don't have to drive through snow and ice - but - it doesn't seem quite like Christmas! After 6 years in CA we are still not used to sunny, warm Dec. 25th!

But, the minute the cards arrive from all over the country we begin to feel the true spirit of this season.

We hope you both feel fine and we wonder where you will celebrate Christmas? I guess this might be the year Tom ← and family go to the Sellecks

③ as they came to you last year. Did you spend Thanksgiving with them? Your sweet little Rebecca is growing very fast by the pictures we have seen. What fun to have a little one again! Wish we could see her!

We are both well and thankful that our various problems are small and treatable with a few pills!

We send our love to you, Jim and his friend. Stay well and have a warm and happy Christmas!

Love,

Louise and Jim

James Penney Witheridge
and
David Jeffery James
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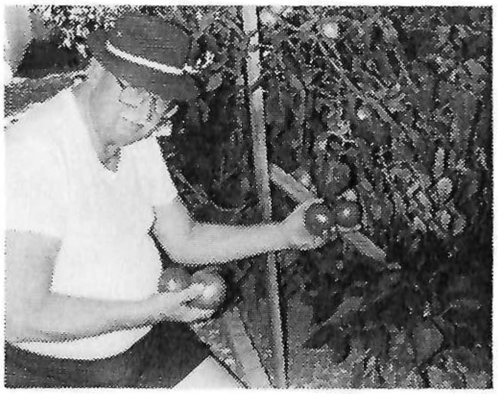

Reverse side;
"Jim Mark with
some of his
garden produce,
1989"

[Jan. 10, 1990]

Jan. 10, 1990

Dear Dave,

I had a lovely surprise today when I answered the telephone and a woman told me she was a cousin of mine and my brother had given her my name and phone number!

We had a very nice chat and she gave me her address and phone number and we both said we hoped to meet soon.

Carol, Don said her husband comes to March A F Base quite often as he is in the Air Reserve. That is about 30 miles or less from here. So perhaps she

Dorothea Carol
Witheridge

② will be able to come with him sometime and stop to see us,

She said she was 40 yrs. old and they had no children. I wondered who her father was and how you came to know her (of course I know you must know all the Witheridges in England by now!).

Carol said her parents were so grateful to you for your research concerning the Witheridge family.

I am very grateful to you for giving her my phone and address! It was fun to talk with her and she was happy to talk with me. She said since her husband

③ was an airline pilot, he was gone a lot. So she seemed happy to find a relative not too far away. She said they had talked of living near Hemet but when she found it was on or near an earthquake fault they decided against it! She said she had a par-anoia about earthquakes!

I told her we don't think about it much - but we do have an "earthquake barrel" in the shed!

Just thought you would be pleased that Carol called me, I certainly was! Thanks!

We are getting back to normal now. Our weather has been like spring - 80° today - but it is supposed to rain this week-end. We all hope so - no rain here for months - *so* dry!

I like it dry but it is not good for our fruit trees. Jim waters them but they need a good rain.

Stay well - much love to both you and Elizabeth,

Louise & Jim

[Jan. 29, 1990]

[Dorothea Carol Witheridge]

January 29, 1990

Dear Louise + Jim,

I was glad to hear that Carol Goins had called you, *Louise*. That was the way she got in touch with me — just called me out of the blue one day back in June. While we were talking I couldn't figure out if or how we were related, but later I looked up what she had told me and found that her ancestors did come from Berrynarbor, Devon, as ours did. She still hasn't sent me all the data on her ancestry as her family knows it, but I think she is about a ninth cousin of ours.

Every so often she telephones, and we have quite a conversation. She says she doesn't like to write, so all we've gotten are two cards — one at Thanksgiving and one at Christmas. The last I knew she was going home to England (where she was born) for Christmas. Her brother has become deeply involved in genealogy, but I've never had any correspondence with him. I hope you get to meet Carol one of these days.

We thought you'd like to see these pictures, including some recent ones of the rest of us. We think Rebecca is a charming little girl, as well as being bright and beautiful. As you can see, she got along very well with Rokk, and they are very fond of each other. We had a great time at Christmas, as you can imagine.

Now, speaking of cousins, I've written to Joan Shaw and suggested that she and her husband Ron drive over to Hemet to see you some day. I think I've told you about her. She is Uncle Ed's granddaughter — our cousin

Robert and Larry.) Joan is the only one in that family who writes to us regularly—usually just a letter at Christmas. She writes delightful letters, and I'm sure she must be a wonderful person to know. They are very active in their local Methodist church, and both sing in the choir. In fact, they seem to be a very musical family. Ron is a member of a barber-shop quartet. At Christmas this year their choir did the Messiah with an orchestra, and either one or both of them did solos. They have two children: Laura, 32; and Lance, 28. Lance is single. Laura was divorced from her first husband a few years ago and was remarried last August. She has a little girl Cloe, who is four years old. Joan and Ron live in Sylmar, a suburb of Los Angeles near San Fernando. Their address is Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Shaw, 12619 Gladstone Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342.

Our weather has been very strange this winter. In December we had some very cold weather, including days below zero. January has been very warm with no snow at all until we got an inch today. Maybe it will settle down now to normal winter weather.

Well, I must close now, but I just wanted to send these pictures and tell you more about Carol Goins and Joan Shaw. Have a Happy 1990!

Love,

Dave & Elizabeth

[Apr. 18, 1990]

4/18/90

Dear Louise & Jim,

Thanks for all your letters and notes. We do appreciate them, and we're sorry it takes so long for us to answer.

Glad to hear that you finally heard from Joann Shaw, and that you will get to meet them and her parents, Robert and Lois. I know you will enjoy them. I just got through writing a three-page history of our grandparents, William Witheridge and Mary Jane Allen. I didn't realize I knew that much about them!

I don't think we told you we were going to take a weekend trip to Chicago. We went the weekend of April 1st, and we had a wonderful time. Rebecca had developed so much since they were here at Christmas time. She now runs around everywhere, and she has a vocabulary of over 60 words. Of course, she doesn't pronounce everything the way we do — for example, "choc" for chocolate, but she's learning fast. She just loves to play the toy piano we gave her for Christmas, and we thought you'd like to have a picture of the youngest musician in the family.

Kim
and
Roy
Cook
visit

On the 25th of May Kim and Roy Cook are coming over from London to spend two weeks with us. We're so happy to be able to reciprocate for all they have done for us on our three trips to England. They have always met us at the airport, and returned us there later, and had us as their guests for a couple of days at the beginning and end of each trip. We just love them and will enjoy showing them around. On the weekend of June 1-4, we're taking them to Chicago. That will give them a chance to see Wisconsin, and we'll return by way of the Mississippi River. They'll be able to meet Tom and Virginia and Rebecca and will have two days to get acquainted with the big city of Chicago. They are able to come because their younger son Adam now works for British Airways and is able to get staff tickets for them at a considerable reduction.

Our health is very good at the moment. Three weeks ago we both had our annual check-ups at our doctor's, and he found everything in good shape, so we were pleased.

Spring is here, and we are busy trying to get the yard and gardens in shape. So far, only a few spring bulbs are blooming, and we need more rain for things to take off in earnest.

Now I must close. We hope everything goes well for both of you.

All our love,

Dave + Elizabeth

[May 22, 1990]

5/22/90

Dear Louise & Jim,

John Meredith
Witheridge
(b. 1922)

I called John to congratulate him on his birthday and had a very interesting conversation. I think you'll be interested in the news.

John (Jay)
Meredith
Witheridge,
Jr. (b. 1956)

Last year Jay went to Europe and England through a special deal with an airline. While in England he met a girl and became very fond of her. Later she visited Jay in Saginaw. It then came out that she had two children. There was some problem about immigration that I don't understand. They worked out a deal to bring the children and have a wedding in the spring. However while John and Janice were away in January, Jay and his friend got married, because otherwise she would have had to go back according to immigration policy. Very complicated!

So John and Janice became "instant grandparents," as he said. The children are 8 + 10 years old, but he didn't give me their names or sex. One problem is that Jay only had a one-bedroom apartment — so the children are with John and Janice! He didn't say how much of the time their mother is with them.

So far, very few people know about Jay's marriage, except the way I found out. They haven't sent any announcements, but plan to do so. So you are part of the favored few who know.

John is all right now, but a while ago his "back was out" for four or five weeks. This is the second time this has happened. The doctor says Janice is all right, but she is tired much of the time. Mary Kay is fine. She just keeps going on in the same work and recently moved to a new house.

Janice Elinor Wertman Witheridge

Mary Kathryn (Mary Kay) Witheridge

John's business is bad, as is Michigan business generally. They get along because they have Social Security & other pension income.

I think I wrote to you after Joan Shaw's visit, but I'm not sure. Also, I think I told you I've ordered two copies of the book you wrote about.

The Cookes arrive in a few days, and we are very busy preparing. Must close.

Love,

[May 12, 1990]

May 12, 1990

Dear Elizabeth and
Dave,

I want to tell you about the visit we had yesterday from Joan and Ron Shaw. We were both delighted to meet them! It is true - they are lovely people and we had much in common.

Joan Lorraine Witheridge (b. 1939)

Joan brought an envelop of pictures of her family and we showed them lots of pictures of our branch of the family.

They were on their way to

② a wedding in San Diego Area. They came about 10:00 a.m. and stayed for lunch and so we had a very good visit.

Joan talks very fast (like her grandfather, I remember), Ron is the quiet one - but "witty." Jim and Ron had much in common taking about male quartets and choir.

Robert and Lois didn't come as they were anxious to get back home to see his Dr. about a big swelling on one ankle - and to take care of bills, etc.

Robert Edward Witheridge (b. 1916)

③

I was sorry to miss seeing them! Joan said Robert is very feeble with arthritis in his back. The pictures of him showed how thin and drawn he looked. Joan wishes they would move to So. Cal. - but they love the "green" northwest and don't want to leave. They came in a Motor-Home which was giving them a lot of trouble - and Joan was worried about their trip back

④ north. Joan and Ron also were driving a big Motor-Home. In fact they had to back it out to the next street to turn it around!

How wonderful that Kim and Roz Cook are able to visit you at the end of the month! They will enjoy seeing beautiful Mpls and Wisc. - also Tom, Virginia + Rebecca - not to mention both of you! Too bad Jeani couldn't come while they are with you.

I'm having Muscular Spasm in my back - so not in great shape! But medication helps. Love - L.&J.

[Sent to DEW by Jim Mark] [ca. May 12, 1990]

A church hired a contractor to paint the church steeple but the man turned out to be a scoundrel and thinned his paint to almost water.

It looked good on the steeple and the congregation and the contractor were admiring it when a black cloud drifted over the church and a deluge of rain washed every bit of paint away.

Then a voice from the cloud was heard: "REPAINT . . . AND THIN NO MORE!"

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A non-bookish man was talking to his bookish friend.

"You people put too much importance on old books. I just threw away an old, tattered Bible which my family has had for years. Written by 'Guten' somebody."

"Surely, not Gutenberg?" asked the friend.

"Yea. That was the name--Gutenberg."

"You Idiot! I noticed in the paper just yesterday that a Gutenberg Bible was auctioned off for a million dollars!"

"Well", his friend replied, "Maybe a new one but mine was old. Besides some nut by the name of Luther had scribbled in the margins."

Hi — hope you can use one of these in your talks. I tell mine at choir rehearsals

Love —

Jim

[Oct. 15, 1990]

10/15/90

Dear Louise & Jim,

We're sorry to be so late in answering your letters, but we always seem to be behind in everything.

Enclosed are some pictures showing some of the things we have been doing. We had a great time on Rebecca's birthday, as you surmised. She is very healthy and is growing well, though still not up to the expected weight for her age. She is a darling, and she has a tremendous vocabulary. We'll see them again at Thanksgiving. We'll be driving to Chicago, and so will Jim and his apartment mate, David Torborg.

James
Penney
Witheridge
and
David
Torborg

You will no doubt be surprised to see these pictures of Jay. He called one day and said he was in town on business and would be glad to visit us if we were going to be at home. He was staying at a motel near the airport, and he drove over in a rented car. We had a very good talk and we took him to dinner at a nearby restaurant. Later in the evening Jim drove to his motel and had a good long talk.

John (Jay)
Meredith
Witheridge
(b. 1956)

James
Penney
Witheridge

We learned that his wife's name is Lara, and she has a daughter Samantha, who is 10, and a son Doren, who is 8. He didn't sa anything about the father or whether Lana had ever been married. She was born in England – I think he said London – but both of her parents had gone there from Ireland. Lena doesn't know much about her parents' background, as she lived in a foster home as a child. She is now working in a health food store in Saginaw. Jay is working with John and was here for a sales conference at a new company they are representing.

At the end of September we took the "Circle Tour" around Lake Superior, and the colors were gorgeous. We thought you'd like to see a few of the pictures. Rokk went along and enjoyed it, too.

As you see, we're enclosing a couple of clippings – one about Macalester College and the other about the aftermath of the San Francisco earthquake.

Elizabeth says to say a special thanks to you for the lovely and special birthday card. Our health has been reasonably good for people our age. We hope you are both getting along a little better, and we are especially concerned about your hip or leg, Louise.

All our love,

Dave & Elizabeth

[Oct. 18, 1990]

Oct. 18, 1990

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

We are having beautiful weather, sunny and cooler than usual. I'm sure your days are also lovely.

We hope all is well with you both. Jim has just had his 6-month eye inspection and thankfully all is well. He is very faithful using his eye-drops twice a day, so no doubt is benefitting from this. All the medicine I take is making me comfortable, so we have no complaints.

② Jaimie and Penny say that Jenni is going to spend Christmas with them in Sackville, this year. They will come to see us at the end of April '91 and stay with us for a while (we don't know how long, yet). They plan to take the train through Chicago and Las Vegas, N.M., etc. We took part of that trip, from L.A. to Chicago, about 10 yrs. ago when we first visited Dora and Cliff in CA. Unfortunately much of it was

See pictures of Jaimie, Penny, and Rebecca from that 1991 trip (their stopover in Chicago) on pp. 7-8 of the first section in folder 1.64 j.

③ We wish they were coming for Christmas, but they don't want to abandon their off-spring at Christmas. Also, they will be able to stay longer in May!

Jaimie will be on Sabbatical next year - May '91 - Sept. '92. He will be doing various things but not travel far from home since Penny will continue to teach at the Univ. to augment their income.

We're enjoying the World

④ Series - about time the A's lose, as it appears they might.

We'd love to see an up-to-date snapshot of Rebecca. Infants! They change so fast at this age!

Our roses are lovely but also getting ready to rest for awhile. Fewer blossoms now.

Vera and Cliff are quite well, considering everything.

Much love,

Louise (+ Jim)

I wrote this but had a
strong feeling I might
get a letter so
didn't
i. mai

P.S. Having steamed open this letter I will now add our thanks and pleasure for the pictures, articles and, *of course*, your letter, Dave!

Rebecca is a darling! She seems to be growing *tall* rather than *old*. She will soon add plumpness as she matures. I feel sad not to see her, but I am so happy for *you*! What fun it is to have a little granddaughter! She has a sweet smile!

The pictures of Jay were a surprise. How nice he looks. I do hope all will go well with his marriage and instant family.

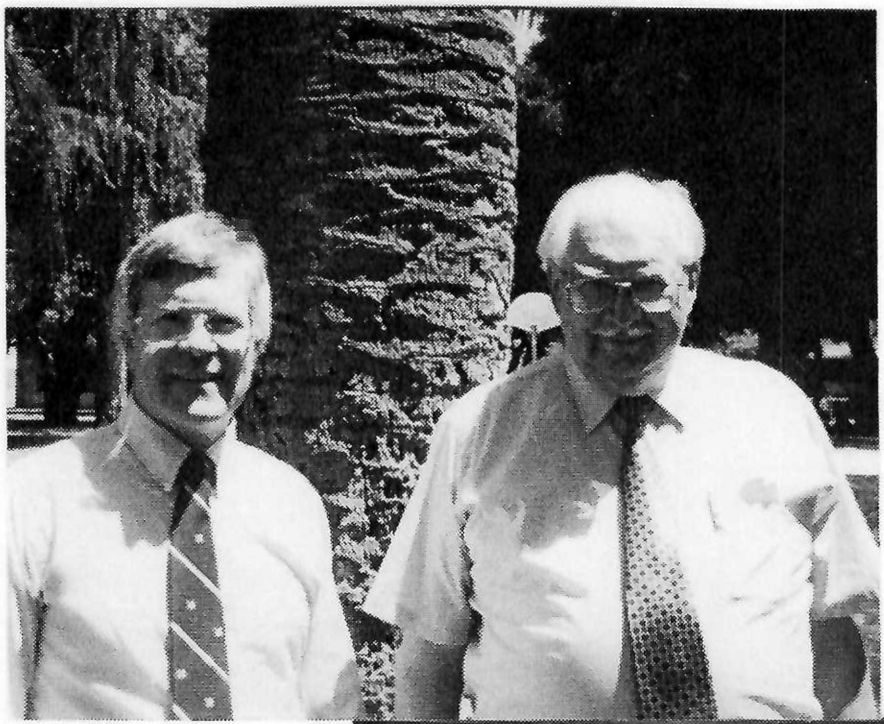
The pictures of your trip brought back lovely memories of Fall Colours! I'll send the Macalester article to Jennie. Wow! Think of all the good things they can do and how much the *cost* of a college has risen. They will need to put a lot of that money into *scholarships*!

I miss hearing from you so do write when you can.

Lots of love,

Louise

[May 1991]



Jaimie with
his father
in California

Marine Room

L to R;
Penny, Louise,
and Jaimie

Jaimie Mark

Jaimie and Penny in California

[June 6, 1993]

Sunday, June 6,
1993

Dear Elizabeth and Dave,

I looked at the card Jim keeps about the letters I write - and was surprised to see I haven't written to you for awhile. I never can remember - so he keeps track of it. I have five families/people I try to keep informed of what we & family are doing.

Amanda and Shane's masters degrees

First, you will be interested I'm sure to know that Amanda and Shane have received their Master's Degrees and Shane has accepted a job in New York City with the Sony Corp. It is in the field of recording engineering.

They moved into a nice apartment in the Long Island area of N.Y.

Address: Amanda Mark / Shane Bryanton
(She kept her own name for job/school purposes)
67-09 Burns St. Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375

Amanda is taking an Education course at Queens College, N.Y. so she can teach in H.S. in U.S. (History or English)

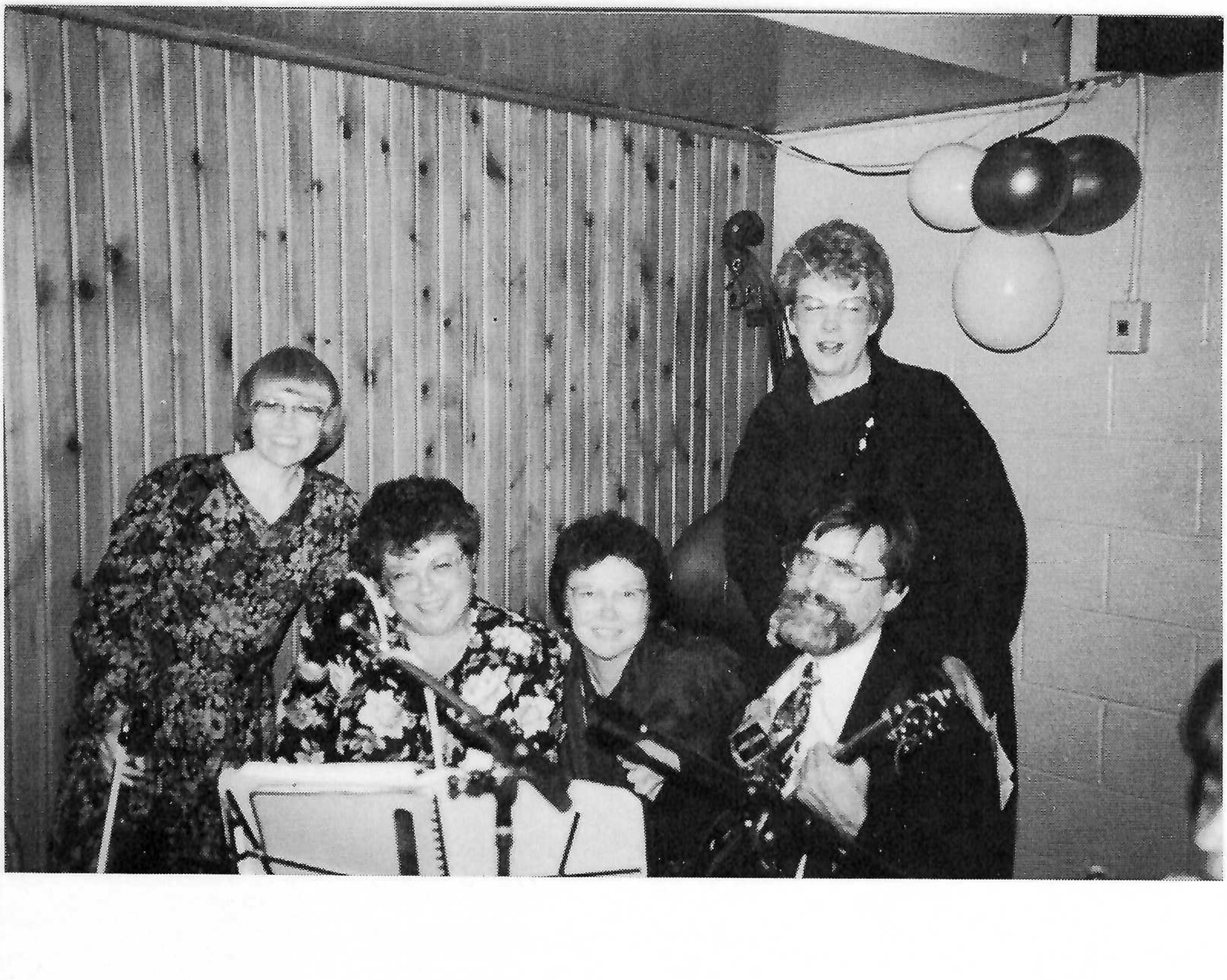
Amanda has started her course and Shane, his job. He goes by subway to Manhattan and She goes by bus to school. Her course is over August 5. 93. The area where the apartment is located is residential, lots of trees, Amanda says!

The way the job picture is in Canada, they hope to stay in N.Y. for 2 yrs and then hopefully get transferred to Atlantic Canada. They hope the economy in Canada will be better then.

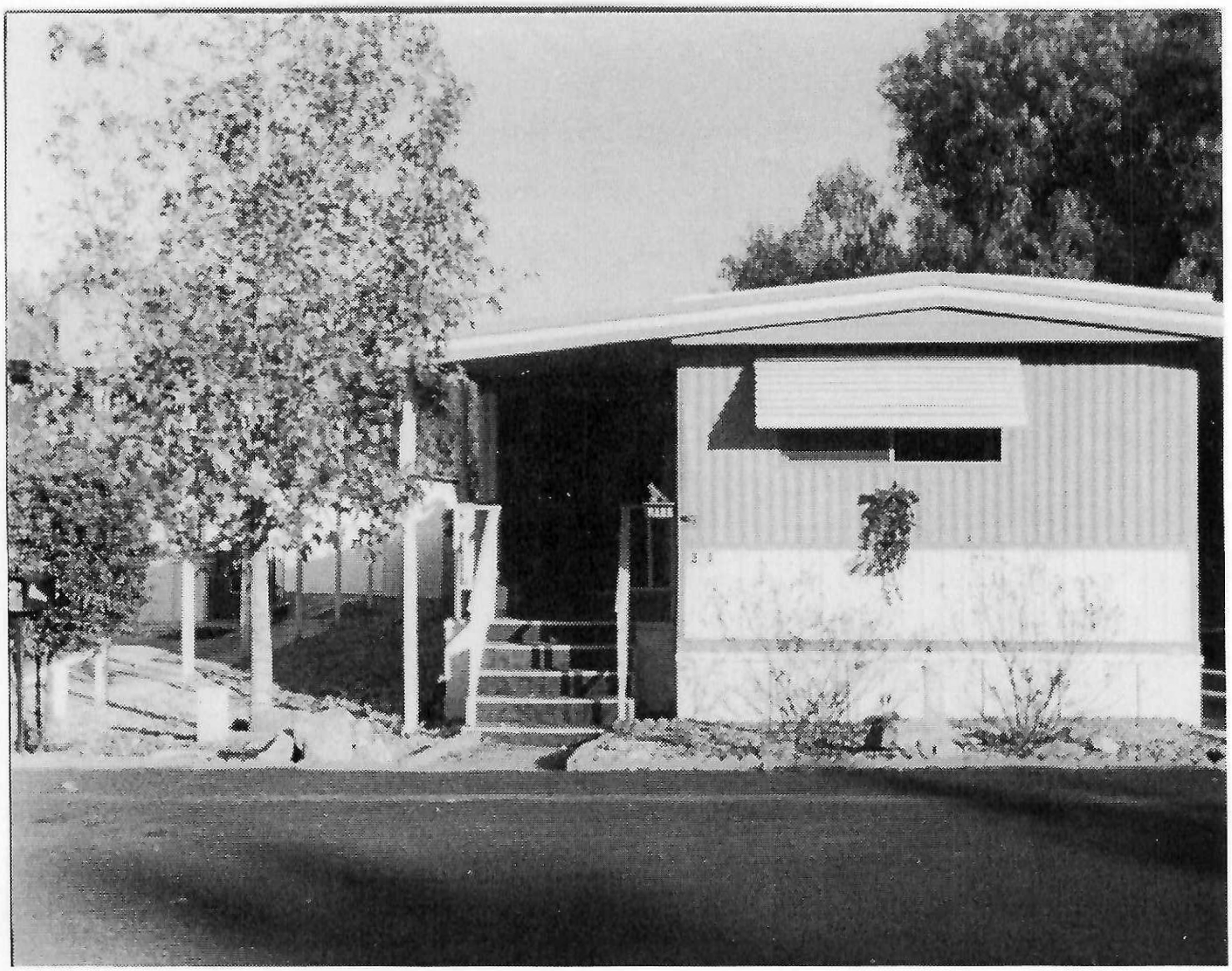
Jim and I stay well. We go to the Pool exercises now - weather permitting as we have an outdoor Pool. Right now we are in a cool spell - but it will warm up soon!

Hope all is well with you & ur family!
Much love to all - Louise + Jim

Jennifer (Jenni) Mark (on left)
with "Joyous Noise"
Detroit, Michigan area
ca. 1993



Louise and Jim's home
Hemet, California
Christmas 1993



[June 6, 1995]

Both Louise and EPW having major medical issues.

Hemet, California - June 6, 1995

Dear Dave:

I'll take the opportunity of sending the June 'Crier' to write a few lines.

Louise was lost thru a glitch in the system for a while but it is straightenened out now and we start therapy sessions tomorrow afternoon. Had to rattle a few cages but, as you well know, sometimes it is necessary when the red tape snarls!

Otherwise we are getting along in good shape. She is able to get into and out of bed without help and walks with the aid of the 'side-stepper', a sort of ladder cane. We put the wheel chair in the car Sunday and went up to the Cove breakfast--first time out for a long time.

Hope your ankle is about healed and you are doing some of the things you have wanted to do for so long. Louise appreciated the call and of course we hope Elizabeth is comfortable and that she has accepted the rest home life. I know how hard it must be for you.

Jamie and Penny are finished with the school year and will go to Price Edward Island for the summer. He will play in the pit orchestra for some of the productions. Makes a sort of working vacation and they both look forward to it each year. Guess we told you that Jamie has the New Brunswick Youth Symphony Orchestra now and enjoys it--even though the extra work must be terrific!

Take care of yourself and if you get a free moment, drop us a line or phone call.

Love,

Louise & Jim

[Aug. 7, 1995]

Elizabeth Witheridge
died the next day.

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8-7-95

Dear Dave (and Elizabeth),

Just a note to say I'm getting better and able to use my right hand again to eat, dress and write a little.

I still do most things with my left hand - which makes me ambidexterous, sorta!

Hope your foot is much better (ankle?) First time we ever broke any bones, isn't it? Hope its the last.

I use a cane to walk. Thank goodness I have

Happy Birthday!

Wishing you a day touched with beauty
and filled with dreams.

Lots of love,

Louise and Jim

[Sept. 1, 1995]

Panorama Cove - Hemet, California - September 1, 1995

Dear Dave:

Just a few words along with this month's 'Crier'.

Jim Mark was editor of their retirement community paper.

Louise fell again a few weeks ago. I took her to the hospital and they took X-Rays and said no break, just bad sprain to knee and ankles. Took her home and got a call that evening from her doctor in the hospital that he had looked at the X-Rays again and there was a small knee fracture and she should see her doctor at once.

Of course he was on vacation so we were referred to another man who was so blatantly false "you could just stay off this for six weeks but I'm supposed to make a big thing of it so get some more X-Rays and see me early next week as I'm going on vacation".

It's hard to believe this, knowing Louise, but that was the last straw and she blew up. Cancelled the appointments, cancelled the appointments with the original bone doctor, refused the prescription for the X-Rays and we came home.

I lift her from bed to wheelchair to toilet to wheelchair to her living room chair and we're getting along fine. She is improving and the pain is being kept in check with good old Tylenal.

Had quite a scare the other day. Fire broke out just west if us and came so close to the Cove that it melted the aluminum screening on one coach and scorched the siding. Their were fire engines and equipment rushing around the streets and water carrying planes in the sky.

The scary part was that I was in town and Louise was in bed with no way to get out (she does have a phone at her bed but she had no way of knowing what was going on). I saw this hugh cloud of smoke while I was returning but the police woild not let me through so I had to detour about twenty miles and come in from the opposite direction. You can imagine what shape I was in when I arrived but the fire had not damaged the park (except as noted) and a fireman had come in and lifted Louise into her wheelchair and she had managed to get into the front room. At least we don't have to worry about fire the rest of the year!

Other than that, we get on well. Looks like I will lose my license to drive sometime in September (can't see well enough) but people have already offered to help and there are transportation companies who don't charge too much to town and back. We'll make out.

Hope you are feeling a bit more relaxed. I know it is a long, long process. We think of you daily.

Will write again.

Love

[Jan, 6, 1996]

Jan. 6, 1996

Dear Dave,

Christmas is past and the New Year is upon us! We hope '96 will be better in many ways.

As usual we enjoyed having Jenni with us! She came, driving herself from the Airport in a rented car which saved Jim a trip and gave Jenni transportation in CA. She has a Professor friend in San Diego who used to teach at Macalester in St. Paul. So they met half-way between for dinner to get caught up on news. Jenni also went to a Folk Dance at Annahiem conducted by a friend who sometimes does Folk Dances in

2) Michigan.

Jenni cooked some delicious meals for us, which gave Jim a nice change. We are always happy to have Jenni - it makes Christmas very special.

The Dr. says it's the Arthritis that hurts so much when I fall and break something, so I just have to be more careful. I take Extra Strength Tylenol for the pain - 6-8 in 24 hrs.

I'm walking with a "walker", as well as sometimes using a wheel chair, like tomorrow when we have a club Breakfast at the Club House with too many steps. They have a slide on one side Jim can push me up in the wheel-chair.

We are so glad you have Jim, Tom and Virginia and Rebecca

3) near to help fill the very large loss of your dear Elizabeth. Children especially are important as their growing up and experiences are so fascinating!

I was sorry to hear of your fall and glad you are getting around so well, now. It seems beyond 80yrs. old we have to be much more careful!

I'm lucky that Jim is a very good cook! He not only has to cook but shop and plan what to have. I hope I'll soon be able to help again.

We think of you often and send our love, good wishes for '96.

As ever,

Louise and Jim

[DEW occasionally wrote initial drafts for letters or phone calls, as in this case (also see his April 20, 1997 phone call notes).]

[Jan. 18, 1996]

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Kim Cook's Witheridge Times article about EPW (Winter 1995, Vol. 9, No. 4)

See next document

Dear Louise & Jim,

You will be surprised to get such a big package from me, but I'm finally getting around to sending you this wonderful tribute to Elizabeth written by our dear friend (and distant relative), Kim Cook, whom we have probably told you about before.

Tom made some copies of this complete issue of "The Witheridge Times", the publication of our Witheridge Society. At first I thought I would take out just the article about Elizabeth to send you, but then I decided you might like to read the whole issue to get some of the flavor of the Society and its members. As you see, it includes an article by me, and I am also enclosing a copy of my first article in the previous issue.

I just reread the article about Elizabeth, and it brought tears to my eyes, as it did the first time I read it. Kim is a writer by profession – mostly magazine articles – and I think she did a very good job.

Did I tell you the good news that Kim and Roy are coming over for another visit about the end of May? I think they'll stay about two weeks. When they were here in 1990, we drove them down to Chicago to see Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca, and they loved it. This time I'm planning to take them up the North Shore of Lake Superior all the way to Thunder Bay in Canada. That's the new name of the combined twin cities of Fort William and Port Arthur, with a population of 174,000. Kim and Roy have never been to Canada.

I appreciated getting your letter and the January issue of the Cove Crier. I hope you keep feeling a little better all the time, Louise, and I hope your walking will start to be a little less painful. I take Extra Strength Tylenol every night - not for any pain, but just to help me sleep better.

Life is becoming a little more bearable and interesting. I'm planning to start going back to genealogy meetings the last week of January. I'm becoming a little more adventuresome in my cooking, and I have Jim and David over occasionally for some of it. Last week I had stewed chicken with biscuits and gravy, and next time I'm going to have salmon fondue with Elizabeth's recipe. Jim just loves it. I haven't dared to prepare a meal yet for Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca.

Well, that's it for now.

Love,

Dave

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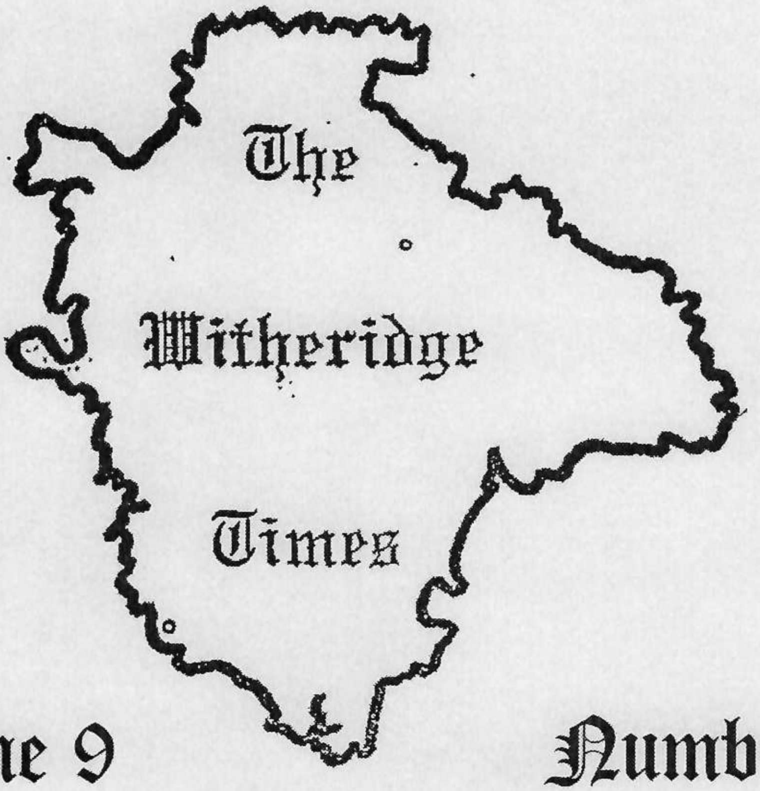

# The Witheridge Times

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# ELIZABETH WITHERIDGE - an appreciation of a remarkable lady

by Kim Cook

Elizabeth Witheridge, wife of the Rev. David Witheridge of Minneapolis, and mother of Jim and Tom, died peacefully in the Walker Methodist Health Centre in Minneapolis on 8th August, 1995. Her long and remarkable life was one of tremendous achievement in the most quiet and unassuming way, and I hope, through this article, to be able to share with those of you who did not know Elizabeth, something of her life and character.

Elizabeth was raised in Saginaw, Michigan, where she spent most of her childhood in the care of her grandparents on their farm. From her earliest days she had a strong Christian faith and a great love and concern for children two attributes that were to be the markers of her life.

After leaving school Elizabeth trained as a kindergarten (primary school) teacher, graduating from Central Michigan University. She taught for 13 years in Saginaw. In 1941 she married David, whom she had known since childhood, as they were both members of the same church. At the time of their marriage, David was a heating, ventilation and air conditioning engineer.

Later, when David gave up engineering to train as a Baptist minister, Elizabeth also took courses at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. After graduating from divinity college, David became a pastor in Illinois, where they lived for nine years before, in 1951, moving to Minneapolis where David became Executive Director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

As well as bringing up their two sons, Jim and Tom, Elizabeth fulfilled all the duties expected of a pastor's wife - and more. Her rapport with children made her a natural Sunday School teacher. She led the children's choir, and served on many church committees involved in caring for the disadvantaged. In particular, she had a great concern for the plight of the American Indians, being heavily involved with the Division of Indian Work of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. In everything she did, she showed great concern for the welfare of others.

In addition to all this, Elizabeth somehow found time to write a succession of books for children. The first 'Mara of Old Babylon' published in 1955, was the story of a child in Biblical times. This was followed by 'Mara Journeys Home' and, in complete contrast, 'Jim Penney's Golden Nugget', based on the life of one of her ancestors in the days of the gold rush.

All Elizabeth's books were based on fact, and many recounted events that she had experienced herself, or circumstances she had encountered in her welfare work. Throughout her writings, Elizabeth tackled real social issues in a way that children could understand and relate to, and her books are full of her gentle wisdom. All her books were meticulously researched, and in an interview after the publication of one of them, she insisted that "books for children should be historically accurate. Such great harm can be done by giving them wrong information" .

'Dead End Bluff', which recounted the experiences of a blind boy, won a national award. Much of Elizabeth's own childhood is recalled in 'Never Younger, Jeannie', (published in 1963), a book she dedicated to the memory of her grandparents, while 'Just One Indian Boy', (published in 1974) was based on the lives of young Native Americans (as they now prefer to be called) on a reservation in northern Minnesota. I treasure the copies of these two books given me by Elizabeth.

On the fly-leaf of 'Just One Indian Boy', Elizabeth wrote the following inscription:

> 'One Indian boy growing up read this book and said to his mother, "I've read this book three times, and it's the best book I have ever read!" As its author, I am pleased beyond words that it has fulfilled the purpose that I dreamed for it!'

Even though she was no longer in full-time teaching, Elizabeth continued to be involved with children's education. She travelled widely, visiting schools to speak about her books, and to encourage children both to think carefully about the issues they raised, and to consider writing their own experiences. Her visits to schools were greeted with enormous enthusiasm by the young pupils, who loved her dearly, and would string banners of welcome across the school entrance. Such tokens of esteem always surprised and delighted Elizabeth, who never saw herself as anyone special, even when others did.

Elizabeth's care and concern for others was always very practical, and she campaigned for many causes in support of the disadvantaged, particularly among ethnic minorities. Without succumbing to the aggression so prevalent among the campaigners of today, Elizabeth quietly and firmly stood her ground on issues of injustice and inequality.

Elizabeth's ancestry was predominantly English (Plumb, Gilbert, Kendall and Baldwin featured in her family tree) and her ancestors had been among the very earliest American colonists. Some had fought for freedom in the American War of Independence in 1776. This ancestry entitled Elizabeth to the highly prized accolade of membership of the prestigious organisation 'Daughters of the American Revolution'. But when the DAR refused to allow the renowned black singer Marion Anderson to sing in their august halls, Elizabeth did what to many people was unthinkable - she resigned her membership. She was not alone, however, because Eleanor Roosevelt did likewise. The political climate has, thankfully, changed considerably since then, but in those days Elizabeth's action was a bold and courageous step.

Our family's first contact with David and Elizabeth came in the 1960s, when David wrote to all the Witheridges he could find in the UK telephone directories. One of these was my aunt Dorothy. Unable to get up to London herself, and knowing that I had already done some work on the family tree, she commissioned me to do some further research so that we could answer David's questions about our branch of the family. From my reply to that letter grew a correspondence and a friendship that continue to this day.

In the early days, most of the letters were about family history and were written by David. However, when our elder son, Jason was born in 1968, he was diagnosed as having a rare digestive problem for which the prognosis was not good. During Jason's illness there were long gaps between my letters, and eventually I wrote and explained the situation. By return of post we received two lovely letters, one from David, the other from Elizabeth. In her letter, Elizabeth explained that their son Tom had also been born with a similar condition, so she knew and understood our anxieties. Her letter was full of practical sympathy, warmth and above all encouragement, and it lightened those dark days. Thereafter, Elizabeth would always add her own personal messages to David's letters, and we felt that they were both our dearest friends, even though at that stage we had never met.

We eventually met for the first time when David and Elizabeth first came to the UK in June 1976. They arrived just in time to be guests of honour at our church's supper to celebrate the American Bicentenary. It was only after the supper that I learned how appropriate the occasion was for Elizabeth! Later, we celebrated the Fourth of July with tea in an English garden, ending with what was then, to us, the novelty of water ice. Elizabeth was thrilled for (unknown to us) water ice had been a traditional ingredient of her childhood Fourth of July celebrations!

On that first visit, David and Elizabeth stayed in the UK for three months, combining visits to British Councils of Churches with family history research and holiday. They met many Witheridges in their travels, and I particularly remember a wonderful day we all spent with Anthony and Francoise Witheridge and their four young children together with Anthony's father, George and his wife Gwen, at their home on an Army base in Kent. As always, Elizabeth took great pleasure in having so many youngsters around her.

As David and Elizabeth shared our interests in history, and in plants and flowers, Hampton Court and Kew Gardens were on the agenda. We were disappointed with Kew, looking (as we thought) very sad and brown in that famous 'summer of the drought' (so like this one!) but Elizabeth loved it. Throughout their travels and visits, Elizabeth, despite being nearly 70, never flagged. All through that heat, however busy she was, however tight their schedule, Elizabeth remained calm and unflappable. I often wished I could emulate her easy efficiency and even temperament. And every evening she wrote up her journal, recording the experiences of their visit. I wondered if she might find the ingredients for another book in that journal.

David and Elizabeth made two further visits to the UK, in 1980 and 1988, and then in 1990 welcomed us most warmly to their home in Minneapolis, where we got to know the whole family. With her continuing love of children, it was natural that Elizabeth was particularly devoted to her grand-daughter Rebecca, daughter of Tom and his wife Virginia. Even though by then we could see the early signs of the Alzheimer's disease that was to develop during those last five years, her natural rapport with children was still very evident.

Here we also saw further evidence of the love of plants that David and Elizabeth shared. In the house, Elizabeth had a wonderful collection of African violets, which she grew and tended herself. In the garden we enjoyed their beautiful rose bed - a delight of colour and scent. Nothing unusual in that you may think - until you remember that after summer temperatures in the high eighties and a warm autumn, Minneapolis has two or three months a year under snow, when temperatures can be down to minus 20 degrees or more!

In November, 1991, on one of those cold, snowbound days, Elizabeth injured her hip in a fall. Although the injury eventually healed reasonably well, the shock precipitated an acceleration of her Alzheimer's disease. For over three years David nursed her devotedly at home, even when, in his exhaustion, he fell and broke his own ankle, earlier this year. However as Elizabeth's illness progressed, the need for round-the-clock nursing in a specialist centre was inescapable, and her last weeks were spent in the Walker Methodist Health Centre near their home in Minneapolis, where she received the very best of care.

Even in thost last days, when memory and co-ordination had failed, and she was unable to speak even the names of those she loved, her delight in children never dimmed, and she would greet nine-year-old Rebecca with open arms and a beaming smile.

During the funeral service in Grace Trinity Church in Minneapolis, the congregation sang Elizabeth's favourite hymn - Eleanor Farjeon's 'Morning has broken' - one she had taught to her own children, and to generations of Sunday School children.

Elizabeth's quiet, steadfast faith has surely secured for her a place where she can truly sing

> 'Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
> Born of the one light Eden saw play!'

Elizabeth was a talented, gracious and generous person, greatly loved by all who knew her. I'm sure all Witheridge Society members will join with me in sending our condolences to David, to Tom, Virginia and Rebecca, and to Jim and David. Elizabeth will be sorely missed, but her influence, through her family, her faith and witness, her works and her writings, lives on.

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**Elizabeth P. Witheridge**
**1907 - 1995**

October 14, 1996

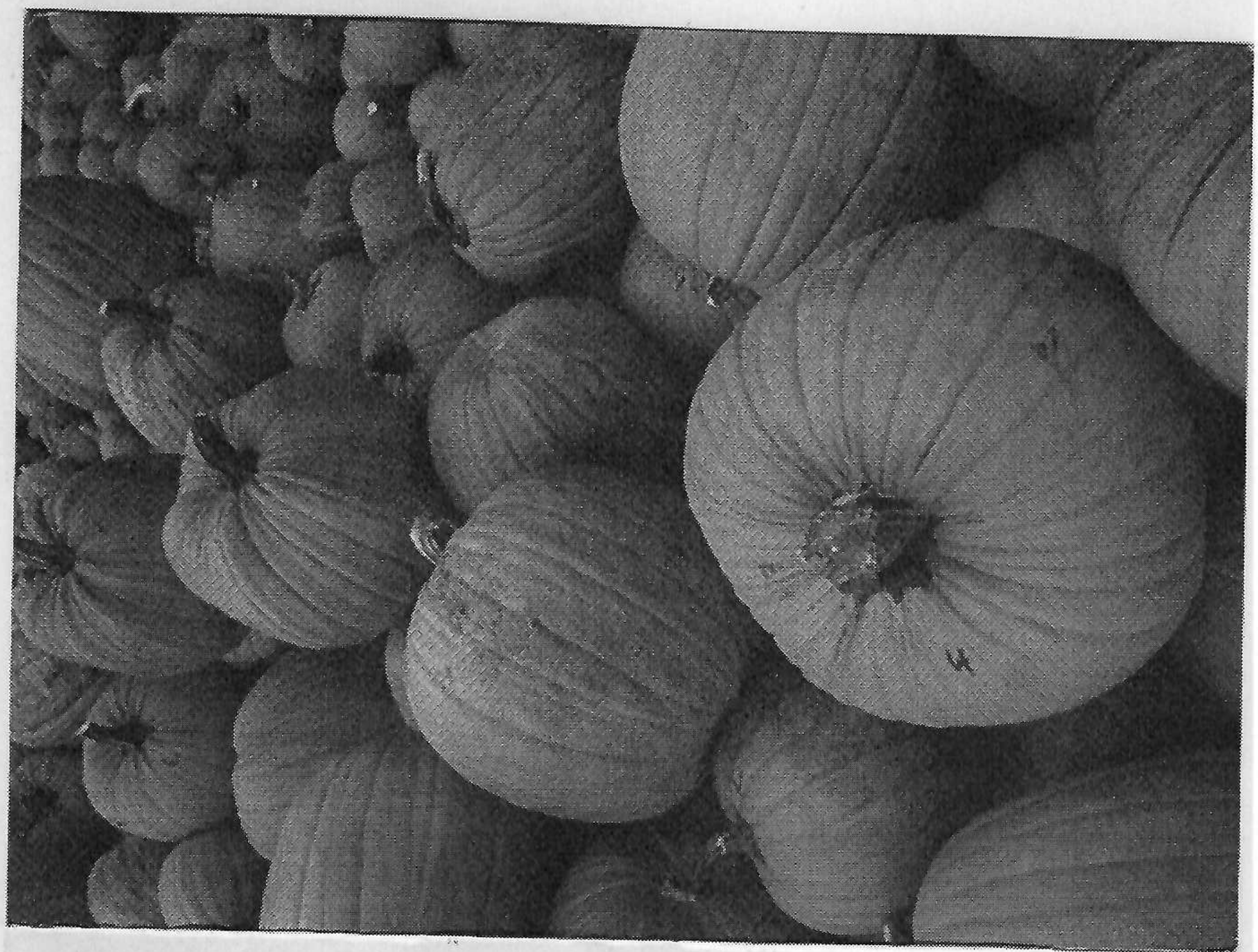
Dear Dave,

I thought this was a good time to use the "Pumpkin" card!

Glad you are feeling well! I also feel well, but I don't walk well because of my right knee and hip. I use a wheel-chair a lot - and a walker some of the time. Jim takes very good care of me cooking delicious meals (grocery shopping, etc!) I go out some - to hair apt., etc. - but most of the time I'm very confined to the wheel-chair or walker. I take 'extra-strength Tylenol' which keeps me pain free! So - I shouldn't complain!

Jenni,
Jaimie and
Penny,
Amanda

Both Jenni and Jamie and Penny (and Amanda) phoned yesterday which picks us up greatly! All is well with them as the Fall term of school is on the way. Amanda teaches in a Jr. Hi about 40 mi. from Charlottetown, P.E.I., where they live). Shane ~~Shane~~ works near there! Don't know exactly what he does!? He is in



Audio at the Jubilee Theater + but I don't know what that means exactly! They would like to live in Charlottetown, PEI. His parents

Jason live near in PEI. Jason is in Toronto taking more College work in Audio, + recordings.

Hope your good weather continues and you stay well!

Not much news with us. Hope you and your family stay well! Sorry about the card! Hope you can read it! Say "Hello" to all!

Much Love, Louise + Jim

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[DEW's notes from
a phone call]

[Apr. 20, 1997]

## Telephone call to Louise & Jim - 4/20/97

Louise is pretty well and in good spirits, but
she doesn't walk at all – not even with a wal
or cane. She goes everywhere in a wheelchair.

Jim still has vision problems and doesn't kn
if they will renew his driver's license in Ju
Also hearing problems. He does all the cookin
and cleaning.

They don't go out much. Once a week for a ha
appointment and occasionally to the doctor or to
restaurant.

I told them all about my plans for going to England
and for seeing Dr. Friedrich Nowitz in Milwaukee

[Aug. 11, 1997]

See next page →

Dear Dave,

I thought I'd just write a few words to enclose in your Birthday card.

Hope you are well! (As you can see I still have trouble with my writing.) The arthritis seems to be bothering my right hand. The Tylenol I take four times a day keeps me fairly pain free but I have to use a wheel chair, to get around.

I feel badly about Tom and Virginia. Those things are always very hard on the children! I'm hoping that Rebecca can spend time with you and Tom. Where will she be going to school in the Fall?

Tom and Virginia's separation

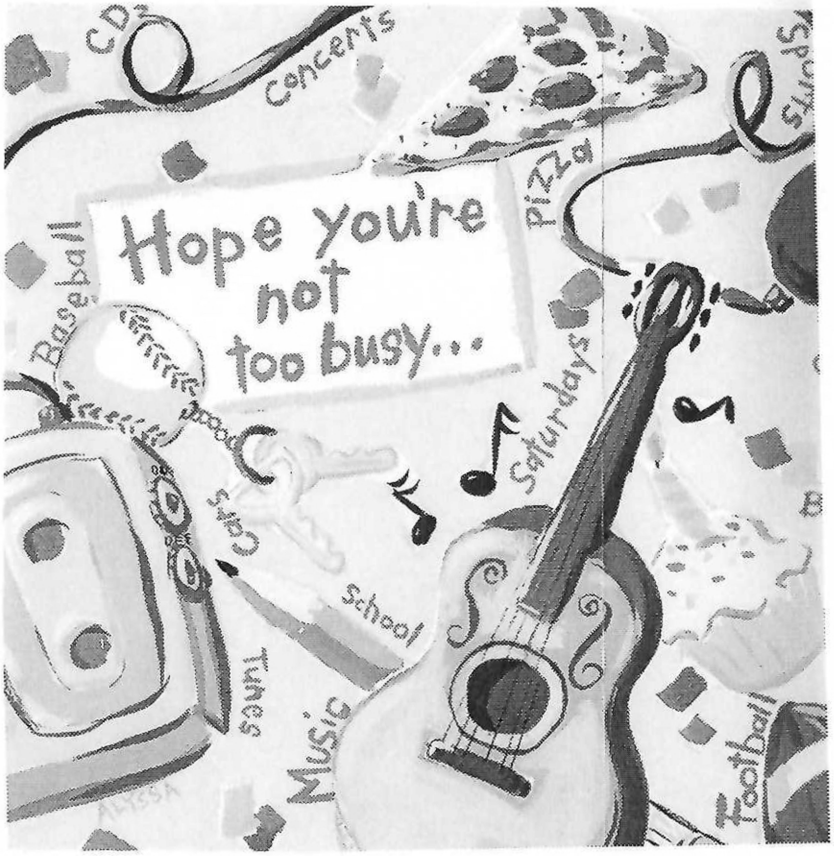
We don't hear very often from Jamie and Penny - but I think they are spending the summer in PEI, Canada. It is a beautiful Island and they enjoy going there.

Jennifer and her friend Donna have been in Point Betsie, north of Frankfort, MI. They are on a trip during their vacation. Donna is a teacher - so summer is the time she can go places. They have been good friends for a long time.

I think of you often and wish we lived closer!

We always enjoy hearing from you. Give my best wishes to Tom,

Lots of love - Louise and Jim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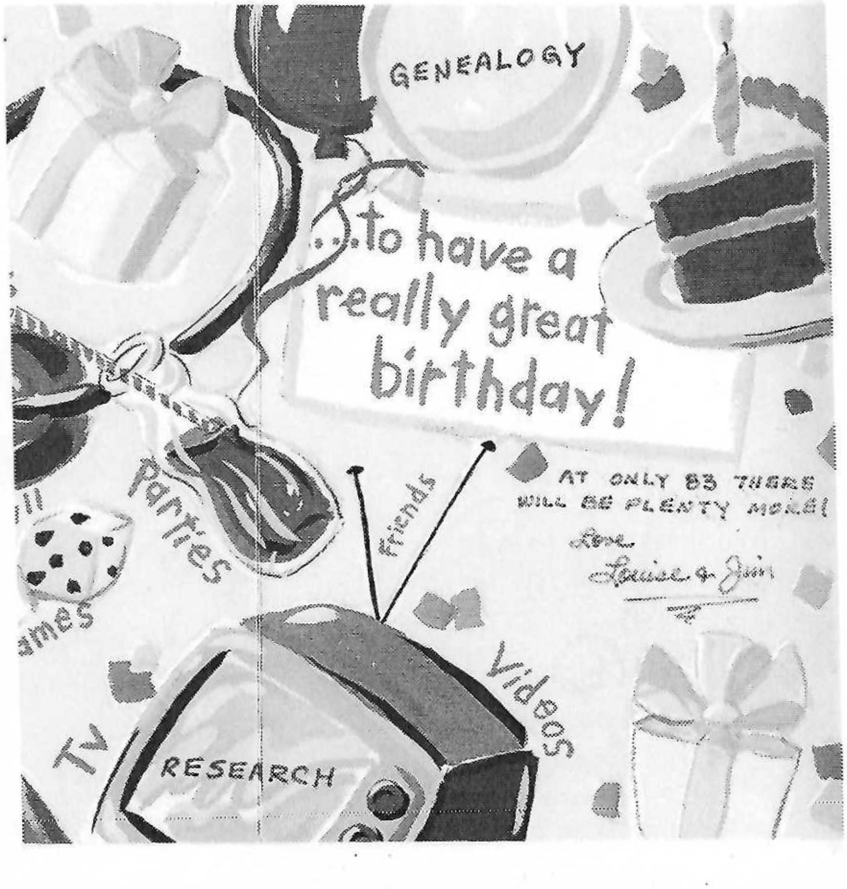
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AT ONLY 83 THERE
WILL BE PLENTY MORE!
Love
Louise & Jim

[Aug. 20, 1997]

DEW's visit to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the "Pommerntag"

August 20, 1997

Dear Louise and Jim,

Thanks for the clever birthday card and your note. I had a couple of good celebrations with my family, and I don't feel much older, thank goodness. My health continues to be good, and I saw my doctor on Monday for my annual physical. He didn't see anything obviously wrong, but he'll have to wait for the results of all the tests, and will then write me a letter.

We had a very good time in Milwaukee. Friedrich is a very nice person, and I know he enjoyed himself. There were four other relatives there besides me. Florence Anderson and her daughter, Vicki Koterba, came all the way from Westby, Montana--1,000 miles from Milwaukee. I was especially interested in Vicki, because she looked a lot like you, Louise, when you were younger. Vicki's brother, Darrell Anderson, came up from Wilmette; and Mike George, who lives in Milwaukee, also came. He is a descendant of the Tomke family from Bay County, Michigan.

Now Friedrich is planning to come back again next year with his wife Renate, his cousin Hans-Joachim and his wife Helga, and Hans-Joachim's father, Johannes, who Friedrich says looks like me. This time they will come to Minneapolis first, arriving on June 19 and staying a few days in order to meet some of the many relatives around here before going on to Milwaukee for the Pommerntag. Of course , they won't be staying with me. They'll be in a hotel downtown.

My life has been very hectic since I got home. We had had a bad wind storm, which had torn some shingles of the roof. It was a very old roof, so I knew I'd have to get a new one. But before I could do anything about it, we had some terrible rains--the second rainiest July in history--so water leaked into several second floor rooms. The insurance company won't pay for the old roof, but I'm trying to get them to pay for the water damage. They just started tearing off the old roof today, and it's a mess.

Then a few weeks ago lightning struck in our back yard. Fortunately, it didn't hit the house or our big old elm. It struck a wire between two trees that holds a bird feeder and burned the end off all around the tree. Then it jumped to the power wire from the house to the garage and destroyed the electric outlet on the wall and disabled the garage door closer. So I had to get a new outlet and a new door closer, as well as a new bird feeder. The insurance company will pay for the damage, but there's a $250 deductible!

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Jim and David decided to get a new computer, and they gave me their old one. That was just fine, but it has taken a lot of time finding a place for it, setting it up, and learning how to use it. That is why you are privileged to have this new style of letter from me. So far, it hasn't saved a whole lot of time, because I'm still learning to use it.

Having a computer made me want to get a genealogy program for it. I found that the only program it would accommodate is the Mormon one called Personal Ancestral File. When I called to order one, they said they had so many orders for the new style that it couldn't be delivered until November. But it arrived yesterday! So now I can't wait to try it, and that will take a lot more time. You see what I mean when I say my life has been hectic.

Things have been going rather well for Rebecca. She spends at least three nights a week here, so we're getting to know each other better. While Tom and Virginia are working, she is at the same day care place she knows so well, and she'll be going to the same school in the fall.

Well, I guess that's all for now. I hope things go a little better for you both as the summer goes on. I can't believe it's almost Labor Day.

Love,

[Sept. 1, 1997]

Sept. 1, 1997

Dear Dave,

I just reread your very good letter of Aug. 20 and decided to write to you. My right hand works a little better, but it is still not as good as I'd like.

This has been a very hot summer for us. But, we have a good air conditioner so, as long as we stay inside we're O.K. Our car is not air-conditioned - except when we leave the windows open, of course. So, we go out early or late to avoid the hottest part of the day.

Tomke family

I am sure I never met any of the Tomke family, but I remember the name, of course.

2) Sorry about the damage to your house. We almost never have any storms or hard rain. A few times in the Spring we have light rain. But not enough to do any damage.

Using computers

I was interested in your computer letter. It is easier to read than hand-writing. I never tried to do that, is it like typing? We have had letters from Jenni that she did on a computer.

Since this is Labor Day we put our flag out, and I enjoy seeing it wave in the breeze! I'm always surprised at how few people put out their flags!

It is lovely that Rebecca could ~~spend~~ Spend some time with you. I'm sure you both enjoyed that!

Thanks for your letter, I enjoy hearing from you! Lots of love,

Louise & Jim (M)

[Dec. 1997]

Dear Dave — Dec. '97

We've (frankly) been delaying our card to you — thinking we might get yours with some news about Tom & family. Looks like you are as busy as we so Merry Christmas. Write us when you get time.

Life goes on out here in never-never land. Louise doesn't walk any more but its "wheels" nicely and we manage very well. I take her to her hair dresser every two weeks and we sometimes eat out before coming home.

Had our 60th at a party in the Club House last month — They let me sing a love song. Voice isn't what it was but I still remembered the words!

60th anniversary

Jennifer is right now on a plane from Royal Oak to spend a few days with us this season.

Jamie is conducting his orchestras in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and is not free this time of year.

Jamie & Penny plan to come out next summer. When you won't fly, the journey presents more than a few challenges!!

So far the dreaded El Nino has not bothered us. It may be that sheltered in a valley between low mountains and being 100 miles from the coast will protect us.

Also for the first time, more ins than outs in our Mobile Home Park so the fear of having to move is subsiding. No raise in rent this year so with that tremendous raise in Social Security ($23.00 a month) will be on easy street.

Hope you and yours are well and coping.

Love —

Written by Jim

For God so loved the world...
John 3:16

May the
gift of God's love
be with you
always

Louise + Jim

[Mar. 3, 1998]

March
~~February~~ 3, 1998

Dear Louise and Jim,

Just because you haven't heard from me doesn't mean I don't think of you often. Same old excuse--too busy.

Friedrich + Renate Nemitz's visit to Minneapolis + Milwaukee

As you know, our cousin Friedrich Nemitz and his wife Renate in Germany are planning a trip here in June. This time they will come to Minneapolis for several days and then go on to Milwaukee for the Pommerntag weekend. At first he thought his cousin, his cousin's wife, and his cousin's father would be coming, too. But just yesterday I got a letter in which he said his cousin's father had had a serious heart attack and didn't want to take a long trip. So none of the others are coming--just Friedrich and Renate. He's trying to get two other relatives to come, but so far has had no success.

They will stay in a hotel downtown, and I spent quite a while checking the least expensive ones and finally found one that is just right. It's approved by AAA, has a dining room, plenty of free parking for visitors, and suites that are large enough to bring in extra chairs for all the relatives who come to meet them.

Nemitz + Tomke relatives in Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, + Washington

Then I spent lots of time writing to Nemitz relatives to get them to save the time to come and meet them (and each other!). I was amazed to discover that, including my immediate family, there are about thirty right here in the Twin Cities and nearby Minnesota. They are mostly from the Iowa branch (descendants of Grandfather's brother Ernst), but quite a few come from the Tomke family of Bay City (Grandfather's sister Johanna married John Tomke). Then there are some in Montana (descendants of Mother's sister Bertha) and some in the State of Washington (from the Iowa family) who might come, because one is a dentist, Dr. Jeffrey Nemitz. He and Friedrich definitely want to meet each other. I'm also hoping a couple might come from Iowa. So this is turning into quite a project.

Jill Pierson (New Jersey Witheridges)

I've also been active in Witheridge genealogy. I don't remember whether I told you at Christmas time that I was over at Jim's one day, and he was browsing on the Internet and found a list of six "Witheridges," one of whom was a Jill Pierson, who gave genealogy as her hobby and Witheridge one of the lines she was working on. We sent her an E-mail and asked how she tied into the Witheridges, and she replied that she was from the New Jersey family. Her great-grandmother, Ethel Witheridge, married Alfred Crowell Pierson.

I've spent a lot of time in the past year working on the New Jersey Witheridges and finally, with Kim's help, got them tied

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back into Devon as far back as 1700. So I found Ethel in my records and told Jill about her ancestry back to 1700, and she was so excited she could hardly believe it. I didn't have all my records in good shape, so I worked on that and finally sent her everything back to 1700. At the same time I was able to send the same information to two sisters in New Jersey I had already been in touch with.

Sisters
Martha Gilmore
+ Janet Sauter

That work on the New Jersey records, with all the corrections and changes I had to make laboriously by hand, made me realize that I had to get a new computer that would accommodate the best genealogy programs. The one I have will only handle the very simplest program. So Jim and I have spent a lot of time talking and reading about computers and checking prices on the Internet. Finally, yesterday I ordered one by phone from the Gateway company, and it's supposed to be delivered a week from today. We're all so excited--even Rebecca!

DEW's new
Gateway
computer

My health is still good, and I keep working on my exercises and my low salt, fat, and meat, high fruit and vegatable diet, plus various nutritional supplements. I just get a cold occasionally, and that is the same with the rest of the family. No change with Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca, who is here about half the time. I see Virginia occasionally when she comes to pick up Rebecca.

All I have been doing is talking about myself. What about you two? Any change in your health? I'm glad you get out occasionally, but I wonder if you've pretty much had to give up church. This has been a strange winter, but I hope El Niño hasn't hit you too badly, because you're far enough from the coast. No doubt you've had a lot more wind and rain than usual. We've had a very mild winter--second warmest February on record. I hope it keeps on this way right into spring.

Well, please forgive me for not writing sooner. I love you both.

[Mar. 13, 1998]

Ans 4/30/98

March 13, 1998

Dear Dave,

We enjoyed your letter-nice to hear about the Nemitz Family. Takes me back to when I was in Chicago at BMTS and went to see Uncle Will Nemitz and Aunt Alma. Once in awhile one of the Storch family came to see me and I'd hear about Mother's relatives. But I don't think they were very close to the Iowa branch. Never heard much about them.

Baptist Missionary Training School

William John Ernest Nemits
Alma Leona Grimes

Storch family

Hope all is well with you. Sorry about Tom and Virginia. Sadly it does happen that people seem to marry the wrong ones and it is better to part. Sad for any relatives.

Tom Witheridge
Virginia Selleck

2. We have had nice weather - very helpful when I go to my hair appointment as I do once every other week.

Jim takes very good care of me - he is a good cook and stays well - except for the glacoma in his eyes. He still reads the Library Books he gets us once a month and is able to drive, thankfully! Dont like to think about what we will do when he no longer can get a license to drive! Our children are too far away to be any help! Our mobile home is too small to ask Jennifer to come to live with us!

Jennifer

I take extra-strength Tylenol which keeps me fairly pain-free. We go to some of the Club activities - dinners, etc. There is one next week, I see on the Calendar.

It is not a Pot-Luck - so all we need to take is our own dishes and some money.

Jaimie and Penny are very busy at Mt. Allison Univ. I look forward to next summer when I hope they will come to Cal. to see us - (if possible)! Jennifer comes for Christmas, which is great! Last summer Jaimie met Jennie met at Palm Springs and they drove over to Hemet and our Park together. We loved that! It is a shame we are all so far apart! Penny doesn't like to fly - so they either have to drive or take the train. Penny stayed with Jason in Toronto while Jaimie went to Palm Springs and Hemet to see us. They don't see a lot

Jaimie and Penny

Jennifer

of Jason - so that was nice. Jason has decided to finish his College Education in Toronto (I think he has two years more). Then he feels he can get a better job. That pleases his parents, of course. He is a person who has to decide to do things, by himself. They are very glad he decided he wants to do that.

Jason

Lovely to get your letter! Do that again! Stay well - we will all be glad to have the nice weather back again.

Much love

Louise and Jim

You might be interested that Carol Goins of Fallbrook called this morning. She still keeps in touch.

Jim

← Dorothea Carol Witheridge

[Written by Jim Mark] [Christmas 1998]

1998

Dear Dave:

Guess I must have been thinking of Michigan when I bought these cards. It sure doesn't look like this out here!!

Everything about the same with us. Louise doesn't walk any more but we wheel-chair to her hair dresser every other week and eat at a restaurant once in a while (to give us a rest from my cooking). The touch of Alzheimer"s Makes memory of even a few minutes impossible and we have to struggle with that but the Tylenol keeps the arthritis pain away and that is wonderful.

My health is pretty good. My glaucoma and diabetes doctors have both told me I'm holding my own and give me six months intervals between appointments so I am thankful for that. Of course, I have a blood sugar test every two months.

Hope things are well with you and that you are finding new member applicants every day.

Jennifer living in Royal Oak, Michigan

Jenni will fly out from Royal Oak this year to be with us at Christmas and we are grateful for that.

Lots of love and affection----

*May the magic of the season*
*bring you much joy*
*now and in the new year.*

Louise & Jim

[Jan. 12, 1999]

January 12, 1999

Dear Louise and Jim,

Well, here is the letter I promised you. I don't seem to have a copy of the last real letter I wrote to you, so I don't know what I said. I was glad to get your Christmas card and to be brought up-to-date on how things are going. I know things are not easy now, and I hope no new problems develop.

We really did have a great Nemitz reunion last June. I worried a lot about how many were coming, because I didn't get any firm commitments from anyone until a week or so before the event. Of course, from Germany we had Friedrich and his wife Renate and his cousin Dieter and his wife Hilde. Then we had four from Iowa, three from the State of Washington, four from Montana, and sixteen from Minnesota. Everyone was thrilled. Most of them hadn't met their relatives in this country, let alone those from Germany. It was a big job to prepare, but it was worth it. About half of the group went to our church on Sunday morning and then came over to our house for a delicious lunch prepared by Jim and David and Tom.

Nemitz family reunion in Minneapolis, June 1998

During the summer I continued playing golf with Jim. I found that the Minneapolis Public Schools had a golf class of six sessions in their community education program, so I signed up for that. Then I got Jim to join me in taking a follow-up advanced series. They helped a lot, though I'm still not very good!

Golf with son Jim

My only health problem was that I had to have eye surgery early in September—not really on my eye, but on my lower right eyelid. It was sagging a little and turning in, so that the eyelashes were irritating the eyeball. It was just a one-day outpatient deal. The doctor had to make an incision and sew it up. I didn't need a patch or bandage, but I had to keep putting ice packs on it and later hot packs, so it really tied me up for a couple of weeks.

A couple of months later I had to get new glasses, because I needed new prescriptions. In the process my optometrist found that my right eye isn't seeing as well as it should. So he sent me to a specialist, who found that I have a small amount of glaucoma, a small amount of macular degeneration, and a small amount of cataract, but not enough of any of them to do anything about it. I just have to see him again in about six months.

I don't know if you pay any attention to professional football or what team out there you would be interested in, but we're all excited about our Minnesota Vikings. They're better than they've ever been, and we think they may go all the way to the Super Bowl. This coming Sunday is the final game for the NFC championship.

No – they lost, avoiding a fifth Super Bowl disaster

You probably saw all the publicity about our new governor, Jesse Ventura, the former wrestler. He is the first Reform Party governor ever to be elected. We didn't happen to vote for him, but we hope he does all right. We have a Democratic Senate, a Republican House, and a Reform governor. We hope they can work together.

No change here with Tom, Virginia, and Rebecca. Tom still lives with me, and Rebecca is here about half the time. She is enjoying school and has taken up playing the clarinet. A few weeks ago her grade school band gave a concert, and we all went—Tom, Virginia, Virginia's mother, who was visiting here, and I. It was amazingly good, considering that most of them, including Rebecca had only begun playing during vacation last summer.

Rebecca

Well, that's all for now. I hope all goes well for both of you during the coming weeks.

Love,

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[DEW's initial draft for Louise's birthday note] [May 1999]

May 1999

Happy Birthday, Louise!

I hope you have a good day and a good year ahead. By now your weather must be getting wonderful. We're having an early spring here – 77° ~~here~~ and sunny today, which is great.

¶ I suppose Jim has a little garden work, too, this time of year. It's good to live in a place with such a long growing season. I have a young woman who comes two hours a week and does most of my heavy yard and garden work. But I do get some outdoor exercise. I walk for an hour down by the lake three days a week. In the winter I walk around our house for fifteen minutes twice a day. It's a great house for walking in!

I'm glad you get out for a hair appointment and a meal out every so often. I wonder if you're ever able to go to church now. Our church is completely handicapped accessible now, so we usually have one or two people in wheelchairs.

Well, I hope both of your general health is pretty good now. I'm getting along OK.

Love, Dave

[DEW's notes for a birthday phone call to Louise]

[May 5, 1999]

Call to Louise 5/5/99

Happy Birthday

How's everything going?
Doing anything special to celebrate?

Last night went to Rebecca's band concert.
Very good - She plays clarinet. Tom told
band director about Jamie.

Rebecca and her cousin Jaimie

North American Witheridge Reunion in Lansing, Mich,
in August. Should be large turnout. I won't
be going, because I don't travel anymore. Hope
Jennie will get there, also John, Janice, Jay, Mary Kay,
+ Little Anne + Bill.

Any recent news about Amanda + Shane + Jason?

Tom has a new girl friend - seems quite serious.
He + Virginia starting divorce proceedings.

It wasn't serious.
-TFW,
Nov. 17, 2022

Found a new Nemitz relative through my computer
on the Internet. Brad Babcock in suburb of Vancouver.
Has his genealogy on his computer.
Because of that I tracked down a relative from the
Bay County Tonke family who is also interested in
family history and found that he is a famous journalist
and author, Howard Kohn

Brad Babcock

Howard Kohn

Well, that's everything new from here.

[June 2, 2000]

DEW's draft for a note
to Louise. Jim Mark
has died, and Louise has
been moved to a nursing
home in Michigan.

6/2/00

Dear Louise,

I was very sorry to hear about Jim, but I'm glad to know that you have moved to this new place where you will get very good care. It's good that Jennie and Jamie could come to be with you for a while.

I hope you are fairly comfortable and not in a lot of pain. Also that your appetite is good and you are able to eat well.

Things are going along well here. I am fairly healthy and so are all the others. ~~[illegible]~~ I think of you often and pray for you, and I know you will get along just fine.

All my love,
Your brother Dave

[This was clipped to the draft:]

FATHER MURRAY NURSING CENTER
8444 Engleman
Center Line, MI 48015

810-755-2400

[DEW's notes for Louise's birthday card or phone call] [May 2001]

May, 2001

Hi, Louise,

Happy Birthday once again! I hope you are going to have some kind of celebration. At our age birthdays are great milestones, because they mean we have traveled one more year successfully.

I'm glad that you are well situated in your new home and that you are close enough to Jennie that she can see you from time to time. I know that means a lot to both of you.

I hope you have a good appetite and that your general health is good, although I know you do have some pain. Of course, you spend a lot of time in a wheelchair, but that enables you to get around and is better than staying in bed.

As I get older, I think a lot about the past and the many good times we had growing up together. Have another good year ahead.

Love,

Your brother Dave

[Dec. 4, 2001]

2425 Irving Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
December 4, 2001

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
1100 South Goodman Street
Rochester, NY 14620

Dear Friends:

My sister, Louise Witheridge Mark (Mrs. James F. Mark, Jr.), died October 23, 2001, at the age of 88. She graduated from the Baptist Missionary Training School about 1934.

Enclosed is a check for $100.00 as a memorial to Louise to be given to the Scholarship Fund that I understand is now being sponsored by the BMTS alumnae.

Please send acknowledgments of this gift to her two children:

Dr. James F. Mark III
34 Union Street
Sackville, N.B. E4L 4M4
Canada

Ms. Jennifer Burke
3920 Devon Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Witheridge

David E. Witheridge
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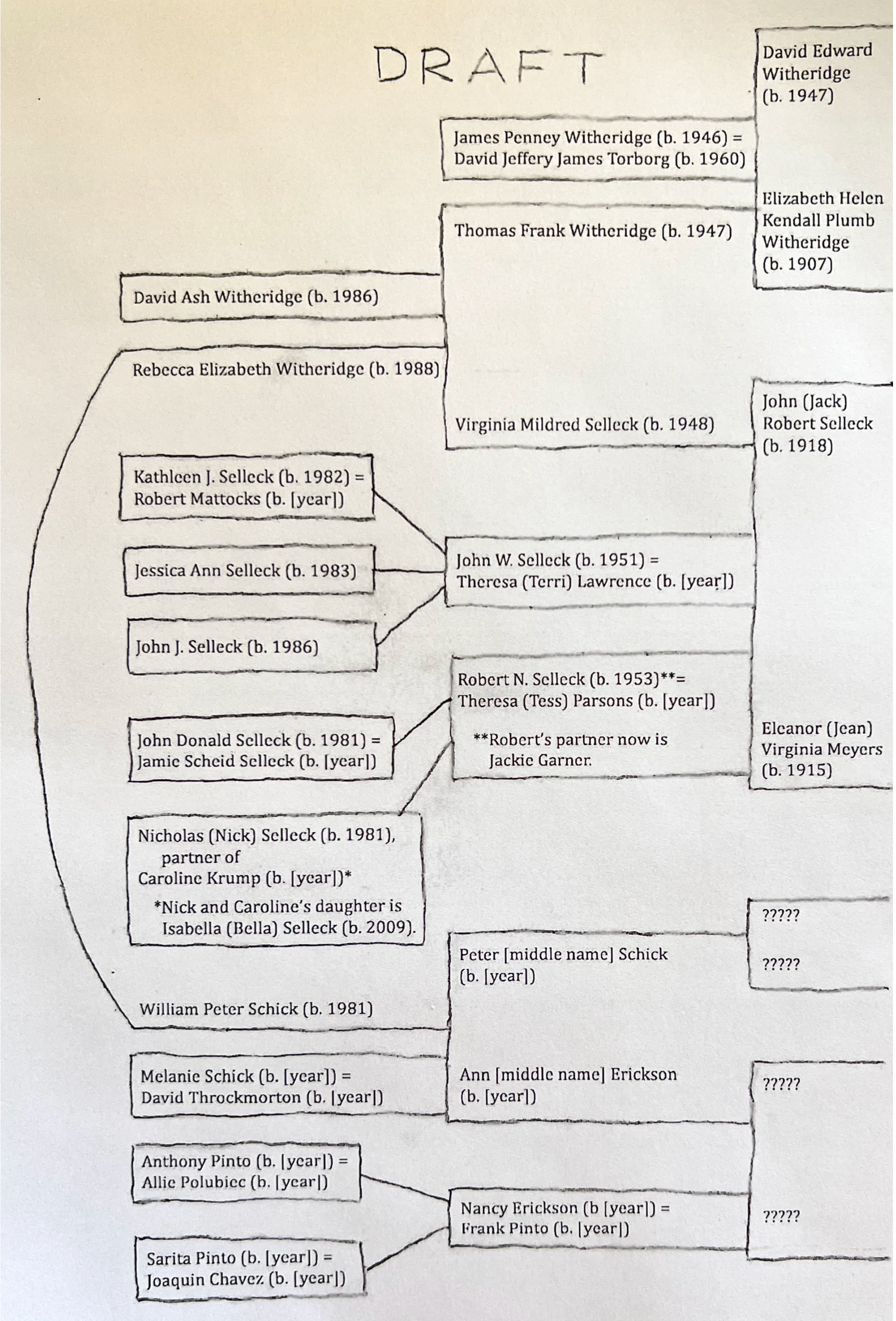
## Editor's note

This section contains pictures from the wedding ceremony and celebration in Moab, Utah, for my daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge Schick, and her husband, William Peter Schick, on October 20-24, 2022. They had already been legally married the previous month in Denver; this was a gathering of their closest living relatives from out of town. See page 1 for my very rough initial draft of the newly extended family tree, which includes all of the invited guests. As you'll see, there's plenty of basic family history data collection still to be done.

We rented a beautiful house in downtown Moab and had a great party. It was the happiest occasion of my life (so far)!

Tom Witheridge
October 29, 2022

The document below was distributed at the wedding celebration, attended by the closest living relatives of Will and Rebecca Schick, in Moab, Utah, on October 20-24, 2022. This is the initial rough draft of a new first page for the ancester chart of David Ash Witheridge and Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge Schick. All of the invited guests appear in the chart, and many of them are pictured on the following pages.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David Edward Witheridge (b. 1947)
James Penney Witheridge (b. 1946) = David Jeffery James Torborg (b. 1960)
Elizabeth Helen Kendall Plumb Witheridge (b. 1907)
Thomas Frank Witheridge (b. 1947)
David Ash Witheridge (b. 1986)
Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge (b. 1988)
John (Jack) Robert Selleck (b. 1918)
Virginia Mildred Selleck (b. 1948)
Kathleen J. Selleck (b. 1982) = Robert Mattocks (b. [year])
Jessica Ann Selleck (b. 1983)
John W. Selleck (b. 1951) = Theresa (Terri) Lawrence (b. [year])
John J. Selleck (b. 1986)
Robert N. Selleck (b. 1953)**= Theresa (Tess) Parsons (b. [year])
**Robert's partner now is Jackie Garner.
John Donald Selleck (b. 1981) = Jamie Scheid Selleck (b. [year])
Eleanor (Jean) Virginia Meyers (b. 1915)
Nicholas (Nick) Selleck (b. 1981), partner of Caroline Krump (b. [year])*
*Nick and Caroline's daughter is Isabella (Bella) Selleck (b. 2009).
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Peter [middle name] Schick (b. [year])
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William Peter Schick (b. 1981)
Melanie Schick (b. [year]) = David Throckmorton (b. [year])
Ann [middle name] Erickson (b. [year])
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Anthony Pinto (b. [year]) = Allie Polubiec (b. [year])
Nancy Erickson (b [year]) = Frank Pinto (b. [year])
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Sarita Pinto (b. [year]) = Joaquin Chavez (b. [year])

The party house in
downtown Moab, Utah

Rebecca and Will place their orders at the welcoming dinner.

L to R at the welcoming dinner:
Anthony Pinto, Nancy Erickson, Frank Pinto,
Ann Erickson, Allie Polubiec

Allie Polubiec and Anthony Pinto

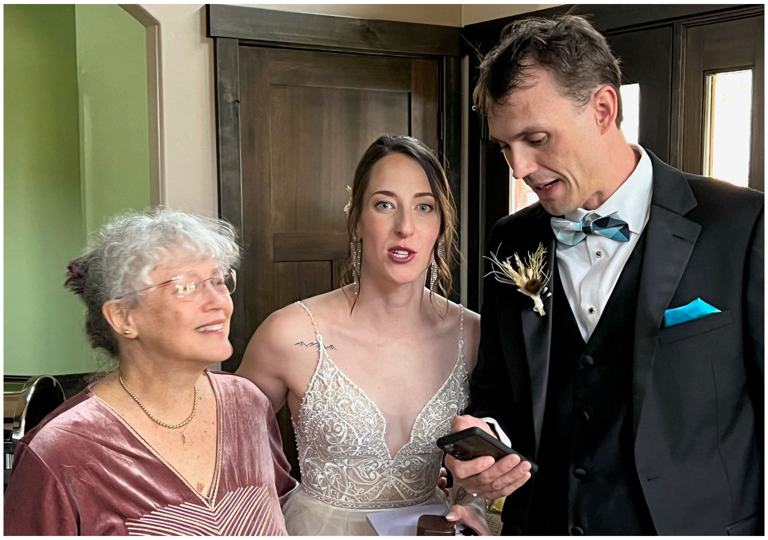
Sisters Ann and Nancy Erickson with Frank Pinto

Cousins take a break from decorating the backyard.
L to R: Jessica (Jessi) Selleck, Rebecca, Kathleen (Katie) Selleck Mattocks

The yard stands in readiness.

FATHER
of the
BRIDE

Tom and Rebecca at the welcoming dinner. Notice the upper-right corner of his tee-shirt, a gift from the bride: Three generations of Witheridges, ca. 1997 — grandpa (the Rev. David E. Witheridge), dad (Thomas F. Witheridge), and Rebecca (age 8).



Ann Erickson with the bride and groom (her son)

Anthony Pinto with his parents, Nancy Erickson and Frank Pinto (the groom's aunt and uncle)

Foreground, L to R:
John Donald Selleck,
Katherine J. (Katie) Selleck Mattocks,
Jessica (Jessi) Ann Selleck,
John W. Selleck

Jackie Garner and Robert N. Selleck

Will Schick and
his uncle, Frank Pinto

Will and Frank

L to R:
Robert N. Selleck (uncle of the bride) and his sister, Virginia M. Selleck (mother of the bride), with Ann Erickson (mother of the groom), as the ceremony is about to begin.

Rebecca is in the background as the groom's aunt and uncle, Nancy Erickson and Frank Pinto, await the start of the ceremoiny.

Rock climbers Rebecca and Will hamming for the guests as the ceremony is about to begin.

More fun … and now we get down to business!

Will, Tom, and Rebecca

L to R:  Virginia, Tom, Rebecca, Will, and Ann

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Jennifer Mark
documents

[Apr. 7-9, 1998]

**davidew**

From: Jennifer E Burke <jenni.burke@juno.com>
To: davidew@gateway.net
Subject: Greetings!
Date: Tuesday, April 07, 1998 5:10 PM

Hi there!
Hope this arrives ok. It was nice to talk with you today--thanks for calling back.

Just wanted to give you my cousin's address:<jwillett@voyager.net>
He is not a computer or genealogy expert but may have picked up some tips by now. Of course I am sure you have a lot of contacts, and probably will be talking to people you already know. Actually, he would probably gain more from talking to you, as you have been doing genealogy so long. Anyway, his name is Jack Willett (accent on the second syllable) and he lives in Tawas City, in my great-grandfather's house (where my two great aunts, Ferne Mark and Bessie Holland, lived for many years, and which now, I assume, belongs to Bessie's daughter Betty (Jack's wife)). They have done a lot to clear out some of the (ahem) history in the house but it is still stuffed with old books, photographs, and other antiques.) They are both nice people. I will give him your address too, assuming you won't mind.

Bessie and
Jack Willett
Tawas City, MI

Ferne Mark
Bessie Holland

I doubt if I will be coming to Minneapolis on June 19, as I am going to my Scandinavian dance camp the next Saturday, and I would rather have the time to prepare for it. I will certainly try to make the Lansing get-together though. Maybe I will call Kathy (Cathy?) and find out if she has a definite date.

Nemitz reunion,
Minneapolis

Witheridge reunion,
Lansing, MI

Happy computing!

Love, Jenni

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**davidew**

From: Jennifer E Burke <jenni.burke@juno.com>
To: davidew@gateway.net
Subject: Re: Jack Willett
Date: Thursday, April 09, 1998 9:34 PM

Hi,
Just wanted to mention that I got a letter from Jack and they are going to be away for about a month, probably. They will be visiting their children in Georgia. Also Jack says he has not had time to work with the computer lately, and that you may be ahead of him in that respect too. At any rate, don't expect any answers until the middle of May.

Bye, Jenni

[June 9, 1999]

Witheridge reunion
in Lansing, MI,
Aug. 1999

Subj: **Re: Reunion**
Date: 6/9/99 8:31:51 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: jenni.burke@juno.com

Dear Jenni,

Joan Lorraine Witheridge (b. 1939)

I had given Joan Shaw your address as one of her relatives she would probably want to meet when they are in Michigan. So I thought she had written to you about their plans, but apparently not. Maybe they didn't write to John, either, though I did mention their trip to him when I talked to him on his birthday.

Joan and her husband Ron are going to Elmira, New York (not Michigan) for a wedding of her niece's son on June 26, and they plan to go through Michigan on the way home. They will be in Elmira until June 28 and expect to get here about the middle of July, so they may be in Michigan about the first week of July. They have a motorhome, and they have taken many long trips with it over many years.

Joan said that Ron has an aunt in Farmington whom they want to see. Without your permission I took the liberty of suggesting that you might be willing to drop over and see them while they are there. I thought that was easier than for them to drive their motorhome around trying to find you. They also have friends in Redford, which I see is in the same general direction as Farmington.

Well, so much for the Shaws! I hope it works out so that you can meet them.

Love, Uncle Dave

[June 20, 2000]

Subj: **Louise**
Date: 6/20/00 1:50:10 PM Central Daylight Time
From: hpp4@wwnet.net (Harmonie Park Press)
Reply-to: hpp4@wwnet.net (Harmonie Park Press)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Dear Uncle Dave, I'm sorry I did not let you know I received your check. Anyway, I did, but I still have not decided between the Scouts, a library or some music organization. I will soon, though. I have been visiting nursing homes but have not decided on one yet. It is a depressing search as I'm sure you know.

[Her father has died, and she is searching for a Michigan nursing home for her mother, who cannot live alone.]

Mom's phone number at Cloverleaf is (909) 658-9441. If you call, don't let them give her the portable phone. It confuses her, I guess because the buttons are in the receiver, and when she's confused she can't hear. It works better if they bring her to use the phone at the desk. You can ask for South (Nursing) Station, her room is near there. Charge Nurse

My modem died so I have to use the email at work, which is <hpp4@wwnet.net>

Please thank Tom for the card, it was nice to hear from him. I will call or write again when I have more time.

Love, Jenni

[July 2000]

Subj: **Memorial donation**
Date: 7/7/00 4:11:39 PM Central Daylight Time
From: hpp4@wwnet.net (Harmonie Park Press)
Reply-to: hpp4@wwnet.net (Harmonie Park Press)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Dear Uncle Dave,

I donated your $25 to the Tawas City library. Dad always enjoyed using libraries wherever he was, and I figured they could use the money. It was nice of you to contribute--sorry I took so long over it.

Jenni

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Subj: **Re: Memorial donation**
Date: 7/8/00 4:26:24 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: hpp4@wwnet.net

Hi, Jenni,

Thanks for the information. I think that was a good decision, and I'm sure your dad would have been pleased.

Love, Uncle Dave

[Aug. 16, 2000]

Iosco-Arenac District Library

951 TURTLE ROAD, TAWAS CITY, MI 48763-9563 (517) 362-2651 FAX (517) 362-6056

August 16, 2000

Jennifer Burke
3920 Devon Road
Royal Oak MI 48073

Dear Ms. Burke,

I apologize for the time it has taken me to send a thank you letter for your $50 gift to the Tawas City Library. A gift given to a library in memory of a loved one is always a wonderful way to remember them.

We decided that an appropriate purchase that would have long-lasting shelf life would be books on Broadway musicals (specifically vocal arrangements). Our reference librarian assures me that these would be well used by our library patrons. We have two very active theatre groups in East Tawas and Oscoda who annually produce musicals. Your gift will buy at least four of these books.

Each book will be gift-plated:

In Memory of James F. Mark, Jr.
2000

The books will be housed at the Tawas City Library and made available to other libraries through interlibrary loan. We hope to have them at the Library within three weeks.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Mallak Olson

Stephanie Mallak Olson
District Director

Thought you would be
interested in this.
Jenni

Subj: **Re: Louise's Birthday**
Date: 6/3/01 4:47:57 PM Central Daylight Time
From: JENNIBURKE@prodigy.net (Jennifer Burke)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

[June 3, 2001]

Dear Uncle Dave, [redacted]

Thanks so much for your nice long letter. I was fascinated to hear about Mom's experience at summer school. I knew she went to summer school when we were kids because we went up to Tawas while she was there, but I am not sure I ever knew about the other time, although something about astronomy rings a bell. These are the times when I feel bad about not just sitting down and picking Mom's brain about her early life. She did write down a lot of reminiscences, but I don't find that in them.

I also had no idea that Mom was so good at math and science. She certainly had no outlet for such knowledge except taking over the family finances, probably after Dad had made a mess of them. I didn't know either that she didn't get a degree from B.M.T.S. She says she went to summer school at Central for "Pre-school education" but that doesn't sound like she got a degree. Apparently that was before she got married, so that was not the time I was thinking of.

Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago

Central State Normal School, Mount Pleasant, MI (Now Central Mich. U.)

I don't know about the details of your life either, and I would love to hear about it. I don't know anything about what you did before you went to the seminary--did you also work for Grandpa? I seem to have very little information about Mom's brothers, just a few items in scrapbooks. Also we don't have too many pictures of her childhood and youth, and many of those unmarked. It's too bad these things don't seem important until it's too late.

William Allen Witheridge (b. 1881)

If you would like a copy of Mom's reminiscences I will make one for you. It is about 50 pages, I think.

While we are talking about days gone by, it occurs to me to ask if you searched for your German great-grandfather by other variations of Jacobs, like Jakobs or Jakob? It sure is funny that the name was so uncommon, even if you couldn't find your particular connection.

Jacobs family in Pomerania

Wonder if the weather in Mpls has been as cold and depressing as here. I feel sorry for the people who planned weddings for the beginning of June, visions of wedding dresses with coats and sweaters over them!

Lots of love, Jenni

[June 14, 2001]

June 14, 2001

Dear Jenni,

Just a short response to your e-mail. I'm so glad Louise wrote down her reminiscences while she could. I would love to have a copy of them, and here is $20 to help with the photocopying and postage. They may help me with my own reminiscences, which I have only barely begun. I have much more writing to do also about our ancestors and Elizabeth's, and I hope I can stay healthy long enough to do it.

About my own early life, the short answer is, "Yes, I did work for Father before I went to the seminary." Because of the Depression, I got my first two years of college at Bay City Junior College and then finished my engineering degree at Ann Arbor. I worked four years with Father before deciding to become a minister. My last major job was designing the heating and ventilating for the then-new (1940) Arthur Hill High School.

Yes, I started searching for my Jacobs ancestors using all the spelling variations, but there were so many that I went to just Jacobs. The Mormon library doesn't have them organized by area—just one alphabetical listing for all of Germany. There are thousands of them. So now I'm in the tedious process of going through them all, looking for some in the Stolp district of Pomerania. I just do a few hundred at a time. I'm up to #1400 now and haven't found a single one in the district called Kreis Stolp, but I'll keep looking!

I thought this was going to be a short letter, but it hasn't turned out that way!

Love,

[July 3, 2001]

**Subj:** **Louise's Reminiscences**
Date: 7/3/01 11:53:16 AM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: JENNIBURKE@prodigy.net

Louise Theresa Nemitz    Wilhelm Nemitz (b. 1835?)

Hi, Jenni,

I received your mom's reminiscences and have finished reading them, and I enjoyed them very much. I'm so glad she wrote them.

Because she is fifteen months older than I am, she was able to remember things in our early childhood that I don't have any recollection of--such as the end of World War I.

in Saginaw, MI

Actually the item I was most interested in was her statement that Grandfather Nemitz lived with us for a while on Genesee Street. I knew he had visited us, because we have a picture of him standing in front of our house. But I didn't realize he had actually lived with us. That may have been right after he returned from Saskatchewan and before he went to live with (my) Aunt Louise in Beecher, Illinois, where he was living when he died in 1921. I have no personal recollection of Grandfather Nemitz, so I'm glad Louise did. She called him a quiet man, "with crinkling, smiling eyes," and said she remembered him "knitting endless pairs of stockings and mittens, out of scratchy grey and red wool, for the soldiers." So it must have been about 1917, when I was only three years old.

Thank you for the money you returned. I thought I had sent more than enough, but I didn't expect you to return any. I'm very grateful that you took the time to do this for me.

Jim has been using the GOOGLE search engine lately, but I haven't had time to do anything with it yet. Maybe some day.

Love, Uncle Dave

Google

[DEW's notes from a phone call to Jennifer about Louise ~~Mark's~~ death in Michigan] [Oct. 24, 2001]

Call to Jennifer – 10/24/01 about Louise

Fri before, didn't eat

Mon. pulse low

Died Tues. 11:00 a.m. 10/23/01 Center Line, Mich.

Want to set up a service for both Louise & Jim
at a time when Jamie can come.

Trying to get notices in several different papers –
Saginaw, Tawas, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, [illegible]

[Dec. 2-11, 2001]

Challenges presented by the IGI

Subj: **IGI site**
Date: 12/2/01 7:07:48 PM Central Standard Time
From: JENNIBURKE@prodigy.net (Jennifer Burke)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (david witheridge)

Hi, I just went into the International Genealogical Index, but if there isn't an easier way to search it by letter, we are going to spend half our time scrolling! In order to get to the Bs, I have to go all the way through the As, and the further we go through the alphabet, the longer it will take. Do you have any ideas?

Jenni

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Subj: **Re: IGI site**
Date: 12/8/01 3:56:22 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: JENNIBURKE@prodigy.net

Hi, Jenni,

I know what you mean about scrolling through all the As to get to the Bs. I think you should hold off doing anything about this now. After the first of January when I get more time, I'll spend a day or two at the LDS Library where I can look at all the Jacobses on probably one or two microfiches, which is much easier than going through them on the computer. That will give me some idea as to how long it would take to go through the whole alphabet. I can also talk to the staff there and see if they have any ideas on how to do this. I'll let you know later!

Love, Uncle Dave

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Subj: **Re: IGI site**
Date: 12/8/01 11:03:52 PM Central Standard Time
From: JENNIBURKE@prodigy.net (Jennifer Burke)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com

Thanks, I'll wait until you have something to tell me.

Have you listened to Mom and Dad's tape yet? ← an audiotape of reminiscences by Louise and Jim Mark (not found in DEW's records)

Jenni

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Subj: **Re: IGI site**
Date: 12/11/01 3:09:00 PM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: JENNIBURKE@prodigy.net

Hi, Jenni,

Yes, I have listened to the tape, and it was fascinating. It filled in some of the gaps in her autobiography. It reminded me of how hard it was during the depression. The young people of today have no idea what it was like then. It also showed how hard it is to remember things that far back. I don't feel so bad about not being able to. I'll have to listen to it again some time, because some things were hard to hear, and in other places it was hard to figure out just what they were saying. Thank you for bringing it.

Love, Uncle Dave

[Jan. 12, 2002]

Christmas with brother Jaimie Mark and his wife, Penny, in Canada

Subj: **package, photo**
Date: 1/12/02 12:10:21 PM Central Standard Time
From: JENNIBURK[redacted]@prodigy.net (Jennifer Burke)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (david witheridge)

Hi Uncle Dave,
I sent you a box with a tissue holder I found and some pictures; hope you got it. I know your bathroom is pink, not green, but I thought it would look nice anyway. Or you could use it downstairs. But if it doesn't work out, don't worry, I think I paid all of 76 cents for it! By the way, it is Rubbermaid, so maybe they still make them, you could find out.

I had a nice time in Sackville with Jaimie, Penny and Amanda. We did quite a few things; I didn't get there until Christmas Eve, but we went to a midnight service at the Anglican church. Then on Christmas day, we had one guest at dinner, a teacher who lives alone and usually comes to them; then we went next door to their neighbors for dessert. After a quiet Boxing Day we spent Thursday getting ready for a party in the evening for about 25 people. Friday we went to Moncton to see The Shipping News, which is set in Newfoundland--we all liked it a lot--and that evening went next door again for dinner. Saturday we went over to Prince Edward Island and had lunch with a friend of theirs who wanted them to see her new house. She is also an amazing needleworker and showed us many beautiful quilts, sweaters, and other handwork, that she plans to sell. Then we went to Amanda's house in Charlottetown. She has a kind of "fixer-upper" that she is working on, with a tenant upstairs. That evening we went to a Mexican restaurant and had an evening of pool--a prize Jaimie had bid on at a silent auction for the PEI Symphony, two years ago! (We had to use it because the restaurant was closing Dec. 31!) That was great fun; I am a terrible player, but I enjoy it anyway. We stayed at Amanda's that night, and the next day took our time going back (she stayed there); drove around Charlottetown, had lunch, and went to a very nice museum and gift store near the bridge. Then Monday morning we set off for the airport, only to have the car break down on the way! Luckily we were quite close to Sackville and they had a mobile phone, so they called a taxi for me and I got to the airport with about 20 minutes to spare. Whew! All in all a whirl of activity. It was so nice to spend so much time with Amanda; she is great fun and an interesting person.

When I was in Sackville, I saw the picture Amanda has of your family. I don't remember ever having that, and I'm puzzled, because if it came from Mom and Dad's stuff it should have passed through my hands, because I went through the pictures. If it had been in my hot little fist, I would not have let it go even to her, I think! Anyway, I can't find it in the pictures I have, so if you could give me a copy, that would be wonderful. The picture I am talking about is the one where John is about 5 or 6 and you and Mom are probably in high school. Your father is smiling so nicely--I don't remember him smiling very much when I knew him, but of course he must have! Is that a 5 x7? I bought a nice frame for it, and then when I looked at my pictures I realized what I actually had was the 1900 picture of your father's family. Of course, I can frame that too!

See next page

Does Rebecca have an email address you can get for me? I wanted to explain about the Heifer Project donation I sent her--also in your box--but also it would be fun to correspond with her. There is a website address for that organization on the card I sent her.

I hope you had a nice holiday, and are getting back into your normal routine. I look forward to any information you have on the family research, especially if you have found an easier way to research the Jacobs!

Love to Tom, Rebecca, Jim and David, and you of course!

Jenni

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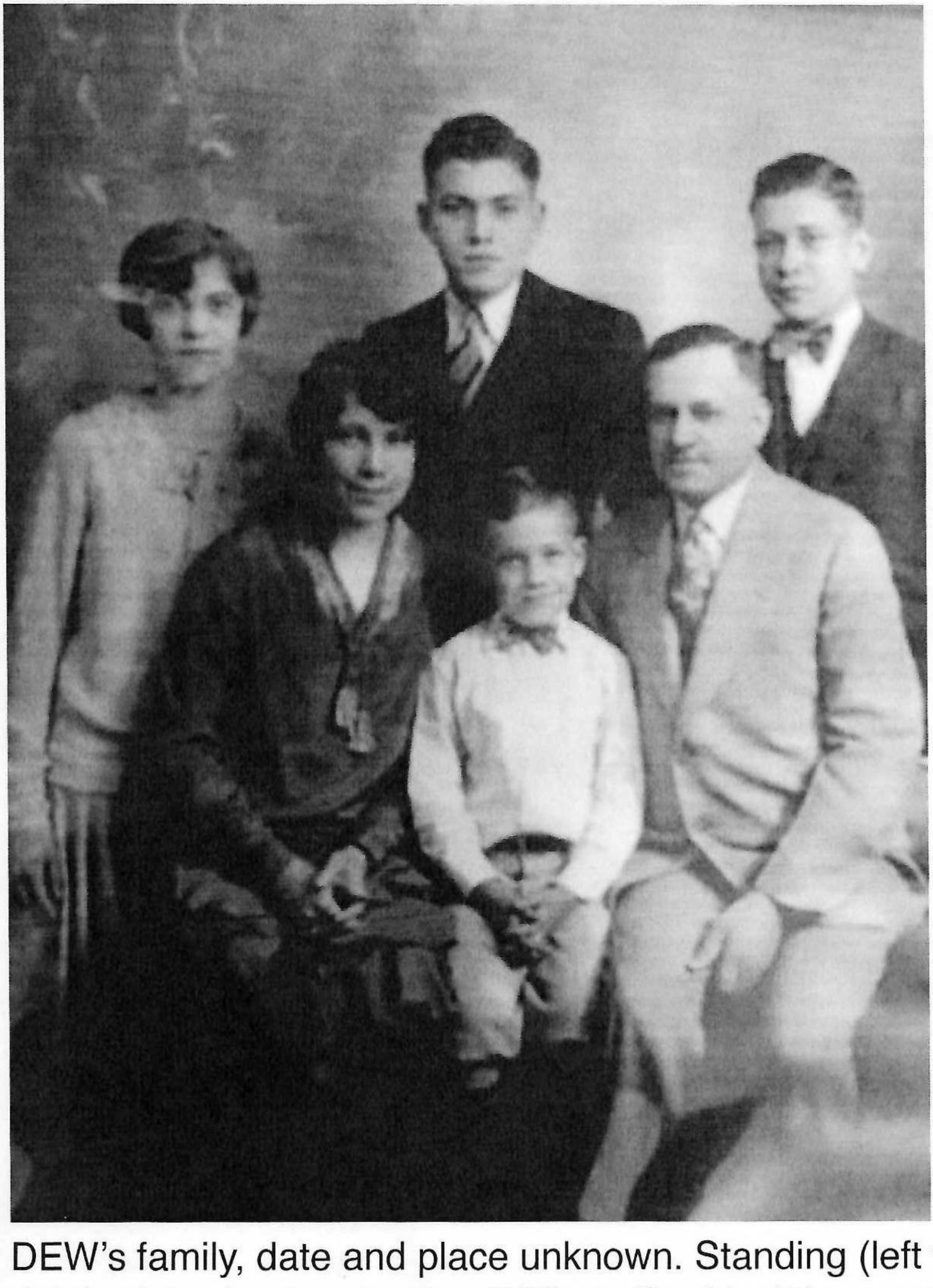

DEW's family, date and place unknown. Standing (left to right): sister Louise, brother William, David; sitting: mother Edith, brother John, father William.

[Jan. 16, 2002]

Subj: **Re: package, photo**
Date: 1/16/02 11:00:36 AM Central Standard Time
From: DWitheridg
To: JENNIBURKE@prodigy.net

Dear Jenni,

You must think I have dropped off the face of the earth. I've been very tired the last couple of weeks trying to get over a cold, so I've had to leave many things undone, including reading and answering my e-mail, as well as thanking you for your package.

When your package arrived, I couldn't imagine what it could be, and when I opened it, I was utterly delighted! You are very resourceful and persistent. You said you would find one, and you did. It is very good quality, and much better plastic than my old one. I'm sure it will last much longer. Our bathroom curtains are pink, but the rugs and bathmat are green, and so are some of the towels, so it fits in very well. Thank you very much.

I was also very glad to get the pictures of the memorial service. They are very good. It was good to have proof that John actually got to the service, and to have pictures of a lot of your dad's relatives whom I haven't met.

John Meredith Witheridge (b. 1922)

Rebecca enjoyed having the gift given to the Heifer International in her name. Our church school at Hyde Park Baptist in Chicago started giving to the Heifer Project way back in the 1940s. Rebecca's e-mail address is catzillagirl@aol.com.

I'm glad you had such a good time during and after Christmas with Jamie, Penny, and Amanda. You really kept busy and covered a lot of territory.

I haven't had time too look up that picture of our family that you would like to have. I may possibly have an extra copy; but, if not, I can have one made at Kinko's.

I haven't done anything on genealogy since Christmas. Eventually I'll get over to the Mormon library to check on the Jacobs problem, but no telling when.

Love, Uncle Dave

[Oct. 2002]

Subj: **Thanksgiving**
Date: 10/1/02 10:39:50 PM Central Daylight Time
From: jenniburke@prodigy.net (JENNIFER BURKE)
To: DWitheridg@aol.com (david witheridge)

Dear Uncle Dave,
I have tickets for Thanksgiving but have not done anything about renting a car. Maybe it would be best as I am arriving at 7:48pm Wednesday evening. What do you think? Would there be someone around to pick me up if you don't want to drive? The return flight is at 3:16pm Sunday afternoon.

Hope you are well, as I am. Bedtime right now, though, I will write again later!

Love, Jenni

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Subj: **Re: Thanksgiving**
Date: 10/9/02 12:13:57 PM Central Daylight Time
From: DWitheridg
To: jenniburke@prodigy.net

Mary Heltsley

Dear Jenni,

No, you won't have to rent a car. Either Tom or Jim will be able to drive out to meet you. I checked with the airport, and it's still possible for us to meet you in the baggage area, so we'll meet you there. Don't forget to give me your flight number. We're looking forward to seeing you again.

Mary Heltsley is going to join us for Thanksgiving dinner. I think you'll enjoy each other.. She is a librarian who retired early a few years ago. Worked at a state school for retarded children. Her husband died several months ago.

Mary is a very distant cousin of Elizabeth's in the Kendall line. We met her many years ago at a genealogy meeting where I gave a talk about our trip to England and mentioned our visit to the town of Kendall. We have been very good friends ever since.

I'm sorry I've neglected you lately, but I seem to have had many extra things that have kept me busy. My health has been good. The doctor gave me a good report after my annual physical about a month ago, but I've been more tired than usual and have had to take lots of naps. I'm sure it's the high humidity we've had. The weather man says it's higher here than it used to be, and the weather experts don't know why. It bothers me more since I've gotten older. Last fall I didn't feel right until the humidity in the house got down below 30%. For months it has been in the upper 40s, but I'm hoping it will start dropping now with cold weather coming on.

My latest development is that I've ordered two new hearing aids and will be able to pick them up on October 22nd. I was especially having trouble hearing in church and on the phone. They will hook over my ears with tubes into my ear canals, and they have all the latest digital and computer technologies I can hardly wait.

It won't be long now until we'll be seeing you. I hope you are as excited as we are.

Love, David

[Mar. 11, 2004]

Jaimie Mark performing at Carnegie Hall

Subj: **My brother's Carnegie Hall concert**
Date: 3/11/04 8:17:19 AM Central Standard Time
From: jburke@HarmonieParkPress.com (Jenni Burke)
To: chaos29@ix.netcom.com (Catherine), DWitheridg@aol.com, dkoloj@tir.com (Donna), hdavis1@ford.com, kanordrum@aol.com (kathleen), burke@oakland.edu (Dick), rmburns@oakland.edu (rob), Jon.E.Burseth@WellsFargo.com (Jon), Dunnbrosnicollet@aol.com

Hi, sorry to give you such short notice, but a documentary about my brother's youth orchestra concert in Carnegie Hall is on CBC-TV (channel 9 in Detroit area) tonight at 7pm on Opening Night. There are two docs in the program but I'm pretty sure his, called "Practice, Practice, Practice", is the first. The program goes two hours, though, so if you tape you might want to tape the whole thing just in case. Those of you not in Detroit might still be able to get a Canadian channel, and it should still be at 7 pm. Jaimie and Penny have seen it and say it's very good. Hope you can catch it!

Jenni

Gladys Chivers Schmidt
documents

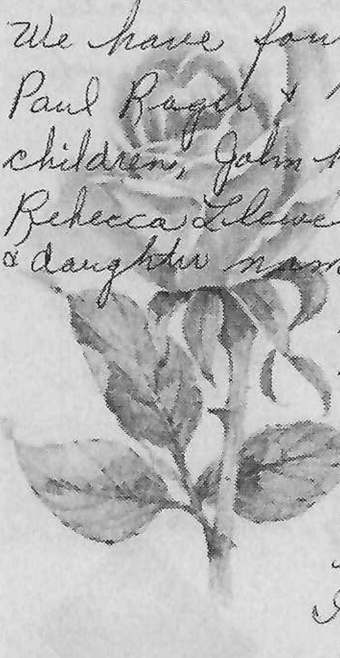
[June 12, 1979]

June 12, 1979

Dear David:

I must explain who I am although you probably know me as a member of your family tree. I am Gladys Chivers, daughter of George + Rosie Ford Chivers, and my Grand-mother (Dads mother) was Mary? Elizabeth Witheridge Chivers. I was born in St. Charles. Michigan and that is where Dad + Mom + Grandpa + Grandma lived. I have a brother Frank that lives in Wyoming, Michigan but used to live in Grand Rapids, Michigan. When my Mother + Dad moved to Auburn, Michigan I met and married a man named J.(ohn) Elmer Schmidt. We have four children named John Wm, Rosalie Ann Paul Roger + George Wayne. We have 5 grand-children, John has a son + daughter, Jason Robert and Rebecca Llewelyn, Paul has two children, a son + daughter named Michelle Kathleen and Jason Bradley and George has one son named Travis Ryan. My father had a sister named Elizabeth Redburn and a brother named Edgar Chivers who lived in and near Lansing, Michigan. I hope this introduces me.

I was talking (or rather writing)



Elizabeth (Betsy) Witheridge (b. 1858)

Frank Chivers

Gladys Chivers (b. 1915)

George William Chivers (b. 1881) and Rosie Ford (b. 1881?)

John Elmer Schmidt (b. 1916)

Children: John, Rosalie, Paul, and George

Elizabeth Mary Chivers (b. 1893)

Edgar Chivers (d. 1978) – see also next page

Mrs. J. Elmer Schmidt
115 Macomber Ave Rte 3.
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Rev. David E. Witheridge

to my cousin Jean Tomlinson (Aunt Elizabeth's daughter) about family trees. Our son John and also Frank's son David are very interested in this. She suggested I write to you as you have a very complete record of the family. I hesitate to ask this question as I do not know you personally. But—is there a way I could get a copy of this family record—how much would it cost—what would I have to do etc. I would enjoy knowing about my "roots". My husbands family have a family book dating back (I believe) into the 1600. I feel very uncomfortable asking this of you but I would appreciate any information you might give me on this subject.

Jean
Tomlinson
(b. 1920)

David
chivers

sincerely
Gladys C. Schmidt
(Mrs. J. Elmer Schmidt
115 Macomber Ave Rte 3.
Auburn, Michigan
48611

P.S. Jean asked me to give you the date of Uncle Edgar Chivers dead: He died August 7, 1978 East Lansing, Michigan and was buried August 9, 1978.

Edgar's
death

[July 10, 1979]

July 10, 1979

Dear Gladys:

Yes, I am completely aware of who you are, and I am most delighted that you wrote to me. I've intended to write to you for some time, but I haven't been doing much family history lately, because I've been so busy with my work.

Perhaps Jean Tomlinson mentioned to you that I am a minister, but I haven't been the pastor of a church for 28 years. Since 1951 I've been the executive director of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. At the end of 1979 I'll be retiring, and then I hope to spend a great deal more time at genealogy.

I'm very happy to know that you and your son John and your nephew David are becoming interested in your family background. I've been working on my own and my wife's for a great many years, and I'm always glad to find a relative who is really interested in genealogy. Until recently many of those I corresponded with knew very little about their ancestry and couldn't seem to care less. Consequently, they were very slow about answering my letters.

As you see, I'm enclosing some sheets that give our Witheridge ancestry back to 1645. The amazing thing is that they loved in the North Devon town of Combe Martin for 150 years and before that in the nearby town of Berrynarbor for at least 170 years. These records are mainly from the parish registers of those two towns. (The original numbering on those sheets started from our sons, so I changed it to start from your children. I'll explain this system to you later, if you are interested.)

It's true that I have compiled a great deal of information about our family tree on forms that I developed. However, I haven't as yet written this up in a narrative style that I can send you. The ancestral charts enclosed will at least give you our direct line of descent as far back as I know it.

I have many other sheets that show what I know about the other descendants of these ancestors, which isn't very much, of course, the farther back we go.

When my wife Elizabeth and I went to England and Wales in 1976, we were very fortunate to meet a number of relatives, and this made our visit especially meaningful. We have a great many pictures I'd like to show you some day, and perhaps you'd like copies of some of them.

Your father was one of the first persons I interviewed many years ago when I began my efforts in genealogy. He was very helpful, and I'll never forget the day I sat in his house and wrote furiously as he told me many things and showed me some old family records. You and I may even have met briefly that day. At least I was aware that you lived practically next door.

George
William
Chivers
(b. 1881)

I also interviewed your Aunt Elizabeth in Lansing and got a great deal of information from her. We liked her very much. I thought you'd like to have this picture. As a matter of fact, I've had it in my file for some time, intending to send it to you when I got around to writing!

Elizabeth
Mary Chivers
(b. 1893)

Elizabeth and I just spent a week in Michigan, and I wish we had received your letter just before we left Minneapolis, rather than just after we returned. We would have made a special point of seeing you on our way from Saginaw, where my brother ~~Jim~~ lives, to Tawas City, where my sister Louise lives. We had a big notebook with us containing a lot of the old Witheridge information.

I really can't say any more at this time, but I hope that this has piqued your interest and that you will write again soon. I'll be glad to send you more information from time to time, and if you or your son or nephew become seriously interested in genealogy, I'll give you all the advice and assistance I can for working on your other family lines. You should at least fill in as much as you can on the sheet that starts with your own son.

Yours sincerely,

[Created by DEW, date unknown]

## GENEALOGICAL CHART - No. ____

Abbreviations:
b. - born
m. - married
d. - died
pl.- place

2 J. [John] Elmer Schmidt
b. May 3, 1916
pl. Auburn, Mich.
m. Feb. 24, 1946
pl. Auburn, Mich.
d.
pl.

ANCESTORS OF

1 John William Schmidt
b. Sept. 14, 1947
pl. Bay City, Mich.
m. Aug. 17, 1968
pl.
d.
pl.
Spouse:
Carol Ann Yatkais

3 Gladys Chivers
b. Sept. 29, 1915
pl. St. Charles, Mich.
d.
pl.

No. 1 on this chart is
the same person as No.____
on Chart No.________

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4 John Karl Schmidt
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d.
pl.

5 Emma Barbara Klauss
b.
pl.
d.
pl.

6 George William Chivers
b. Nov. 7, 1881
pl. Cwmaman, Glamorgan, U.K.
m. Aug. 24, 1908
pl. Ystrad, Glam.
d. Dec. 23, 1966
pl. Auburn, Mich.

7 Rosie Ford
b. June 29, 1881 (?)
pl. England
d. Oct. 27, 1952
pl.

8
b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

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d. pl.

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b.
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d.
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12 Alfred William Chivers
b. June 29, 1858
pl. Somersetshire, England
m. Oct. 24, 1880
pl. Aberdare, Glam.
d. Dec. 28, 1943 pl. Lansing, Mich.

13 Elizabeth Witheridge
b. Oct. 19, 1858
pl. Combe Martin, Devon, England
d. May 2, 1935
pl. Lansing, Mich.

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b.
pl.
m.
pl.
d. pl.

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26 John Witheridge
b. [Feb. 8, 1828] pl. Combe Martin, Devon
m. Oct. 20, 1855 d. Apr. 2, 1905

27 Clara Blackmore
b. [Dec. 12, 1822] d. Nov. 21, 1904

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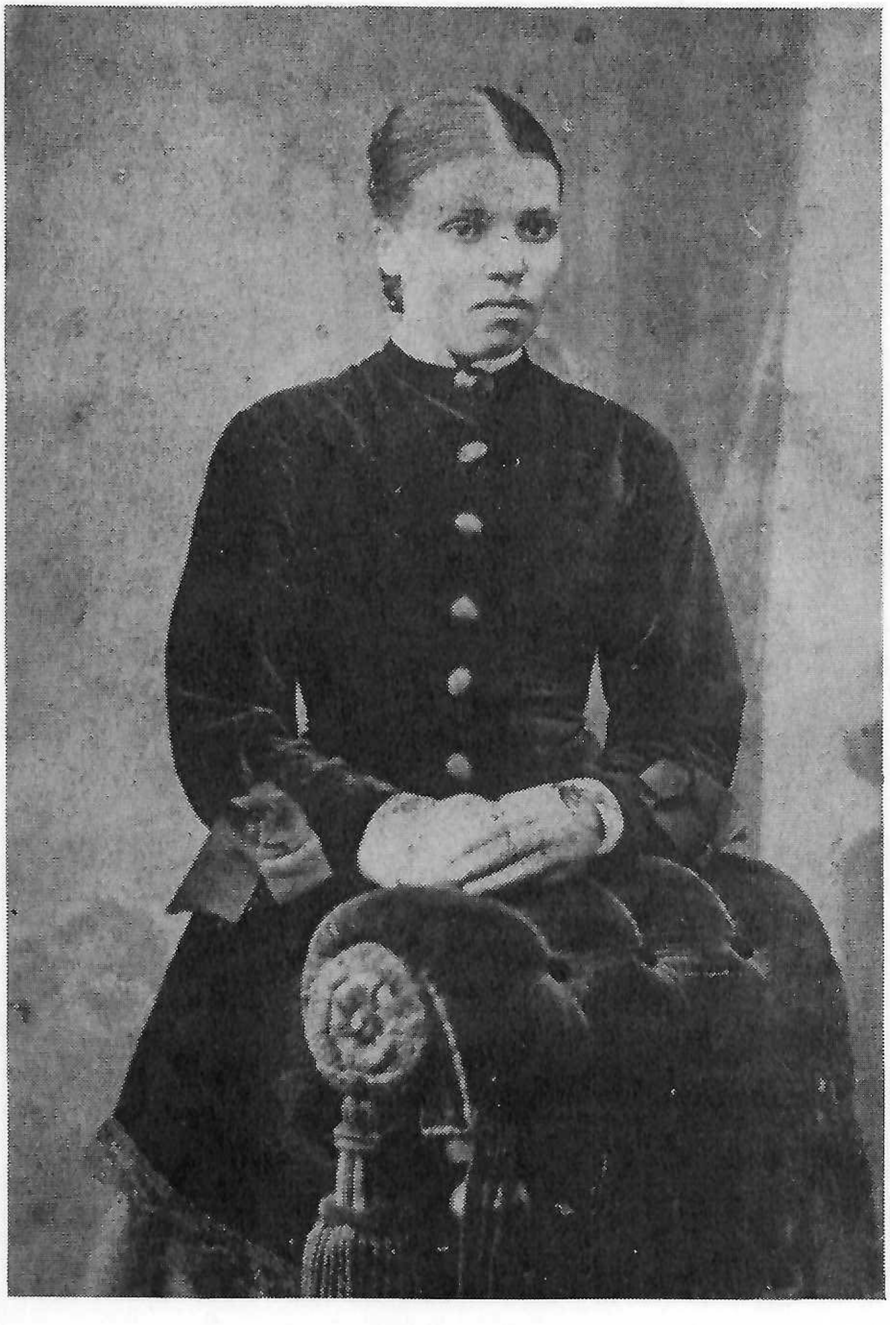
Elizabeth (Betsy) Chivers
(Mrs. Alfred)



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Elizabeth (Betsy) Witheridge
(b. 1858)

[DEW's notes from a phone call] [Mar. 21, 1999]

Tel. call 3/21/99

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(George Chivers)

Gladys + ~~Elmer~~ dead Schmidt - Auburn

John + Carol Schmidt - Virginia

David + Barbara Chivers (Washington State)

Diane + Lawrence Gibson - Grand Rapids

[illegible] twins

health not good

Paul + Kathleen Schmidt - Iowa

George + Donna Schmidt - Upstate, N.Y.

Rosalie Schmidt - Detroit area
(married a man named Schmidt)

(Edgar Chivers)

Alvina + Lyle Ward

Ada + Robert Martin

Bjaldrich@juno.com

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David Torborg and James Witheridge
documents

# Editor's Note

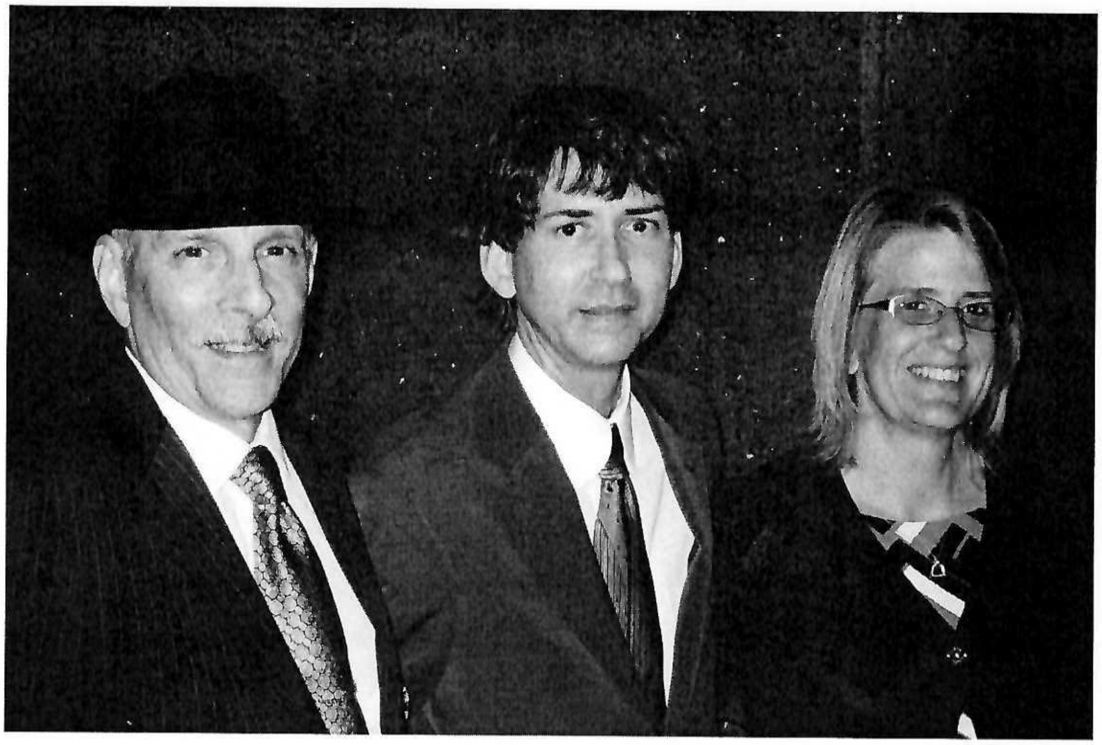
David Jeffery Torborg (b. 1960) became an official member of the Witheridge family shortly after midnight on the morning of August 1, 2013, at Minneapolis City Hall, when he married his life partner, my brother, Jim (James Penney Witheridge [b. 1946]), shortly after midnight in the first hour of the first day it was legal to do so in Minnesota. The guests formed an enormous and joyful crowd that included the Governor of Minnesota and the Mayor of Minneapolis, both of whom gave inspiring speeches.

After the opening ceremony in the majestic five-story central rotunda, hundreds of couples gathered with families and friends at their assigned locations around City Hall for individual ceremonies. Jim and David and their retinue moved to the elegant City Council Chambers, where Judge Margaret A. Daly conducted our particular ceremony, expressing her great delight at having an opportunity to participate in the historic occasion. The wedding was followed by a giant multi-couple after-party at a nearby venue. Afterward we returned to City Hall in a horse-drawn carriage to fetch our cars and head home after a very late and eventful night.

I was honored to sign the marriage certificate as a witness. Dad and Mom, who knew David well and loved him like a son, would have been absolutely thrilled to be there.

This section consists of (1) pictures from the wedding and after-party (plus one of my daughter, Rebecca, with the newlyweds later that month at their Minneapolis apartment), (2) the signed marriage certificate, and (3) a set of one-family records created by my brother-in-law, David, in June 2023. A few minor additions to those records can be found in the relevant index entries.

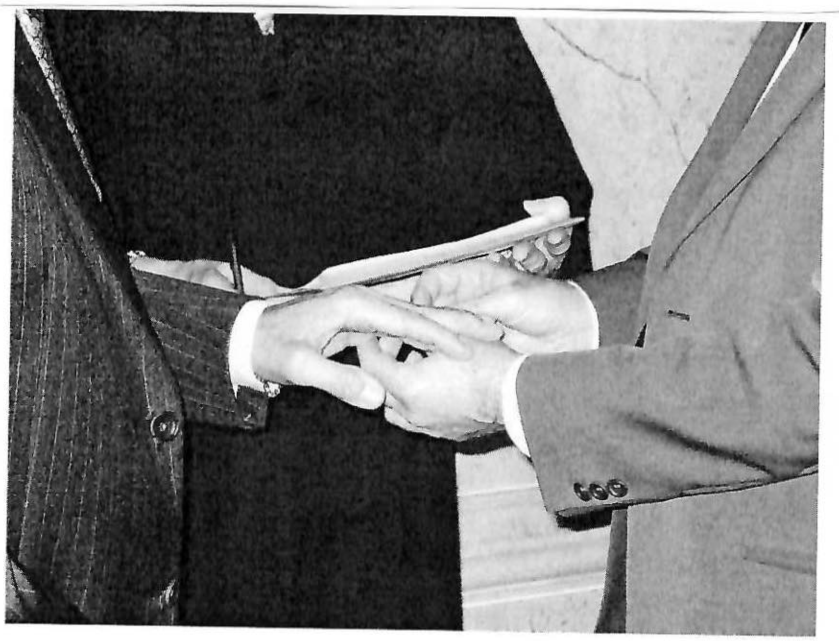
Tom Witheridge
June 21, 2023



L to R: James Penney Witheridge (b. 1946),
David Jeffery Torborg (b. 1960), and
Jean Marie Torborg (b. 1970)

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton
addresses the crowd.

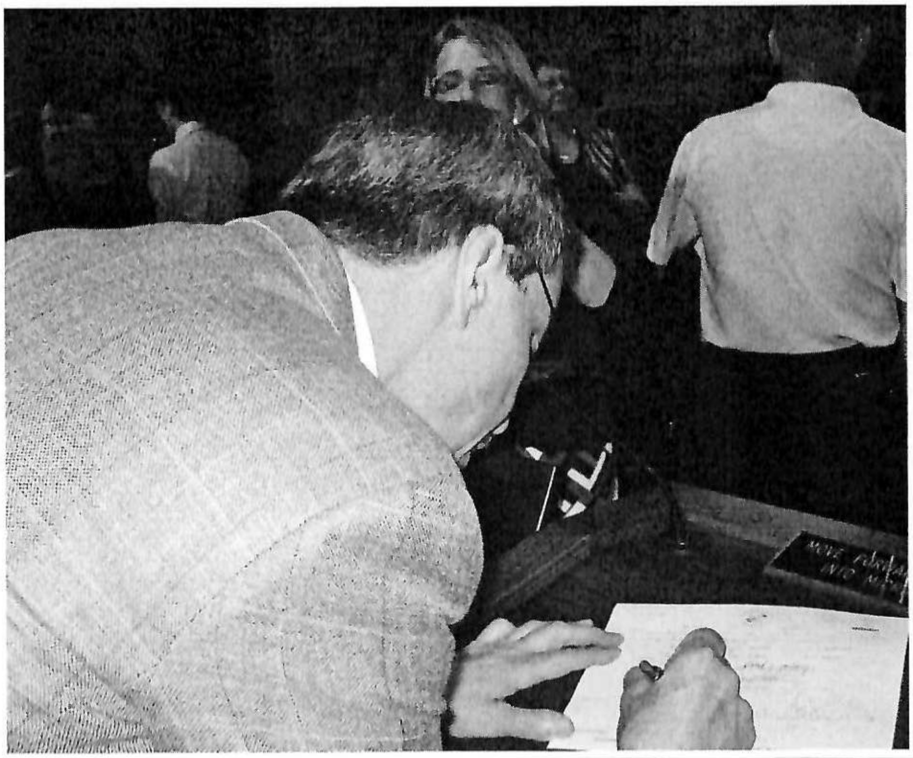
Judge Daly with the couple



The rings

"I now pronounce you
husband and husband!"

The kiss



Brother Tom signs the certificate.

David and Jim with their friend,
Minnesota State Senator Scott Dibble,
who was instrumental in the passage
of marriage equality.

At the reception

Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge Schick (b. 1988)
with Uncle Jim and Uncle David at
their Minneapolis apartment, August 2013

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*Hennepin County, MN*

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# *Marriage Certificate*

*I hereby certify, that on* August 1, 20 13 *at (address of ceremony)* Minneapolis City Hall Minneapolis, Hennepin *(County), Minnesota, I the undersigned, did join in marriage*

**DAVID JEFFERY TORBORG** *of the County of* **HENNEPIN** *State of* **MINNEAPOLIS**

*and*

**JAMES PENNEY WITHERIDGE** *of the County of* **HENNEPIN** *State of* **MINNESOTA**

*The names of the parties after their marriage shall be:*

**DAVID JEFFERY TORBORG**

*Date of Birth* 3/6/1960

David J Torborg
Signature (affirming name after marriage and date of marriage)

*and*

**JAMES PENNEY WITHERIDGE**

*Date of Birth* 12/26/1946

James P. [illegible]
Signature (affirming name after marriage and date of marriage)

This marriage is only valid if the marriage is performed on or after 8/1/2013 and on or before 1/31/2014

All parties signing this document attest to the fact that this marriage did take place within these dates.

In the presence of:

Thomas F. Witheridge Esq
Signature of witness (must be at least 16 years of age)

Thomas F. Witheridge
(Type or print Name of witness)

Signature of witness (must be at least 16 years of age)

ROBERTA J. MISLIVEC
(Type or print Name of witness)

(Signature of Officiant)

Margaret A. Daly, Judge
(Type or print name of officiant & Title)

JJC 6th & Park
(Address of officiant)
Minneapolis, MN 5540

If Religious officiant Credentials Recorded at: (County), MN

Office use only) Filed-Recorded: AUG 0 8 2013 By KATHLEEN A. SCHONS

OFFICIANT MUST RETURN THIS CERTIFICATE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LICENSING, HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA WITHIN 5 DAYS OF MARRIAGE

**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Torborg Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
James Joseph Torborg
Father's Name:
Ben Torborg
Mother's Maiden Name:
Bnoigan

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 7-28-29 | MN |
| Marriage | 4-6-53 | Paynesville |
| Death | 11-21-90 | MN Champlin |

Other Places of Residence: Paynesville
Other Wives:
N/A

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Margaret Christine Stokes
Father's Name:
Frank Stokes
Mother's Maiden Name:
Blake

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 6-13-28 | Buffalo, MN |
| Death | 1-6-20 | Coon Rapids, MN |

Other Places of Residence: Buffalo, MN
Champlin MN
Other Husbands:
N/A

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Thomas Joseph Torborg | Birth | 8-28-56 | Princeton, MN USA |
| | Married to | Marriage | 4308 3 | Champlin, MN |
| | Melanie Smith | Death | 12-1-2012 | MN |
| 2 | David Jeffery Torborg | Birth | 3-6-60 | Golden Valley, MN |
| | Married to | Marriage | 8-1-2013 | Minneapolis, MN |
| | James Penney Withendge | Death | | |
| 3 | Jean Marie Torborg | Birth | 7-6-70 | Golden Valley MN |
| | Married to | Marriage | 10-20-95 | Anoka, MN |
| | David James Jones | Death | | |
| 4 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 5 | | Birth | | |
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| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 9 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 10 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD**

Surname Torborg

Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Thomas Joseph Torborg
Father's Name:
James Torborg
Mother's Maiden Name:
Stokes

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 8-28-56 | Princeton, MN |
| Marriage | 4-30-83 | Champlin, MN |
| Death | 12-1-2012 | |

Other Places of Residence:
Plymouth MN, champlin
Other Wives:
—

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Melanie Sue Krominga
Father's Name:
Raymond Alvin Krominga
Mother's Maiden Name:
Korte

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 5-4-57 | |
| Death | — | |

Other Places of Residence:
Plymouth MN
Mora, MN
Other Husbands:
Mike Smith, Michael Crepeau

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Benjamin Thomas Torborg
Birth 10-12-84 Saint Louis Park, MN
Married to Alexandria Leigh Schultz
Marriage 9-8-2018 MN
Death —

2 Alexander Raymond Torborg
Birth 3-7-89 St Louis Park, MN
Married to Withheld per wife
Marriage 9-12-15
Death —

3 Hannah Christine Torborg
Birth 7-13-92 St Louis Park, MN
Married to Corey Davis
Marriage 9-3-2016
Death —

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Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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Married to
Birth
Marriage
Death

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Married to
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# ONE FAMILY RECORD

Surname Torborg Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Benjamin Thomas Torborg
Father's Name: Thomas Joseph Torborg
Mother's Maiden Name: Krominga

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 10-12-84 | St Louis Park MN |
| Marriage | 9-8-18 | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence: Plymouth
Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Alexandria Leigh Schultz
Father's Name: Gene Michael Schultz
Mother's Maiden Name: Bishop

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 6-25-86 | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence: New Ulm, MN Mankato MN, Menominee, WI
Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 N/A | Birth | | |
| Married to | Marriage | | |
| | Death | | |
| 2 | Birth | | |
| Married to | Marriage | | |
| | Death | | |
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| Married to | Marriage | | |
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| Married to | Marriage | | |
| | Death | | |

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD**

Surname Torborg

Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Alexander Raymond Torborg
Father's Name:
Thomas Joseph Torborg
Mother's Maiden Name:
Kraminga

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 3-7-89 | St Louis Park |
| Marriage | 9-12-15 | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Withheld per Wife
Father's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Withheld per mother | Birth | | |
| | Married to ″ | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
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| | Married to | Marriage | | |
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**ONE FAMILY RECORD**

Surname Davis

Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
Corey Davis
Father's Name: NA
Mother's Maiden Name: NA

Date Place
Birth — withheld
Marriage 9-3-2016
Death
Other Places of Residence:
San Diego, CA
Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Hannah Christine Torborg
Father's Name:
Thomas Joseph Torborg
Mother's Maiden Name:
Krominga

Date Place
Birth 7-13-92 St Louis Park MN
Death —
Other Places of Residence: Plymouth, MN
San Diego, CA
Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Baby Girl due in August 2023
~~Married to~~
Birth —
Marriage —
Death —

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Married to
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Marriage
Death

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD**

Surname Witheridge Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
James Penney Witheridge
Father's Name:
David Witheridge
Mother's Maiden Name:

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 12-26-46 | Chicago, IL |
| Marriage | 8-1-13 | Minneapolis, MN |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:

Other Wives:

~~WIFE~~ (Maiden Name in Full) Husband
David Jeffery Torborg
Father's Name:
James Joseph Torborg
Mother's Maiden Name:
stokes

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 3 6 60 | Golden Valley MN |
| ~~Death~~ | | |

Other Places of Residence:
Champlin MN, Minneapolis,M

Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names)

| | | | Date | Place (Town, County, State, Country) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | N/A | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 2 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 3 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 4 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
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| 5 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
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| | Married to | Marriage | | |
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| 7 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 8 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |
| 9 | | Birth | | |
| | Married to | Marriage | | |
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| | Married to | Marriage | | |
| | | Death | | |

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**ONE FAMILY RECORD** Surname Jones Family No.

HUSBAND (Name in Full)
David James Jones
Father's Name:
Richard Harold Jones
Mother's Maiden Name:
TOske

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 1-22-68 | |
| Marriage | 10-20-95 | Anoka, MN |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence:
Anoka, MN
Other Wives:

WIFE (Maiden Name in Full)
Jean Marie Torborg
Father's Name:
James Torborg
Mother's Maiden Name:
stokes

| | Date | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Birth | 7-6-70 | |
| Death | | |

Other Places of Residence: champlin MN
Anoka, MN
Other Husbands:

CHILDREN (Full Given Names) Date Place (Town, County, State, Country)

1 Rachel Lynn Jones Birth 11-29-97
~~Married to~~ Marriage April 2024
Mason Pugh Fiancé Death

2 William David Jones Birth 7-8-2001
Married to Marriage
Death

3 Birth
Married to Marriage
Death

4 Birth
Married to Marriage
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Married to Marriage
Death

6 Birth
Married to Marriage
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7 Birth
Married to Marriage
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Married to Marriage
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Married to Marriage
Death

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Ann Erickson

documents

# Editor's Note

This section contains documents created recently by Ann Louise Erickson (b. 1943), whose son, William Peter Schick (b. 1981), married my daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge Schick (b. 1988), on September 9, 2022, in Denver, CO, followed a month later by a marvelous ceremony and four-day family celebration on the other side of the Rockies in spectacularly beautiful Moab, Utah.

These ancestor charts detail my son-in-law's Schick, Dosman, Erickson, Scholes, Finney, Einstein, Vansant/Van Sant, Craig, and Piper ancestral lines, along with various related families. Please be sure to read the first four pages, in which Ann summarizes her sources and provides some helpful facts and illuminating anecdotes. I'm sincerely grateful to her for this contribution.

Tom Witheridge
October 20, 2023

## Sources and Comments
**~Ann Louise Erickson, 2023**

### Schick Family

Sources:
•Schick family: oral history.
•Peter John Schick (Schuck) Saskatchewan Cemeteries Project St. Anne's Cemetery rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cansacem/anaheimhtml
•https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/198865772/peter-john-schick•
•Peter Schick Fort Bragg Advocate News
advocate-news.com/2008/08/14/peter-schick/
Comments:
The Schick family told me that they had emigrated to Canada from Austria. Peter John Schick (Schück) was said to have sold patent medicines from a wagon before he died, very young, in the flu epidemic of 1918. His wife, Mary Genevieve (whom I met), was said to have emigrated to the United States at the age of 18. His son, Peter Anton Schick, brought his family to California, USA, in about 1960 and worked as a carpenter and contractor. In retirement, Peter Anton Schick became a world renowned expert on the tender species rhododendron. He built the rhododendron garden at Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens and was awarded a gold medal for lifetime achievement by the American Rhododendron Society in 2007. ~ALE

### Dosman Family

Sources:
•Lorraine Anne Dosman Schick: oral history.
•The German French Settlers of Waterloo County, Ontario
www.soufflenheimgenealogy.com page 33
•https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/167438643/joseph-francis-dosmann#
•https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/129598209/jacob-henry-dosman
•https://www.ancestry.com/genealogy/records/jacob-henry-dosmann-24-90c74y
•ancestors.familysearch.org/en/L1Q4-G1M/anna-clara-koehmstedt-1883-1972
Comments:
Joseph Francis Dosman (also cited as Jacob elsewhere) arrived in New York in the United States with his wife Catherine Fuchs on November 3, 1840, according to "The German Settlers of Waterloo County, Ontario". This matches up with what LADS told me many years later: some of her ancestors had emigrated into Canada through the Midwestern United States. On the other side of her family line, however, Stephen Waechter and his wife Dorothea Etsch were already in Ontario in the early 1800's. Lorraine treasured the culture, farming, cooking and Roman Catholic faith of her ancestors from Alsace-Lorraine. ~ALE

### Erickson Family

Sources:
•My mother, Charlotte Ann Finney Erickson, "The Story-Tellers and Other Verses", 1988.
•My father, William Frank Erickson's oral history.
•findagrave.com/memorial/45570419/mary-whan
Comments:
CAFE described Jonas and Anna Strouss emigrating west from Pennsylvania to Indiana, saying that an unnamed Norwegian named Erickson was in the same group. However, this unnamed Erickson's son, John Erickson, lost his life in the Civil War and his grandson William David Erickson was to marry Rebecca Whan, the granddaughter of Jonas Strouss, (who had lived 100 years!). William Frank Erickson followed in the line of surveyors, builders and machinists in the Erickson and Scholes families, with a degree in engineering from Purdue University, as well as his own passion for writing, humor and theater.

WFE said that the family changed the family name to the Swedish spelling "Erickson" because "everyone in the US spelled it that way anyway". ~ALE

**Scholes Family**

Sources;
•Charlotte Ann Finney, "The Story-Tellers and Other Verses", 1988.
•William Frank Erickson: oral history.
•my heritage.com/names/franklin-scholes
•genealogytrails.com/ind/dekalb/bios/885QShtml (originally from History of DeKalb County, Indiana, Inter-state Publishing Company, Chicago, 1885 [Concord Twp. p 543])
•ancestors.familysearch.org/en/MW22-RXX/dorthea-scholes-1902-1962
Comments:
CAFE wrote that Mary Scholes was educated at "Tri-State in Angola (Indiana)" and "taught one-room school at Cheesetown" and described Mary getting herself to that school using a railroad handcar. CAFE wrote that, after Mary married Archie Erickson, the Depression hit hard and they moved from Indiana to West Virginia where Archie had been offered a job at the DuPont Zinc Plant. However, WFE felt that Archie and Mary wanted a new life, also, because the Scholes family, starting with Nelson Scholes, had been involved with a very strict Christian church that "did not even allow music in church"..
Mary was able to play music in church in West Virginia, and she enjoyed their small farm, growing and canning much of the food that Mary and Archie ate. ~ALE

**Finney Family**

Sources:
•Charlotte Ann Finney Erickson, "Story-Tellers and Other Verses", 1988. CAFE cites an 1802 Bible belonging to Samuel Stewart Finney, as well as an 1832 Bible belonging to George Washington Finney
•archive.org/details/222yearsoffinney00finn/page/n87/mode/1up
•ksgenweb.org/archives/1919ks/f/finneygw.html (from "A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans, William C. Connelley, 1919)
•findagrave.com/memorial/175927630/thomas-jefferson-finney
Comments:
John Finney was an Episcopal minister sent to the Virginia Colony in 1611. One branch of his large family came to Pennsylvania. In that line of the Finneys, Thomas Finney fought in the French and Indian War, as well as the Revolutionary War and established the family farm. He and his son, George Washington Finney, both married women who were from "Scotch Irish" families settled in Pennsylvania. George's father-in-law, Isaac Smith also fought in the Revolutionary War. George's son, Thomas Jefferson Finney, struggled to create businesses, unsuccessfully, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and in West Virginia. "T.J" married the seventeen year old sister of his Harrisburg associates, the Einstein brothers, Emma Rebecca Einstein. Rebecca, as she was called, died of meningitis at 48 and her brothers settled her estate on her children. "T.J." Finney was cared for in his old age by his son, Maurice Einstein Finney, who also took care of his sisters, his mother-in-law Ellen Vansant and, at times, his granddaughter, Charlotte Ann Finney. Maurice worked as a bank teller and was a general in the Pennsylvania National Guard and a colonel in the U.S. Army. His son, Robert Vansant Finney, became a professor of languages and French civilization at Purdue University. Charlotte Ann Finney Erickson designed her own college program in speech therapy at Purdue University and was a speech therapist in public schools for thirty years. ~ALE

**Einstein Family**

Sources:
•Charlotte Ann Finney, "The Story-Tellers and Other Verses", 1988.
•https://gardnerlibrary.org/encylopedia/fire-lisburn-village-july-29-1841
•https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/182289492/morris-g-einstein
•https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/182503217/emma-r-finney

Comments:
According to CAFE, there was a "family legend", that this family of Einsteins was distantly related to the famous physicist Albert Einstein. Supposedly, an Einstein who was related to Albert Einstein's ancestors emigrated to the United States at an earlier time. However, I have found no connection in my own research. Morris G. Einstein established a very successful dry goods business in the "Eighth Ward" in Harrisburg PA. His sons Edgar and Joseph took it over, did well, and helped their sister Rebecca's children after Rebecca's early death in 1894. The "maiden aunt" Celia Einstein also befriended Maurice Einstein Finney's wife, Mary, and their son Robert Vansant Finney. ~ALE

**Vansant Family**

Sources:
•Charlotte Ann Finney Erickson, "The Story-Tellers and Other Verses", 1988
•https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/7527336/joshua-van_sant
•https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc3500/sc3520/002100/002148/html/2148bio.html
•https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joshua_Van_Sant
•https://sentinel.christianscience.com/issues/1910/4/12-35/forgiveness
Comments:
As a child, I saw a marble brick used as a doorstop in my grandparents' apartment, or was it my great-grandmother's apartment next door? It had 1871 carved into it: I was told of my great-grandmother's grandfather Joshua Vansant, mayor of Baltimore MD from 1871 to 1875. This little white marble block had something to do with the construction of City Hall. In my memory, my great-grandmother was a dignified woman, very small with long white hair pinned up. CAFE writes that she wished to go to Goucher College, but was denied this by her father. She did learn singing and languages and wrote: an example is published in the Christian Science Sentinel. ~ALE

**Craig Family**

Sources:
•Charlotte Ann Finney Erickson, "The Story-Tellers and Other Verses", 1988
•https://peoplelegacy.com/james_henry_craig-1F0d6A
Comments:
According to CAFE, James Henry Craig was adopted by the Craig Family. The family legend was that he was the illegitimate son of a "Yankee soldier" and a daughter of the illustrious Maryland Carroll family. I have not been able to track down evidence of this and did come across a very confused item (https://www.ancestry.com/genealogy/records/james-h-craig-24-tbpl4) presenting another story, but with a list of "children" that are not part of this James Henry Craig's line, according to CAFE or my own research (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/77123873/mary-craig). James Henry Craig named his son Carroll and pursued a career in connection with law for the Pennsylvania Railroad and in the Pennsylvania state government. ~ALE

**Piper Family**

Sources:
•Charlotte Ann Finney Erickson, "The Story-Tellers and Other Verses", 1988
•https://www.pa-roots.com/bedford/history/fortpiper.html
•http://www.pa-roots.org/data/read.php?43,198970
•https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/77123873/mary-craig
•https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/historic-piper-farm-to-be-auctioned/article_17f56bdc-daf3-56c5-a387-dfa82e38151e.html
•https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/29096231/john-m.-piper
•https://www.geni.com/people/Maj-Gen-John-Piper/6000000007274544228
•https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/KP4N-PK1/elizabeth-jane-lusk-1748-1822
•https://www.geni.com/people/Stephen-Leask-Lisk-Lask/6000000104683781939
•https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/LC8V-MFK/margaret-p-cleeland-169 from "The Ancient Family of Cleland", John Burton Cleland, 1905

Comments:
CAFE writes in “Story-Tellers”: “Grandmother Craig (Mary R. Piper Craig) was the very woman In all Bedford Co. who vaulted onto horseback And rode astride…She was the one who nursed all the sick creatures And once set a dog’s leg without being bitten”. Mary grew up on the family horse farm at Fort Piper and came by her spirit naturally. Her great-grandfather, Col. John Michael Piper, had built Fort Piper during conflicts with Native Americans and been awarded more acres as pay for his service in the Revolutionary War. His wife, Elizabeth Jane Lusk, came from a Scottish family recorded back to the 13th century. Col. Piper’s mother, Margaret B. Clelland, came from a family that includes a James Cleland who fought with his cousin William Wallace against the English in 1296, as well as succeeding generations of Scottish warriors. ~ALE

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*(there is a village in Russia called "Schück" where Germans lived→)

Ludwic Schück m. Karolina Haas

(also Schück)
Peter John Schick m. Mary Genevieve Jost Schmidt
b. 6/29/1892 Austria? d. 11/7/1918 (flu epidemic) Lemberg Canada Saskatchewan
b. 1897 Austria d. 1988 Canada (I met her! -Anne)

Peter Anton Schick m. Lorraine Anne Dosman (see Lorraine's chart)
b. 9/11/1915 Lemberg Saskatchewan d. 8/5/2008 Fort Bragg CA
b. 1911 Canada d. 2001 Fort Bragg CA
(siblings Jacob William, Clare, Anne)

Peter John Schick m. Ann Louise Erickson (see Ann's charts) (sibling Nancy)
b. 6/29/1949 Winnepeg Manitoba d. 2/14/2000 Vancouver BC
b. 10/22/1943 Baltimore MD
(siblings David, Maryanne, Linda, Kate)

William Peter Schick m. Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge
b. 6/25/1981 Santa Rosa CA
b. 8/19/1988
sibling Melanie Ann Throckmorton
b. 4/27/1977
Berkeley CA

② (GERMANY)

Jacob Francis Dosman m. Catharine Fuchs
b. 3/19/1806
b. 1811

(ALSACE-LORRAINE)

Stephen Waechter m. Dorothea Etsch
1/3/1814
4/27/1812

Bartholameus Froelich m. Elizabeth Catherine Waechter

Jacob Ambleside Dosman m. Regina Rachel Frances Phillips
1838 – 1916
b. Ontario 1844

Charles Karl Koehmsted m. Magdalena Froelich

Jacob Henry Dosman m. Anna Clara Koehmsted
1874 – 1962
Calross/Bruce Ontario
1883 – 1972

(see Peter Anton's chart)

Peter Anton Schick m. Lorraine Anne Dosman
b. 9/11/1915 d. 8/5/2008
Lemberg Saskatchewan Fort Bragg CA
b. 1911 | d. 2001
Canada Fort Bragg CA

siblings Lillian
Magdalena, Joseph
Francis, Raymond Verna

Peter John Schick m. Ann Louise Erickson
b. 6/29/1949 Winnepeg Manitoba
d. 2/14/2000 Vancouver BC
b. 10/28/1943
Baltimore MD

(see Ann's charts

William Peter Schick m. Rebecca Elizabeth Withenidge
b. 6/25/1981
Santa Rosa CA
b. 3/19/1988

(sibling
Melanie
Ann b. 4/27/1977)

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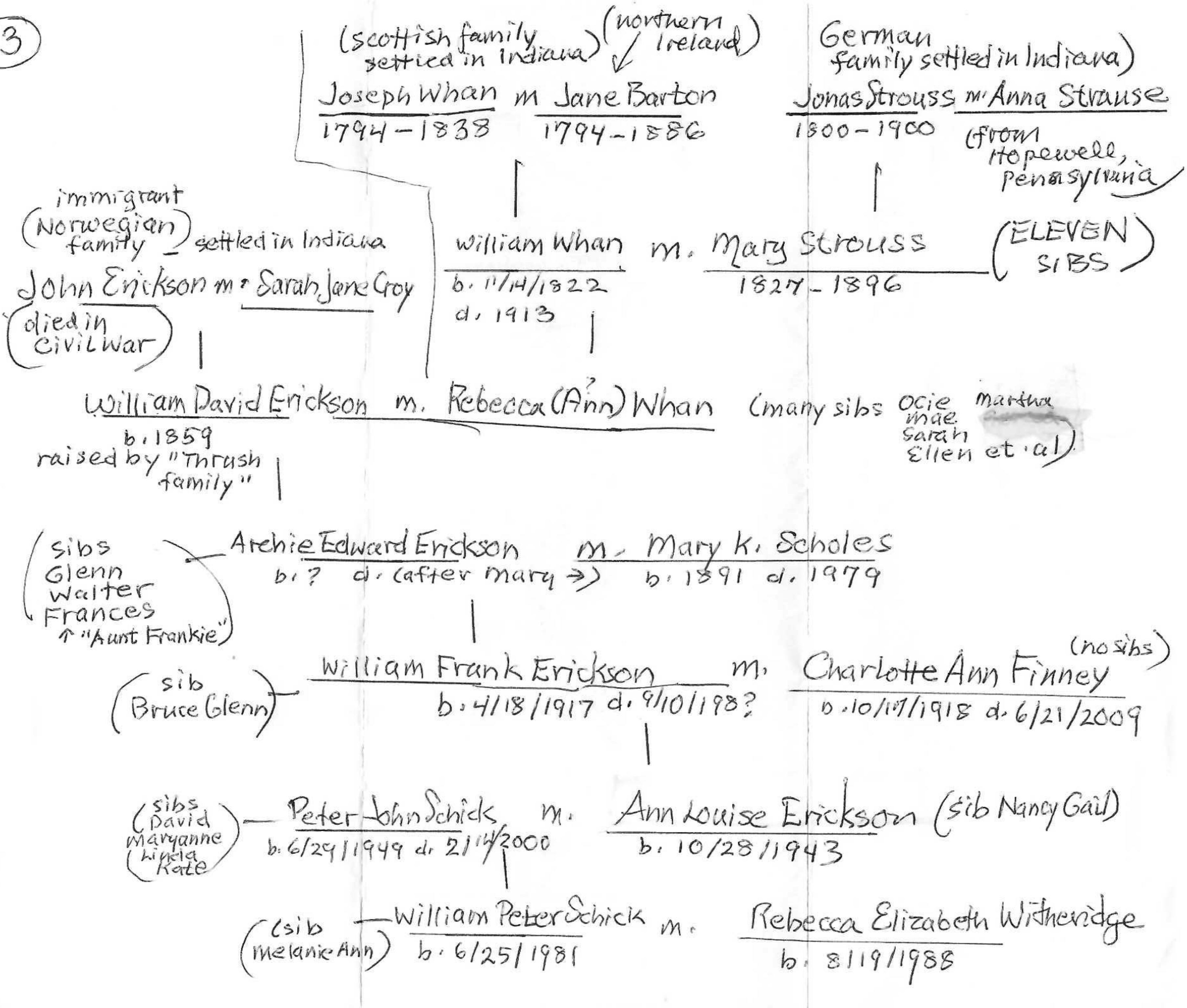

(scottish family settled in Indiana) (northern Ireland)

Joseph Whan m Jane Barton
1794 – 1838 1794 – 1886

German family settled in Indiana)

Jonas Strouss m Anna Strause
1800 – 1900 (from Hopewell, Pennsylvania)

immigrant (Norwegian family) settled in Indiana

John Erickson m Sarah Jane Groy
(died in Civil War)

William Whan m. Mary Strouss (ELEVEN SIBS)
b. 11/14/1822 d. 1913
1827 – 1896

William David Erickson m. Rebecca (Ann?) Whan (many sibs Ocie Mae Sarah Ellen martha [illegible] et. al)
b. 1859
raised by "Thrush family"

(sibs Glenn Walter Frances ↑ "Aunt Frankie") — Archie Edward Erickson m. Mary K. Scholes
b. ? d. (after mary →) b. 1891 d. 1979

(sib Bruce Glenn) — William Frank Erickson m. Charlotte Ann Finney (no sibs)
b. 4/18/1917 d. 9/10/198?
b. 10/17/1918 d. 6/21/2009

(sibs David Maryanne Linda Kate) — Peter John Schick m. Ann Louise Erickson (sib Nancy Gail)
b. 6/29/1949 d. 2/14/2000
b. 10/28/1943

(sib Melanie Ann) — William Peter Schick m. Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge
b. 6/25/1981
b. 8/19/1988

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(Scots/Irish and English family) John Scholes m. Mary McGee

Nelson Scholes m. Mary Ann Swaidner (many children)
from ohio → b. 11/15/1819 d. 9/10/1910 ?

Indiana (German?)
Franklin W. Scholes m. Susan Isabel Dietrick
b. 1855 d. 5/21/1931 (Indiana) b. 10/20/1858 d. 3/30/1933

(sibs Glenn Walter Frances) Archie Edward Erickson m. Mary K. Scholes (sibs Clark Nellie Franklin Dorothy Ima)
? 1891 – 1979

(sib Bruce Glenn) William Frank Erickson m. Charlotte Ann Finney
b. 4/18/1917 d. 9/10/198? b. 10/17/1918 d. 6/21/2009

(sibs David Maryanne Linda Kate) Peter John Schick Ann Louise Erickson (sib Nancy Gail)
b. 6/29/1949 d. 2/14/2000 b. 10/28/1943

William Peter Schick m. Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge
(sib Melanie Ann) b. 6/25/1981 b. 8/19/1988

⑤ The Finneys

The Original Finney – John Finney Episcopal minister sent to Virginia Colony in 1611 (from Britain or N. Ireland?)
↓ his family large/one branch in Pennsylvania

(possible parents?)
William Finney m. Jane Stephonson
Chester PA

1802 BIBLE

Thomas Finney | 1757 m. Susanna Stewart
(fought in French-Indian War
received 200 acre farm)
died @ 40 yrs.

siblings
James ] died
Agnes (Ann) ] infants
Thomas
William
Agnes
Elijah
James
Sarah
Janet (Jane)

1802 Bible

Samuel Stewart Finney | 1786 m. Ann Crawford
b. 1/19/1761 d. ?
Pennsylvania
fought in Revolutionary War
b. 8/1763 d. 1845

1832 Bible

George Washington Finney | 1831 m Elspy Smith ("of Irish ancestry" family names Byers/Smith) — Father Isaac Smith

siblings
William Smith
Isaac Smith
James Byers
George Washington
John Wesley

Thomas Jefferson Finney | m. Emma Rebecca Einstein (see later Einstein page for sibs/family) — father Morris
b. 7/1/1841 d. 10/9/1915
Pennsylvania
b. 1845 d. 1894 Pennsylvania
sibs Celia
Joseph
Edgar

sibs (died infancy)
Laura
Etta
Irene/Edith

Maurice Einstein Finney m. Mary Vansant Finney
b. 1866 d. 1941
Pennsylvania
b. 1866 d. 1955
Baltimore MD Indiana
~~see Vansant page~~
sibs George Joseph

sib
Emily Cecelia
died in
infancy

Robert Vansant Finney m. Helen Lydia (also Louise) Craig
b. 11/8/1895 d. 3/26/1966
Pennsylvania Missouri
b. 6/10/1895 d. 10/10/1981
Pennsylvania Indiana
~~see Craig page~~
sibs Edith/Carroll

William Frank Erickson | Charlotte Ann Finney (no siblings)
(see ~~Erickson~~ Page)
sib Bruce Glenn

Peter John Schick | Ann Louise Erickson (sib Nancy Gail)
b. 6/29/1949 d. 2/14/2000
Canada
b. 10/28/1943

see Schick page

↓
(sib Melanie Ann) William Peter Schick m. Rebecca Elizabeth Widuendge

⑥ (from Germany)
Einstein Family

(NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO MARYLAND VANSANTS

Morris G. Einstein
b. 6/29/1813 d. 2/4/1887
Pennsylvania
m.
Catherine Vansant
b. 4/10/1824 d. 3/30/1899
Pennsylvania

(see Finneys)
Thomas Jefferson Finney
b. 7/1/1841 d. 10/9/1915
Pennsylvania
m.
Emma Rebecca Einstein
b. 5/26/1845 d. 3/4/1894
Pennsylvania

siblings
Edgar Vansant
Joseph Vansant
Celia

siblings
Laura
Etta
Catherine
Edith

Maurice Einstein Finney
b. 10/27/1866 d. 3/11/1941
Pennsylvania
m.
Mary K. Vansant (see Vansants)
b. 1865 d. 1955
Maryland Indiana

sibling
Emily Cecelia

Robert Vansant Finney
b. 11/8/1895 d. 3/26/1966
Pennsylvania Missouri
m.
Helen Lydia Craig (see Craigs)
b. 6/10/1895 d. 10/10/1981
Pennsylvania Indiana

(see Ericksons)
William Frank Erickson
b. 4/18/1917 d. 9/10/1983
Indiana
m.
Charlotte Ann Finney
b. 10/17/1918 d. 6/21/2009
Pennsylvania California

(see Schicks)
Peter John Schick
b. 6/29/1949 d. 2/14/2000
Canada
m.
Ann Louise Erickson (sibling Nancy Gail)
b. 10/28/1943
Maryland

William Peter Schick
b. 6/25/1981
California
m.
Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge
b. 8/19/1988

(sibling Melanie Ann)

# (7) Vansant Family

(Family from Holland?)

Joshua Vansant m. Ann Davis
b. 1773 d. ? Maryland
b. 1778 d. ? Maryland

(family from Scotland)

mayor of Baltimore
U.S. congressional representative

Joshua Vansant m. Mary Ann Menzies
b. 12/31/1803 d. 4/8/1884 Maryland
b. 1805 Massachusetts d. 1877 Maryland

siblings
Margaret Ann
Joshua
Catherine
Louisa
Emma
James Menzies

Joseph Vansant m. Ellen ?
b. 1834 d. ? Maryland
? Maryland

(see Finneys)
Maurice Einstein Finney m. Mary K. Vansant
b. 10/27/1866 d. 3/11/1941
b. 1865 Maryland d. 1955 Indiana

siblings
George
Lydia
Joseph Jr.
Robert

sibling
Emily Cecelia

Robert Vansant Finney m. Helen Lydia Craig (see Craigs)
b. 11/8/1895 d. 3/26/1966
Pennsylvania Missouri
b. 6/10/1895 Pennsylvania
d. 10/10/1981 Indiana

(see Ericksons)
William Frank Erickson m. Charlotte Ann Finney
b. 4/18/1917 d. 9/10/1983 Indiana
b. 10/17/1918 d. 6/21/2009
Pennsylvania California

(see Schicks)
Peter John Schick m. Ann Louise Erickson (sibling Nancy Gail)
b. 6/29/1949 d. 2/14/2000 Canada
b. 10/28/1943

(sibling Melanie Ann)
William Peter Schick m. Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge
b. 6/25/1981
b. 5/19/1988

# ⑧ Craig Family

James Henry Craig was adopted by the Craig family. He might have been the son of a daughter of the Carroll Family (Charles Carroll of Carrollton) and an unknown soldier.

James Henry Craig
b. 9/17/1861 d. 5/29/1935
Pennsylvania
m.
Mary R. Piper (see Pipers)
b. 1/1868 d. 9/14/1925
Pennsylvania

Helen Lydia Craig
b. 6/10/1895 d. 10/10/1981
siblings
Edith
Carroll

(see Finneys)
Robert Vansant Finney
b. 11/8/1895 d. 3/26/1966
Pennsylvania Missouri
m.
Helen Lydia Craig

(see Ericksons)
William Frank Erickson
b. 4/18/1917 d. 9/10/1983
m.
Charlotte Ann Finney
b. 10/17/1918 6/21/2009
Pennsylvania California

(see Schicks)
Peter John Schick
b. 6/29/1949
d. 2/14/2000
canada
m.
Ann Louise Erickson (sibling Nancy Gail)
b. 10/29/1943
Maryland

(sibling Melanie Ann)
William Peter Schick
b. 6/25/1981
California
m.
Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge
b. 8/19/1988

⑨ Piper Family (Scotland N. Ireland) – John Piper m. Mary Soane

John James Piper m. Jannet
b. 1646 d. 1740
?

Cleland Family line to 13th c Scotland

John James Piper m. Margaret P. Clelland
b. 1698 d. 1772
b. 11/28/1697 d. ?

Lask/Lusk line to 13th c. Scotland

siblings: James, Samuel, Margaret

Col. John Michael Piper m. Elizabeth Jane Lusk
b. 12/30/1729 d. 1/31/1816
Pennsylvania
b. 9/2/1748 d. 8/20/1822
Pennsylvania

siblings: Mary, William, James, John, Elizabeth, James, Alexander, David, Esther, Thomas

John William Piper m. Margaret Oila
b. 12/31/1779 d. 1864
Pennsylvania
b. 1788 or 1795 d. 10/1874

siblings: Eliza, Mary, John, Thomas, James, Margaret

James Valentine Piper m. Lydia Ann Fink
b. 1819 d. 1900
Pennsylvania
b. 1831
Pennsylvania

siblings: Samuel F., John Edward, James Valentine, William Scott,
Sarah Margaret, Robert Laurence

Mary R. Piper
b. 1/1868 d. 9/4/1925
Pennsylvania

(see Craigs) James Henry Craig m. Mary R. Piper
b. 9/17/1861 d. 5/29/1935
Pennsylvania

siblings: Edith, Caroll

(see Finneys)
Robert Vansant Finney m. Helen Lydia Craig
b. 11/8/1895 d. 3/26/1966
Pennsylvania Missouri
b. 6/10/1895 d. 10/10/1981
Pennsylvania Indiana

(see Ericksons)
William Frank Erickson m. Charlotte Ann Erickson
b. 4/18/1917 d. 9/10/1983
Indiana
b. 10/17/1918 d. 6/21/2009
Pennsylvania California

see Schicks)
Peter John Schick m. AnnLouise Erickson
b. 6/29/1949 d. 2/14/2000
Canada
b. 10/28/1943

William Peter Schick m. Rebecca Elizabeth Witheridge
b. 6/25/1981
California
b. 8/19/1988